



FOX VALLEY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Exploring the Night Sky
From the Fox Valley since 1944

The Fox Valley Astronomical Society is a non-profit 501(c)(7) recreational organization.



The Fox Valley Astronomical Society is a member of the International Dark-Sky Association.

The mission of the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) is to preserve and protect the nighttime environment and our heritage of dark skies through environmentally responsible outdoor lighting.



The Night Sky Network is a nationwide coalition of amateur astronomy clubs bringing the science, technology, and inspiration of NASA's missions to the general public.

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We share our time and telescopes to provide you with unique astronomy experiences at science museums, observatories, classrooms, and under the real night sky.

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The **FVAS** is chartered to:

- Provide for the mutual enjoyment of astronomy
- Instill an awareness of astronomy in the community, and
- Afford an educational forum for everyone.

The Fox Valley Astronomical Society, which was formed in 1944, provides services for the Fox Valley in Northern Illinois. Most of our members reside in the Fox Valley (Elgin, St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia, and North Aurora), although we have members from many miles away, too.

The public is invited to join us for our monthly meetings and our public star parties.

We also support public outreach activities.

We assist people with all levels of knowledge in astronomy – from novices who want to learn which binoculars or telescope is right for them, through someone who already owns a telescope and wants to maximize their visual experience. We have experienced observers, telescope makers, and astrophotographers.

All age levels are welcome, from supervised children through retired individuals.

<http://www.fvastro.org>



Sunset May 2 at Peck Farm Park
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Veil Nebula NGC 6992
400mm telephoto lens, Ha filter SBIG 8XE CCD, 12 5-minute images
Taken June 13, 2009 from Lombard, IL



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MEMBERSHIP

The membership year runs from June 1 through May 31. Annual membership is \$25.

Members receive a monthly newsletter of astronomy news, observing tips, and other fascinating hints and articles.

Discounts are available to members for some books and magazine subscriptions. The club has a substantial library of astronomy books and magazines.

Checks for dues should be made payable to FVAS and may be given to the treasurer at meetings or mailed to:

Fox Valley Astronomical Society
P.O. Box 38
Wasco, IL 60183

MEETINGS

Our monthly club meetings are held in Geneva at Peck Farm Park's Meeting Barn, which is behind the Interpretive Center near the intersection of Kaneville and Peck Road.

The club meeting is held on the second Monday of each month, starting at 7:30 PM until about 9:00 PM.

Programs at the meetings are presentations by Society Members or outside speakers, covering astronomical events, an observing subject or method, or other items of general interest to the membership.

STAR PARTIES

Public Star Parties (observing sessions) are held in the parking area of Peck Farm Park, generally on the closest Saturday to the first quarter moon. These usually begin at sunset, with a brief presentation about what we will see that night.

Club star parties are held at private sites twice a month. Please see our web page at: <http://www.fvastro.org> for specific details of these events.

