

BNLers Photograph Lunar Eclipse of 2/20

BNLers Phil Harrington and Joseph Rubino submitted spectacular photographs of the February 20 total lunar eclipse. A lunar eclipse occurs when some portion of the earth's shadow falls upon the moon. A lunar eclipse occurs when the sun, moon and earth are in close alignment with the earth in the middle. The eclipse occurs when some portion of the earth's shadow falls upon the moon.



Montage of the total phase that Phil Harrington took through one of his telescopes.



Joseph Rubino took these three photos of the eclipse using a 200 millimeter zoom lens on his camera.

New Format for ITD Service Desk Emails

The Information Technology Division (ITD) is upgrading to a new helpdesk trouble ticketing system today, Friday, February 29, 2008. Starting this evening, the format of automated email that this system sends to BNLers will be changing. The new email format will accept replies for users wanting to update their issues. Users that have tickets that were open before February 29, 2008, will still receive the previous-style email notifications for those issues. For more information, see the ITD webpage, <http://intranet.bnl.gov/itd>.

Ballroom Dance Lessons: New Series Starts 3/5

Three new six-week sessions of weekly ballroom dance lessons, sponsored by the BNL Ballroom Dance Club and given by instructor Giny Rae at a cost of \$30 per person for each session, will start on Wednesday, March 5. The new schedule of lessons is as follows:

Beginner ONLY hustle, 5:15-6 p.m.; beginner/intermediate fox-trot, 6-7 p.m.; and intermediate mambo/salsa, 7-8 p.m.

For those of you who are not familiar with dance, the hustle, the "beginner only" class, is very popular at clubs and weddings. If you have never danced before, this is the perfect place to start.

All classes are held at the North Ballroom of the Brookhaven Center. Lessons are open to all BERA members: BNL employees, retirees, official BNL visitors and their immediate families (spouse and children). Each BERA member may bring one guest.

For more information contact: Arup Ghosh, Ext. 3974; Vinita Ghosh, Ext. 6226; Donna Grabowski, Ext. 2720; Gail Donoghue, Ext. 2838; or Kathleen Tuohy, Ext. 3845.

Staff Development Courses, Spring 2008

The Human Resources & Occupational Medicine Division has scheduled the following courses for spring 2008:

March 4	Intervention*
March 5 & 6	Effective Supervision*
March 12	Exceptional Customer Service
March 17	Legal Issues in Supervision, Part II*
March 18	Positive Personal Change
March 27	Coaching & Counseling
April 3	Interpersonal Managing Skills*
April 8	Memory Enhancement
April 9	How to Manage Projects and Meet Deadlines
April 17	Goal Planning & Appraising Job Performance*
April 29	Emotional Intelligence
May 6	Conducting an Effective Interview*
May 8	Emotional Intelligence
May 22	Multi-Tasking in a Time-Challenged World
May 28 & 30	Power Presentations
May 29	Creativity and Innovation
June 8	Time Management

*Supervisory and Management Courses

If you are interested in attending any of these courses, visit the HR website for course and audience descriptions. A Request for Training form is available at www.bnl.gov/HR/staffdev/Staff%20Development%20site.asp.

Eric Forsyth Sails to Antarctica: Film, 3/4

The Brookhaven Retired Employees Association will sponsor the premiere of Eric Forsyth's one-hour film about his sailing trip from Long Island to Antarctica aboard his 42-foot yacht, *Fiona*. The film will be shown on Tuesday, March 4, at noon in Berkner Hall. Forsyth (shown at Greenwich Island, Antarctica) is a retired electrical engineer from BNL. He will be on hand to comment on the film and answer questions from the audience. The event is free and open to the public. All visitors to the Lab age 16 and over must bring a photo ID.



BERA-IAA to Hold 'Holi,' Festival of Colors, 3/22

Indian cultural performers requested



Priyanka Tope, the daughter of an ex-BNL employee, is performing an Indian classical dance, "Bharatnatyam."

The BERA Indo American Association (BERA-IAA) will hold its annual Holi Function — the Festival of Colors — on Saturday, March 22, starting at 2 p.m. at Berkner Hall. The program will consist of contributed songs, dances, instrumental music, etc. All are invited to attend and to contribute any of these or other activities related to the culture of the Indian sub-continent.

Holi, also called the "Festival of Colors," is a spring festival celebrated over a two-day period in Northern India and Nepal, while West Bengal celebrates it as Boshonto Utsheb. On the second day of Holi, people spend the day throwing colored powder and water at each other. The spring season, during which the weather changes, is believed to cause viral fever and cold. Thus, the playful throwing of the colored powders has a medicinal significance: the colors are traditionally made of Neem, Kumkum, Haldi, Bilva, and other medicinal herbs prescribed by doctors. Around the same time, New Year is ushered in by celebrating Ugadi in the Deccan region of India, and Vaisakhi in the southern and western India.

The Holi festival organized by the BERA-IAA on March 22 celebrates all these events with songs, dances, instrumental music, and more. The performances are by both amateur artists who have just started learning and some by significantly accomplished artists who have been learning for a number of years.

All reservations to attend and request to perform must be made at www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/iaa/Holi2008/. Ticket prices for advanced reservations are \$5 for adults (12 years and older) and \$2 for children (3 to 12 years, under 3 free). Ticket includes the cultural program at Berkner Hall and a snack of samosas and pizzas at the Recreation Hall in the apartment area.

