

The 88th Stellafane Convention

August 1-4, 2024. Experience the **ORIGINAL STAR PARTY**, held since 1926 at the storied home of the Springfield Telescope Makers!



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"From ATM and Stellafane to Polishing Webb Mirrors" by **Tony Hull**, who supervised the polishing of the James Webb Space Telescope's mirrors. He will briefly talk about his connection to Stellafane and the world of amateur telescope making as a young man, then discuss his intimate involvement with the Webb and the challenges that were met in its creation.

"SHADOWGRAM" TALK

by **Dr. Kristine Larsen**, professor of astronomy and editor of the Astronomical League's *Reflector* magazine.

FINE OBSERVING from our dark Vermont hilltop, with your telescope, the legendary Porter Turret Telescope, the McGregor Observatory's 13" Schupmann Telescope, the Simoni Observatory's Hale Spectroheliograph, and other modern and historic instruments on our campus.



HOMEBUILT TELESCOPE COMPETITION

Build a telescope? Show it off in front of the historic Stellafane Clubhouse in our mechanical and optical competitions. In the ATM world, nothing beats a blue ribbon from Stellafane!

TALKS, DEMONSTRATIONS, & WORKSHOPS

for adults and children, from beginner to expert.

FOOD SERVICE

good hot meals on site.

RAFFLE great prizes, great odds.

SWAP TABLES

strictly non-commercial.

OBSERVING OLYMPICS

TEEN ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

CAMPING

on site or stay in local hotels and B&Bs.

The Hartness House Workshop ECLECTIC ASTRONOMY III



THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

This day-long conference will offer ten high-quality presentations on a range of astronomical subjects, with an opportunity to mingle with the speakers and other attendees at the historic **Hartness House Inn**. Registration for the HHW includes meals for the day and a cocktail hour. **The Hartness/Porter Museum of Amateur Telescope Making** will be open during the day.

The keynote speaker will be **Tony Hull**, of the University of New Mexico, who supervised the polishing of the James Webb Space Telescope's mirrors. He will talk about the images that the Webb has been bringing to the world since its commissioning.

Registration is separate from the Convention, with additional fees.

See the web page at the link below for registration information.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER ONLINE STARTING IN EARLY MAY AT [STELLAFANE.ORG/CONVENTION/2024/INDEX.HTML](https://stellafane.org/convention/2024/index.html) (OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW) REGISTER EARLY FOR BEST RATE!



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