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The Guild News

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September 10, 2009 Denise Grams

Denise Grams, Co-President of the Fraser Valley Astrological Guild, has studied Astrology since 1972. Denise teaches Level 1 astrology and is available for consultation.

She holds Level 3 Certification from the Canadian Association of Astrological Education (C.A.A.E.).

Her astrological studies began in 1972 when she discovered that Astrology is a blueprint that offers profound insight for understanding the human condition; the causes, crisis and resolutions that shape one's life. Astrology is about timing of events and cyclical occurrences. An interpretation of our Natal, Progressed, Transit and Solar chart can give us the 'go ahead' or 'wait it out' information that is so needed at certain critical times in our lives.

Denise's presentation on September 10th will be on Family Dynamics. Families are very complex and diverse units that appear to be made up of individuals yet there is a deep interconnectedness that bonds the family together through the generations. We can see the connections in Astrology as we consider the planetary aspects, Ascendants and MC's. Denise will be presenting a small, partial family and will attempt to interpret the myriad bonding between the various family members.

October 8, 2009 Anne Massey

Anne Massey, C.A.P., is a certified professional astrologer since 1988. Anne is the founding and past president of the Fraser Valley Astrological Guild, the international VP of ISAR for Canada, a member of the Finnish Astrological Association, National Council for Geocosmic Research and the Canadian Association for Astrological Education.

Anne Massey teaches astrology classes; she also lectures, writes, and is a consulting astrologer. Since May 2005 she administers CAAE (Canadian Association for Astrological Education) certification Exams. Courses and classes offered prepare students for the examination, which leads to professional certification.

Ancient concepts can enrich our astrological understanding, but they serve little purposes unless we learn how to apply them to our contemporary understanding of our rich subject. The simplicity of some of the analysis is beautiful, however, choosing the tools that work can be challenging. Anne Massey will introduce a few simple concepts that you can apply instantly and a few more that may take a bit of extra study. Send your birth data in by September 30, so you will have your Hellenistic chart to refer to during this talk. Email: anne@astrologicallyspeaking.com

Annual AGM on October 8, 2009, 6:30 - 7:20 PM

Please come and share your ideas and suggestions
and read The Executive Board Meeting Minutes on page 4.

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We meet at Unit 201, 317 Columbia Street, New Westminster - doors open 7PM

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MEMBERSHIP in The GUILD

- $45/year (Nov.1-Oct. 31) includes newsletter
- Additional Family member $20/yr no newsletter
- $35/year for seniors
- Newsletter subscription only $15/6 issues
- E-mail yourname@astrologyguild.com $10/year complete with web access
- Drop-in Fee $8 for non-members
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Annual Dues

Please note our dues are payable on November 1 of each year. We appreciate your continued support. At $45 a year we offer a lot of Astrology, great speakers and the Guild News every two months.

MANY HAPPY SOLAR RETURNS to our Virgo and Libra members:

Diane M. Cadieux, Phyllis Chubb, Susan Connor, Marielle Croft, Dawn Muncaster, Leona Ransom, Teresa Waclawic, Tom Zeser

We meet in New Westminster

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month, our program starts at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 7PM. Join us on the premises of ISA, Unit 201, 317 Columbia Street, New Westminster (upstairs), our custom is to have pre-meeting Dinner at Stefanos at 5PM, do join us. ***Our schedule is on the backpage***

Our Library

Christine has set up the books into cabinets on the premises. Melonie looks after our tape and Video/CD library. Many of our workshops are on VHS tapes; you can rent a video of a workshop you may have missed for $10, or rent an audio cassette for $3. Check out a book $1/month. The doors open at 7PM before our meeting so our members have time to browse the library.

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Presidents Message: September 2009

Welcome back everyone to the Guild. We hope the three eclipses over the summer have been kind to you and have brought some unexpected, joyful changes to your lives.

The Executive has recently met and are ready to take up the responsibilities of the Guild so we can enjoy the interaction of our good membership and learn from the many presentations that we have lined up.