Important dates:

- Last date for making a request to perform, March 1
- BERA-IAA decisions on who will perform, March 8
- Last date to purchase tickets at the regular price, March 15
- Last date to cancel tickets, March 20.

Arrivals & Departures

— Arrivals —

Peggy Caradonna..... Plant Eng.
Lynn Cohen..... EENS
Ashley Conway Medical
King Wilson..... NSLS-II

— Departures —

Jennifer Clodius..... CEGPA
Angelo Dragone..... NSLS
Patrick Sullivan EENS

Bulletin Archives, Service Ads

Read previous issues of the Bulletin at www.bnl.gov/bnlweb/pubaf/bulletin. For a list of services provided by BNL employees, on the external homepage, link to "Bulletin" then "Classified ads."

Hold That Date — 6/4

BREA Annual Luncheon

"Hear we go again!" declares Flo O'Brian of the Brookhaven Retired Employees Association (BREA) Luncheon Committee. The fifth Annual BREA Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 4, at the Three Village Inn in Stony Brook. Information on how to reserve will be announced shortly.

"Come and join in with friends or come and meet friends," says O'Brien. "We have good food and great company, and every year, the luncheon is as much fun as the year before. Don't miss it."

Women's History Month Program

Presenting 'The Extraordinary Self', 3/5

In honor of Women's History Month, an interactive presentation by Search World, Inc. titled 'The Extraordinary Self Program' will be sponsored by the BNL Diversity Office and Brookhaven Women in Science on Wednesday, March 5, at noon in Berkner Hall. All are invited to attend the 60-minute discussion by Shirley Singletary, CEO of Search World, Inc. and Diane Kramer, President of PeakSkills Learning Systems and originator of the Extraordinary Self Program. This interactive self-actualization program provides participants with ideas on how to develop their abilities and overcome obstacles to success. For more information, contact Kathleen Walker, Ext. 7105 or kwalker@bnl.gov.

CALENDAR

— THIS WEEKEND —

Saturday, 3/1

Chinese Lunar New Year Party

1:30-7 p.m. Recreation Hall. The Chinese Students & Scholars Club invites you and your family to a celebration for Chinese Lunar New Year and the Lantern Festival. Program: games, Chinese buffet, and Party Show. Tickets are \$6; \$3/child. Register ahead with Lihua Zhang, Ext. 3512, lh Zhang@bnl.gov, or Weiming Guo, Ext. 4403, wguo@bnl.gov.

Sunday, 3/2

*Trip to Art Expo, NYC

9:30 a.m. Some seats remain on the coach leaving B'haven Center for the International Art Expo at Javits Center at 34th St. West in Manhattan. Either attend the great art/sculpture show or take time in the city to do as you please. Tickets, \$20/person, are at the BERA Store, Ext. 3347 (open weekdays until 3 p.m.). Depart NYC at 5 p.m.

— WEEK OF 3/3 —

Tuesday, 3/4

*Forsyth Film on Trip to Antarctica

Noon. Berkner Hall. Eric Forsyth will be on hand to comment on a one-hour film on his recent voyage. All are welcome to this free event, open to the public. Visitors of 16 or over must carry photo ID. See above, left.

Thursday, 3/6

National Instruments Demo

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Berkner Hall lobby. National Instruments representatives will show the latest in computer-based measurement and automation technology, including demos of LabVIEW and instrumentation platforms such as PXI and compactDAQ. Contact Robert Berger, (516) 507-7001, for more information.

— WEEK OF 3/10 —

Wednesday, 3/12

*BSA Distinguished Lecture

4 p.m. Berkner Hall. Thomas Lovejoy, Heinz Center for Science, Economics, & the Environment, will speak on "Climate Change: Prospects for Nature." All are welcome to this free talk, open to the public. Visitors of 16 or over must carry photo ID. See page 1.

— WEEK OF 3/17 —

Wednesday, 3/19

BSA Noon Recital

Noon. Berkner Hall. Paul Galbraith will interpret works by Bach, Haydn, Brahms and Debussy, along with his own arrangements of folk tunes from around the world, on his eight-string Brahms guitar. All are welcome to this free concert, open to the public. Visitors of 16 or over must carry photo ID.

434th Brookhaven Lecture

4 p.m. Berkner Hall. Edward O'Brien, Physics Department, will speak on a topic to be announced. All are welcome to this free talk, open to the public. Visitors of 16 or over must carry photo ID.

Saturday, 3/22

*BERA-IAA Holi, Festival of Colors

2 p.m. Berkner Hall. The BERA Indo American Association will celebrate the annual Holi festival with song, dance, and instrumental music showing the culture of the Indian sub-continent. Tickets of \$5/adult, \$3/child, include a snack of samosas or pizza at the Recreation Hall. See www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/iaa/Holi2008/.

Note: This calendar is updated continuously and will appear in the Bulletin whenever space permits. Submissions must be received by the preceding Friday at noon to appear in the following week's Bulletin. Enter information for each event in the order listed above (date, event name, description, and cost) and send it to bulletin@bnl.gov. Write "Bulletin Calendar" in the subject line.