**Astronomy Club of Asheville** 

## **December 2024 Sky Events**

## The Long Night Moon and Saturn Meet in Aquarius

- The Long Night Moon meets up with Saturn, in the constellation Aquarius the Water Carrier, on the night of **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. This year the Long Night Moon is "full" on the night of December 14/15.
- On these nights, Saturn is located some 898 million miles (80 light minutes) behind the Moon. Two other planets are shown on the chart to the right. You should easily spot brilliant Venus much closer to the horizon on theses nights. However, you will need a telescope to observe the distant blue-green disk of the planet Neptune – located some 2.8 billion miles away (247 light minutes)!

