



*Village Hall
Barrington Hills, Illinois*

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The Village of Barrington Hills is celebrating the International Year of Astronomy 2009. To commemorate this special year, a historic telescope is on display in the lobby of the Village Hall throughout the month of May.

The telescope is a 12 inch tube and truss Newtonian, handmade by Dr. Frank Moreau Sylvester in River Forest circa 1920. It is attributed by family members that Dr. Sylvester hand ground the mirrored lens and constructed various eyepieces.

The telescope was reassembled by Dr. Sylvester's grandson, local amateur astronomer Robert Sylvester, during Barrington Hills' 100 Hours of Astronomy event. The telescope was used to observe the rings of Saturn on the grounds of the Village Hall.



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