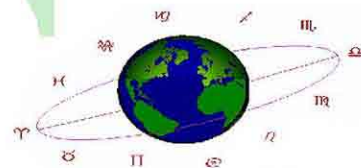


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ASTROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2011

Donna Woodwell

Neptune in Pisces

Donna Woodwell of Austin will be speaking on Neptune in Pisces. An outer planet, Neptune affects all of us on a global scale, so what does it mean when it goes into it's own sign? Come hear Donna explain Neptune and how it operates in Pisces.



Donna Woodwell, MA, is an astrology consultant and owner of Four Moons Astrology. An active member of the astrological community, she's the founding president of the Astrological Society of Austin, as well as a member of the ISAR national board and a former member of the NCGR national board. In addition to her astrological practice, Donna is a certified hypnotist, an experienced guide in shamanic journey work, a master practitioner of Usui Reiki, and an Initiate of the Hermetic Order of the Brotherhood of Light. She can be reached at www.fourmoonsastrology.com or at donna@fourmoonsastrology.com

Please Join Us

When: Sunday, June 12th at 1:15 PM - 3:30 PM

Where: Stacy Home Furnishings Center Meeting Room / 3rd fl 1900 South Main Street Grapevine, Texas 76051

Parking: Please be sure to park on the sides of the building and not in front. Stacy's has asked us to be sure and respect their need for the front space for their customers.

CD Sales

ASNT is pleased to offer CDs of the presentations that our speakers give each month for \$5 to members (\$10 to non-members) except the workshop cd's (please call for the current price).

HIGHLIGHTS

April Minutes

A regular meeting of ASNT was held on April 10th with about 20 members present. Sandra opened the meeting at 1:40 pm. Donna introduced our visitor and said Susie Patterson will be offering a beginner Vedic class sometime in June. She will let us know at the June meeting the dates. Priscilla gave the current financial report. Dee said she will get the Austin astrology group email list to help promote ASNT and our workshops. Sandra reported that the topics for the Jeff Jawer workshop in September have not been decided as of yet. She also said that the new board will be installed in June. Mary Burke-Kelly spoke about the prenatal eclipse workshop she is giving on April 26th. Mary is a former ASNT board member and a long time practicing astrologer and teacher. Sandra introduced our speaker, Feng Shui expert Karen Ann Tompkins. We adjourned at 3:10.

Melinda Noble, Secretary



In Memoriam:

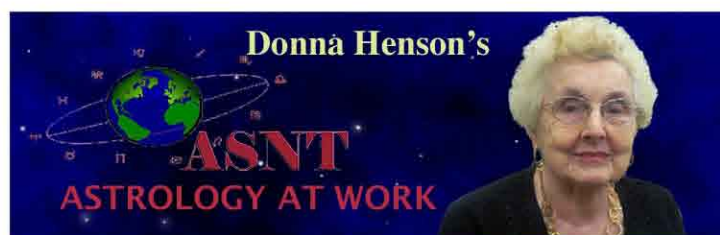
ASNT member, Joseph Molina passed away on May 25th, 2011 in Dallas, TX. Funeral services were held in Rosenberg, TX on May 28th. Joseph was a gifted intuitive psychic reader, metaphysical teacher and writer. His friendliness and talents added much to ASNT and he will be truly missed. A celebration of his life can be viewed on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15Cc7KgfDNg>

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For now, only one question per month will be answered with preference going to ASNT members. Get busy and send your questions to Donna Henson,; email donnajeanhenson@yahoo.com or by mail, 3024 Dreeben Dr., Richland Hills, TX 76118-6239 giving your name, mailing or e-mail address and complete birth data (month, day, and year, time of day, and location of birth). Please specify the source of your time of day – AA –accurate data usually from a birth certificate, A – accurate data quoted from a person, relative, friend, or associate, etc. If the birth time is rectified or unknown, I will need to know that too. State your problem clearly and concisely although many of you will want to include a few sentences of background or explanation. Only written questions will be considered. Your chart will be used, but if you prefer not using your birth data or your name, please specify.

If you have any information you would like to share and have published in the newsletter. You can email:

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President's Message
June 2011

The End of the World?

There is a wonderful book called *The Gods of Change*, by Howard Sassportas. I love the subtitle: "Pain, Crisis and the Transits of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto." This seems like a good subject to talk about since we narrowly missed the end of the world on the 21st of May and as every astrologer knows, the gods are restive of late. Okay. I'll admit, I'm iffy about the Rapture saving me . . . so I'll just have to deal with bumptious gods and worlds ending.

I've been roughed up by these gods more than once and I have the utmost respect for their powers. I've learned that I'm such a speck that I can curse them at will and affect nothing except my state of mind. It feels good to vent sometimes. But then I still have to get on with the dirty work of cleaning up the mess and righting my upside down world into a new shape. From it, I've gotten a bit wiser. For starters, I do less venting and more getting on with it.

And here's what else I've learned about those harbingers of Pain, Crisis and Change.

First, they are going to do what they are going to do. The gods will take you to task at some point in your life. Maybe several points. Scan your chart horizon and prepare for it as best you can, knowing that you still may not see it coming . . . and that it too, shall pass.

Second, understand how they operate and don't expect anything else. When they are through with you, they will move on, like the winds howling down the canyon. They've done their job which is destroying your known world. Demanding your own terms is like trying to negotiate with the Japanese tsunami or the Joplin tornado. They don't listen.

Third, it's truly impersonal. Don't take it personally. Just get out there and get on with life as it is. Even wasps and toads do as much.

