

#### Join us for the Virtual GA on June 7!



#### **RASC Virtual General Assembly 2020**

Youth outreach program featuring talks from Canadian Space Agency Astronaut Joshua Kutryk, Sara Seager, and Bob McDonald

Sunday, June 7, 2020 from 11:00AM-2:00PM PDT. Live streamed on the RASC YouTube Channel youtube.com/c/rascanada



The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada normally gathers annually to meet and exchange the latest astronomical accomplishments of its members. The General Assembly (GA) is a great chance for members of The RASC and the public to gather and strengthen the bonds of community.

It's fair to say that 2020 has not been a normal year, and as a result The RASC is now hosting online Virtual GA. The Virtual GA is hosted by The RASC Vancouver Centre and will be lived streamed on the <u>RASC YouTube channel</u> on June 7th 2020 from 11 am to 2 pm. Our speaker lineup this year is incredible, including CSA Astronaut Joshua Kutryk, astronomer and planetary scientist Sara Seager, and CBC Radio One's Bob McDonald! Check out the <u>schedule</u> to find out more, and make sure to join us!

## Introducing a new live stream session



As we push into summer, The RASC wants to be providing fresh, useful, and most importantly interesting content to our members. That's why we are so excited to announce the new Explore the Universe livestream sessions beginning next month.

**Explore the Universe Online** will guide new astronomers through our most accessible observing program. We will assist participants in finding enough targets to acquire their certificates and pins by the end of the series.

Find out more about the program, including timing, topics, and registration at <u>rasc.ca/etuonline</u>.

#### The RASC Journal



The June edition of the Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada is out! This edition of the Journal includes Buying and Using Classic Telescopes, The Biological Basis for the Canadian Guideline for Outdoor Lighting, as well as an update on Betelgeuse. Head to our website to see all the incredible content inside!



#### New RASC Merch Available





There's a new item available in our online store and we want you to know about it! This RASC Fanny Pack lets you easily access/store handheld items while observing. It features an adjustable strap allowing you to customize your fit. Get yours while supplies last!

**Buy Now** 

#### A note from our Executive Director

Dear Members of The RASC,

As I'm sure you are aware, we recently put out an ask for donations to our Emergency Fund. This fund is aimed at providing support to members that may not be able to renew their memberships in light of the unprecedented situation the world is currently facing. It is also meant to protect the Society from any shortfalls that may result from not being able to operate the way we have for the majority of our 150+ year history.

To anyone facing the prospect of not being able to renew your membership due to financial circumstances resulting from this pandemic, we have your back. Please don't hesitate to contact the national office, we will maintain your confidentiality, and no one who applies will be refused. <u>Reach out to our Membership</u> <u>Coordinator to apply for a membership bursary here.</u>

We are also still accepting donations to our Emergency Fund. Please follow the link below if you would like to help us help others.

Thank you once again to those whose generosity has made this possible, and to everyone for sticking together during this time apart.

Clear Skies, Phil Groff

**Donate to the Emergency Fund!** 

### Join Montreal Centre on June 7!

The RASC Montréal Centre is hosting a Zoom presentation on June 6th 2020 and would like to extend an invitation out to RASC Centres nationwide. Feel free to share the invitation below with your membership. No password is required for this meeting. The presentation starts at 8 pm EST, so mark your calendars! It is a talk by Ron Brecher about the history of astrophotography. You will find the poster for the event attached to this email. The Zoom invitation is down below.

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To all of you interested in Montreal Centre's presentation, it is happening on June 6. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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