

An illustrated talk by Terence Dickinson, Editor, SkyNews Magazine

The Backyard Astronomer: A Voyage of Personal Discovery



Terence Dickinson will be giving a public lecture at the Riverview Park & Zoo on Friday, June 3, 2011 at 8 o'clock P.M. He will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Peterborough Astronomical Association.

The Talk

The majesty of the night sky has fascinated humans since antiquity. In this highly illustrated presentation, astronomy writer Terence Dickinson displays the stars and constellations seen on a clear night from his backyard in rural Ontario, revealing the grandeur of the universe visible through binoculars and backyard telescopes. With camera at hand, Mr. Dickinson has travelled to the finest astronomical sites in the world—the Atacama Desert of Chile, the deserts of the U.S. southwest, and Australia's outback—to experience the ultimate in pristine celestial viewing conditions. This is a guided tour by Canada's most prolific astronomy author.

The Speaker

A member of the Order of Canada, Terence Dickinson is the editor of *SkyNews*, Canada's national astronomy magazine. He is the author of 14 astronomy books and is a former staff astronomer at the McLaughlin Planetarium in Toronto. In 1994, one of the asteroids in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter was officially named "Dickinson" in his honour by the International Astronomical Union for his ability to explain the universe in everyday language. He has been a regular guest expert on CBC Radio and the Canadian Discovery Channel for many years.