

# Ashton Observatory Public Nights 2014

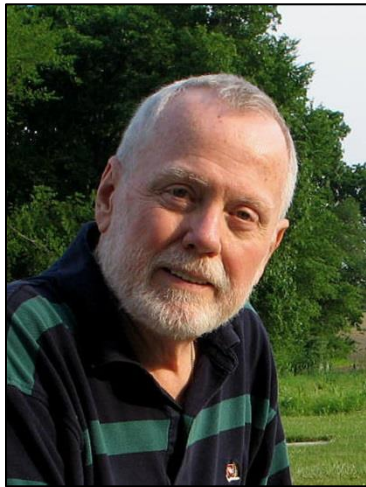
The Des Moines Astronomical Society invites you to visit the Ashton Observatory Saturdays, 8:00 p.m., April through October.

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

Meet one of our fine presenters this season:

## Ed Ramsell

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Born and raised in Des Moines, Ed Ramsell has lived and worked in Iowa all his life.

Ed has B.A. degrees in both math and art, and an M.A. in school administration.

Ed says he spent the first quarter century of his adult life in public and private schools as a teacher and principal. That was followed by another quarter century in insurance sales training for major insurance companies in Des Moines.

Along the way Ed wrote a regular column and irregular contributions for insurance industry magazines. He also wrote two science fiction/fantasy novels, with several more pending in different stages of development now. He is currently working on a new novel to be self-published.

Ed has also designed and built various items of custom astronomy equipment, and some of those have appeared in astronomy periodicals. He has been a member of DMAS for many years.

Ed's family includes two sons, two daughters, and two grandsons.

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For the 2014 season, Ed will present the following programs:

- April 19, 2014 .....Armageddon: Earth-Asteroid Collisions
- May 31, 2014.....Saturn and its Trillion Moons