

Public Observing at the William D. McDowell Observatory – Winter/Spring 2012

January 2012 (7PM -> 10P)

2nd Closed Holiday

4th: Jupiter, Uranus, Moon, M31, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse
9th & 11th: Jupiter, Uranus, Moon, M31, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse
16th & 18th: Jupiter, Uranus, M31, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse
23rd & 25th: Jupiter, M31, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse
30th: Jupiter, Moon, M31, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse

February 2012 (7PM -> 10PM)

1st: Jupiter, Mars(Late), Moon, M31, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel,
6th & 8th: Jupiter, Mars(Late) Moon, M31, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse
13th & 15th: Jupiter, Mars(Late), M31, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse
20th & 22nd: Jupiter, Mars(Late), M31, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse
27th & 29th: Jupiter, Mars, Moon, M31, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse

March 2012 (8PM -> 10PM) Daylight Savings Time Starts March 11, 2012

5th & 7th: Mars, Moon, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse
12th & 14th: Mars, Moon, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse
19th & 21st: Mars, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse
26th & 28th: Mars, Moon, NGC 457, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, Rigel, Betelgeuse

April 2012 (8PM ->10PM)

2nd & 4th: Mars, Moon, Saturn(Late), h & χ Persei, M45, M42, M13, Rigel, Betelgeuse
9th & 11th: Mars, Saturn(Late), h & χ Persei, M45, M42, M13, Rigel, Betelgeuse
16th & 18th: Mars, Saturn(Late), h & χ Persei, M45, M42, M13, Rigel, Betelgeuse
23rd & 25th: Mars, Moon, Saturn(Late), h & χ Persei, M45, M42, M13, Rigel, Betelgeuse
30th: Mars, Moon, Saturn, h & χ Persei, M45, M42, M13, Rigel, Betelgeuse

May 2012 (8:30PM ->10PM)

2nd: Mars, Moon, Saturn, Arcturus, M13, (Vega, Alberio, Double-Double, M57 Late)
7th & 9th: Mars, Saturn, Arcturus, M13, (Vega, Alberio, Double-Double, M57 Late)
14th & 16th: Mars, Saturn, Arcturus, M13, (Vega, Alberio, Double-Double, M57 Late)
21st & 23rd: Mars, Saturn, Arcturus, M13, (Vega, Alberio, Double-Double, M57 Late)

Closed Memorial Day the 28th

30th Mars, Saturn, Moon, Arcturus, M13, (Vega, Alberio, Double-Double, M57 Late)
Key:

M-13 – Great globular cluster in Hercules

M-31 – The Famous Andromeda Galaxy

M-42 – The Orion Nebula

M-45 – The Pleiades

M-57 – Ring Nebula, Messier 57 is often regarded as the prototype of a planetary nebula