

The Program Committee announces that our [January 14](#) speaker will be Lowell Putnam and his talk will be,

**The Lowell Observatory: Past, Present, and Future.**

The Lowell Observatory, founded by Percival Lowell in 1894, has been a major discoverer of, and contributor to, our modern understanding of the universe. From the first evidence of the expanding universe to the discovery of Pluto, scientists at Lowell have been at the leading edge of astronomical discoveries. The Observatory also has a large visitor and on-line education component. Lowell's talk will cover the Observatory's work and the talk will be illustrated by videos depicting the staff and their findings.

Lowell Putnam is the fifth sole trustee of the Observatory having succeeded his father, Bill, in 2013. He is the founder of Video Communications Inc. and is on the Board of Directors of PeopleHedge, Inc. Lowell is a graduate of American International College and was awarded an honorary doctorate from Northern Arizona University. He joined the Country Squires in December.