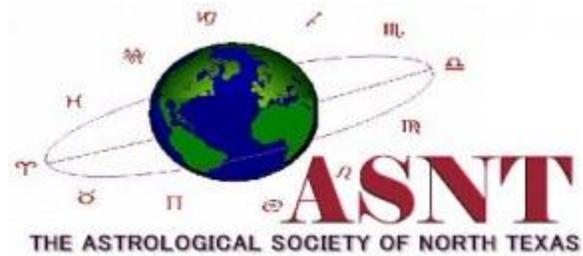


*The Vertex*

# Newsletter



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**August 2017    Welcome to the Astrological Society of North Texas!**

Join us Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 1:30 pm, 1st Jefferson Universalist Church, for  
“Symbolic: The Astrology of Adornment.”



Science + Psychology + Astrology + Symbol. Neuroscience proves that thoughts create reality, so it is true that what you believe materializes. Join cosmic jewelry designer Maurielle Balczon for an afternoon of discovery, about how to capture your inner beliefs in tangible form. We'll be using astrology to unlock the secret spiritual values of each zodiac sign, and bring those abstract qualities- such as justice, heroism, imagination, love, wisdom- into consciousness through wearable symbols. Come ready to create your universe.

**Maurielle Balczon is the Astrologer + Designer at SignPaths, a spirit-based lifestyle brand that offers intuitive insights and sacred jewelry to seekers from**

**all paths. SignPaths lives the mantra “Create Your Universe” by creating symbolic jewelry with mystical signs intended to remind the wearer to live outwardly their inner spiritual principles. Each piece is handmade by astrologer Maurielle Balczon who performs intuitive readings to match the wearer’s soul energy with the right gemstones to enhance their spirit journey. Helping others to live their inspired mission- and create a wearable, conscious symbol of their sacredness – is Maurielle’s inspiration. The SignPaths jewelry collection is currently sold in three boutiques and online. The popularity of Maurielle’s work led her to be scouted by Los Angeles-based RAW Artists who represent top emerging creatives in 60 cities around the world. In addition, Maurielle’s cosmic workshops have been hosted by trendy venues such as The Elaine Turner Store, Hotel Ylem, Mio Boutique, Body Mind and Soul bookstore, The Fashion Group International, The Houston Center for Contemporary Craft and Define Yoga & Wellness. Maurielle has served on the board of directors for the Houston Astrological Society and The Fashion Group International’s Houston chapter. She is also the horoscope columnist for a local fashion and society magazine.**

**There will be a speaker fee this month which is \$10.00 for all members and \$20.00 for non-members.**



## President's Message

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Me, called out of the TSA line at the airport. Again. My over-stuffed laptop bag has been unceremoniously pulled out of the x-ray machine for what must be its hundredth "bag check" since I bought it a few years ago. This is a normal occurrence for me because of how I pack the bag, but I'm running a little late this time and I was hoping to avoid the encounter this time. 25 minutes until boarding. If bags had eyes, he'd look at me and roll them like a Gemini. "You brought this on yourself Wayne," he'd say.

We have been through a lot, this bag and me. I'm very particular about my work accessories, and I chose this bag for very specific qualities – for one, it's a TSA-grade laptop bag, which means the laptop side separates just enough from the rest of the bag that it can supposedly go through the x-ray machine with less fuss and without taking the laptop out of the bag. But I'm "that guy" who absolutely stuffs the bag full of cables and tools and gadgets and more cables, so when it goes through the machine, it looks more like a nova burst of constellations to the person behind the screen than a simple laptop bag.

So off to the TSA inspection table it goes.

"Is there anything in here that can poke me?" the TSA agent asks. "I have a screwdriver in the front-facing pocket behind the business cards," I answer in my oft-repeated, almost rehearsed line. I'm a little worried about the time because my plane boards in about 20 minutes. They comment about how many cables and tools and gadgets I have. I agree; it's for work. I know not to ask them to hurry because while TSA can be slow, you do NOT want to ask a TSA agent to hurry up. They remove the offending cables and prepare the bag to go through the machine again.

And then they remove something from the bag I wasn't expecting. Something I had left in the bag but had not intended to travel with at all. And now I see that there's only 15 minutes until boarding and I get really nervous.

It's a judge's gavel. Wait, that's ASNT's gavel. The gavel that Marie entrusted to me, and that was passed on to her. The one that I was going to get names engraved on. I had accidentally left it in my backpack and here I am at the airport and the TSA agent is eyeing me up and down while hefting this judge's gavel in his hands, nudging his buddies like "hey boys, we got one."

I play it cool, not letting on I'm nervous at all. I say "isn't that the coolest thing? I was recently elected President of a non-profit here in North Texas that's been around since 1972 and ..." despite all the Leo charm I could muster, and despite trying to win them over with confidence... they would not let it through. They have a little mailer box where you can mail yourself things you accidentally left in your bag like a knife, but it was too big for that mailer box. My flight now was boarding in about 7 minutes. The charm seemed to work a little because I could tell the TSA agent was sad that he couldn't help. He offered to help me get to the FedEx office right outside and walk me back in, bypassing security, but FedEx wasn't open yet. He even called over the manager and gave me the number of the company who handles the objects to see if I could negotiate something with them, but he's never heard of anyone getting anywhere with them.