To finish off 2009 Denise Grams will present a piece on Family Dynamics from an astrological perspective in September. October, of course is our AGM and we do hope that everyone will attend. A full house means that each member gets to voice their opinion and vote on the various decisions that need to be made. After the AGM, we are very lucky to have Anne Massey do a presentation on Hellenistic Astrology. What a bonus! In November, Charlotte Greenwood will present the History of Astrology. This will be a fascinating talk – don't miss it! December is our Christmas party and we have a wonderful evening lined up for everyone. The schedule for 2010 will be announced in the next newsletter.

If you've been watching the stars and the news, I think you'll agree that 2009/2010 is going to be unforgettable. As of this writing, Mercury is slowing down and will Station Retrograde on September 7th at 6° Libra. We know that generally speaking, signing new contracts, buying large items, expecting smooth communications in our relationships is a waste of time. Basically, work on your relating skills that may need some fine tuning. Because Air signs are intellectual, all matters of thinking, planning and scheduling can go awry as can the external devices we use – like computers for example – the 'thinking brain' in a chip or two. Mercury Stations Direct on September 29th but as always, don't rush into anything and be mindful of your actions, thoughts and words through the shadow period that will last until the 15th of October.

Saturn enters Libra on October 29, 2009 at 10:09 am PDT. As we know, it is Saturn that requires us to get real - its time to do a reality check-in. Saturn points out those things that we don't want to look at.

Saturn entered Virgo on Sept. 3rd/07. Getting real means removing the veil or filters that we use to create what we want to believe is real about us and our lives. When Saturn is involved there is a persistent unveiling process going on and in Virgo, a serious analysis on everything that has had to do with what and how we think and what we put our minds to, our responsibilities, our distractions. In Virgo, Saturn had us look at the principle of service. Could we do more/be more? Do we need to do less? Is what we are doing/being working? And it accentuated our Self Esteem issues; am I good enough, am I smart enough – well, you know the rest.

Now as Saturn enters Libra in October, we are faced with new issues and it involves all those 'others' and 'other things' in our lives – Libra concerns itself with relating, relationships and marriage partners, challenging relationships (a diplomatic way for saying open enemies), mates, justice, all aspects of law and litigation, politics and politicians, social gatherings and functions, contracts and negotiations, compromises, decisions, the arts and artists. And then, there is our health; kidneys, lumbar spine (and Saturn rules bones), lumbago, the adrenals, diabetes, the reproductive system, veins. Saturn will be featured in every relationship in every sense of the word holding us accountable for each and every aspect of that relationship that we are in denial about.

If we extend the relating principle to a broader arena we can see the potential in all national and international relationships. All kinds of things will be revealed that we are not paying attention to right now because its not only 'us' that will be faced with the sobering relationship reality check but 'the other' will be fully engaged also. On an international scale we can consider countries with 'hot' issues like China, Iran, the US, Pakistan, North Korea. Taking Canada into consideration, I have researched two that are interesting. One is set on July 1st 1867 at 12:05 pm Ottawa and shows 6° Libra on the Ascendant. *"This one is based on an eyewitness account of the official announcement and celebrations, published in the local Ottawa newspaper the following day (source: astrologer Rab Wilkie quoted on Robert Couteau's website)."*

The second chart is set at July 1st 1867 at 12:00 am in Ottawa and shows a 17° Libra Descendent. *"According to "The Canadian Astrology Collection" by John McKay-Clements, published in 1998, the 12:00 midnight time is used because "legal instruments in Canada usually take effect at 00:00 hours on the inception date". Liz Green on Astro.com uses this time for Canada's astrological chart."* It seems like we are not going to be able to get away with anything, during Saturn's journey through Libra, Canada and Canadians will be required get real in the way we relate.

Now, it is important to remember that Saturn works hard, maddeningly hard to actually try to get a resolution to whatever he takes on. So, it is also possible that toward the end of this Saturn transit, Oct 2012, a structure for real negotiation, real dialogue and real compromise between nations could be established. Saturn says 'step up to the plate and deal or suffer the consequences'. For those that won't step up, the consequences could be ominous.

