

PAA April 1, 2022 Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Peterborough Astronomical Association's (PAA) will take place **online** April 1st (No Fooling!), instead of at our customary location of the Rotary Education Centre/Guest Services Building, Riverview Park Zoo, but instead in **your own home**. Even Covid-19 cannot stop the spread of information and knowledge by the members of the PAA. Our work around involves using a platform called Zoom. **To participate** just make sure that in advance, you opened a (free) Zoom account on whatever iphone or tablet device you wish to participate with and then **contact** https://www.peterboroughastronomy.com/zoom_register.php for the **password and link** to our evenings presentations.

Our “**Novice Astronomy Classes**” are focused on the practical aspects of learning about astronomy. You will be introduced to astronomy related subjects at a very basic level, but in a logical sequence. This month's session is a continuation of our Astronomy Class Series, Lesson 3, “**Stars**”, in the series. We will take an in depth look at the life cycle of stars and how their colour provides information about temperature, mass and eventual fate. We explore the inner workings of our Sun and see how it measures up to other stars in our galaxy. A practical hands-on project will be provided at the conclusion of the presentation to help you become better acquainted with the role our closest star plays in our daily lives.

If you are even remotely interested, be on-line by **6:00 p.m.** to see what you can learn about the Universe around you. The classes will run about 45 minutes each session, before our regular meeting resumes. There is no obligation to stay for the meeting that follows, but you are more than welcome.

Shortly **after 7:00 p.m.** there will be a brief meeting. The main presentation for this month will be by guest presenters, **Kevin Kell and Kim Hay**, longtime and very active members of **Kingston Centre** of the **RASC**. They take in all aspects of astronomy from their home in Yarker, Ontario, including **radio astronomy**. Their presentation will demonstrate what they have done to enjoy this aspect of the hobby. Tune in and listen to find out why and how this is a special part of our hobby. We guarantee you will see and learn things you never knew existed. A feast for the eyes and a thirsty mind. The price is right...it costs you nothing but your time.

The **Sky This Month** will be posted on our club website for all to access. There will also be the usual opportunities to have your questions answered, at no cost. All we ask is that you register in advance at https://www.peterboroughastronomy.com/zoom_register.php This is an all ages meeting and the venue is totally barrier free. Just relax at home and “live and learn” as they say. Also, you don't need a telescope to participate, but a curious mind helps.

Keep looking up,

Rick Stankiewicz

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