<u>Goodsell Observatory:</u> <u>"The Prairie's Starry Messenger</u>" 2014 ATS Convention Schedule - Draft



On September 26 through September 28, 2014, the Antique Telescope Society will hold its 23nd Annual Convention in Northfield, MN at Carleton College's historic Goodsell Observatory, the former home of "Popular Astronomy". In addition, on Monday, September 29, we will tour Tate Hall Observatory at the U. Minnesota with its 10.5-inch Brashear/WS Telescope.

The program includes an in-depth tour of beautiful and historic Goodsell Observatory with its 16.2-inch Brashear Telescope, 8.2-inch Alvan Clark Telescope and a Repsold Transit Circle; a Champagne Reception on Friday evening; Saturday and Sunday paper sessions and members' displays of their own collections. The traditional banquet on Saturday evening, at the Archer House will feature a keynote address. Every effort will be made to observe, weather permitting. We look forward to welcoming ATS members and friends to Minnesota. Please join us!

Bart Fried, ATS President, Convention Co-Chairman Dr. Cindy Blaha, Carlton College Astronomy Dept., Convention Co-Chairman Peter Abrahams, Convention Paper Sessions Chairman Jack Koester, ATS Treasurer Dr. Walter Breyer, ATS Executive Secretary

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Friday, September 26

Friday afternoon:

Afternoon-4:00pm	Set up displays in Room X of Goodsell Observatory.
4:00pm-5:00pm	Registration in the lobby, Archer House.
5:00pm-6:00pm	ATS Board Meeting in Archer House.
6:00pm-7:00pm	Dinner (on your own).

Friday evening:

7:00pm-8:00pm	Champagne Reception with hor D'oeuvres
	at Goodsell Observatory.
7:00pm-8:00pm	Continue Registration at reception at Goodsell Observatory.
8:00pm-9:oopm	Presentation: "The History of Goodsell Observatory"
	Dr. Cindy Blaha, Carlton College Astronomy Department.
9:15pm	Observing, Goodsell Observatory.
9:15pm-10:30pm	View Displays in Room X of Goodsell Observatory.

Saturday, September 27

Saturday morning:

8:00am-9:00am	View Displays in Room X at Goodsell Observatory.
9:00am-Noon	Paper session I and II (break included) in Room Z at
	Goodsell Observatory.

Saturday afternoon:

Noon-1:00pm	Lunch (on your own).
1:00pm-2:45pm	Paper session III in Room Z at Goodsell Observatory.
2:45pm-3:00pm	Break.
3:00pm-5:00pm	Tour of Goodsell Observatory. Dr. Cindy Blaha.
5:30pm-6:00pm	Visit displays in Room X at Goodsell Observatory.

Saturday evening:

6:30pm-7:30pm	Reception with hor D'oeuvres in the Conference Room of
	the Archer House (Cash Bar).
7:30pm-9:30pm	Banquet in the Conference Room of the Archer House
	with the Keynote Address.
9:30pm	Observing, Goodsell Observatory.
9:30pm-10:30pm	View Displays in Room X of Goodsell Observatory.
	(if there is no observing).

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Sunday, September 28

Sunday morning:

8:00am-9:00am	View Displays in Room X of Goodsell Observatory.
9:00am-10:00am	Membership Meeting in Room Z of Goodsell Observatory.
10:00am-10:15am	Break.
10:15am-Noon	Paper session IV in Room Z of Goodsell Observatory.

Sunday afternoon:

Noon-1:30pm	Lunch (on your own).
1:30pm-3:00pm	Paper session V in Room Z of Goodsell Observatory.
3:00pm-4:00pm	View Displays Room X of Goodsell Observatory.
4:00pm	Remove Displays Room X of Goodsell Observatory.
	Convention Ends.
6:00pm-8:00pm	Dinner (on your own).

Sunday evening:

9:00pm

Observing, Goodsell Observatory.

Monday, September 29

Monday:

9:00am-10:00am Travel to Tate Hall Observatory, U. Minnesota to see the 10.5-inch Brashear/WS 1896 Telescope.

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Comments:

We have reserved a block of rooms at <u>two hotels.</u> <u>In both cases</u>, there are a limited number of rooms and the reservations <u>disappear one month prior to the meeting</u>, <u>August 26, 2014</u> so book early.

Archer House River Inn, Northfield, MN:

There are 10 rooms reserved at the **Archer House River Inn** <u>at the rate of \$99 to \$199</u> <u>per night</u>:

Archer House River Inn 212 Division Street, South Northfield, MN 55057 507-645-5661 or 800-247-2235

<u>Holiday Inn, Lakeville, MN:</u>

There are 15 rooms reserved at the **Holiday Inn, Lakeville, MN.** *Lakeville is a 25 minute drive from Northfield. The Holiday Inn rooms are at the rate of \$129 to \$139 per night:*

Holiday Inn, Lakeville 20800 Kenrick Avenue Lakeville, MN 952-469-1134

In addition, there are several smaller motels in Northfield, MN that might have suitable rooms. They are the <u>America's Best Value Inn, AmericInn Lodge and Country Inn.</u>