Transit of Venus (TV) Screen Workshop

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At the 2003 Annual Conference of the Great Lakes Planetarium Association (GLPA), participants of the make-it-and-take-it workshop constructed a device in which a crowd can view the sun safely. The text describing the procedures and supplies list will appear in the conference Proceedings.

Basically, a variety of inexpensive parts...

... and experimental designs...
...led to the final two products.

Workshop participants construct their solar-viewing devices; images courtesy of Gene Zajac.

Making it happen; image courtesy of Marc Rouleau.

No, Bart, it doesn't work that way; image courtesy of Gene Zajac.

Donors generously contributed alternative sun-viewing resources. Learning Technologies, Inc. contributed a Sunspotter. Rainbow Symphony contributed a pair of Solar Shades for every conference delegate. And Ray Shubinski set up a solar telescope. Images courtesy of Gene
The Sunspotter resolves the sunspot groups; image courtesy of Marc Rouleau.

The sun, seen here as a SOHO photo from that day, put on a spectacular show. Image courtesy of SOHO (ESA & NASA).

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