

ASTRONOMY DAY AWARD WINNERS

For 1980 and 1981, Edmond Scientific was the sponsor of the awards

1980

Winner

- Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association, Grand Rapids MI

1981

Winner

- The Sir Isaac Newton Astronomical Society, Kane PA

Between 1982 and 1988 the awards were discontinued. In 1989, the Astronomical League reinstated the awards with *Sky & Telescope* as sponsor

1989

Winner

- Northwest Suburban Astronomers, Barrington IL

Honorable Mention:

- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science
- Bay's Mountain Amateur Astronomers, Kingsport TN
- The Wilderness Center Astronomy Club, Massillon OH
- American Samoa Astronomical Society, Pago Pago, American Samoa
- Penn State Astronomy Club, State College PA

1990

Winner

- Royal Astronomical Society of Canada-Toronto Centre, Toronto CANADA

Honorable Mention:

- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science
- Mountain Skies Astronomical Society, Lake Arrowhead CA
- Northwest Suburban Astronomers
- The Wilderness Center Astronomy Club
- Lehigh Valley Amateur Astronomical Society

1991

Winner

- Buffalo State Astronomical Society, Buffalo NY

Honorable Mention:

- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science
- Mountain Skies Astronomical Society, Lake Arrowhead CA

1992

Winner

- Charles Hayden Planetarium, Boston MA

Honorable Mention:

- Spokane Astronomical Society
- United Astronomy Clubs of New Jersey/amateur Astronomers, Inc

1993

Winner

- Sonoma County Astronomical Society, Santa Rosa CA

Honorable Mention:

- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science
- Sonoma County Astronomical Society, Santa Rosa CA
- Morehead Planetarium, Chapel Hill NC
- Saguaro Astronomy Club, Phoenix AZ

1994

Winner

- Astronomy in Montclair, Montclair NJ

Honorable Mention:

- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science
- Sacramento Valley Astronomical Society, Rocklin CA
- Castro Valley, CA
- Sonoma County Astronomical Society, Santa Rosa CA
- The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada-Toronto Centre
- Greenbelt Astronomy Club, MD
- McLeannan County Astronomy Club, Lorenz TX

1995

Winner

- The Local Group, Clarita Valley CA

Honorable Mention:

- Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland OR
- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science
- Sheboygan Astronomical Society, Sheboygan WI
- Don Harrington Discovery Center/Amarillo Astronomy Club
- Berks County Amateur Astronomical Society, Kutztown PA
- Zavala Magnet School, Odessa TX
- Northern Cross Science Foundation, Port Washington WI
- Ancient City Astronomy Club, Palm Coast FL

1996

Winner

- Ventura County Astronomical Society, Simi Valley CA

Honorable Mention:

- Ancient City Astronomy Club, Palm Coast FL
- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science
- The Louisville Astronomical Society
- The Newark Museum
- West Kentucky Amateur Astronomers
- Don Harrington Discovery Center/Amarillo Astronomy Club
- Sheboygan Astronomical Society, Sheboygan WI

1997

Winner

- The Oglethorpe Astronomical Association, Savannah GA

Honorable Mention:

- Chester County Astronomical Society
- Neville Public Museum Astronomy Society
- Ancient City Astronomy Club, Palm Coast FL
- Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland OR
- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science
- Sirius Astronomy Society, ALGERIA
- Sheboygan Astronomical Society, Sheboygan WI
- Ventura County Astronomical Society, Semi Valley CA
- Pontchartrain Astronomy Society, Westwego LA
- EMDSO, Washington Missouri

1998

Winner

- Sheboygan Astronomical Society, Sheboygan WI

Honorable Mention:

- Neville Public Museum Astronomical Society
- Ancient City Astronomy Club
- Oglethorpe Astronomical Association
- Silver Lake Regional High School
- Northwest Wisconsin Stargazers
- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science
- Central Valley Astronomers

1999

Winner:

