

## Marianne Dyson

Inspired by the Apollo program and science fiction, Marianne Dyson earned a degree in physics and became one of NASA's first ten women flight controllers. Dyson left NASA to raise her children, and now shares her passion for space through writing and speaking. She won the 2000 Golden Kite Award for Space Station Science (Scholastic, Windward) and the 2004 American Institute of Physics Science Writing Award for Home on the Moon (National Geographic). A member of SFWA and SCBWI, Dyson's articles, stories, poems, and activities have appeared in numerous publications including Analog Science Fiction and Odyssey magazines; and Best of Girls to the Rescue (Meadowbrook) and Eat My Martian Dust (Baker) anthologies. Dyson has appeared on C-SPAN2 and Reading is Fundamental, and was a science advisor for Scholastic's Space University series for which she wrote Stars and Galaxies in 2004. She designs and edits the annual program book and serves as webmaster for the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation (<http://www.rnasa.org/>) and is a science consultant for Enslow Publishing. Her next book is a historical reference, Space and Astronomy: Decade by Decade, that will be published by Facts on File in 2007. Dyson serves on the National Space Society's policy committee and leads the "Reading Space" section of their website. Hoping to keep in shape for future space travel, Dyson earned a black belt in Kuk Sool, and continues training in Houston. For more information, visit <http://www.mariannedyson.com/>.