



## GENERAL MEETING E-NEWSLETTER

-March 12, 2013-

Location: [Proctor Terrace Elementary School](#)

1711 Bryden Lane. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

(7:30PM - 9:30PM)

**"The history of astronomy is a history of receding horizons"**

~Edwin Powell Hubble~

Hello fellow Stargazers,

Once again a deep thanks to Professor Joe Tenn for his amazing presentation 'Keeper of the Double Stars'. And also a personal thanks to my predecessor John Whitehouse, for all the effort in bringing this great speaker and teacher to SCAS once again. We hope you enjoyed it.

Last month was our launch of the [SCAS BLOG](#)! Please give it a visit and let us know what you think in a posting. Many thanks to Jim Goodenough for making this effort a reality. As our President Mike Dranginis has previously mentioned, the former 'SONOMA SKIES' Newsletter has been replaced with the SCAS BLOG and this monthly SCAS E-Newsletter.

Thank you all for your unanimous support of my election to be your SCAS Vice President. I stand among giants!



Jack Welch, John Whitehouse, Mike Dranginis, Jim DeManche, and Jim Goodenough

## Meeting Agenda -

7:30pm - Meeting Starts

- General Business (Mike Dranginis)
- Community Activities (Lynn Anderson)
- 'What's Up' Segment (Len Nelson)
- 'Striking Sparks' (Larry McCune)
- SCAS Field Trips (Jim Goodenough)

8:00pm – Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation!

8:20pm – Evening Program Begins

9:30pm - Meeting Ends

## Guest Speakers for this month! -



[Laura Sparks](#) ~ Instructor of Astronomy at Santa Rosa Junior College -  
Petaluma Campus



[Keith Waxman](#) ~ Instructor of Astronomy at the Santa Rosa Junior College -  
Santa Rosa Campus

### **Program Topic - Learning Astronomy at the Santa Rosa Junior College**

Our own Laura Sparks; SCAS Membership Director, and returning speaker Keith Waxman, are astronomy instructors with the [Santa Rosa Junior College](#). Keith holds class at the Santa Rosa campus, while Laura does the same at the Petaluma campus. They will share what astronomy courses are available at both SRJC Campuses, along with up-to-date research that students may be doing. If you are interested in stepping into formal astronomy courses, this is the meeting for you. Learn when, where, and how to get started.

### **Donations –**



SCAS exists because of the consistent and faithful dues that our membership donates each year. Also, your generous monthly donations at the ‘Snack & Coffee Table’ help to continue the flow of goodies for each meeting. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

### **Want to contact us or help at a future SCAS Meeting or Community Activity?**

- Mike Dranginis, President: [mike880@comcast.net](mailto:mike880@comcast.net)
- Jim DeManche, Vice President: [jimdemanche@hotmail.com](mailto:jimdemanche@hotmail.com)
- Laura Sparks, Membership Director: [lsparks@santarosa.edu](mailto:lsparks@santarosa.edu)
- Lynn Anderson, Community Activities Director: [penumbra@sonic.net](mailto:penumbra@sonic.net)

Events this month at the [Robert Ferguson Observatory](#) –

Saturday - March 29th.

- Solar Observing (11:00am - 3:00pm)
- Public Star Party (8:00pm - ?)

[Night Sky Spring Series](#) - Tuesdays Contact Jack Welch at: [nightsky@rfo.org](mailto:nightsky@rfo.org)

Tuesday, March 4th: Class #3 (7:00 pm)

The Milky Way; Spiral Arms

Ursa Major, Ursa Minor,

Leo Minor

[New Docent Training Begins](#) – Wednesday, April 30, 2014

‘New Docent Training’ classes are held during the Spring and Fall.

To register for the next training class, contact Steve Smith at [ssmith@rfo.org](mailto:ssmith@rfo.org)

**On the Internet -**

- [SCAS BLOG](#)
- [SCAS Membership Application](#)
- [SCAS on Facebook](#)
- [SCAS on Yahoo Groups](#)
- [SCAS - 'Young Astronomers'](#)
- [SRJC Planetarium](#)

**Next Month’s Program: Our Annual [‘Striking Sparks’](#) Celebration!**



**Our 2013 ‘Striking Sparks’ Winners:** Hunter Ward, Kade Crandall, Devon Bolt, Colton Rowe and Estella Zea (Photo by Len Nelson)

And Finally –

The Sonoma County Astronomical Society has opened our own on-line store through Café Press. We have a number of products with the official SCAS Logo on them. All proceeds go to support your SCAS. Here is a chance to show off your pride and support for SCAS, amateur astronomy, and our young members in Striking Sparks.



[Click on the new SCAS Travel Mug to visit the SCAS Store!](#)

Thank you,

Jim DeManche  
SCAS Vice President