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**SPRINGFIELD TELESCOPE MAKERS AND MOOSEY PRODUCTIONS ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE DATE OF THE FEATURE FILM "STELLAFANE AND BEYOND."**

Springfield, Vermont – March 1, 2026 – Science-based nonprofit Springfield Telescope Makers and documentary film maker Tara Roberts Zabriskie announce the premier of her latest effort – *"Stellafane and Beyond,"* a feature film that transports its audience from a renowned astronomy shrine into the farthest reaches of space inspired by the art and history of amateur telescope making.

*"The best optics in the world are made with two hands - not with machines, not with computers, not with any of that" - Phil Rounsville*, featured in the film, is a professional optical engineer who develops high-precision optics for NASA's space telescopes and other clients who need the very best technology. Phil's journey and impact began at the iconic star party Stellafane on Breezy Hill where he was inspired to craft his first telescope.

"This film started as a much smaller project in my mind, but after meeting the Springfield Telescope Makers and learning about their deep history and widespread influence on the world of science and space exploration, I realized that there was much more to the story that I needed to tell" said Tara Roberts Zabriskie, filmmaker.

"Over the last century, many of these telescope makers worked on projects for NASA, the military, and the CIA influencing development of space telescopes, spy satellites and infrared military cameras. Those interviewed in our film and their predecessors are some of the best at what they do, all because they got inspired and learned skills from this small telescope-making club in southern Vermont. I want this film to reach curious minds of all ages and inspire exploration of the art and science of telescopes and amateur telescope making."

*Stellafane and Beyond* will premiere on August 14, 2026, in Springfield, Vermont, and planning is underway. Please hold the date and future information regarding the premier will be found on the Springfield Telescope Makers website [stellafane.org](http://stellafane.org), and from Moosey Productions, [mooseyproductions.com](http://mooseyproductions.com).

Founded in 1923, the Springfield Telescope Makers celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Stellafane Convention this summer and continue to focus on their mission "stimulate interest in astronomy and allied sciences by preserving and fostering the skill of amateur telescope making."

Moosey Productions is an independent film company focusing on documentary projects that create hope and inspire change in the areas of nature, science, health and history.

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