

**INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMY DAY IN VICTORIA**  
**RETURNS FOR 2022 ON SATURDAY May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Daytime Public Activities at the Royal BC Museum**  
**2022 Public Night-Sky Viewing Begins at the Centre of the Universe**

After two years of suspension due to COVID-19, International Astronomy Day events will return to Victoria for 2022 on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. The public is invited to daytime activities at the Royal BC Museum from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., followed by public telescope viewing at the National Research Council of Canada's Dominion Astrophysical Observatory and the Centre of the Universe from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Royal BC Museum, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.:**

The Victoria Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada is proud to sponsor family-friendly Astronomy Day activities, which will begin outside the RBCM at 10 a.m. with solar telescopes for safely viewing the sun on the main concourse.

Inside the RBCM's Clifford Carl Hall there will be astrophotography and historical displays. RASC volunteers and Science Venture staff from the University of Victoria will engage children with hands-on activities. While all of the astronomy presentations, displays and workshops are free, regular admission charges will apply to the permanent galleries of the Royal BC Museum and the IMAX theatre. We will be following current provincial Covid guidelines at the Royal BC Museum.

There will be free lecture presentations on astronomy in the Newcombe Conference Room:

10:30 a.m. Randy Enkin, President, RASC Victoria Centre, "Tracking the Moon for 30 Years"

11:30 a.m. Ruobing Dong, Physics & Astronomy, University of Victoria, "Observing the birth of planets in the universe"

12:30 p.m. Mallory Thorp, Physics & Astronomy, University of Victoria, "Cosmic Collisions and the Fate of the Milky Way"

1:30 p.m. Karun Thanjavur, Physics & Astronomy, University of Victoria, "Demystifying Machine Learning"

**Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.:**

The Friends of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, the RASC Victoria Centre and the National Research Council of Canada Herzberg are planning to host evening activities on Observatory Hill, 5071 West Saanich Rd., from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on May 7.

Activities include a talk by author Chris Gainor on the Hubble and Webb space telescopes, dome tours, telescope views, and other activities. Details will be released soon.

International Astronomy Day 2022 in Victoria marks the beginning of public events at the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory for the summer of 2022 after being suspended for 2020 and 2021 during the pandemic. Further public events at the DAO will take place this spring and summer on selected Saturdays.

The RASC Victoria Centre is proud of its history and association with both amateur and professional astronomy in Victoria and its mandate for public education in Astronomy. Come celebrate International Astronomy Day with the RASC on Saturday May 7th!

For more information please go to our website at <http://victoria.rasc.ca>

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