

# Astroimaging Fair & Competition

As always, we will be holding the AR astrophotography exhibit this year. Given the explosive growth in amateur astrophotography we'd like to encourage astrophotographers of every level and medium to participate. We'd particularly like to encourage beginners and those using some of the wonderful entry-level cameras to bring examples of their work to share. For this reason we're making entry into the astroimaging competition optional so you can feel free to simply show your favorite pictures without having them judged. Some more advanced astrophotographers may also choose to simply show their work. You may also consider bringing astrophotography equipment (or pictures of equipment) to share; for example I'll be bringing a couple of my twin cameras I've been showing on Cloudy Nights. (Please, no actual cameras or other small expensive items that are easy to misplace.)

Please feel free to bring images in any format; but only those in print media or static digital display (no slide shows) can be entered in the competition. We'd also like to encourage participants to bring as many images as they wish, but display space is limited so please let us know in advance if you require space greater than 2x4 feet (about 1/2 of a display table). Also, if you plan on displaying more than 12 images in any one category (wide field, solar, lunar, planetary, deepsky) please select no more than 3 for inclusion in the competition (we'd like to start with what *you* think are your best images).

Since it's difficult to know how many and what types of photographs will be entered into the contest the judges have to retain the right to be flexible as to the final awards and categories, but we anticipate issuing awards in the areas of solar, lunar, planetary, deepsky, and most popular (selected by attendee ballot). Other categories may include beginner, DSLR, CCD, webcam, film, and unconventional (cell phone?). If you would like to have descriptions accompany your images we encourage you to prepare those ahead of time. If you are entering images in the contest (including most popular) please be sure to pick up image description and numbering labels in the astrophotography exhibit area and have your images in place early. Judging will be between 12 and 1 o'clock and most popular ballots will be collected in the early afternoon to give enough time to prepare award certificates.

For more information please contact the AR coordinators at [ar2008@woh.rr.com](mailto:ar2008@woh.rr.com) or [Linda.Weiss@mvas.org](mailto:Linda.Weiss@mvas.org)

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## Pre-registration Information

Please check all that apply:

- I will be showing photographs in the Astroimaging Fair
- I will be submitting photographs to the Astroimaging Contest
- I will need display space greater than 2x4 feet (Please describe estimated space.)