

## 2025 NCRAL Region Award

- This year's recipient:
  - Writer for Sky & Telescope
    - Explore the Night column
    - Celestial Calendar
  - Teaches community education astronomy in Duluth
    - Legendary ability to engage his audience and inspire
  - Writes the Astro Bob blog
  - Authored books
    - Magnificent Aurora
    - Wonders of the Night Sky
    - Night Sky with the Naked Eye
    - Urban Legends from Space
  - Member of AVSO
  - Member of MAS and AAS
  - Keynote speaker for the MAS's Northern Night's Star Fest for the past 5 years
  - Photographer and writer for Duluth News Tribune for 45 years
  - Public Science Educator
  - Keynote Speaker for ALCON 2018 and NCRAL 2024



**Bob King**

Arrowhead Astronomical Society & Minnesota  
Astronomical Society

This year's recipient of the NCRAL Region Award is Bob King, a member of Arrowhead Astronomical Society and Minnesota Astronomical Society. The Region Award is NCRAL's most prestigious award given to a member who demonstrates extraordinary skill, generosity and devotion to promoting amateur astronomy and supporting NCRAL goals and events. The above slide detailing Bob's accomplishments was shown at the NCRAL 2025 conference in Minnetonka, MN. Though impressive, this list doesn't do justice to his high level of involvement and commitment to popularizing the hobby. The North Central Region of the Astronomical League takes great pride in giving this award to a very deserving recipient. Congratulations to Bob for receiving the 2025 NCRAL Region Award.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan Sheidler".

Alan Sheidler, NCRAL Chair