

The Cosmic Reporter

"The Planets in October"

By Tim Linder

Only four of the planets are favorably placed for viewing this month. These planets are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Mars is the only one of the four that is visible in the evening sky during October. The other three planets can be seen a few hours before sunrise. Uranus may also be seen early in the month as it will be quite near Mars. Here's where to locate the planets this month.

VENUS is the very brilliant planet high in the east at sunrise. Venus is now of magnitude -3.6 and rises about three and a half hours before the sun. On October 4th Venus was only a half a degree south of the Star Regulus in the constellation of Leo. Also on the morning of October 30th Venus will be only a half a degree north of Jupiter.

MARS can be seen very low in the southwest about an hour after sunset. Mars is now of magnitude 1.5 and on October 2nd it will pass one degree south of Uranus.

JUPITER is now in the morning sky and is low in the east before sunrise. At magnitude -1.3 Jupiter is the second brightest planet in the morning sky (Venus is the brightest). On the morning of October 7th the moon will be two degrees north of Jupiter. Also on October 30th Jupiter will be half a degree south of Venus. Jupiter's four brightest moons, Io, Callisto, Europa, and Ganymede, can be seen easily with a small telescope.

SATURN is now of magnitude 1.2 and rises about one and a half hours before the sun. Look for Saturn low in the east before sunrise. Through a small telescope Saturn's ring system and brightest moon, Titan, can easily be seen.

That's it for this week, HAPPY STARGAZING!!!

Lake Lure Lions

The Lake Lure Lions directors will meet at the Log Shop on Wednesday, Oct. 8th at 11 a.m.

The regular meeting will take place at The Fairfield Mountain Club on Thursday, Oct. 9th at 7:30 p.m.

A committee was appointed and all arrangements were completed to take part in the Candy Day, on October 10, 11, 12. Proceeds will be for the Benefit of the blind with white canes, etc.

Photographic Society Field Trip



The Tryon Photographic Society's October meeting will be a field trip to photograph autumn color and other subjects. The probable route of this trip will be to Saluda and Lake Summit and vicinity although the actual details of the trip will be decided by those present. This trip meeting will start at the Congregational Church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. where members will get together to share the ride.

The trip is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th assuming good weather. If it is a rainy or day day, the trip will be held on the next good day, starting same time, same place. If there is any uncertainty about whether the weather is suitable, call W. Parsons at 894-8400 or R. Morse at 859-5647 after 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the trip.

More experienced photographers are needed to come along and advise the less experienced newcomers. Visitors and non-members are welcome. Bring your own lunch and drinks for the day.

Dyeing Wool Yarn With Natural Dyes

Tryon Crafts reporter states that its the last call for learning the old and beautiful art of dyeing wool yarn with natural dyes. An opportunity to learn from the master dyer Mary Frances Davison will be available on Oct. 11th and 12th. They are busy collecting golden rod, aster, marigolds, onionskins, mimosa leaves, grape leaves, etc.

According to an ad the cost of her workshops Oct. 11 - 13 is \$20. Call 859-5641 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register.

North-South Bridge

Results of the North-South Bridge held at the home of Howard Olson are as follows: 1st: Lou Pettit, Marvin Lane; 2nd: Howard Olson, Walter Culin; 3rd: Al Daniel and Earl Riber.

The next game will be at the home of Glen Sewall.

If Pest Birds Annoy You — Try Fake Snakes To Scare Them Away

Are you bothered by pest birds in your garden? Do feathered marauders feast on your strawberries, blueberries and cherries before you can pick them?

There's an answer to this problem, according to Ranger Rick's Nature Magazine. It consists of fake "snakes" purchased at novelty stores or fashioned from black rubber hoses.

Birds are afraid of snakes — which eat their eggs and their young — and so "they recognize the snake shape — and stay

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away", according to the National Wildlife Federation's monthly magazine for children.

One family with a lakeside home found that a pair of feisty Canada geese were terrorizing their children and pets, Ranger Rick reports. After they cut a black rubber hose into four-foot lengths and placed them around the property, "the geese disappeared over the lake, never to be seen in that yard again."

Fake snakes can also be used to protect other property, according to Ranger Rick, who cites the owner of a sports airplane who drapes a make-believe rattlesnake over the air intakes of his engine to keep birds out.

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