

Introduction to the 2024 Hartness House Workshop

The Springfield Telescope Makers (STM), founded in 1923 by Russell W. Porter (the artist who drew the famous cutaway drawings of the 200" Palomar telescope), host the Stellafane Convention, a gathering of amateur telescope makers and amateur astronomy enthusiasts, which has been held, in Springfield, Vermont, since 1926.

<http://stellafane.org/>

http://www.astrosurf.com/re/russell_porter_glass_giant.pdf

For more than a decade, in association with the Convention, the STMs have held the "Hartness House Workshop". This daylong event attended by, typically, fifty to eighty amateur astronomers and a few professionals. The workshop is held at the historic Hartness House Inn and Observatory, including the Hartness-Porter Museum of Telescope Making. All modest proceeds from the event are donated to the upkeep and expansion of the ATM Museum.

<http://www.hartnesshouse.com/>

<http://stellafane.org/history/early/museum-home.html>

The event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., is comprised of "daytime" and "evening" sessions. The "daytime" session consists of (1) a series of nine talks on various astronomical topics, (2) an open house of the ATM Museum and (3) some free time for the attendees to mingle and discuss what they have learned. The "evening" session consists of (1) a banquet and (2) a key-note presentation. A cocktail hour is scheduled in-between the two sessions. Most presenters and attendees then go on to attend the Stellafane Convention proper. The keynote speaker this year 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.

You can read a brief article about the HHW at ...

<http://stellafane.org/news/news2020.html#HartnessHouseWorkshop>

The workshop in 2024 is scheduled for Thursday, August 1st, which will be followed by the Stellafane Convention on August 2nd and 3rd.

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