



**Cleveland Astronomical Society**  
**Thursday, May 1, 2003 Meeting Announcement**

CanalWay Center, Cleveland MetroParks, Off E. 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Heights

**Speaker: Karen Bjorkman**

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**"Searching for Disks in the Magellanic Clouds"**

We have questions about how disks form around stars. For stars designated as "Be stars," some astronomers have suggested that either the age of the stars or the amount of heavy elements may make a difference in whether a star easily can form a disk. Dr. Bjorkman will explain why the Magellanic Clouds are a good place to test these hypotheses. She will discuss how she and colleagues are using Cerro Tololo telescopes to learn about disk formation. Come hear Dr. Bjorkman describe her research and ask your questions.