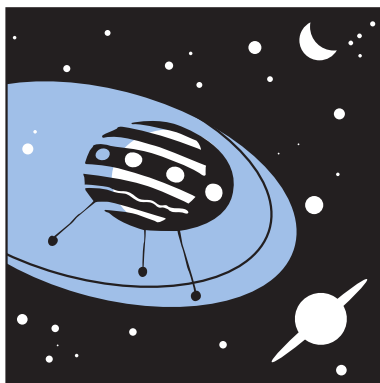


International Astronomy Day

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www.astroleague.org



What is Astronomy Day?

Astronomy Day is a yearly event, held each spring by astronomy clubs, planetariums and other groups of sky lovers. They organize talks and stargazing events to show the public how much fun astronomy can be.

The Painted Universe

Sunday, May 7, 2006

What is the "Painted Universe"?

Artist Bettina Forget is organizing an art event to take place at her studio for Astronomy Day. The event is entitled "The Painted Universe". On Sunday, May 7, 2006 she invites the general public to come to her studio/gallery and participate in the creation of a 22' x 8' artwork depicting various night sky objects.



location:
ATELIER BETTINA FORGET
460 Ste-Catherine Ouest
local 933
Montreal Quebec H3B 1A7
phone: (514) 878 3663

dates and times:
Sunday, May 7, 2006
12 noon - 6:00pm

This is a free event.
Art materials will be provided.

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Montreal Centre



Each participant will be given a 12" x 12" piece of paper (or carton, canvas, tracing paper,...) and a range of art materials to choose from. Bettina Forget also provides source material such as images of planets, galaxies, globular clusters and the like. Once the participant has finished his/her artwork it will be added to the 22' x 8' grid. During the day the grid will slowly fill up, creating a mosaic of night sky images - a painted universe. At the end of the event the artist will take a photo of the finished collaborative artwork before taking it down on Monday, 8th May. The participants can then come by her studio to pick up their painting along with a copy of the photo of the final 'mural'.

**Also check out the RASC Astronomy Day activities
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