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Guest Presenter

Lee Johnson

Astronomer and Author



Lee's bio:

Lee Johnson fell in love with birds in the daytime and stars and planets at night, thanks to growing up on a chain of lakes near the centre of the continent. Along with a love of Nature, he also fell in love with words and literature.

Lee spent four decades teaching in the Department of English at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and returned to his love of astronomy thirty years ago by joining the RASC, going to star parties, and accumulating an ever-growing number of telescopes. He has attended the Mount Kobau Star Party near Osoyoos, B.C., every year since 1986 and has given talks there for each of the past eight years, highlighting different dark-sky objects.

Now retired, Lee is observing more than ever. He also loves kayaking (remember his early life on that chain of lakes) and takes inflatable kayaks along with his portable telescopes on his travels across Canada and up and down the western United States.

He has written articles for the RASC Observer's Handbook and Sky & Telescope magazine. Lee also writes poetry and often includes astronomical images and themes about the Universe and our place in it. The rhythms of poetry should mirror the rhythms of the Universe, for even poems are the result of star-making.



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