

Ashton Observatory Public Nights

The Des Moines Astronomical Society invites you to visit the Ashton Observatory Saturdays, 8:00 p.m., April through October.

Most Saturdays include a classroom presentation, followed by stargazing as sky conditions allow.

Meet one of our fine presenters this season:

Joyce Naffier



Joyce Naffier has enjoyed astronomy since her sister first pointed out the constellation Taurus above their Wisconsin country road.

A visit to Yerkes Observatory and Adler Planetarium a few years later made astronomy even more interesting. Joyce says astronomy enriches her interest in art, history and natural science.

Joyce is mainly interested in viewing the skies without telescopes, and calling what she sees by name.

She is currently the editor of the DMAS newsletter, Starlight Journal, published monthly to DMAS members.

Joyce shares this interest in astronomy with her husband, Vern, who is also active with DMAS. Both are usually in attendance for weekly Ashton Public Nights.

Vern and Joyce have three children and seven grandchildren who have all visited Ashton Observatory.