The effect of Saturn's sojourn in Libra is compounded by Mars in the short term (Saturn and Mars are in cahoots (sextile) from October to the first week in November - using a 9° orb) and – guess who – Pluto over the long term. To begin with Mars enters Leo on October 19th quincunxing Pluto at 0° Capricorn. When Pluto and Mars get together in a difficult aspect we think of the use and misuse of power and force. Mars in Leo is fiery, expressive, overly self-confident and too willing to take a risk while Pluto, who is not leaving a stone

unturned these days in governments, corporations, the economy and natural resources will be butting heads with Mars in October and again in February 2010.

Then Saturn strolls into Libra on the morning of Oct 29th and squares Pluto. So the relating piece mentioned above produces untold stress for those who are in denial or just trying to hide whatever they don't want everyone to know about. Destruction, cruelty, (more) violence, misery…..Hell hath no fury…..as they say. On the upside, we could see progress in research, extreme self discipline and hard won success. It all depends on how it is played out.

Saturn and Pluto do their dance (depending on the orb used – I'm using 4°) well into March 2010 with an exact square at 4° from Jan 21st until Feb 9th while Saturn is in its retrograde. The square continues on, and on, and on from April to June and again from July through to September. Meanwhile, back in January, Jupiter enters into the mix at 0° Pisces. The sextile to Pluto may facilitate Pluto at this time but quincunx Saturn will dig in (he is Retrograde) and inhibit progress. Jupiter hangs in until February's end and then moves on. There's bigger fish to fry and loaves to share up….after all it is Pisces!

Looking forward to seeing you all in September,

Co Presidents, Denise and Dawn

Fraser Valley Astrology Guild
Executive Board Meeting

August 24, 2009, 6:30 p.m., Stephano's

It's hard to believe that almost a year has passed since the AGM of October 2008 when a new executive was elected to represent the Guild. Recently, we all met up at Stephano's Restaurant to reconnect before the September Meeting and the upcoming AGM in October. What follows is the report of our meeting and a discussion of the issues, as we felt it important for all of our members to be aware of changes that we would like to propose and adopt for the Guild.

We have reviewed our financial situation at the end of 8 months of operation (numbers were calculated at June 30 2009) and found that we needed to plan and implement small changes to achieve a healthier financial outlook and a better cash flow that would, in turn allow the Guild to offer a better service to our membership. Part of the improvement would include securing a stable reserve of three months of operation. We also wished to encourage our members to pay their membership dues on time (that is by November 1) and discourage them to renew at a very prorated date at the end of the fiscal year. Comparing the workshop fees that we charge here with what is done elsewhere in Canada, we found that we offered extremely generous fares to our members. The small changes that we will be presenting at the AGM in October will offer an option to remedy to these difficulties and we hope that there will be many members in attendance to discuss them with us.

We are in the process of purchasing a projector screen and white board easel for Guild lectures and workshops. Setting up the heavy press board as a screen at each of our meetings is cumbersome. The background and size is limited. Most speakers have presentations on their computers and a stand alone projector screen background would enhance their facilitation and allow the audience to read the projected materials much more easily. We feel these purchases necessary to our operations and are looking into auction items as well as those on E-bay and Craig's List.

As many are aware, the Guild is moving towards a newsletter that is posted on our website and available to our members through password access. We are going "Green" and estimate this move will save our executive board and editors much personal time, as well as reduce paper material and costs to print and mail out hardcopies Members that do not have access to a computer will still be able to receive a mailed copy. This can be requested by sending an e-mail or to Dawn or Denise, mail a request to the Guild address, or indicate your preference at the September meeting on a sign-up sheet.

We'd also like to encourage your participation in the newsletter. We're always on the lookout for articles of interest. This past year we introduced a new column for our members to share their own journeys on how they came to study Astrology and we hope to hear more of these stories in future issues. But if that's not your calling, perhaps a book review is, or an interview with one of our own highly respected Astrologers. Maybe you have a topic of interest that you'd like to explore and share with us.