- Puerto Rico Astronomy Society, San Juan, PR

Honorable Mention:

- Chester County Astronomical Society
- Neville Public Museum Astronomy Society
- Ancient City Astronomy Club
- Oglethorpe Astronomical Association
- Albuquerque Astronomical Society
- Silver Lake Regional High School
- Sacramento Valley Astronomical Society
- Northeast Wisconsin Stargazers
- Oregon Museum of Science and Industry
- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science

2000

Winner:

- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science
- Oglethorpe Astronomical Association

Honorable Mention:

- Sacramento Valley Astronomical Society
- Neville Public Museum Astronomical Society
- Escambia Amateur Astronomers' Association
- Northeast Wisconsin Stargazers

In 2001 the award structure was changed to include 3 new award categories (in addition to the winning organization). There were: Best New Idea, Best for Size and Quality Events Year After Year.

2001

Winner:

- Sudekum Planetarium at the Cumberland Science Museum

Best New Idea:

- Alachua Astronomy Club (Solar System hay ride, Planet putt-putt)

Most for its Size:

- Stonebelt Stargazers
- Junior Engineering Technical Society of Freeport High School

Quality Events Year After Year:

- Charles Hayden Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science

Honorable Mention:

- Northeast Wisconsin Stargazes
- Sacramento Valley Astronomical Society
- Oglethorpe Astronomical Association

2002

Winner

- Hilo Astronomy Club

Best New Idea

- Back Bay Amateur Astronomers (Lunar phase on the day you were born)
- Buhl Planetarium & Observatory (collaboration with Pittsburgh Symphony)

Most for its Size

- Sangamon Astronomical Society
- Statesboro Astronomy Club

Quality Events Year after Year

- Sacramento Valley Astronomical Society
- The Oglethorpe Astronomical Association

Honorable Mention

- Sudekum Planetarium
- Ottawa Valley Astronomy & Observers Group
- Museum Astronomical Resource Society

2003

Winner

- The Oglethorpe Astronomical Association

Best New Idea

- Durham Region Astronomical Association (letting the public pose for pictures beside large telescope)
- Cassiopeia Saarlouis e.V. (Hosting at a hotel with live Jazz and a buffet to accompany observing)
- Raleigh Astronomy Club & North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences (Kids activity-calculating age on other planets)
- Ottawa Valley Astronomy & Observers Group (Souvenir print out of live CCD sky observing)

Most for its Size

- AstroDay Institute

Quality Events Year after Year

- Sudekum Planetarium

- Sacramento Valley Astronomical Society

Honorable Mention

- Prince Sultan University
- Cradle of Aviation Museum, Long Island Children's Museum, Long Island Museum of Science and Technology, Long Island Space Society, Amateur Observers of NY, Woodland Middle School, Weber Middle School

2004

Winner

- Georgia Southern Planetarium/Statesboro Astronomy Club

Best New Idea

- Iranian Astronomy Society-Amateur Branch/Farzanegan High School (people centered ecliptic & ages on other planets)
- The Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science (simultaneous star parties located within 6 miles of any city resident)
- Adventure Science Center/Sudekum Planetarium (involving Sister City)

Most for its Size

- Flint River Astronomy Club

Quality Events Year after Year

- AstroDay Institute

Honorable Mention

- The Oglethorpe Astronomical Association
- Santa Barbara Astronomical Unit
- The Local Group of Santa Clarita Valley
- Prescott Astronomy Club
- The Harmony Institute
- Cassiopeia Saarlouis e.V.
- Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas
- York College of Pennsylvania

2005

Winner

- Long Island Museum of Science & Technology (LIMSAT): Idea and Prototype
Nassau County Firefighter's Museum and Education Center: Elaboration and Execution
Cradle of Aviation Museum: Host and 2005 Team Leader (and best new idea-involving firefighters-space spin offs)

