



NANAIMO MUSEUM

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Re: The Night Sky at Nanaimo Museum

Nanaimo's population of night owls, early birds and nocturnal stargazers will have to brave the daylight in order to experience *The Night Sky*.

On Saturday, March 20 from 11 am to 4 pm, the Nanaimo Astronomy Society is presenting *The Night Sky* at Nanaimo Museum, a chance to discover what shines in the outer reaches of space when many of us are fast asleep.

The Nanaimo Astronomy Society is a gathering of amateur astronomers who meet monthly to enjoy their favourite avocation, star gazing. To help spread the word about the mysteries of space, the club will set up four telescopes in the museum lobby along with a variety of presentations throughout the day including video displays, meteorites samples and a poster display of Canada's Space Program.

"We are non-profit group of amateur astronomers in Nanaimo who share, learn and teach others about the night sky," says Garland Coulson, a member of the club. "Our activities include observing sessions, telescope making, digital sky imaging, learning sessions about astronomy and space exploration as well as public demonstrations and outreach."

Scheduled Presentations during *The Night Sky* on March 20 include:

- 10:30 am - **Hubal** vs. Reality by Fich Fortier
- 11:30 am - **Mars** by Pal Virag
- 12:30 pm - **Introduction to Astronomy** by Williams G Weller
- 1:30 pm - **Shooting the Moon** by Randy Crall
- 2:30 pm - **The Solar System** by Pal Virag
- 3:30 pm - **Science Fiction and Astronomy**

For more information about this fascinating event, please contact Bobbi at the museum at 250-753-1821. The museum is located at 100 Museum Way in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

Anyone with an interest in astronomy is welcome to attend Nanaimo Astronomy Society meetings and participate in various working groups. They can be reached online at <http://www.nanaimoastronomy.com> .



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