We will have much more to discuss at the AGM and your attendance is very important for the continuing success of the Guild. We're looking forward to reconnecting and seeing you all in September!

The Executive

Insights Into Evolutionary Astrology:

A Diverse Collection of Essays by Prominent Astrologers
Llewellyn World Wide Press,
publication launch date: Winter 2010 (January-March)

Introduction by Rose Marcus

"Insights Into Evolutionary Astrology" is a collection of essays written by top astrologers from the Jeffrey Wolf Green school of study. It is intended that the offerings in this book will distinguish this school from other branches of astrology and that the content will also clearly demonstrate how Jeffrey Green's pioneering body of work differs from other teachers who have now joined under the Evolutionary Astrology banner.

The book begins with a discourse on the nature of the Soul by founder Jeffrey Wolf Green. His chapter succinctly describes the four natural evolutionary momentums that propel the Soul's growth. A moment's pause for personal reflection will validate the various energy momentums as readily identifiable common experiences to all. Deva Green has elaborated on these four momentums in her chapter "From Cataclysm to the Awakening of Latent Capacities" with detailed examples, such as Barack Obama's compelling political rise to the White House.

Jeffrey also outlines for us the how the Soul evolves through the creation process of necessity and desire, or in other words, fate, karma, and free will. Along with a dissertation of the various evolutionary conditions, Jeffrey describes the core principles of natural law, and details how the exposure to societal norms and man-made laws have progressively shaped, and "domesticated" or conditioned the evolving ego. These key points provide a foundation for an expanded understanding of how the astrological archetypes may be funneled into expression at any given time. This brilliant chapter will be of interest to students of astrology, and to students of life and spiritual questors alike.

This book demonstrates what has been largely overlooked or omitted in most astrological practice. In recognition that each one's consciousness will progress at differing developmental rates, Jeffrey Wolf Green taught that it was a crucial first step to determine the evolutionary state of the chart in question. Basic information gathering such as family relationship details, religious, socio-economic and cultural backgrounds, along with independent observation and chart correlation provide the essential starting point. The evolutionary state must also be qualified by factoring the previously accrued experiential realities or historical frame of reference, which as stated above, conditions the expression of the archetypes at all levels of evolution. The assessments and subsequent measurements acquired through the employment of such rudimentary yet often overlooked steps serve to better identify the propensities and potential response mechanisms behind any chart detail. Jeffrey Wolf Green insisted that the consideration of conditionings gathered from past experiences were a necessary inclusion in delineation. This assessment, along with Jeffrey's step-by-step methodology serves to better qualify the likely interaction between subject and chart. Using one example to illustrate the three main categories of the evolutionary states as Jeffrey had outlined in his teachings, Kim Marie's chapter on Evolutionary States offers an exquisite in-depth demonstration of this basic criterion.

Sexuality, the root of our instinctual self, is one of the core ways that evolution is advanced. In his chapter, Maurice Fernandez provides an overview of the sexual dynamics of each of the twelve zodiacal signs. He first describes the intrinsic qualities of the purely biological dynamic correlated to the soul's intent for evolution through each one of the archetypes. Next, he describes how the influences of progressive socialization, with its consensus morality and sexual politics, adds complexity to the natural selection process and how these factors can easily create distortions in the behavior responses of each of the signs.

Astrologers have often been challenged to determine how two people with similar charts can have such dramatically differing ways of expression and of creating their experiential realities. Kristin Fontana demystified this topic in her chapter "Twins – Similar Charts, World's Apart". As should be a common practice for any chart delineation, the primary key to interpretation of twin charts, or of any two charts that are especially close in similarity, is first to assess the evolutionary state of the individuals or entities in question. Again, evolutionary states, which are one of essential formulas of Jeffrey Wolf's Green's teachings/ methodologies, are fundamental to the deeper understanding of the chart and the individual. They are a key tool to the unlocking of information that can easily be overlooked or misdiagnosed.

