



# The Starry Messenger

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## Digistar 4 Installation to be completed during Spring Break



The final leg of the Digistar 4 upgrade will take place during spring break. Therefore, the Planetarium will be closed from March 15 - March 18.

Digistar 4 is the newest software available from the Planetarium software company, Evans and Sutherland.

With the completion of this software upgrade, the Planetarium at UT Arlington will be the first and only Digistar 4 planetarium in Texas, and we still are "The Biggest and Best in the Metroplex"!

## First Day of Spring comes on March 20



Spring will officially start this year on March 20th at 12:32 pm CDT.

The Vernal Equinox, or the first day of spring, is one of the two days every year where the Sun is in the sky for exactly 12 hours.

## Admission Costs to Increase Effective March 22



Effective March 22nd, the Planetarium at UT Arlington will be increasing its general admission prices. The new prices will be as follows:

- Adults - \$6
- Children/Seniors - \$4
- Non-UTA Students - \$4
- UTA Students - \$3
- Groups (min. 15) - \$4/person
- Field Trips (min. 15) - \$3/person

## First Day of Spring is a Great Night for Skygazers



Hope for clear skies on March 20th, because there is plenty to see this spring here in Arlington.

Head outside just after sunset to see the Red Planet, Mars, near the constellation Gemini. Also catch a glimpse of these great deep sky objects:

The days have been steadily growing longer since December 21st, and will keep getting longer until June 20th, the Summer Solstice.

These longer days bring warmer weather, so break out those shorts and umbrellas, because spring has sprung!

## Support the Planetarium: Become a Member



Memberships are a great way to get involved with the Planetarium and help support our mission, and it comes with great benefits!

### Benefits include:

- Free tickets to the Planetarium
- Discount to our gift shop
- Free Star Maps
- Invitation to our annual "Reach for the Stars" event

### Membership Categories:

**Star** - \$40 - Receive 2 FREE tickets to each new show

**Solar System** - \$60 - Receive 4 FREE tickets to each new show

**Star Cluster** - \$100 - Receive 4 FREE tickets to each new show

**Galaxy** - \$1000 - Receive 8 FREE tickets to each new show, plus a

- The Great Orion Nebula just below the belt of Orion
- Pleiades Star Cluster in the constellation Taurus the Bull
- Andromeda Galaxy in the constellation Andromeda

If you stay up until midnight, you will be treated to a nearly full Moon and Saturn rising in the Eastern sky.

## Membership Corner: Bob Bonadurer



In this month's Membership Corner we get to meet former Planetarium Director, Bob Bonadurer.

Bob, now the Director of the Daniel Soref Planetarium in Milwaukee, WI, has taught over 600,000 people - young and young at heart - the wonders of the universe. He has produced and directed over 20 astronomy shows and films - some of which have been distributed internationally.

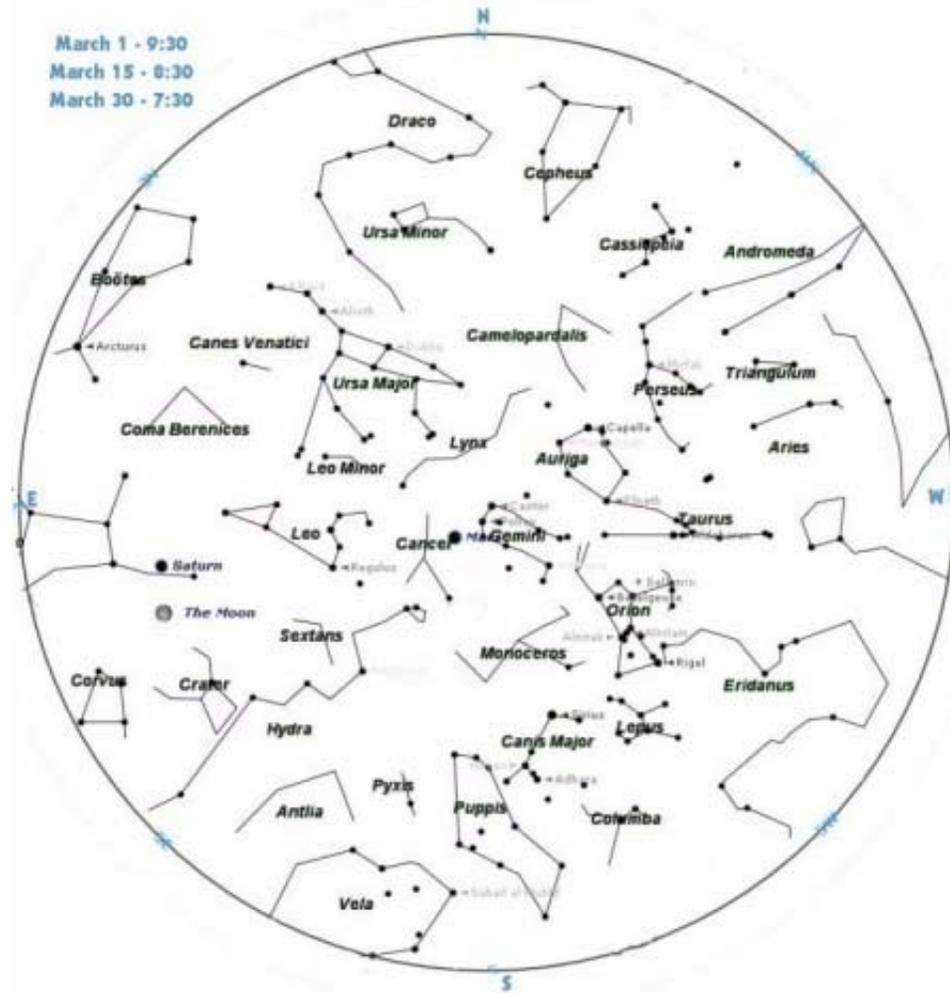
He has also hosted numerous astronomical events for eclipses, meteor showers, and solstice celebrations, and led three total eclipse tours to various parts of the world.

As the first Director of the Planetarium at UT Arlington, he oversaw the production of many of our in-house productions including; The Stars at Night are Big and Bright and Cosmic CSI.

personalized chair in the Planetarium theater!

Next time you visit Wisconsin, make sure to visit him in Milwaukee and say hello.

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