



What's Up With the Astronomical League August 2010

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The Astronomical League Needs You, A Special Price for Astronomical Calendar and 2010 Youth Awards Publicity

Publications Chair: The duties of this position include proofing of League publications such as observing manuals to make sure they adhere to generally accepted standards. Also this person electronically files copyright information with the United States Copyright Office for League publications. Also a part of this position is to give recommendations and guidance to writers of new observe manuals and other publications to insure accuracy and clarity.

Publicity Chair (Press Officer): The position deals with the news media in spreading the word about the League. This would involve such things as contacting the local newspapers and other media in award-winners home-towns, responding to media inquiries regarding various astronomical events, in coordination with the League's leadership and preparing proactive news releases regarding upcoming League and/or astronomical events.

Past experience in public relations is important.

Grant Writer: If you have a successful record of applying for and obtaining grants, we invite you to volunteer your special skills to the League.

Historian: An appreciation of history and specifically for the League's history would be an excellent background for this position. Strong computer skills is important as much of this position would involve organizing electronic records including photos from past League events such as ALCons and converting older paper documents into digital format.

Fundraising & Merchandising Specialists: If you have successfully concluded fundraising campaigns or your background has emphasized product branding we would also like to talk to you.

If you can volunteer for any of these positions, please contact me at carrolliorg@kc.rr.com. We appreciate your support.

The 2011 Astronomical Calendar: Specially Priced for League members

The Astronomical League is pleased to announce a special offer for our members from the Universal Workshop, the producers of Guy Ottewell's popular Astronomical Calendar. They are making the 2011 edition of the Astronomical Calendar available at a discounted price. There are plenty of good reasons why it has been published for over thirty years. The 2011 edition will not disappoint!

Packed throughout its 84 pages are monthly sky charts; daily celestial highlights; charts, tables, and explanations of planetary movements; eclipse times and paths; and lunar occultation specifics. There are extensive descriptions of the year's meteor showers and periodic comets, as well. This calendar tells, in clear language, what events occur and when they happen.

League members can order this incredible compilation of the year's celestial events for \$19.95, shipping included (standard ground shipping to US addresses, only). Volume discounts, beginning with a minimum of 11 copies, for clubs are available. But, to take advantage of the free shipping offer, you must order by Friday December 31, 2010, and either use the special website, www.Universalworkshop.com/clubs.htm, or call 800-533-5083. The newly edited Astronomical Companion is also available at \$19.95, shipping included — if it is ordered at the same time as the Astronomical Calendar. Universalworkshop.com accepts Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express and PayPal.

Place your order today!

League's Youth Awards Recognized by Sky & Telescope Online:

Kelly Beatty, Senior Contributing Editor, Sky & Telescope, has posted a well-written article regarding the 2010 League Youth Awards on the magazine's website. The link is at <http://www.skyandtelescope.com/news/100783674.html>.

