July Meeting

Sunday, July 14, 2013 1:15-1:40 pm Social Time 1:40 Meeting Begins

Program:

When to Prepare for the Worst But Expect the Best: Outer Planet Transits
By Nancy Webster

Nancy's talk will focus on some of the ways outer planet transits can affect a person's life, She will be giving specific examples and charts to illustrate her points. Nancy Webster is a relative newcomer to ASNT. An amateur astrologer, she began her study about 25 years ago. She is currently taking classes with Donna Henson to further her knowledge and understanding, and just gained her NCGR Level I Certification.

A native of Fort Worth, Nancy is a medical technologist with degrees in biology and accounting. Her primary interests outside of work include astrology, gardening and oil painting.

ASNT Annual Workshop

SEPTEMBER 7 & 8, 2013

At Jefferson First Unitarian Universalist Church 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth, TX - Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Chris Brennan (click on his name to link to his website for more information on Chris and his work)

We are pleased to welcome Chris Brennan to our ASNT podium. Chris is a rising star in the international astrological community with a degree from from Kepler College, is a past president of the Association for Young Astrologers, and a sought after speaker nationwide. His primary practical interest is in predictive astrology, and he delves into the historical and philosophical aspects of astrology as well.

The workshop brings an introductory series of lectures on Hellenistic Astrology. It will provide attendees with a framework to understand the concepts and methodology of this ancient system and begin to incorporate some of it into their own practice.



Chris Brennan, Astrologer Denver, Colorado

Be sure and pick up a brochure and registration form at the July meeting.

President's Corner

By Donna Henson, President

Why Education?

I've thought a great deal about astrological education the past months. There are several reasons for this.

- 1. When our organization was founded in 1972, astrological education was one of the goals. Mainly, we expected to learn from others in our organization as well as those from the broader astrological community. I believe we've fulfilled this well as we continue to bring in monthly lectures and a yearly workshop from an outstanding speaker in the field.
- 2. We need to keep up to date. In 1972, only a few of the more informed astrologers dared to use Pluto in their readings. We heard "It's just too new. We don't know enough about it. It's not a planet we can see. . .etc." Now we have learned enough about Pluto to know how important it is (even if the scientists have downgraded it). Then we've added some of the asteroids, the Vertex, and other points that expand our knowledge even more. Some of us are taking the opportunity to study Uranian Astrology which opens our minds to the use of midpoints and the speculative planets.



3. Some of the national organizations have been working to upgrade the level of astrology that is practiced. One way they've done this is to encourage members to subscribe to a code of ethics. Our purpose as astrologers is to be helpful, not to judge, and certainly not to harm anyone with our words. Another way is to encourage astrologers to take the national exams that are offered by several groups. This tells the public that the astrologer has at least that level of expertise and probably more.

We need to congratulate four of our members for spending several months studying for, taking, and passing – all with high scores – the Level I NCGR exam. They are: Jennifer Cottingham, Thaddeus Fenner, Christine Light, and Nancy Webster.

They are now eligible to continue to the other levels which includes some knowledge of other types of astrology –Uranian, Horary, Cosmobiology, Modern, and the Traditional, which includes Hellenistic astrology.

Most of us know enough about astrology to know about the rich possibilities in each chart. Don't we always suspect that there is even more there than we're seeing? September 7 and 8 CHRIS BRENNAN will be opening our eyes to more possibilities. This time the knowledge is from the past − the Hellenistic age. That's what ASNT is all about − astrological education. Don't miss it. ◆

Member Notes

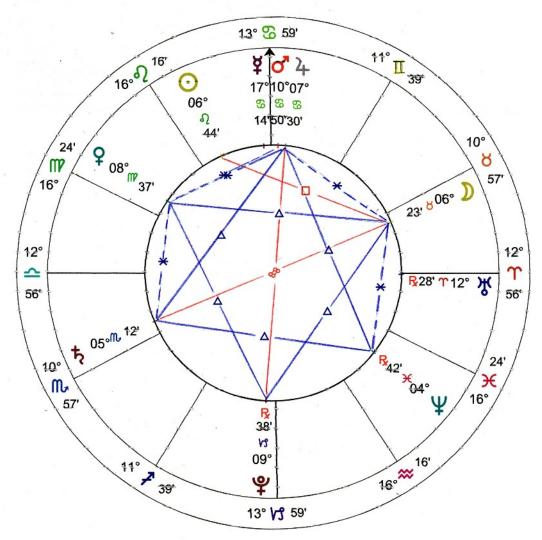
We're glad to report that **Susan Gray** is not moving after all. We''ll still get to see her at some of our meetings.

