

Being a Celestographer: Keeping Track of Celestial Events & the Passage of Time

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Being a Celestographer: An Invitation to Art and Science

Designed by NeurAstra as part of its citizen science initiatives, « *Being a Celestographer* » is an artistic exploration of celestial and meteorological phenomena—a contemporary revival of a practice inspired by the French artist André des Gachons.

Originally conceived as a scientific exercise in sky observation and recognition of natural patterns—such as the shapes of clouds, the movements of the wind, and the colours of the horizon—celestography now invites artists worldwide to reinterpret this practice through their unique perspectives. By blending artistic expression with scientific curiosity, we aim to transform this stylistic exercise into a collective celebration of the world's beauty.

We'd love for you to join us!

Using the provided template (see next page), we invite you to create and share your own vision as a celestographer. Illustrate a celestial or meteorological event of your choice—there are no restrictions on style and medium.

We only ask for two criteria:

> the drawing/painting must focus on landscapes and a celestial or weather-related phenomenon.

(see *André des Gachons examples*)

> the date and location of your observation must be included in the template.

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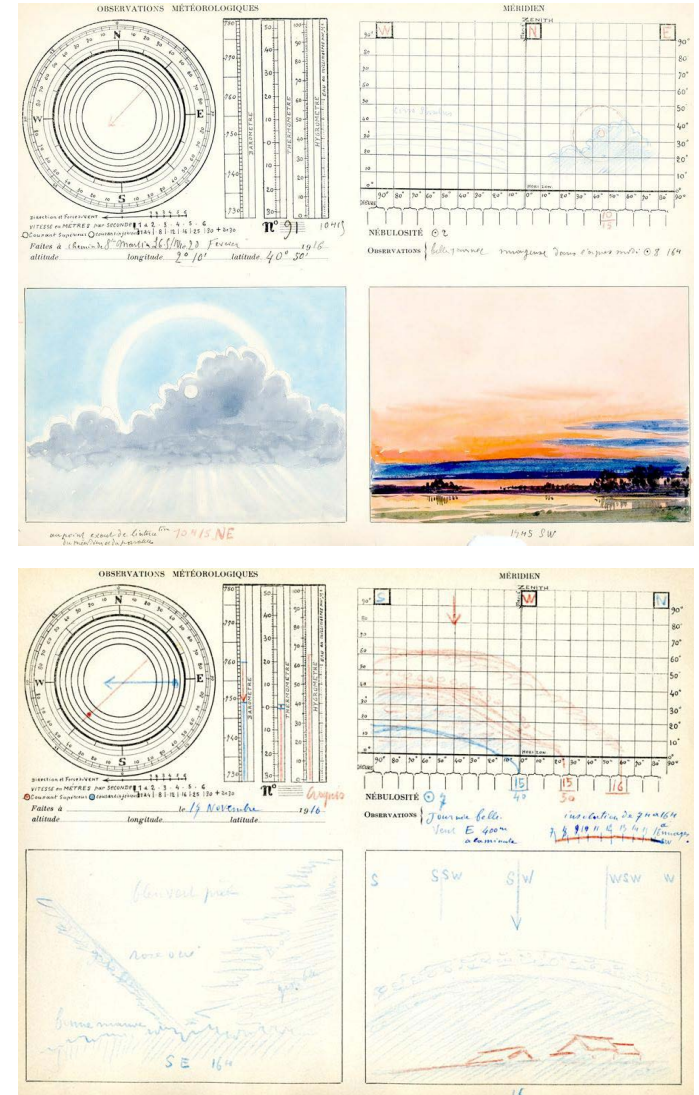
Once received, your proposal will be added to our collection of celestographs. This is, for now, an online initiative, with submissions credited and showcased on our website and social media platforms. However, in the future, and depending on the submissions' number and quality, we plan to organise an in-person exhibition to bring this project to life in a vibrant and creative space.

Feel free to reach out to us at contact@neurastra.eu if you have more questions, and, when ready, send us your contribution—we can't wait to see your work!

Let's explore the beauty of science and nature together.

