

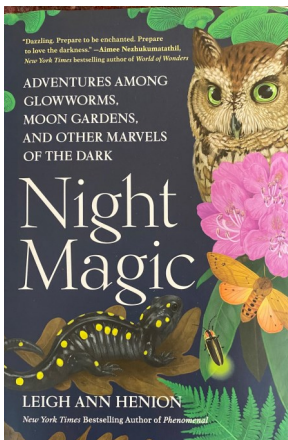
Battle Point Observatory (BPO) has a book club!

Join us to explore the importance of night...

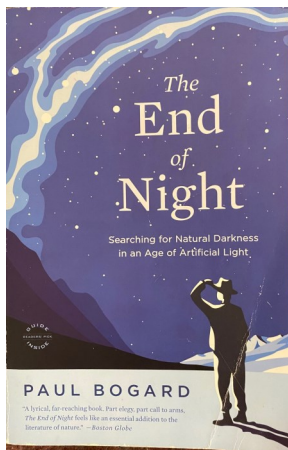
Have you noticed how few stars you see at night? Has singing "Twinkle, twinkle little star..." with your kids lost its meaning? Does anyone still "wish upon a falling star?"

Join the next 3 month session of the Battle Point Observatory's (BPO) book club. Artist-in-residence, Deborah Milton will facilitate an exploration of the importance of the dark nighttime sky and the devastating effects of light pollution.

Though there is no fee, register here to receive the zoom link.

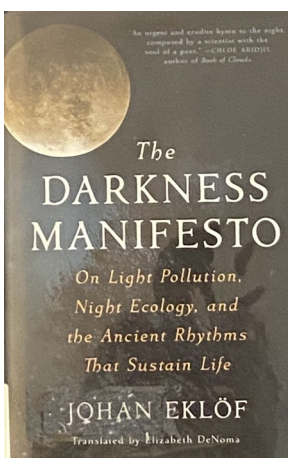


April 28th: Night Magic, published in 2024, illuminates the wonders of the night through the adventures of a young naturalist, sometimes accompanied by her young son. Delightful, engaging, and wondrous, she describes with discernment and detail, the fears, courage, humor and camaraderies made possible by exploring the world after dark. In an example from the first segment (Vision Quest) of a section titled, Foxfire Glowing, Henion describes how it takes time, practice and patience to hone our senses which have been dulled by technology of one kind or another. "We don't know how our own night vision works," she writes. One of her mentors, Tal Galton, describes how, "Even smartwatches stand to be an issue out here...(destroying night vision)...Protect it. Consider it a precious resource, because that's exactly what it is."



May 26th: Published in 2013, Bogard's book is still timely, covering a wide range of topics and including discussion questions, actions to take, ideas to ponder! A testimonial illuminates: "Paul Bogard deploys his brilliance to seek out and celebrate the primordial darkness that surrounds our lit-up bubble. He shows how much we lose by living cooped up inside this perpetual glare, cut off from the beauty and mystery of the cosmos, lulled into thinking we are masters of the universe rather than members of the web of life. And he shows how we might reconnect to that original world."

Scott Russell Sanders, author of Earth Works, A Conservationist Manifesto, & others



June 23rd: Translated from Swedish, published in 2020, Johan Eklof's book is a treasure trove of short, pithy chapters ranging from light pollution's deleterious effect on the health of all life, including human life, to how the extinction of beauty in the night sky diminishes our own capacity for natural highs, no drugs needed! Eklof says: *With this book, I examine the impact that darkness and the night have on all living creatures...I hope that this book will inspire others, function as a reminder of the importance of letting the night be a part of our lives, and give insight into how much damage artificial light can do—be a challenge and a manifesto for the natural darkness.*