

OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD VIEW

The aurora borealis casts a greenish glow over Earth's northern latitudes in this remarkable photo by astronaut Douglas Wheelock, taken from the International Space Station. A section of the station's solar panels is seen at the top. Wheelock, who moved into the station in June, had been posting his photos to his Twitter followers as Astro_Wheels. With his stay in the station coming to an end last month, Wheelock wrote about this photo: "Aurora Borealis as I will forever paint it in my dreams ... Leonardo da Vinci was right. 'For once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been ... and there you will long to return.'" Boeing is NASA's prime contractor for the International Space Station. In addition to designing and building the major U.S. elements, Boeing also is responsible for ensuring the successful integration of new hardware and software—including components from international partners—as well as for providing sustaining engineering work.

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