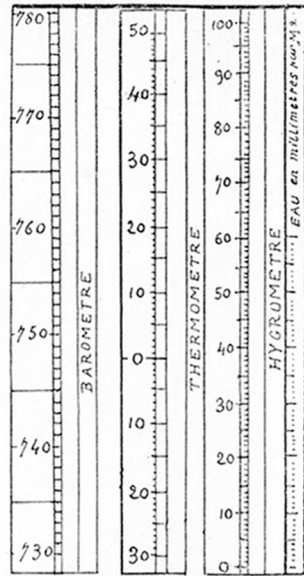
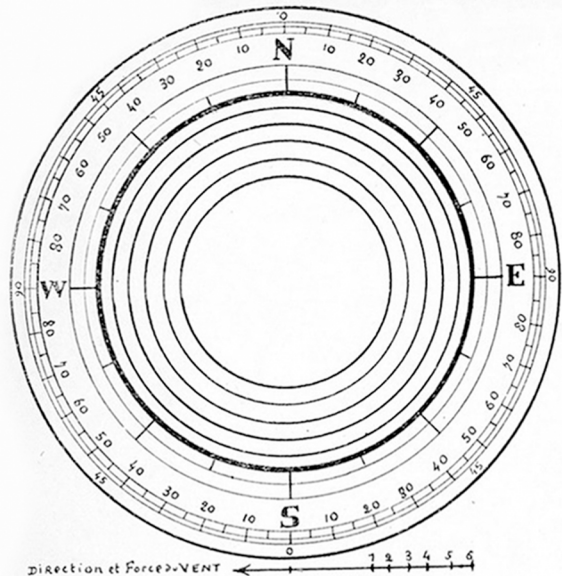
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André des Gachons Legacy



© Drawings of meteorological observations by André des Gachons. The French artist André des Gachons was a pioneer in blending art and meteorology. His meticulous drawings capture the fleeting beauty of atmospheric and celestial phenomena, serving as both artistic expressions and scientific records. Des Gachons' work continues to inspire contemporary initiatives like *Celestography*, which invites scientists and artists participants to observe and illustrate the ever-changing sky in their own unique styles.

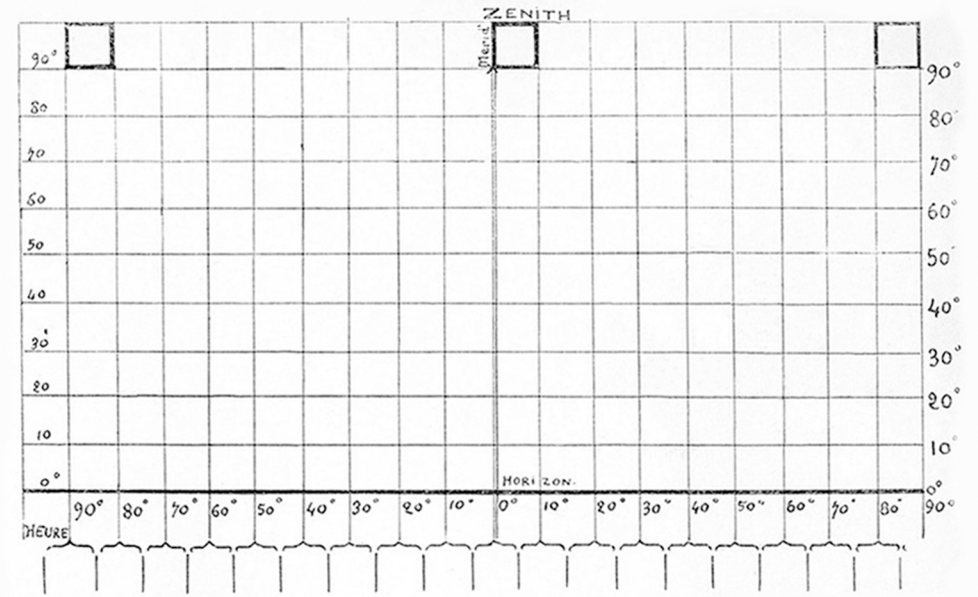
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