Fourth, never argue with the gods (or What Is.) It only makes you crazy and annoys the gods. Your job is to clean up the debris and rebuild a life. It won't be the same and you will never again take things for granted, believing you are impervious to the vicissitudes of life. Be grateful for the tempering of your character.

And last, it's for your own good. I need to believe that one or I'd have to shoot myself as a logical response to the alternative. Through these god adventures (a euphemism if I ever used one), I've noticed that certain outcomes can and may happen:

A. You never recognize the gift you were supposed to dig out of the rubble. So instead, you cower before life believing yourself a helpless victim.

B. You realize you've been set free and see yourself a feisty survivor who dives into life because you know tomorrow you may die, and you don't want it happen with you hiding in a hole, living in fear of the inevitable.

C. You recognize we're all in it together and gain a new appreciation of your fellow beings.

Ultimately, the choice of perspective is yours. The gods can neither grant it nor take it away.

So, join me and lift your cup to the gods of change, to ending worlds, and the growth they induce. To Life.

-- Sandra

PS. And a change I'm looking forward to is the June Meeting when Melinda Noble takes the reins of President of ASNT. I know I'm handing it over to able hands and hope you will join me in good wishes and a willingness to help her as she steers us through then next year or two.

Jeff Jawer

is well known in the astrological community as an innovative and dynamic teacher, writer and counselor. CEO and co-founder of StarIQ.com, Jeff holds a B.A. in "The History and Science of Astrology" from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and lectures at astrology conferences throughout the world. A professional astrologer since 1973 with practices in Amherst, Atlanta, San Francisco, Paris, San Diego, and Seattle, today Jeff serves an international clientele.

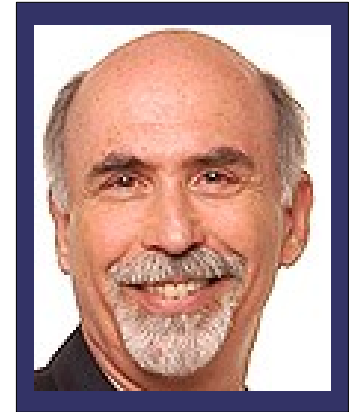
A prolific astrological writer, among Jeff's many credits are: weekly romance horoscopes, the monthly New Moon Report and most of *Our Changing Sky* articles for Tarot.com, and the Forecast Calendar for *The Mountain Astrologer*. He co-authored *Your Astrology Guide 2006* for Barnes & Noble, and Four books for Llewellyn Publications. His articles have been published in astrology journals all over Europe and the U.S. Not limited to print, Jeff has also made hundreds of radio and television appearances in the U.S. and Europe and hosted daily radio programs in Massachusetts and Georgia.

Jeff is a graduate of Zip Dobyns' 16-day Intensive, was Professionally Certified by the American Federation of Astrologers (PMAFA) and the City of Atlanta's Board of Astrology Examiners. He is a Certified Astro*Carto*Graphy Interpreter and even helped teach the first Astro*Carto*Graphy certification course with Jim Lewis.

Formerly the Director of Public Relations for Matrix Software and Vice-President of Operations of Astro Communications Services, Jeff is also the co-inventor of Astro, the world's first hand-held astrological calculator.

A regular on the national and regional conference podiums worldwide, Jeff has spoken four times at the prestigious World Congress of Astrology in Switzerland. As a co-founder of AFAN and UAC, he continues to serve on the UAC faculty. Other notable lecture engagements include The Network for Humanistic Astrology in France, Kepler College, and the Omega Institute. He's been a member of AFA, NCGR, ISAR. Jeff was a Regulus nominee (UAC) and Mars Award winner (Fraternity for Canadian Astrologers).

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The Saturday Workshop

Saturday Schedule

9:30 am	Registration
10:00 - 12:00	First Session
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch Break
1:30 - 3:30	Second Session
3:30	Break
4:00 - 5:30	Third Session

Multi-Level Interpretations

Jeff says about this workshop:

One of the great gifts and challenges of natal astrology is that charts can be interpreted in so many different ways. Various schools of astrology and individual practitioners offer a wide range of approaches to deriving meaning from the symbols of planets, signs, houses and aspects. This workshop is based on exploring birth charts from material, psychological and spiritual perspectives.

We will dig deeply into charts of the attendees as Jeff leads the group through a playful and sometimes provocative process that is bound to expand astrological knowledge and self-awareness.

We will advance our interpretation skills by breaking charts down into their smallest pieces and then weave them back together to grasp the patterns that complement and contrast with one another to produce the matrix of personality. The unique combinations of each chart will be opened to teach us all how to be more skillful astrologers in an engaging environment of masterful leadership and audience participation.

The Sunday Workshop

Sunday Schedule

12:30 pm	Workshop
2:30 -3:00	Break
3:30 - 5:30	Lunch Break

Tracking Trends 2011-2012

We don't need Mayan prophecies to know that the world is changing at a rapid pace as the news keeps reminding us of the perils and potentials of living in these dramatic times. Astrological patterns reinforce the notion that humanity may be coming to a crossroads at which the decisions we make could determine our future on this planet. As astrologers, though, we have the tools to discern the meaning of these trends so that we are able to participate them with consciousness and creativity.

This workshop will provide a look back to the Uranus-Pluto conjunction in the mid-1960s that set the stage for what's coming next. The series of powerful squares between revolutionary Uranus and transformational Pluto from 2012-15 represents challenges and opportunities collectively and individually.

Jeff will lay out some original ideas about how these might work and the best ways we can apply them in our lives. He will use examples from attendees' charts to illustrate these points, providing personal guidance and insights essential to students and practitioners of astrology.