

## Ashton Observatory Public Nights 2014

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:

J.R. Paulson

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J.R. Paulson was born and raised in Michigan where he taught for a number of years. He then went back to medical school and moved to Grinnell after finishing residency in Family Practice in Cedar Rapids.

He continues his medical practice full time at Grinnell Family Care PC, and is medical director at the Grinnell Regional Hospice. J.R. and his wife, Linda, also run March House Bed and Breakfast in Grinnell.

J.R. became hooked on astronomy after getting a 4 inch Tasco telescope for Christmas when he was 10 years old. About 15 years ago he decided to get back into astronomy and built a small observatory for his 14 inch Celestron and 4 inch refractor about 5 miles east of Grinnell. He then became very interested in astrophotography and has had several shows of his work. Over 50 of his photos are on permanent display at the Science Center of Iowa.

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For the 2014 season, J.R. will present the following program:

- October 25, 2014.....Heavenly Intrigue...CSI Uraniborg