

Astronomy Club of Asheville
April 2026 Sky Events

On the night of **April 2nd**, the Moon, one day past full, will rise along with the bright star Spica in the east-southeast in the zodiac constellation Virgo.

Spica, the 16th brightest star as seen from Earth, is located some 250 light years away. It is a hot, young, spectroscopic binary star system that is estimated to be only 12.5 million years old – very young! This giant, blue-white star is estimated to be some 12,000 to 20,000 times more luminous than our Sun! Its name is derived from Latin, meaning “ear of grain”.

The Moon & Spica Rise Together

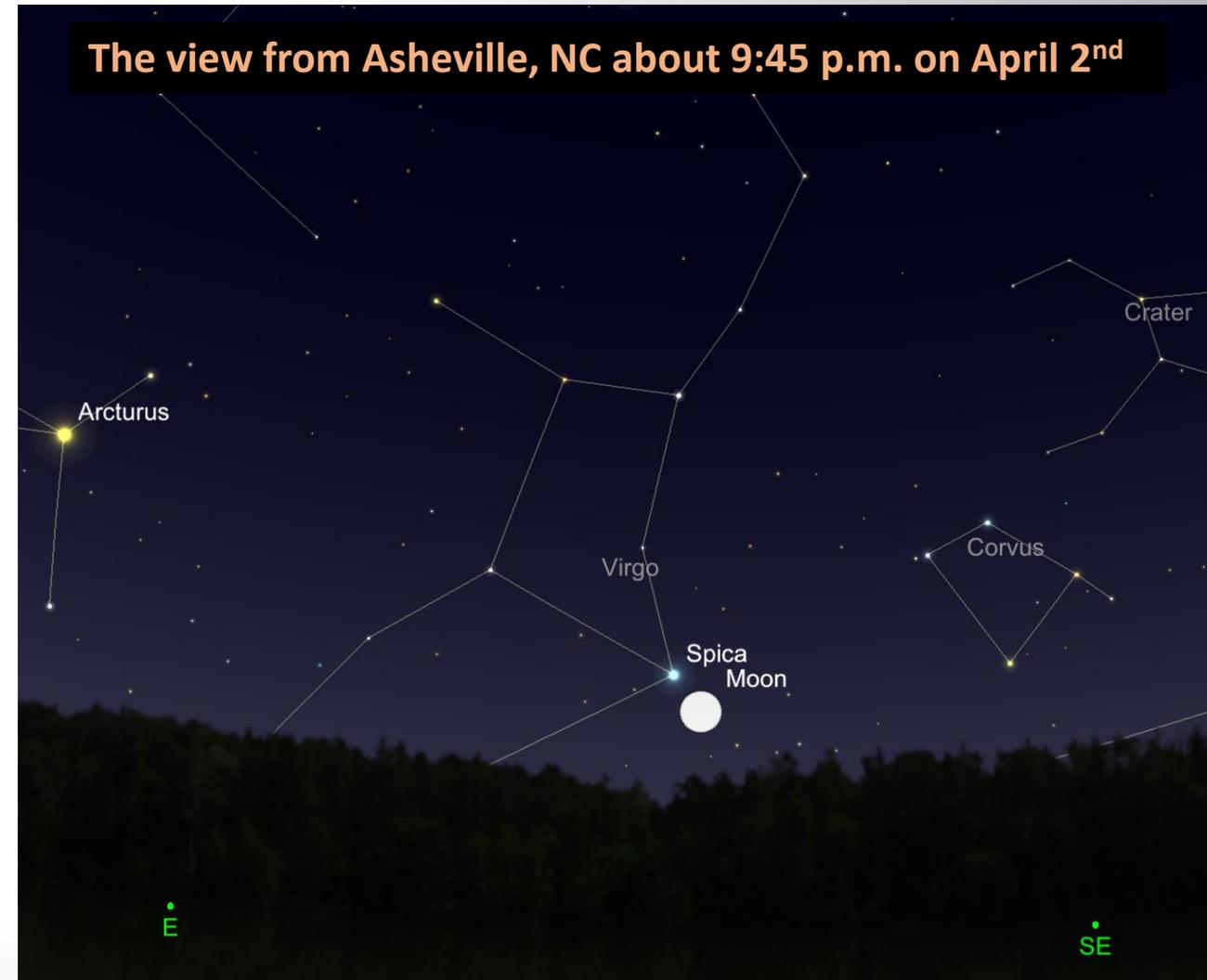


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