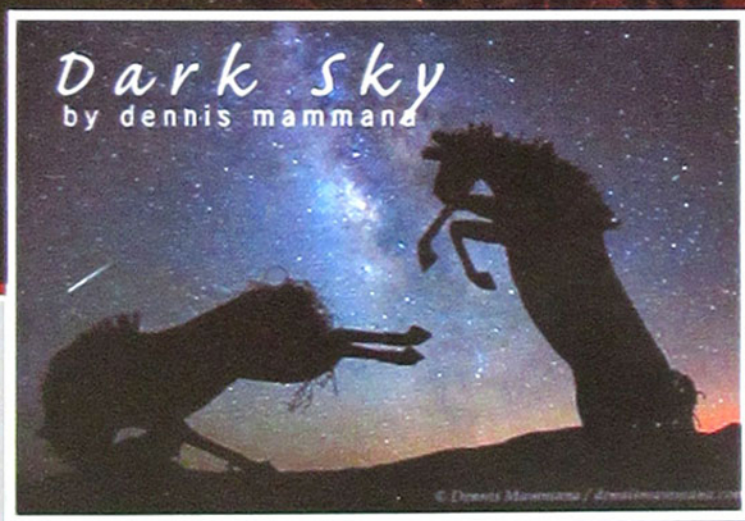


# Barrego's DARK SKY



**The** summertime Milky Way shines brightly over Southern California and nowhere is it more beautifully visible than

in the Anza-Borrego Desert. Borrego Springs has been declared a Dark Sky Community by the International Dark Sky Association. The IDA defines a Dark Sky Community as "a town, city, municipality, or other legally organized community that has shown exceptional dedication to the preservation of the night sky through the implementation and enforcement of quality lighting codes, dark sky education, and citizen support of dark skies."

Receiving the designation of Dark Sky Community is both prestigious and difficult to come by, having taken the Borrego Springs Dark Sky Coalition

more than two years to accomplish and placing Borrego Springs as one of only three communities in the world that have qualified for this distinction.

As a Dark Sky Community, Borrego Springs offers the rare opportunity to see a myriad of stars no longer visible in most cities. Whether you are a professional astronomer, an amateur astronomer, or just someone who wants to look up and see the rest of the universe, the night skies of Borrego Springs will amaze and delight you!

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