Additionally, as most students of astrology will know, rulerships (the position of planets that rule signs), are a basic of astrological study. Evolutionary Astrology reminds the student how important rulerships are in any chart interpretation and how they are an essential qualifying piece of information, especially in reference to house cusps. The examples in Kristin Fontana's chapter will also provide fuel for thought as to the choice of house systems. While each house system have their merits and are a matter of personal preference, Jeffrey Wolf Green advocated the use of the Porphyry house system, which uses the primary angles of the chart, (the Ascendant/Descendant and Midheaven/Nadir angles), as the primary divisions from which the inner angles (the houses of the quadrants: 2,3,5,6,8,9,11,12) are equally divided.

Past Life Therapist Patricia Walsh has combined her work in Deep Memory Regression Therapy with her study of Evolutionary Astrology. She has spent many years gathering and documenting actual case studies, and has amassed an impressive collection that readily validates the core principles of Evolutionary Astrology and Jeffrey's specific methodologies. The examples in her chapter include demonstrations of "skipped steps", another key notable of Jeffrey's techniques. Her case studies demonstrate how an individual will continue to work through a central or core dynamic from lifetime to lifetime, but how the evolving dynamics can be approached through a range of angles. Patricia Walsh's marriage of these two fields of study distinguishes her work as truly pioneering.

While the moon's nodes are commonly included in chart delineation, the nodes of the planets have been largely overlooked. Moving very slowly over great lengths of time, note that the planetary nodes for Jupiter through Pluto occupy the approximate same degrees for all of us born in this century. The planetary nodes provide a background link to our bigger picture collective experience and evolutionary journey. A look at the planetary nodes through natal chart contacts, by house positions and aspects, will demonstrate how this bigger picture information animates within our individual psyche fabric. In chapter seven, "Time's Arrow", Mark Jones simplifies what can be often viewed as a daunting topic and provides a valid case for why planetary nodes should be added to your astrological research.

The final offering in this book is my own chapter on the archetype of Capricorn, the predominate archetype that will dictate the parameters, lessons, and future shapings of current contemporary collective journey through 2024. Correlating to our conditioned consciousness, to our social, economic and political landscapes, to time marking and to reality itself, this archetype is an important key to our astrological understandings. This chapter includes a full discussion of the Capricorn archetype, a discussion of Pluto's transit through Capricorn, the upcoming Cardinal Cross transits that will ignite and intensify Capricorn's influence. Also included is a brief look at the geodetic regions that will be animated by Pluto's tour through Capricorn.

It is hoped that this book will serve to expand astrological understandings and skills, and that it will encourage the reader to further independent examination into field of Evolutionary Astrology.

Blessings,
Rose Marcus, June 2009

Astrology Classes

Study with Dawn Muncaster
Astrology Classes Fall-Winter 2009

"Perhaps there is a pattern set up in the universe for the one who desires to see it, and having seen it, to find one in himself." - PLATO

Caae Level 2 - On going classes continue on Wednesdays, 7-9 pm. This is a study and discussion group for astrological and spiritual insights ($25 per class)

Caae Level 1 - Module 2 classes to begin October 6th, 7-9 pm ($25 per class)

The Yoga of Astrology - the astrology of spiritual unfoldment, the chakras, and the flower of Life. In this class we will learn how the planets are connected to our chakras and inner Gestalt techniques to help us connect with our planetary consciousness, and more! Class will begin when registration is sufficient.

Study with Anne Massey
Getting more out of Kepler and Sirius software

Kepler 70 is a powerful tool for both client work and research. It has an incredible amount of features and capabilities. Sirius, which was launched in May 2008, has even more features. Anne is offering a Sunday workshop on how to get more out of your software; we will look at both software packages. Bring along your laptop if you have one and a notepad might be handy.
When: September 20, 2009, from 11 AM-4PM;
Where: Fort Langley, BC. Cost $35. Class size limited to 12. Call: 604.888.9552 or anne@astrologicallyspeaking.com

Astrological ABCs with Anne Massey

This series of 10 Sunday workshops, total of approx. 50 hours of instruction, is designed to lay a solid foundation for astrological analysis beginning with basics. This course will also provide students with the tools to write the Level I examination by CAAE (the Canadian Association for Astrological Education). The exams are offered in May and November each year. We will look at astrological concepts from both contemporary and Hellenistic perspective. Charts of participants will be used to illustrate concepts and delineation.

