



“GOING GLOBAL” THE SIDEWALK WAY

The Sidewalk Astronomers was founded by John Dobson in San Francisco in 1968 and now celebrates with its members from all over the world. What Mr. Dobson desired is to: 1) give the people of this planet a chance to see with their own eyes, celestial objects through good-sized telescopes, and 2) provide them with information about what they are seeing. Sidewalk Astronomers continues this mission to date. We never charge for this service, and anyone who does is not affiliated with our organization!

Sidewalk Astronomers actively set up our telescopes in popular public places such as busy street corners, shopping malls, movie theaters, fairs, etc. We call it "urban guerilla astronomy". On these nights the Moon and the planets are observed and are very clear in an 8" telescope even with city lights.

In the early days, John Dobson would bring his hand-made telescope which in turn encouraged hundreds to build their own scope. In some parts of the world our members continue to build their own telescopes but it is not a requirement for the Sidewalk Astronomers. Besides the sidewalk events, we hold star parties at state, county, and national parks all of which are free to the public.

The Sidewalk Astronomers publish an electronic newsletter which focuses on effective and creative sidewalk events as well as telescope making projects. Articles for the newsletter are encouraged and welcomed, as long as the content is appropriate. You don't have to be a member to contribute a story.

Sidewalk Astronomers does not require dues but of course – any donation is greatly appreciated. We never ask for contributions from the eyepiece! Our members from around the world encourage YOU and anyone with an interest in sharing the night sky to join us. For more information about the Sidewalk Astronomers go to: www.sidewalkastronomers.us