

Astronomy Club of Asheville
March 2026 Sky Events

Conjunction of the Moon with Venus

During evening twilight on **March 20th**, a slender waxing crescent Moon appears nearby the very bright planet Venus in the zodiac constellation Pisces, the Fishes.

The Moon is a very narrow 4.7% illuminated waxing crescent on this evening, while Venus is a waning 95% illuminated gibbous disk. Yes, Venus goes through phases as seen from Earth. Use binoculars or a small telescope to observe this phenomenon as Venus climbs higher in our skies over the next few months. You will observe its illumination percentage drop noticeably. In late September, as Venus begins to pass between Earth and the Sun, it will appear as a distinct narrow crescent low on the horizon.

This month Venus is beginning its orbital position as our “evening star” – a moniker it will hold until the end of September when it begins to swing around the back side of the Sun and become our “morning star” in late October.

The view from
Asheville, NC
about 8:15 pm
on Mar. 20th

