

## **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

## **2014**

Winner: Best Event in Population Category:

- Kalamazoo Astronomical Society (medium)
- Travelers Science Dome Planetarium (small)

Quality Events Year After Year

- Popular Astronomy Club - Quad Cities