What’s happening in May?

On Tues., May 7, look for the last “Supermoon” of 2020! May’s full Moon, known as the “Flower Moon,” may appear slightly larger and brighter in the sky than other full Moons. That’s because at this time, the Moon will be located at perigee, the point in its elliptical orbit where it is the closest to the Earth. When a full Moon occurs at perigee, it has come to be known as a Supermoon.

Space Fact of the Month

With a total of 665,932 days, NASA Astronaut Peggy Whitson holds the record for American with the most time lived in space!

Star Chart FAQ

How do I use the star chart?
Hold it out in front of you with the direction you’re facing at the bottom of the chart. It works even better if you hold it above your head and look up at it.

Why are east and west switched?
They are only switched because you’re used to looking at maps of the ground. Hold it above your head, and you’ll see the directions line up just right.

Why isn’t the Moon on the star chart?
The star chart covers a whole month. During this time, the Moon travels all the way around the Earth, doing a full lap around the sky.

Try to see how far the Moon moves compared to the background stars from day to day.