Welcome to our visitor at the June meeting: **Judith Paulsel.**

If you know of any member news that should be shared, please send an email to the editor at: sandrax11@charter.net.

GRAND SEXTILE - JULY 29, 2013

By Donna Henson



If you are lucky enough to have a planet (or an angle) at 4° - 10° of a water or earth sign in your chart, here's a challenge for you.

- Set up a chart for your location for noon July 29, 2013.
- Bring up your own chart and do a biwheel with yours in the center
- Record what is happening in your life at that time.

We are so accustomed to focusing on the difficult things that need our attention that we forget to count our blessings. On July 29, we have a rare configuration that is known as the Star of David or the Seal of Solomon. Seven

planets form this configuration – Neptune, Saturn, Moon, Jupiter, Venus, Pluto, and Mars. They form two grand trines (one a double one), three mystic rectangles, and six kites.

According to Roxanne Muise writing for the Austin astrological group, this magical configuration offers stability, power and harmony. However, the potential needs connection to someone or something in order to manifest some magic in life.

If this configuration connects to your chart, let us know at the August meeting how its magic is working in your life. We'll allow some time at the end of the lecture to share these experiences.

June 2013 Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of ASNT was held on June 9 with 11 members and one visitor present. Donna Henson called the meeting to order at 1:50 pm. Priscilla Peers gave the financial report. Donna said the 2 remaining Tom Roma 2013 calendar books were now 50% off. Sandra Williams announced a new Uranian Astrology course that Tracy Darling will teach. Donna said that Chris Brennen will be the workshop speaker this September. More information and brochures will be available at our July meeting. The workshop will be in the here at the church and Donna is working on having a lunch delivered for \$10.00 or less. Media Master Thadd Fenner will make MP3 recordings available.

Sandra introduced the June speaker, **Susie Patterson**, who spoke on relationships and how to work with clients from a psychological viewpoint. Rhavda Emison announced that she has opened her own shop and will be offering classes in numerology.

Nancy Webster will be our July speaker. We adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Submitted by Melinda Noble, Secretary

ASNT MEETING PLACE

First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist
Church in Fort Worth
1959 Sandy Lane
Fort Worth 76112

How to get there:

From I-30, take Cooks Lane exit, go south from the freeway to Brentwood Stair (second stop sign). Turn right, go about a half mile to Sandy Lane, turn left — it will be on your left, six streets down.

From the south: come up 820-E, take the Meadowbrook exit, go east (right) about a mile to Sandy Lane. Turn left. It will be on your right just past a small park.

Edward Snowden's Chart

By Eugene Johnson

The AFA newsletter has Snowden's chart: https://mail.google.com/mail/?tab=wm#inbox/ 13f9d702216b6326, with a brief write-up.

As you would expect, there are some very interesting configurations in his chart. Of particular interest is the layout of the planets: to wit, a very clear See-Saw pattern, with all the planets on the west being outer planets and retrograde, with the typical see-saw oppositions:

Sun/Mars opposing Neptune Mercury opposing Jupiter/Uranus.

The Sun/Mars conjunction opposing Neptune also plays into this with a partile sextile between Neptune and Pluto, and a tight Saturn conjunction to Pluto, trine Mars/Sun in Gemini.

This young man certainly has a tiger by the tail! He may feel that he is constantly picking up the pieces of his life as things tend to fall apart frequently. It may be easy for him to blame others because the outer planets, all retrograde, stand in the West, the place of the other. He may project his discomfort and frustrations onto others, particularly authority figures.

The Sun/Mars opposition to Neptune is also a very dicey combination, suggesting an experience of the draining away of energy, power, and control, again by others.

His motivations may be driven by nebulous, fantastical goals, at least, as seen by others. This aspect is indicative of high idealism and a willingness to sacrifice self for others through a sense of duty and obligation.

On the flip side, he may simply not be realistic. He may well be in a fog. ◆

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