Best New Idea

- Cradle of Aviation Museum, host; Long Island Museum of Science & Technology, idea & Nassau County Firefighter's Museum and Education Center, execution (involving firefighters-space spin offs)
- AstroDay Institute (AstroDay Excellence in Teaching Award)

Most for its Size

- Cumberland Astronomical Society
- Tri County Astronomers (Junior Engineering Technical Society of Freeport High School)

Honorable Mention

- Cuyahoga Astronomical Association
- The Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science
- Starlight Observers League
- Salt Lake Astronomical Society
- Royal Astronomical Society of Canada-Niagara Centre
- Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas
- The Clay Center for Science and Technology

2006

Winner

- The Iranian Astronomical Society

Best New Idea

- AstroDay Institute (using IR camera for mementos and spectra education)

Best for its Size

- Norman North High School Astronomy Club

Honorable Mention

- The Irish Astronomical Society
- The Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas
- Salt Lake Astronomical Society/Clark Planetarium/University of Utah/Harmons
- Black Hawk Astronomy Club
- Planetarium Science Center (Alexandria, EGYPT)
- Kalamazoo Astronomical Society
- Tri-City Astronomy Club
- The Oglethorpe Astronomical Association
- Cuyahoga Astronomical Association
- Roanoke Valley Astronomical Society

2007

Winner

- AstroDay Institute

Best New Idea

- Irish Federation of Astronomical Societies

Best for Size

- Oglethorpe Astronomical Association

Quality Events Year After Year

- Astronomical Society of Iran, Amateur Committee

Honorable Mention

- Hamilton Amateur Astronomers
- Kalamazoo Astronomical Society
- Norman North Astronomy Classes & Club
- Old Town Sidewalk Astronomers
- Palmquist Road Observatory
- The Amateur Astronomers Association of Vadodara
- Tri-County Astronomers
- Warren Rupp Observatory and Astronomy for Youth

2008

Astronomy Day Award (two winners):

- "The Houston collaborative"
 - Astronomical Society of South East Texas (Beaumont, TX)
 - Fort Bend Astronomy Club (Sugarland, TX)
 - George Observatory (Brazos Bend State Park, TX)
 - Houston Astronomical Society (Houston, TX)
 - Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society (Clear Lake, TX)
 - North Houston Astronomy Club (Kingwood, TX)
- Local Group Astronomy Club of the Santa Clarita Valley

In 2009 the award categories were changed. The main award was divided up into 3 separate awards based on the population of the area the events were held in. The 'Most for Size' category was discontinued. The cosponsors of the award were Sky & Telescope, the American Astronomical Society and the Astronomical League.

2009

Winner: Best Event in Population Category:

- AstroDay Institute (large)
- Kalamazoo Astronomical Society (medium)
- Clay Center for Science and Technology (small)

Best New Idea:

- Des Moines Astronomical Society (student art contest)

Honorable Mention:

- Lemon Bay High School Astronomy Club

- Pacific Science Center
- Texas Astronomical Society

2010

Winner

- Kalamazoo Astronomical Society

2011

Winner: Best Event in Population Category

- Lakota Nature Club, Gujarat, INDIA (large)
- Popular Astronomy Club (medium)

Best New Idea

- Popular Astronomy Club

Quality Events Year After Year

- Kalamazoo Astronomical Society

2012

Winner: Best Event in Population Category:

- South Shore Astronomical Society and Scituate Public Library (large)
- Kalamazoo Astronomical Society (medium)
- Northwest Suburban Astronomers (small)

Quality Events Year After Year

- Popular Astronomy Club

2013

Winner: Best Event in Population Category:

- Clay Center for Science & Technology (large)
- Popular Astronomy Club - Quad Cities (medium)
- Travelers Science Dome Planetarium (small)

Best New Idea

- Travelers Science Dome Planetarium (Involving PBS and hosting Curious George)

Quality Events Year After Year

- The Oglethorpe Astronomical Association
- Kalamazoo Astronomical Society