



Better Lights for Starry Nights
September 30, 2018, 2pm – 5pm
Wimberley Community Center
AGENDA

Welcome remarks from the Hill Country Alliance and the International Dark-Sky Association

Local update from the Wimberley Valley Dark Sky Committee

Losing the Dark: A short video introduction to light pollution around the globe.

Better Lights for Better Nights: A discussion of the adverse effects of artificial light on humans and other living creatures and how we can reduce those effects while cutting energy costs and preserving the night-time charm of our communities.

About the presenter: Cindy Luongo Cassidy is a national award winning Dark Sky advocate who has for many years led the Texas Chapter of the International Dark Sky Association.

Break for refreshments provided by the Leaning Pear

Saving the Night: A Perspective from the McDonald Observatory: How light pollution impacts science done at the Observatory and what the Observatory and west Texas communities are doing about it.

About the presenter: Bill Wren is an educator for the McDonald Observatory, nationally known for his work protecting the skies over the observatory from light pollution in West Texas.

Evaluating the Light on Your Property and the Be A Star Award: How individual business owners and homeowners can be a part of the solution – and be recognized for it.

About the presenter: Bettymaya Foott is the Director of Engagement for the International Dark-Sky Association. Before that, she was the Coordinator for Colorado Plateau Dark Sky Cooperative and the Consortium for Dark Sky Studies at the University of Utah.

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