



# Project ASTRO - Tucson

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## Project ASTRO Staff Changes

Since our first Project ASTRO-Tucson workshop in 1996, Ginny Beal has been on the front line as Project Coordinator, directly responsible for running the workshops, chairing the 11-site National Network, and being in contact with all our ASTRO partners in the Tucson area. So, it was with great reluctance that I recently accepted Ginny's resignation; Ginny left NOAO to pursue opportunities in science education consulting. Please join me in wishing Ginny well as she continues on life's journey.

I am pleased to announce that Connie Walker has just come on board as Program Coordinator for NOAO Educational Outreach; her duties include being Site Coordinator for Project ASTRO-Tucson. Connie is known already to many of you as an astronomer at the UA's Steward Observatory and a Project ASTRO astronomer partner since 1996. You will meet Connie at the March 24 follow-up workshop, and can contact her at [cwalker@noao.edu](mailto:cwalker@noao.edu), 318-8535.

A further addition to the NOAO Educational Outreach team is our Administrative Coordinator, Kathie Coil. Kathie has made an enormous difference to our group since she started in December, and with Connie stands ready to support the Project ASTRO-Tucson community. You are encouraged to contact Kathie at [kcoil@noao.edu](mailto:kcoil@noao.edu), 318-8230.

We look forward to seeing you at the March workshop and working with you for many years to come.

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## Call Now to Reserve Supplies for the March 24, 2001 Project ASTRO Event

### Make a Classroom Set of 'Topo Boxes'! Experiment with Craters!

Call now to reserve your space and supplies for this fun Project ASTRO event! Teachers and astronomers from all five years of Project ASTRO are invited for a morning of activities. We'll make class sets of "Venus Topography Boxes" (see *UAYF* Activity C-7), demonstrate a cratering experiment (see *UAYF* Activity E-1), and distribute the latest astronomy give-aways.

**We need to know how many supplies to have on hand, so please let us know if you will attend by contacting Connie Walker at [outreach@noao.edu](mailto:outreach@noao.edu), or call 318-8535.**

**Date & Time: Saturday, March 24, 8:30am - noon**

**Location: National Optical Astronomy Observatory patio  
950 N. Cherry Ave.**

*We're mixing Stucco, so wear old clothes or bring an apron.*



### A STELLAR OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS AND ASTRONOMERS!!!

- ★ Continue your Project ASTRO partnership!
- ★ Invite other teachers and astronomers to join our family!
- ★ Applications are being accepted for 2001/2002, our 6th year!

Application form and Fall 2001 Workshop information is enclosed.

### Farewell From Ginny Beal

ASTRO friends, it was with mixed feelings that I left my position with NOAO, effective January 31, as I move on to pursue opportunities in the world of education consulting.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Project ASTRO coordinator since shortly before the first workshop in November 1996. The work I've done has been very gratifying to me. I treasure the many friends I've made and all that I've learned, and I hope those touched by Project ASTRO have benefited from my efforts.

To the dedicated astronomers and teachers whose work with students I respect and admire, keep up the good work and Clear Skies!!!!

### Project ASTRO - Tucson Coalition Organizations

*Flandrau Science Center, Kitt Peak National Observatory, Lunar & Planetary Lab, Mt. Graham Discovery Park, National Solar Observatory, Pima Community College, Pompea & Associates, Steward Observatory, Whipple Observatory, Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association, Tucson Unified School District, and the US Gemini Program.*

