

Our Night Sky for the week of September 24

On Friday of this week is a full moon again. If you get a chance, download the NASA moon viewing maps, they are excellent and free. NASA is promoting [NASA International Observe the Moon night](#) on Saturday October 21. The Prince George Astronomical Society will be having an open house that night as well and there be telescopes and helpful astronomers to help you find some of the sights NASA is suggesting. To find out more, visit the Prince George [website](#). With all current activity planned in the near future for the moon, we should become more familiar with features and locations on the moon. Who knows, you may vacation there when you retire.

Let's take a moment to look for another circumpolar constellation. This one is high in the eastern sky and easy to spot. It looks like a large W and is called Cassiopeia. The Greeks had some pretty strange stories for the constellations. Cassiopeia was very vain and compared herself to the Nereids, daughters of the sea god, Poseidon. Her punishment was to be chained to a throne spending half her time suspended upside down. A little harsh perhaps but remember these folks didn't have radio, tv, movies, not even books so they made up stories about the only thing that was always there in front of them, the stars.