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www.astronomynovascotia.ca

Deep Sky Eye Observatory

<https://www.deepskyeye.com>



Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC)

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) is one of Canada's oldest and publicly accessible astronomical organizations. Catering to both amateur and professional, we are one of the world's leading astronomical societies, with over 5,000 members in Canada and around the world. Experts appreciated, amateurs welcome!

The Halifax Centre is one of 29 RASC Centres located across Canada. We serve all of Nova Scotia.

When we meet: 1:00 - 4:00 PM on the first Saturday of the month (except for July and August).

Where we meet: Saint Mary's University in the Atrium, room AT101.

The general public and new members are always welcome!

**Nature offers no greater splendour
than the starry sky
on a clear, dark night.**



Interested in Astronomy?

We can help!

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A view of the Halifax Centre's observatory near St. Croix (not all observatories have a dome roof!) Inside the roll-off roof observatory (left) we have a 16" reflector telescope, 100-mm binoculars and lots of fun stuff. The site also has a washroom (right) and a warm room (centre) for those cold nights.

Receive the following publications with your membership to Halifax Centre:

- **Observer's Handbook** - The best astronomical almanac for observers features details on all predicted astronomical events, plus in-depth articles of interest to both the novice and experienced observer.
- **The Journal (bimonthly)** - The online publication provides articles of wide-ranging interest for readers of all experience levels (print version available at extra cost).
- **The Bulletin** - electronic newsletter highlights news and items of special interest to RASC members.
- **Nova Notes** - Our Centre's e-newsletter provides information and articles specifically relating to the Halifax Centre.

Additional benefits of Halifax Centre membership:

- access to St. Croix Observatory
- on-line discussion groups
- local observing events
- library
- our annual Nova East Star Party



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Frequently asked questions:

I don't know much about astronomy, won't it be too complicated?

We have many members who are beginners at astronomy, and lots of programs to help you learn. The best way to learn is to talk with other people with a similar interest.

I'm afraid of asking stupid questions!

There are no stupid questions! We all have to start somewhere. This is a friendly group of people interested in astronomy with a wide range of interests and experience. We love to talk about astronomy, and we love to share our knowledge.

Can I go to a meeting without being a member?

Absolutely! All meetings are open to non-members. Come and give us a try.

I don't have a telescope!

Perfect! It's best to start with binoculars and then work up to a telescope. Joining the Halifax Centre will help you know what type of telescope to buy when you're ready.

I have a telescope but don't know how to use it!

The Halifax Centre is the place for you! We have courses in choosing and using telescopes. As a member you can ask questions on our on-line email groups, even bring your telescope to a meeting to learn how to set it up and use it.

I don't have time to go to meetings.

That's OK—neither do many of our members. The on-line email groups are a fantastic way to keep informed and to ask questions, and the publications are full of information.