

## Night Sky Network Award Winners

For the second year, the Night Sky Network acknowledged those who take the lead in astronomy outreach. They are the Night Sky Network Stars, and they each receive a pin and a certificate as thanks for their work.

Astronomy education has always been a goal of NEKAAL. If you've been to Farpoint, or been taught where constellations are, or learned how to use a telescope, you've been affected by astronomy outreach. On a self-serving note, **many of our members came from outreach efforts** [editor's emphasis]. AND, it's public interest in astronomy that has helped continue things like the Hubble telescope (you've heard of *that*, right?), the Cassini mission to Saturn and the Spitzer space telescope.

The recipients of the award this year have done presentations, staffed star parties, arm-wrestled telescopes, and written articles. This year's awards were presented at the February board meeting, since that's the only time we could get 'em together with someone around to applaud.

### NEKAAL's Night Sky Networks Stars for 2008:

Brian Martin  
Janelle Burgardt  
William Leifer M.D.

**Editor's Note:** Yes, I came from an outreach effort. It happened when my Dad reached out for my Mom.