

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn131

Number of telescopes: 3

Number of organisers: 3

Number of attendees: 55

Event Report:

The Galilean Experience for IYA

On Thursday evening of the 22nd October 2009, many people came to the Runaway Bay Library to hear all about Galileo Galilei's amazing discoveries of the night sky that he made with his newly invented telescopes that he built 400 years ago in 1609.

After the slideshow presentation, I invited everybody outside to view a beautiful Crescent Moon and the magnificent planet Jupiter with its starlike moons, just like Galileo did 400 years ago. But unlike Galileo, everybody had a chance to see these marvellous objects through our 8-inch and 10-inch telescopes, with many exclamations of 'Wow' that's just amazing!!!

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the evening and had a wonderful Galilean experience, thank you to Kevin Dixon and Julian Gheno from the Southern Astronomical Society for bringing along their telescopes to help show everyone the night sky.

Many kind regards

Noeleen Lowndes in Australia :-)