

Club Events:

January 16th - Club Meeting: presentation by Don Wyman: "Down Under II"
UW Barlow Planetarium at 7:00PM

January 18th – Newstar Holiday Party: Pullman's – located at 619 S Olde Oneida St

Club News:

January meeting items:

- Astronomy Day planning
- Upcoming meeting presentations
- Holiday party

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Dear A.L. Correspondent or Member-at-Large,

Do you know someone who has dedicated his or her time and energy to promoting astronomy? Wouldn't you like to let them know they are appreciated for their hard work? This is your chance! It's time to make nominations for the NCRAL's Regional Award. This award recognizes exceptional individual effort and meritorious service to amateur astronomy through the members local astronomy club, public outreach, the NCRAL or the Astronomical League.

Using the guidelines and submission forms attached, we have made it easier than ever to nominate someone you feel deserves this award. This award will be presented in a special ceremony concluding the dinner banquet of the NCRAL regional convention hosted by Northern Cross Science Foundation on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

The Rules for nomination are as follows:

1. The individual must be a member in good standing either through an A.L. member organization or as a current member-at-large in the North Central Region.
2. The three current regional officers and the regional representative are NOT eligible for this award. Past winners are also ineligible for this award.
3. The regional officers and the regional representative are the voters and will base their decision on the information provided. Each member votes independently and will use his/her best judgment. All decisions are final.

4. The winner will not be revealed until the banquet at the end of the convention. Those not selected, will not be revealed.
5. All non-winning nominations will be kept on file for two years after submission. After such time, a new nomination will need to be completed.

There are many deserving candidates within our region. It is our hope to have at least one nomination from each society in the NCRAL. I look forward to receiving your nominations in the near future. If there are any questions, please contact me via phone, email or snail mail at the above listings.

Sincerely,
Katrina DeWitt
Vice Chair, NCRAL

Regional Award Winners to date:

- 1989 – Frank Roldan (Wehr Astronomical Society, Milwaukee Astronomical Society)
Berton L Stevens (Chicago Astronomical Society)
- 1990 – Dan Troiani (Chicago Astronomical Society)
- 1991 – Catherine & William DuVall (Racine Astronomical society)
- 1992 – Robert Schmidt (Minnesota Astronomical Society)
Dan Koehler (Milwaukee Astronomical Society)
- 1993 – Ronald Parmentier (Neville Public Museum Astronomical Society)
- 1994 – Rollin P. Van Zandt (Peoria Astronomical Society)
- 1995 – James Fox (Minnesota Astronomical Society)
- 1996 – Dave Beine (Wehr Astronomical Society)
- 1997 – no award
- 1998 – Warren J. “Nick” Nichols (Northern Cross Science Foundation, Wehr Astronomical Society)
- 1999 – Dr. Harry B. Nelson (Popular Astronomy Club)
- 2000 – no award
- 2001 – Sam Bruesch (Rockford Amateur Astronomers Inc)
- 2002 – Barry & Carol Beaman (Rockford Amateur Astronomers)
- 2003 – George McCourt (Neville Public Museum Astronomical Society)
- 2004 – Don C. Jardine (Sangamon Astronomical Society)



2005 – Katrina DeWitt (Neville Public Museum Astronomical Society)

2006 – Kevin Bert (Northern Cross Science Foundation)

2007 – Carl Wenning (??)