



What's Up With the Astronomical League August 2011

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A Message from Guy Ottewell, Publisher of the Astronomical Calendar To Astronomical League Members

A message from Guy Ottewell to members of the Astronomical League:

Astronomical Calendar 2012 (the upcoming issue of the large annual book which I've produced since 1974) may be the last - or the last in its present form. This is partly because of an eye condition that slows me down. It might continue, however, as more of a team effort.

Would you be interested in contributing an element of Astronomical Calendar 2013 (NOTE 2013!), such as one of the illustrations or the text about one of the topics? If so, please write to guy@universalworkshop.com.

At this stage all that is needed from you is an expression of interest, though if you were to mention something about your capability and particular interests, that might move things forward. When enough responses have been gathered, I will respond to all and will explain more.

NASA Amateur Astronomers Facebook Page (Message From Lou Mayo Announcing This)

Friends of the sky,

I would like to invite you to explore a new NASA Facebook page: "NASA Amateur Astronomers". It is brand new.

NASA Amateur Astronomers is designed for Amateur Astronomers, Professional Astronomers, and Astronomy Educators to provide a space for these groups to:

- Discuss astronomical issues
- Collaborate on research and astronomy education projects
- Post astro-photographs and other data .- Share and discuss telescopes, equipment, and observing/research methods
- Develop professional contacts
- Find out about upcoming celestial events, space related science and education conferences, launches and mission status, and astronomy education events

Many of you have already sent in stunning images of planets, the sun and moon, deep sky objects, etc. We would like to post your images with appropriate credits on this site.

So, let's see how it goes. If you like this idea, let us know, tell your friends and colleagues, and of course, your feedback is welcome.

With best regards,

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