

SOUTHERN STAR



May 2-5, 2024

Wildacres Retreat

- **Four fabulous speakers!**
- **Camaraderie with your astro friends!**
- **Great accommodations and food at Wildacres Retreat!**
- **Solar observing and night-time observing**
DARK skies until moonrise (3:30 AM)!
- **Wine and Cheese Reception and Ice Cream Social!**
- **Nature hike and planetarium show (optional)**
- **Door Prizes!**
- **Swap tables! Trade or sell your old stuff –**
Trade or buy some new toys!
- **Three nights: Adult 18+: \$310.00 (double occupancy)**
Child 6-12: \$135.00
Child 3-5: \$100.00
Day Attendee: \$80.00
Adult single occupancy: \$400

Registration opens on February 12, 2024

Check our web site for registration details

charlotteastronomers.org/southern-star/



Dr. Barbara Becker

University of California at Irvine - Retired

*Johannes Kepler: Why Are the Heavens Such and Not Otherwise?

*Dispelling the Myth of the "Able Assistant":

Margaret Huggins's Contributions to the Rise of the New Astronomy



Dr. Judy Beck

University of North Carolina - Asheville

*Gravity's Greatest Hits

*Eclipses



Dr. Britt Lundgren

University of North Carolina - Asheville

*Time Domain and Multi-Messenger Astronomy

*Satellite Constellations



Dr. Yashashree Jadhav

Elon University

*Monsters on the Move: A Search for

Gravitationally Recoiling Supermassive Holes

*A Brief History of Ancient Asian Astronomy