

# Ashton Observatory Public Nights

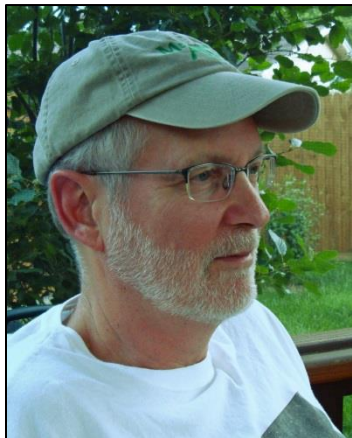
The Des Moines Astronomical Society invites you to visit the Ashton Observatory Saturdays, 8:00 p.m., April through October.

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

Meet one of our presenters this season:

## Greg Woolever

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Greg Woolever is a native of Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated from Des Moines Theodore Roosevelt High School in 1965, and then majored in Philosophy and Religion at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. During his junior year there he studied in Greece for one semester in 1967.

Greg retired from Marel Townsend in 2012, where he worked as a technical writer, illustrator, and machine designer for 32 years. Townsend is a manufacturer of industrial meat processing equipment.

Greg and his wife, Mary, have three grown children and six grandchildren. In addition to Greg's interest in astronomy, grandchildren are the main focus in retirement.

Since 1991 Greg has been a musician in the Des Moines Community Orchestra, where he plays violin, and manages their website. He is also a founding member of the Ankeny Community Chorus, singing tenor there.

Greg has had a long interest in science and technology, but took up astronomy in a serious way beginning in 2007. Since that time, his skills have evolved from direct observation through various telescopes, to a growing passion for astrophotography. In 2011 Greg was elected to become the Ashton Observatory Director for The Des Moines Astronomical Society.