When: September 27, 2009 - May 2, 2010; each session is from 10:30AM to 4:30PM (bring lunch); at appr. three week intervals
Where: in Fort Langley. Prerequisite: None. Cost: $535

Classes with Thaya. Astrology. Level 3.

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 9:00, 6 sessions. $120.
Starts on September 16th.
This comprehensive course's focus is on astrological houses, their rulers, Arabian parts, planetary dignities and much more. Be prepared to do a natal chart interpretation. Astrology Level 1 is recommended as a prerequisite to this course.

Classes will take place in my home in Richmond. There is an option: if any of the participants are able to organize space in their recreation room (preferably in a Vancouver location), we'll be happy to move there. If you decide to attend this course please let me know ASAP 604-274-6921 or thaya1@telus.net.

Astrology & Tarot Classes with ROSE MARCUS:

BEGINNER ASTROLOGY: 6 Wednsdays
7:00-9:00 pm, September 9 , 2009
Deadline for registration: September 5, 2009
Location: North Vancouver, cost $300.00

This course is an excellent foundation for general interest or for those who are considering deeper astrological study. The basics (planets, signs, houses, elements, rulerships, lunar phases as an introduction to aspects) are taught from the Evolutionary Astrology perspective and are presented in a logical building block format. This class can be suitable for absolute beginners as well as for those with some astrological background who are looking to gain an introduction to Evolutionary Astrology.

TAROT: One Day Workshop: The Major Arcana
Sun Sept 20, 10:30 - 4pm Fee: $100

TAROT: The Minor Arcana:
Evening Class: 5 weeks, Thurs, Oct 8: 7 - 9pm
Fee: $175.00

These two course aims to stimulate creativity and to provide an encouraging environment through which the student can learn to gain trust and confidence as they hone their intuitive skills. Please bring your own Ryder Waite Tarot deck to class. This deck is readily available in most bookstores and metaphysical shops. If you own other decks, please feel free to bring them along. Comparison can also provide a wonderful tool for learning.

School of Evolutionary Astrology
The Jeffrey Wolf Green Method,
Taught by Rose Marcus.

Tues, Oct 6, 2009, 7 - 9 pm

This intensive one year program, designed by founder Jeffrey Wolf Green, leads to certification for those interested in professional recognition as an Evolutionary Astrologer. The course is suitable for the seriously minded astrology student, or for anyone with a sincere interest in self exploration utilizing astrological tools. Suitable for beginner to advanced students, participants will gain not only through studies, but also through interaction and sharing with other students in the class. (Some basic astrological knowledge is required,)
This 30 week intensive course (designed by founder Jeffrey Wolf Green) is taught in 5 sessions, 6 weeks per session (one class per week for 6 weeks), with a short break between each session. Homework assignments follow at the end of the course for those interested in certification.

Deadline for registration: September 30, 2009.
Full Course Fee: $1500, payment plan available.

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Schedule 2009

- **see the front page for September and October**
- **November 12**

The Story of Astrology with Charlotte Greenwood
The Art of Astrology has a rich and fascinating history which weaves its way through every major culture of the past 4 millennia. Join Charlotte as she covers this vast topic by telling the stories which illustrate Astrology's role through the Ages.

- **December 10 Christmas Party**

Poetry by Christine Linwood

my palm spiraling

in a seed, in one
cradle rocking, still
asleep and unknown.

tiny and round, this
black pink petunia,
this single breath,
an ocean cascading
the deep well.

my thumb, softly curving
a hemisphere gently pressed
into egg cupped soil,
moist but not sobbing,
firm but not heavy,
handed not to bury, but to

let go

to currents moving beyond sight
to underwater ways opening to
air the surface floating chance
because not every seed takes

to bathing

in time all its own.

to hold it in my hands

and feel the weight of it
is to risk the fragrance of every blossom
the span of the infinite silken strand

and the sun so perfect.