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SMCAS General Meeting and Presentation on Friday December 2, 2022

Introduction to Astrophotography

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Friday, December 2, 2022, <u>College of San Mateo</u>, <u>Building 36</u> SMCAS General meeting at 7:00 p.m. ISC Room, room 110 Presentation at 8:00 p.m. <u>Planetarium</u> Free and open to the public, free parking (recommend lots 5 or 6).

Have you ever wondered how astronomers take a picture of another galaxy or celestial object? In this presentation, you will hear how amateur astronomers produce these images. This includes the required equipment, what an imaging session looks like, and finally, an overview of processing data into a final image. Whether you are a casual observer or just getting started, this presentation will provide you insight into astrophotography. Former SMCAS president, Frank Seminaro, will give this presentation



and also display some recent SMCAS member images. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session with experienced SMCAS astrophotographers.

Western Veil, by Frank Seminaro, through a C14 Hyperstar. It's a stack of ten 60 second shots through a narrow band filter. It was first light for a new camera: an ASI2600MC Pro.

Frank Seminaro is an avid astrophotographer. He is a current Board member and past president of the San Mateo County Astronomical Society.

