

Nature Notes

For the
week of
Sept 23-29

From your friends at Saint John's Arboretum!

Happy first *full* day of fall!



Photo by Saint John's Arboretum Staff

Q: How do people know that Saturn is a polygamist?

A: It has several rings!

Q: When do astronauts have lunch?

A: At launch time!

Q: What do you call a crazy moon?

A: A Luna-Tick!

Q: What do you get when you cross a comet with a guppy?

A: A Starfish!

Q: How many balls of string would it take to reach the moon?

A: One. A very large one!

Q: What kind of music do the planets sing?

A: Nep-tunes!

Q: What's the most popular snack on Mars?

A: Marshmallows!

- Fall 2009 began September 22 at 4:18 pm. On this day, there are equal amounts of day and night.

- Fall runs from autumnal equinox in September to the winter solstice in December.

- Important Upcoming Astronomy

Dates:

- October 4- Full Moon

- October 13- Venus and Saturn will appear only half a degree apart in the early morning sky.

- October 18- New Moon

- October 21-22- The Orionids

- Meteor Shower

- Produces 20 meteors per hour at its peak.

- This year, the viewing will be especially good due to a waxing crescent moon that will set early.

- Best viewing will happen in the east after midnight.

http://www.seasky.org/astronomy/astronomy_calendar_current.html

Upcoming Arboretum Events

Homecoming Open House Friday, October 2, 2-3:30pm

The Arboretum Staff will be hosting an open house in honor of Saint John's homecoming celebration. Come and see our accomplishments over the years and talk with the staff. Meet us at our offices in the New Science Center, just down the hall from the pendulum.

Minnesota Natural History Lecture Series

Third Tuesday of the Month

September—May , 6:30—8 p.m.

Free—Arboretum members and students of all ages

\$5—Non-members/non-students

Alternative Energy in Minnesota Tuesday October 20

Dr. Derek Larson, CSB/SJU professor of environmental studies

Meet at the pendulum of the New Science Center of Saint John's University.

http://www.csbsju.edu/arboretum/arb_highlights/Minnesota%20Natural%20History%20Lecture%20Series.htm

2009 Arboretum Photo Contest Entries Due November 17

Submit up to 5 photos per category per person. A panel of judges will

choose the "Best in Category" for each age group. See the Arboretum

website for categories and more information!

If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list

for the Arboretum, please e-mail arboretum@csbsju.edu.

We'll be in touch...

Your friends at the Arboretum

It's your backyard, so get out and play!

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