



# 50th Anniversary of the National Observatory

- 1955 NSF agrees there is a need for a National Observatory
- 1957 Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy incorporated
- 1958 Tohono O'odham Nation approves lease to NSF of 200 acres of Iolkam Du'ag, Kitt Peak
- 1959 Arlo Landolt, first official visiting observer
- 1960 Dedication of Kitt Peak National Observatory, March 15
- 1962 First Light McMath Solar Telescope
- 1962 Cerro Tololo site selected
- 1964 Kitt Peak Visitor center completed







# Highlights Of 50th Anniversary Activities



Open House For Tohono O'odham Nation September 13, 2008, Our Largest Ever

Over 1,000 members of the Nation attended.

The Observatory, Schuk Toak District, and the Nation have worked together to share what is done at the observatory with the people of the Nation and to share the culture of the Tohono O'odham with the staff of the Observatory.







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Artists' Workshop on Kitt Peak  
Oct. 17-23, 2009

International Association of  
Astronomy Artists ([iaaa.org](http://iaaa.org))

Artists in residence

Interacted with the Tohono  
O'odham Cultural Museum

Art Work Shown at Lunar  
Planetary Lab, University of  
Arizona



**Midday on Kitt Peak**  
W. K. Hartmann, 2009



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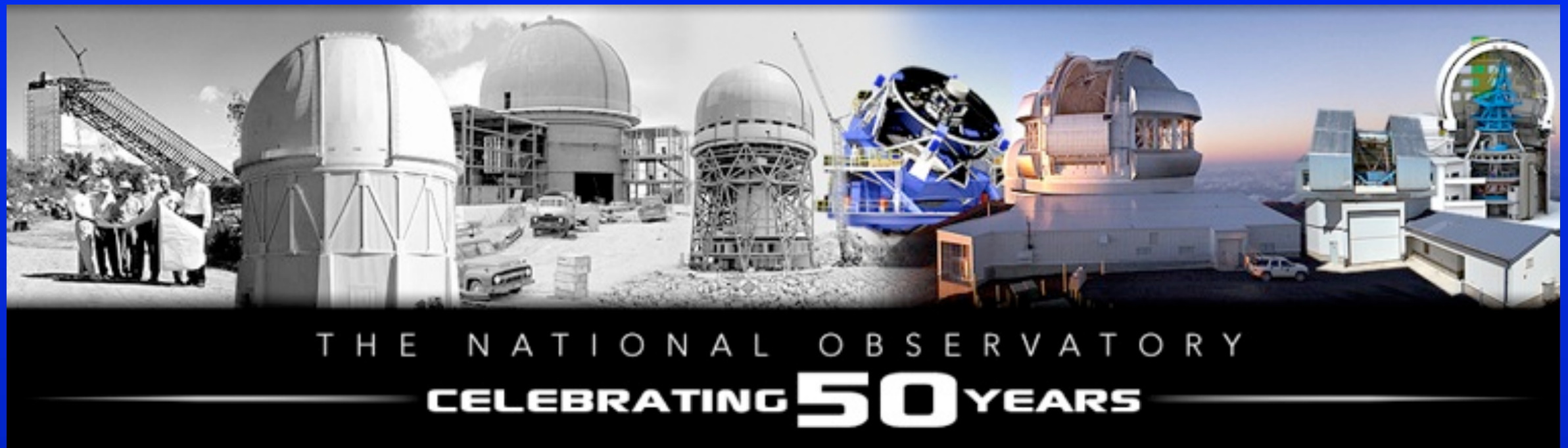
- Reunion Event (for former and current employees), November 2009







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**Funding:** NSF and AURA

**Science Symposia LOC:** Knut Olsen (chair), Nanette Bird, Jane Price, Elizabeth Alvarez, Lori Allen, Buell Jannuzi, Tod Lauer, Rob Seaman, Cathy Blough, Anjie Lewis, Mark Newhouse, and Jim Tracy

**Poster Design:** Pete Marenfeld **Photos:** Emily Acosta, Darly Willmarth **Web Registration/Accounting:** Erik Timmermann, Anna Daniel **AV:** Simon Schuler **Movies/History Material:** John Glaspey, Marenfeld, Acosta

**From First Light to Newborn Stars:** Lori Allen (chair), Fred Adams, Mark Dickinson, Bruce Elmegreen, Lee Hartmann, Buell Jannuzi, Rob Kennicutt, Philip Massey, Joan Najita Knut Olsen, Alexandra Pope, Naveen Reddy, and Steve Strom

**The Eventful Universe SOC:** Tod Lauer (chair), Joshua Bloom, Tim Brown, Steve Howell, Lynne Jones, Robert Kirshner, Tom Matheson, Chris Miller, Abhijit Saha, Rob Seaman, and Paula Szkody

**50th Celebration Symposium SOC:** Buell Jannuzi (chair), Lori Allen, Todd Boroson, Steve Keil, Tod Lauer, and Sidney Wolff

**50th Steering Committee:** Elizabeth Alvarez (chair), Vera Rubin, Jennifer Lotz, Rich Fedeale, Bill Livingston, Bill Schoening, Steve Strom, Karen Wilson, Buell Jannuzi, Malcolm Smith

and many, many, more including Karen Wilson, Bill Schoening, Katy Garmany, Barbara Fraps....



