**Sidewalk Astronomers Recognition Award**

**Rules and Guidelines**

1. Only true sidewalk events are eligible. These include street corner observing and events held in National and Regional Parks. **This is not an Outreach Award**, so the scope of events is limited. Please know that we are not diminishing the importance of outreach, dark sky, or observatory events, it’s just that they are not applicable to this Award.
	1. Eligible Events
		1. Events held on street corners or sidewalks
		2. Events held in City Centre Parks where the public regularly passes
		3. Events held in National and Regional Parks at large campgrounds or Visitor’s Centers
		4. Events held on private property adjacent to a public area or sidewalk (many places require that you technically be off the sidewalk, so they are held in front of local businesses immediately adjacent to the sidewalk)
		5. Both solar and night time observing are eligible
	2. Ineligible Events
		1. School and Library Outreach Events (unless your sidewalk observing just happens to be on school or library grounds, like a large, busy college campus or on the corner in front of the library).
		2. Girl/Boy Scout Outreach Events
		3. Programs for Specialty Club Meetings ( Rotary Club, Civitan Club, etc)
		4. Dark Sky parties that are publicized and open to the public
		5. Observing events held at local planetariums, observatories, or science centers.
2. The judging committee will make final decision as to eligibility of events. We know that many events do not fall neatly into categories and every attempt will be made to determine eligibility in a fair manner. Local customs and restrictions will also be taken into account when determining eligibility. Judges decisions are final.
3. **ALL eligible events must have been free of charge for the public.**
4. You must submit at least 3 different events.
5. This is a new program, so events will be eligible starting Jan 1, 2010.
6. All applications must be accompanied by completed event reports. Event report forms are posted on the website for download.
7. Applications and event reports can be mailed or submitted electronically. Application and report forms are available for download on the website.