

Let There Be Light!

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Did you know that 2015 is the International Year of Light (and Light-Based Technologies)?

Declared in 2013 by the UN General Assembly, this global initiative highlights the importance of light and optical technologies. Have a look at their website here: [IYL 2015](#).

What better way to celebrate locally than with an astronomy webinar hosted by the Bluewater Astronomical Society (BAS) on a make-or-break aspect of telescopes: the eyepiece. A telescope's eyepiece gathers up the light from the telescopic image and magnifies it so that we can identify what we're looking at. We'll learn about the latest developments and have a Q & A at our July 8 monthly meeting, 7 p.m. at the E.S. Fox Observatory.

You can also celebrate Canada Day with an exceptional light display. No, I'm not talking about fireworks, I'm talking about the planetary event of the year! On July 1, the Venus and Jupiter conjunction brings the two brightest planets so close together they'll look like one huge, luminous object. And - bonus - there will be no danger of anyone blowing up their backyard or setting the kids on fire during this event.

July also brings several opportunities for public stargazing with BAS members (see HOME page or COMING EVENTS for event details.)

So lighten up, leave your cares behind, and come out and appreciate the twinkle, twinkle of the little stars (and huge planets).