

Since our earliest times, Aztecs, Mayans, Celts, Ancient Egyptians and Native Americans have looked at the celestial bodies for earthly guidance and understanding. Through the contribution of centuries of astronomical genius, much progress has been made, yet we are still searching for answers to many mysteries of the universe. Today, we remain captivated by the stars. We invite you to develop and nourish your cosmic curiosity right in your back yard at McCarthy Observatory.

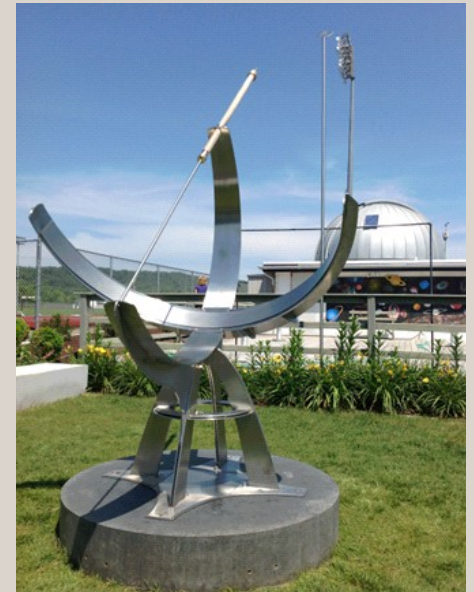


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Welcome to the McCarthy Observatory



Kathleen Fischer Sundial

Our state-of-the-art observatory has been designed, built, and operated by volunteers. Funded by individual and community donations, it is open to all free of charge. The facility offers complete accessibility for the disabled, including a lift for wheel chair access, a flexible eyepiece extension, and professional American Sign Language interpreters provided upon advance request at our monthly outreach, Second Saturday Stars. We are proud and eager to share the wonders of the Universe with all of you.



Personal Enrichment Resources:

Astronomy book library

Scale model solar system exploration

JJMO newsletter, *Galactic Observer*
(updated monthly on JJMO website)

Astrophotography

Extensive meteorite collection

North pollinator meadow



Southeast garden



John J. McCarthy Observatory Volunteer Opportunities

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Second Saturday Stars-

Presenter

Sky Deck telescope operator/guide

Main telescope operator/guide

Hospitality

GALILEO'S GARDEN

Maintenance

Design

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Mentoring

Become a telescope operator &
guide

GENERAL

Technology

Fund raising

Maintenance

Social media content



*Outdoor presentation given by
student volunteer*



*Whirlpool galaxy imaged at
McCarthy Observatory*



2017 Solar eclipse