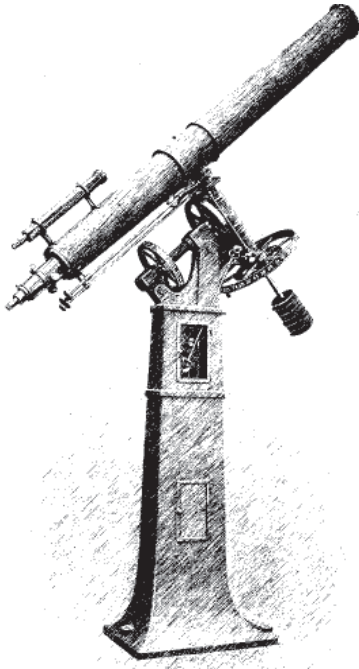


Observatory Public Nights • 2011



Stephens Memorial Observatory of Hiram College is open for public viewing on select dates during the year. Those nights are conducted in “open house” fashion – visitors may come and go during the course of the evening. Occasional special programming may require arrival at a specific time. Admission is free of charge.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view celestial objects through a century-old research-grade telescope that has been owned and maintained by Hiram College since the instrument was built. The telescope is a nine-inch refractor made by the Warner and Swasey Company of Cleveland, Ohio and dedicated in 1901. Visitors will be impressed by the quality of the viewing presented by this fine telescope, not to mention its sheer size!

Various planets and deep-sky objects will be visible as the sky changes with the seasons so please visit several times during the year. Objects and events other than those listed below may also be seen; that includes the rare occasional comet that may appear in our skies, unannounced. *Please check our web site for the most up-to-date information and changes to this schedule!*

All events take place at the Observatory unless otherwise noted.

Date	Time	2011 Featured Objects & Activities
Sat. Mar. 19	9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Last Chance: Orion Nebula(?), star clusters, Perigee Moon (late)
Sat. April 16	9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Wondrous Saturn returns to evening sky! Our Moon. M13? <i>Date Changed from Earlier Release!</i>
Sat. May 21	9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Saturn, M13 Star Cluster
Sat. June 11	9:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Earth's Moon, Last Chance: Saturn(?), Ring Nebula if Moon doesn't wash out!
Sat. July 9	9:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Moon, Scorpius, star Antares, M4, Ring Nebula(?)
Sat. Aug. 13	9:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Gems of the Milky Way
Sat. Sept. 17	9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Andromeda Galaxy, Perseus Double Cluster
Sat. Oct. 8	8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Great Jupiter! and it's International Observe the Moon Night!
Sat. Nov. 12	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Jupiter, our Moon, and the Pleiades star cluster
Sat. Dec. 17	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Orion's Nebula, Christmas Tree Cluster, Jupiter.

This schedule subject to change and addition! Check our Web site for updates.

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CLOUDS CANCEL: There will be no viewing and the Observatory will not open in the event of overcast skies or inclement weather at the scheduled beginning of the observing session. Our telescope's good, but we can't see through clouds! If the sky is clear and the roads are safe at the scheduled starting time, we'll be open. Check our Web site for schedule changes, emergency cancellations, special programs, and predicted observing conditions.

PARKING: Please park in the lot at **Harrison's Hideaway Gift Shoppe**, 6821 Wakefield Road, just a couple of hundred feet east of the Observatory. You may also park on side streets where parking is allowed. There is no parking at the Observatory. DO NOT drive into or park in neighboring driveways -- it's inconsiderate and you may be towed!

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