



Bucks-Mont Astronomical Association

Who We Are

The **Bucks-Mont Astronomical Association** is a collective of amateur astronomers, most of whom live in Bucks and Montgomery counties of Pennsylvania. Our members volunteer time and effort to promote public interest in astronomy. Members range in age from teenagers to retirees, and are from all walks of life. Some are scientists or engineers; others are artists or craftspeople, building contractors or high school students. Ability levels range from novice to expert.

What We Do

BMAA members organize and participate in a variety of astronomy related programs:

Monthly Meetings. Members and guest speakers present lectures or demonstrations on astronomical topics. Weather permitting, the meetings are followed by a group observing session. Meetings are held 8:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Peace Valley Nature Center, near Doylestown.

StarParties. Members gather at one of several dark-sky sites to help each other hone observing and astrophotography skills.

StarWatches are conducted at several nature centers. The public is invited for an evening of stargazing and observing tips provided by BMAA members and their telescopes.

Astronomy Day is an annual event; a daylong series of workshops and demonstrations to promote interest in astronomy.

Stella-Della-Valley is an annual astronomical weekend in which members and guests participate in workshops, dark-sky observing, bartering of equipments and many other activities.

Special Programs. BMAA members take part in seminars and educational activities sponsored by the Franklin Institute, the Astronomical League and neighboring astronomy clubs.

Educational Outreach. BMAA is a community resource, offering astronomy programs to schools, youth groups and civic organizations.

Environmental Activism. BMAA works in cooperation with the International Dark Sky Association and other astronomy groups to combat light pollution.

What You Get

Annual membership of \$25 includes a subscription to our monthly newsletter, the **CONSTELLATION**, membership in the United Astronomy Clubs of New Jersey and the Astronomical League, and discounts to astronomy magazines and publications. A membership form is available on our website.

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BMAA Membership Application

New () Renewal ()

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Dues are \$25.00, starting in November*

January \$25.00	February \$23.00
March \$21.00	April \$19.00
May \$17.00	June \$15.00
July \$13.00	August \$11.00
September \$9.00	October \$25.00
November \$25.00	December \$25.00

* Additional members from the same household are 1/2 price.

() Do not list my name or any personal information on the website.

() Check here to receive the *CONSTELLATION* by traditional mail.

Please return this form, with a check payable to BMAA, to:

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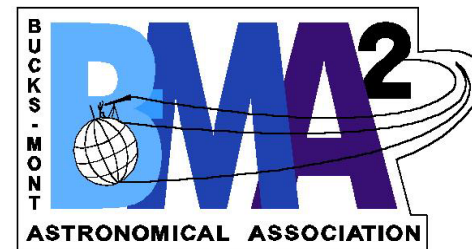
Transit of Venus. Courtesy of BMAA Member Chris Sommers



Aurora Over Chalfont. Courtesy of BMAA Member Ed Radomski



NGC253 - Courtesy of BMAA Member and Award Winning Astrophotographer Bruce Collier



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Bucks-Mont Astronomical Association (BMAA) is a group of amateur astronomers working together to improve astronomical knowledge and observational skills. We make ourselves and our instruments available to promote public interest in astronomy.

BMAA members are a varied group of colleagues who share a curiosity about the sky. Some members are scientists or engineers, while others are artists or craftspeople, building contractors or college students. Ability levels span the range from novice to expert.

BMAA meets monthly, the first Wednesday of each month, at Peace Valley Nature Center in Doylestown. Meetings usually include a club or local speaker on amateur observing and a review of the night sky for that month.

In addition, at the Monthly General Meeting, BMAA members are available to assist new observers in answering questions on selection, assembly and use of telescopes and binoculars.

BMAA is a member of the Astronomical League, the International Dark Sky Association, NASA's Night Sky Network, and the Meade 4M Community.

BMAA's newsletter, the *CONSTELLATION*, is published quarterly online.

Visit our website at:
<http://www.bma2.org/>

StarWatches: These are BMAA's public outreach events. There are about 30 StarWatches per year with local schools, township parks and nature centers. The purpose of these events is to generate and further interest in astronomy. Our Starwatch Schedule may be found on our website at <http://www.bma2.org/>. Before leaving for a StarWatch you should call our hotline one hour beforehand at 215-579-9973 to determine if the event has been cancelled due to inclement weather, clouds, or severe haze.

StarWatches include a tour of the night sky and the chance to look through BMAA members telescopes. Bring your telescope if you have one!

If you would like to schedule a StarWatch for your school or organization contact our StarWatch Coordinator at: StarWatch@bma2.org. or call 215-741-3701.

Star Parties: These are for members and guests only, and are the best way to better your observing skills. If you're considering a scope or accessory purchase, star parties are the perfect place to sample similar equipment that others may already own. Two or three StarParties are scheduled each year, usually on Fridays or Saturdays closest to the new moon. Stella-Della Valley (right) is BMAA's Annual Major Star Party Event.

Discounted subscriptions to Astronomy and Sky & Telescope magazines.: BMAA membership entitles you to discounted subscriptions to these magazines.

BMAA members and guests attend Stella-Della Valley XX. Stella-Della Valley (SDV) is BMAA's annual Star Party that is held the weekend closest to the new moon in October. Typically attended by 100-150 amateur observers, SDV is one of the northeast's oldest running Star Parties, and features a weekend of observing, speakers, a pizza dinner and door prizes for observers of all ages.

