

Connect With the Stars

Award-winning amateur astronomer John Crossen will be your astronomy course instructor. His work has been recognized by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, The Professional Engineers of Ontario, the Peterborough Astronomical Association and the Peterborough Business Excellence Awards.

In addition to owning and operating the Buckhorn Observatory for 12 years, John has also taught astronomy courses in Peterborough, Huntsville and Bobcaygeon.

Because the PAA Novice Course only meets once per month, John has designed it around flash drives which contain all the course material. As personal support he presides at the meetings and is readily available by email and phone between meetings.

The Novice Astronomy Class consists of the following:

1. Part one covers our solar system as well as observing basics such as binocular and telescope use.
2. Part two discusses deep sky objects including galaxies, star clusters, pulsars and some very basic concepts of cosmology.
3. There is no text book. Instead you will be taught via videos on flash drives* which can be taken home and downloaded to your computer. That way you can learn at your own pace.
4. As a bonus, students are invited to join the club members for the regular meetings which will include guest speakers. There will be four Novice Class Sessions.
5. Start time is 6:00 pm on the first Friday of each month. The meetings are held at the Riverview Zoo in the Rotary Education Centre. For further details email: johnstargazer@nexicom.net

*There is a \$20 refundable fee for the flash drives. You will be repaid upon their return at the end of the 4-meeting course.

Clear skies and bright stars