

Astronomy Club of Asheville
September 2026 Sky Events

A Waxing Crescent Moon Meets a Waning Crescent Venus

Shortly after sunset on the evenings of **September 13-14**, a waxing crescent Moon sails by a waning crescent Venus in the constellation Virgo – the Maiden. You will need an unobstructed view low to the W-SW horizon to watch this conjunction.

Venus, along with Mercury, are interior planets and go through phases while orbiting the Sun, as seen from Earth. When Venus is seen in our evening skies, it is waning from a gibbous shape to a narrow crescent shape. Our “evening star” will soon reach “inferior conjunction” (passing between the Earth and the Sun) on October 23rd. Shortly after conjunction, Venus can be found in our dawn skies as our “morning star”, where it will appear as a waxing crescent.

This planetary dance creates lots of magic that is easily visible using a small telescope. On these September evenings Venus is only 30% illuminated and is located some 43 million miles from Earth (4 light minutes).

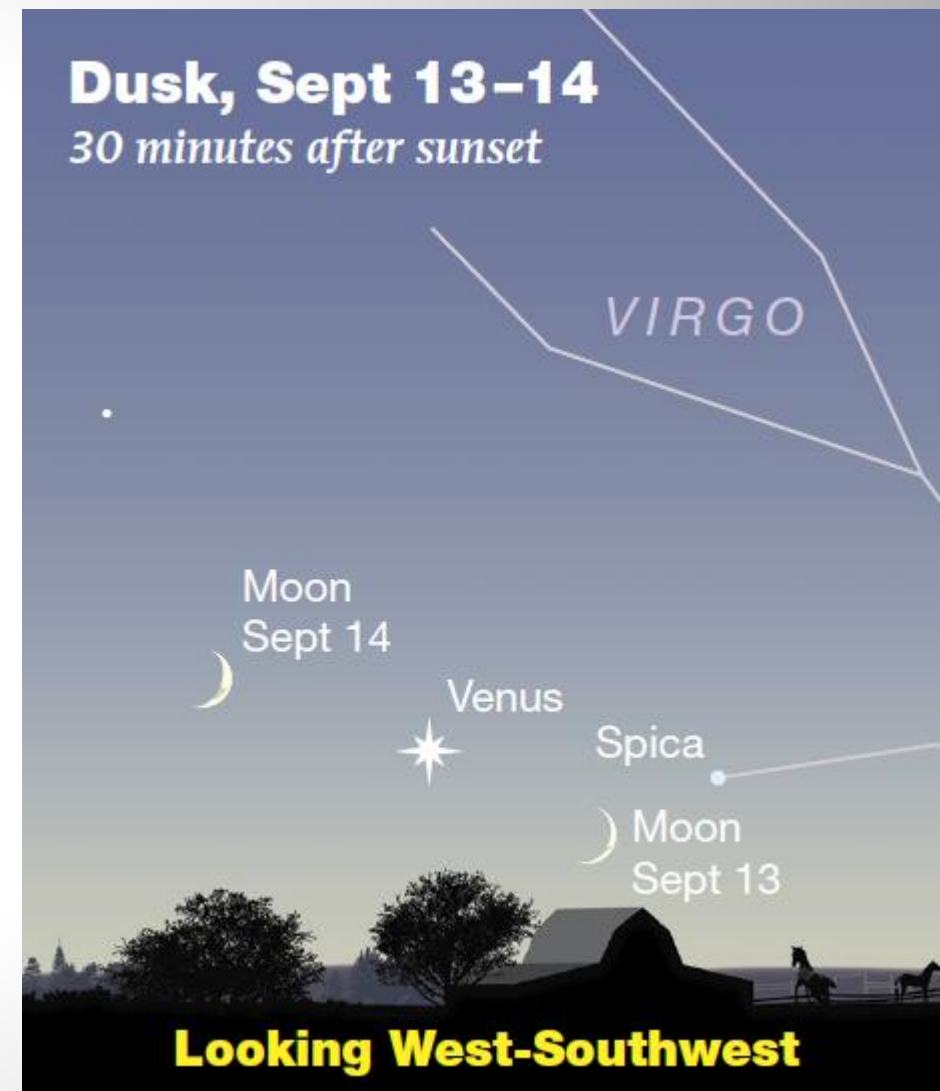


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