So, one month in and I've managed to get ASNT's gavel confiscated by an agent of one of the highest law enforcement agencies this nation has ever had. If that's not a sample of the impact one person can have, I don't know what is.

I'll have a new gavel on order very soon.

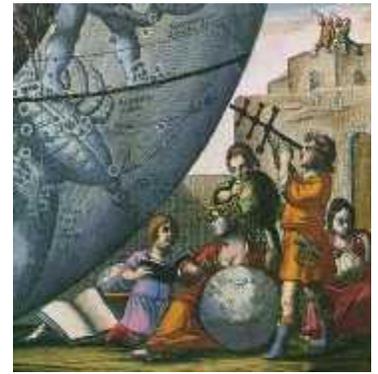
As a reminder, the board still has openings for Programs Director, Publicity Chair and Technology Chair. You can learn more about these positions on our website at [asntx.com](http://asntx.com) under "About Us".

Astrologically Yours,

Wayne Hall

# State of the Planets

*Making sure a planet is direct and in good aspect for activities represented by its rulership, we find that-*



It's here! This month, the **Solar Eclipse** we've all been waiting for!

 **Sun** – **Conjunctions:** (see Moon and scroll for more info on eclipses this month) Mercury August 26th. **Sextiles:** Jupiter August 10th. **Squares:** none **Trines:** Saturn August 13th, Uranus August 21st (during the eclipse). **Oppositions:** none. The **Sun** starts off the month strong in his own sign of Leo, and ingresses to Virgo on August 22nd.

 **Mercury** – **Conjunctions:** Sun August 26th. **Sextiles:** Venus August 10th. **Squares:** none. **Trines:** none **Oppositions:** none. **Mercury** begins August strong as he is in his own sign of Virgo, but is slow and stations retrograde August 12th at 11<sup>h</sup>38 conjunct fixed star Zosma.

 **Venus** – **Conjunctions:** none **Sextiles:** Mercury August 10th. **Squares:** Jupiter August 17th, Uranus August 24th. **Trines:** Neptune August 12th. **Oppositions:** Pluto August 15th. **Venus** is fast all month, and goes peregrine on August 9th and then is in her own terms from August 17th to August 23rd when she becomes peregrine again, ruled by the Moon. She ingresses to Leo on August 26th.

 **Mars** – **Conjunctions:** none. **Sextiles:** Jupiter August 20th. **Squares:** none. **Trines:** Saturn August 22nd. **Oppositions:** none. **Mars** is fast this month and makes his presence felt as he is conjunct the sun during the Lunar eclipse August 7th.

## Outer Planet Aspects and Stations:

 **Jupiter** – Moves from 17 Libra to 21 degrees Libra, and is fast all month. **Conjunctions:** none. **Sextiles:** Mars August 20th, Saturn August 27th. **Squares:** Pluto August 4th, Venus August 17th. **Trines:** none. **Oppositions:** none.

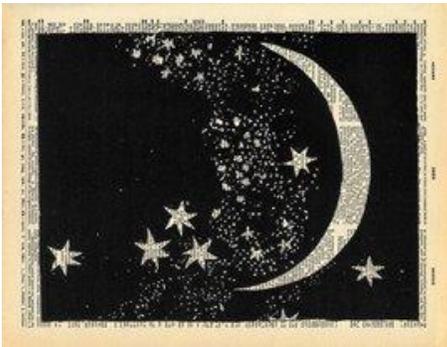
 **Saturn** – Is stationary at 21 Sagittarius. She will go direct on August 25th. **Conjunctions:** none. **Sextiles:** Jupiter August 27th. **Squares:** none. **Trines:** Sun August 13th, Mars August 22nd. **Oppositions:** none.

 **Uranus** – Stations retrograde at 28 degrees Aries on August 3rd. **Conjunctions:** none. **Sextiles:** none. **Squares:** Venus August 24th. **Trines:** Sun August 21st (during eclipse). **Oppositions:** none.

 **Neptune** – Moves from 13 to 12 degrees Pisces (retrograde). **Conjunctions:** none. **Sextile:** none. **Squares:** none. **Trines:** Venus August 12th. **Oppositions:** none.



**Pluto** – is at 17 degrees Capricorn (retrograde) all month. **Conjunctions:** none. **Sextiles:** none. **Squares:** Jupiter August 4th. **Trines:** none. **Oppositions:** Venus August 15th.



## Local Moon for August ~ The Full Moon is a Lunar Eclipse on

August 7th at 15<sup>h</sup>25, and the **New Moon** is a Solar Eclipse on August 21st at 28<sup>h</sup>52 conjunct the fixed star Regulus.

The moon is slow at the beginning of August, and resumes normal speed by August 10th. She is fast from August 13th to the 25th, and is slow from the 25th to the end of the month.

