

Astronomy Club of Asheville  
**February 2026 Sky Events**

## The Moon Joins 3 Planets at Dusk

During early evening twilight on **February 18-19**, a thin waxing crescent Moon (only 2.5% illuminated on the 18<sup>th</sup>) will join 3 planets (Venus, Mercury, and Saturn) in the zodiac constellations Aquarius and Pisces.

At dusk on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> (about 6:45 p.m. in the Asheville region), use binoculars or a small telescope to view the very close conjunction of the Moon with the innermost planet Mercury – separated by only 40 arc minutes. Areas farther south of Asheville will experience a lunar occultation (covering up) of the planet.

Using those binoculars or small telescope again, try to locate brilliant Venus very low on the W-SW horizon. Finally, using a small telescope, take a peek at Saturn and its nearly edge-on ring system. Saturn will leave our evening skies in March, returning again in October 2026.

