

Messier Fall/Early Winter Notes

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| M57 | NGC6720 | **Ring Nebula, amazing smoke ring |
| M56 | NGC6779 | Within a rich starfield |
| M27 | NGC6853 | **Dumbell Nebula, superb object |
| M71 | NGC6838 | Loose globular, looks like an open cluster |
| M29 | NGC6913 | Small, poor open cluster, 2deg south of γ Cygni |
| M72 | NGC6981 | Near the Saturn Nebula, NGC 7009 |
| M73 | NGC6994 | Group of 4 stars only, an "asterism" |
| M39 | NGC7092 | Very sparse cluster, use low power |
| M15 | NGC7078 | Rich, compact globular |
| M2 | NGC7089 | 200MM telescope needed to resolve |
| M30 | NGC7099 | Tough in one-night marathon |
| M74 | NGC628 | Faint, elusive spiral; tough in a small scope |
| M77 | NGC1068 | A Seyfert Galaxy; with starlike nucleus |

** Showpiece Object

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| Observing Chart Setup: | Scope: Celestron SCT8 Evolution, no filters |
| Location | Columbus Dark Site |
| Eyepieces | Eyepieces listed to give an idea of power suggested |
| Optimum Time | Sort field listing suggested priority and time frame |