Note: Times are for time zone 6 hours West. DST is observed.

Aug 1, 2017	7:01 AM	Moo enters Sagittarius	Aug 17, 2017	8:38 AM	Moo Sextil Ura V/C
Aug 3, 2017	4:38 PM	Moo Trine Ura V/C	Aug 17, 2017	11:13 AM	Moo enters Cancer
Aug 3, 2017	7:36 PM	Moo enters Capricorn	Aug 19, 2017	10:17 AM	Moo Sqr Ura V/C
Aug 6, 2017	4:22 AM	Moo Sqr Ura V/C	Aug 19, 2017	12:55 PM	Moo enters Leo
Aug 6, 2017	7:15 AM	Moo enters Aquarius	Aug 21, 2017	1:30 PM	Sun Conj Moo V/C
Aug 8, 2017	2:07 PM	Moo Sextil Ura V/C	Aug 21, 2017	3:25 PM	Moo enters Virgo
Aug 8, 2017	4:56 PM	Moo enters Pisces	Aug 23, 2017	3:02 PM	Moo Sextil Ven V/C
Aug 10, 2017	8:38 AM	Moo Sqr Sat V/C	Aug 23, 2017	8:04 PM	Moo enters Libra
Aug 11, 2017	12:22 AM	Moo enters Aries	Aug 26, 2017	12:39 AM	Moo Oppos Ura V/C
Aug 13, 2017	3:01 AM	Moo Conj Ura V/C	Aug 26, 2017	3:53 AM	Moo enters Scorpio
Aug 13, 2017	5:40 AM	Moo enters Taurus	Aug 28, 2017	4:38 AM	Moo Sqr Mar V/C
Aug 14, 2017	8:15 PM	Sun Sqr Moo V/C	Aug 28, 2017	2:47 PM	Moo enters Sagittarius
Aug 15, 2017	9:06 AM	Moo enters Gemini	Aug 30, 2017	11:42 PM	Moo Trine Ura V/C
			Aug 31, 2017	3:18 AM	Moo enters Capricorn

## Donald Trump and the Eclipses

The **Lunar Eclipse** August 7th is in his **12th house**, and it is conjunct his Pluto, ruler of the 4th house. This could be an indication of a move of house, or an exposure in the family. We also see that transiting **Pluto** is in his 5th house, squaring his natal Jupiter which is ruler of the natal 5th and 8th houses. **Uranus** has been going back and forth in a square to his Venus, ruler of his 10th/3rd houses, and will hit Venus one more time in January, when it stations direct at 24 degrees Aries. Because the eclipse has Mars conjunct Sun, and Mars is natally conjunct his ascendant, this lunar eclipse could be a worrisome time for his health.



The Solar Eclipse August 21st is also in Donald Trump's **12th house conjunct his Ascendant**. It is trine transiting Uranus and his natal 5th house cusp. Attempting to live out their promise from the natal chart are Venus in a return state, and Jupiter, also in a return state. Donald Trump's natal part of fortune is opposite the eclipse, bringing an element of fate, which could be fortunate or unfortunate, depending on which way it will turn.



A side note – Donald Trump's progressed Moon has moved into his progressed 10th house and is conjunct progressed Saturn.

The last total solar eclipse visible in the continental United States was in 1979 and the next one will be in 2024. link to NASA August 21st eclipse page - [click here](#)

## *Our Professionals -*



### **Christy Hall**

Has a Level 1 NCGR Certification, a diploma from the AstroPsychology program taught by Glenn Perry, and has been a practicing astrologer since 2009. She is currently on the ASNT board as our Programs Director. You can reach her at 972-275-1682



### **Donna Henson**

Donna is a professional astrologer, lecturer, counselor and author who has worked with astrology since the age of 10. She has certification from the AFA, ISAR, and NCGR (level IV) and teaches all levels of astrology. She has served on the board of ASNT and has been president 5 terms. You can reach her at 817-589-1676.



### **Sandra Moore Williams**

Sandra has 21 years experience as an astrologer and 19 years as a certified Personalist/Face Reader. She served on the board of ASNT as the Programs Director for 10 years, and was ASNT President for 4 terms. You can reach her at [sandra@sandramoorewilliams.com](mailto:sandra@sandramoorewilliams.com) or 817-531-1661.

If you are in Central Texas, visit the Astrological Society of Austin. You can find out about their meetings at [www.meetup.com/Astrological-Society-of-Austin](http://www.meetup.com/Astrological-Society-of-Austin).



Happy Birthday to  
Leo and Virgo  
members!



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## Newsweek

*Past member Gene Johnson, who lives in Dallas and still visits ASNT occasionally, was quoted in a Newsweek article this week-*

*“The Solar Eclipse could mean disaster for Trump, according to Astrologers”  
found online [here](#)*

*A Newsweek senior writer found Gene’s [blog post](#),*

*“War! DJT and the August Eclipse” on Sabian Earth.*

*Congrats Gene!!*



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### **2016 ASNT Board Members**

*President – Wayne Hall*

*Secretary – Christy Hall*

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