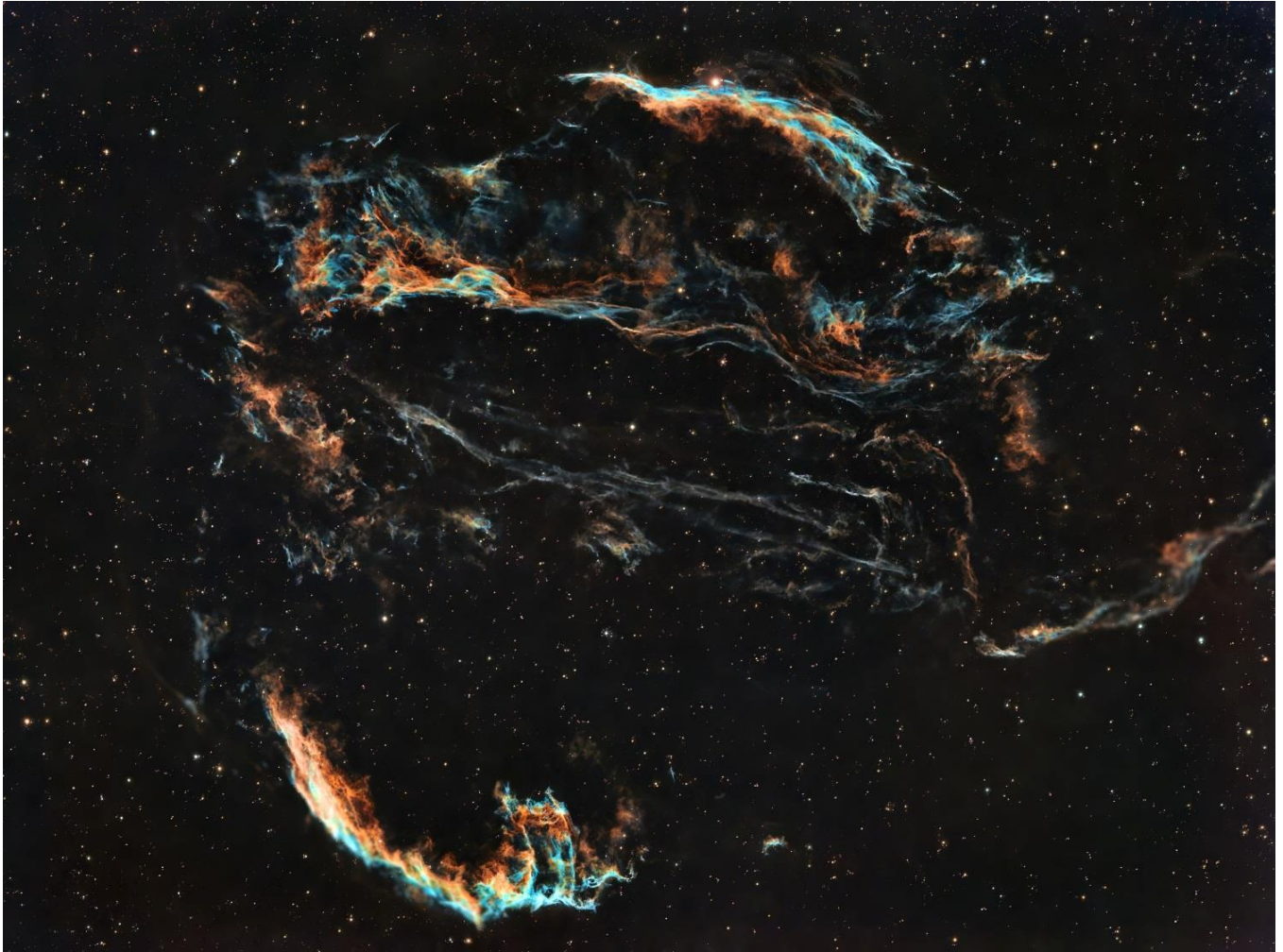


Photonic Cleaning Technologies presents; Mike Lockwood – Learning a New Hobby In My Late 60's



Veil on my 70th

In 2020 when life was partially shut down due to Covid, I found myself longing for a new hobby that was immersed in details and enjoyment.

I've always loved anything related to the Cosmos since a very young age.....so I decided to purchase a telescope, that is where I took a deep dive down the rabbit hole of astrophotography.

My wife recommended I contact one of her high school classmates who posted images of Nebulae and Galaxies on Facebook. That was my first step and he set me on the path with advice and recommendations. I studied YouTube videos, read articles, books, and anything related to astrophotography as my knowledge grew.

I eventually accumulated the core components of astrophotography: A nice Stellarvue refractor telescope along with a dedicated astrophotography camera, ASI Air (minicomputer), electronic filter wheel and focuser. Add in the complimentary Deep Sky filters (Ha, OIII, SII, RGB)....my set up was complete and ready to use.

In the fall of 2021, I captured my first Deep Sky Object – The North American Nebula. It was not very good, but I was hooked, so deeper down the rabbit hole I went. More than 70 Deep Sky Objects to date....my passion for the hobby has grown.



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More YouTube Videos, more research and astrophotography articles to sharpen my imaging skills. Post processing was a challenge at first, but like they say...practice...practice – practice.

I realized after many hours of imaging, the lens on my telescope needed cleaning. More research..... I was fortunate to find Photonic Cleaning Technologies' YouTube videos.

I have always strived for perfection and realized Photonic Cleaning Solutions was the way to go for cleaning my precision Stellarvue refractor telescope. The Red First Contact All Inclusive Kit with the Water-Spot Pre-Treatment was perfect for my setup. What a difference after the first cleaning!

I am honored to be chosen by Photonic Cleaning Technologies to tell my story.

Clear Skies to all who enjoy peering out into the Universe!

Mike Lockwood – 70 years old and Still Staring at the Stars.

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