

# 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:

## Herbert J. Schwartz

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Herb Schwartz lives and breathes science, and especially astronomy. Originally from Brooklyn, New York, he came to Iowa in the early 1970s to become Planetarium Director for the Des Moines Center of Science and Industry (Science Center of Iowa now). His affiliation with Drake University began in 1976, teaching in the Physics and Astronomy Department, and that involvement continues today.

He is well-known for the free public lectures that he regularly offers Friday evenings at the historic Drake Observatory, followed by stargazing afterward. His lecture topics vary widely, and are always peppered with Schwartz's wit and humor.

In 1990 Herb became Director of Theatres Operation and Director of Education at the Edmonton Space and Science Centre in Edmonton, Canada. He has also taught physics and astronomy for Upper Iowa University satellite campuses.

Herb has earned an M.G.S. degree from Drake University in journalism/print media, and a B.S degree from Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, in business administration.

He is currently employed in the Polk County Auditor's Office as a Technology Systems Specialist, which has involved him in managing the technologies for elections, and in county mental health programs. His technical expertise has been sought by various other employers around Iowa and the Midwest for years.