



THIS MONTH AT THE ASA

JANUARY 20-21, 2006

MARIA K. SIMMS

Friday: Art, Astrology, and the Sacred Feminine

Saturday: Moon Tides, Soul Passages

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Friday: Art, Astrology, and the Sacred Feminine

This Power Point slide show and lecture explores the sacred feminine in art and astrology, envisioning astrology as it could be if it gave rightful honor to She who is old before time, the form of energy, the eternal Wheel. With a few cartoons, we'll take a lighthearted look at past and current imbalances in our astrological system. Then, with visual art and discussion, we'll explore the great Goddess as She dances in the elements of the ancients and in the eight phases of Moon. We'll celebrate Venus and Luna, while also seeing Her potential for the so-called masculine planets and signs, as well. Discover interesting alternatives for those eight-out-of-ten god-ruled planets, just for fun...but also, perhaps, for the future!

Saturday: Moon Tides, Soul Passages

Explore the powerful lunar phase cycle and more in an all-day workshop on the Moon and how she

reflects the passages of your soul. We'll begin with a Power Point slide show with many visuals from art, nature and seasonal cycles designed to evoke your intuitive understanding of the Rudhyar lunar phase cycle and the signs of the Moon. The slide presentation concludes with public figure examples of the theory applied. During the open discussion to follow, we'll continue to apply the theory by working with the personal lunar phenomena of participants. Each participant who registers in advance with birth data will receive a one-page personalized report that lists his or her natal and lifetime progressed lunar phases and progressed sign ingresses printed from the software that comes with Maria's book, *Moon Tides, Soul Passages*. Questions will be welcome and the sharing of personal experiences encouraged. The workshop will close with a participatory meditation based on the lunar sign and phase of the day.

To receive the personalized report, please email mariasimms@comcast.net **no later than January 18.**

Getting to Know Maria K. Simms

Maria Kay Simms, an astrologer for 30 years, is certified as a professional consultant by National Council for Geocosmic Research (CA NCGR) and by American Federation of Astrologers (PMAFA). She is a former Chair of NCGR, and is a member of the Association of Professional Astrologers International (APAI). Her most recent book is *Moon Tides, Soul Passages*. Prior books include *Dial Detective*, *Future Signs*, *Your Magical Child*, *The Witch's Circle* and *A Time for Magick*. Maria is also a Wiccan High Priestess. She has credentials as clergy through Covenant of the Goddess, and also through a prior ordination in Church of Religious Science. Recently she has revived an earlier career in art. Through her small business, Starcrafts Publishing, she's creating art products using her paintings and those of her daughter, Molly Sullivan. You can view their galleries and astrological services on Maria's website, www.starcraftseast.com.

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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY – ALL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY.

All membership dues are now due each January for the current year, rather than the month in which you joined ASA.

The purpose of this change is to simplify record-keeping.

If you joined in **any January** then this month, January 2006, pay your annual dues of \$30 as always!

If you joined in **any February**, then this month, January 2006 pay \$27.50 for the balance of 2006.

If you joined in **any March**, then in January 2006 pay \$25.00 for the remainder of 2006.

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Those that are still **past due for 2005 October** dues pay \$37.50 in January 2006.

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Those that are still **past due for November 2005**, in January 2006 pay \$35.00.

If you joined in **any December**, and paid \$30 by

December 2005, then in January you pay \$2.50 for the remainder of 2006.

Those that did not pay dues due in December 2005, in January 2006 pay \$32.50.

Please mail your dues to our PO Box, along with a letter including your current E-Mail address, current regular mailing address, and current phone numbers. Please note dual names such as professional or business name, if any, that may be different on your checks from your membership name, so we can keep our Membership records and Treasury records in sync. Thanks for your cooperation with this new system, a change that is long overdue.

Thanks,

The ASA Board of Directors & especially the ASA Membership Director & Treasurer!

Astrological Social Group to Begin in Mesa

The East Mesa Social Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, January 8 from 3-5 pm at Kathe Smith's new home. The address is 2831 E. Southern Ave., Unit 114, Mesa. If you need directions, please phone her at 480-839-5256 (cell) or 480-839-0046 (home).

Normally, the group will meet on the first Sunday of each month.

If anyone is interested in hosting a similar group in other areas of the Valley, please phone Gabriella at 480-421-9798.

Can You Take Notes? Please Help!!!

The ASA Board needs a Secretary. To be Secretary, you must be able to attend Board meetings on a regular basis, take notes, and read them back at the following meeting. You'll get to participate in decisions that shape the direction of the organization and in the process make a worthwhile contribution

to astrology in Arizona! Please call Gabriella at 480-421-9798 to volunteer.

Letter from the President!

Happy New Year to everyone and to the ASA!

We had a wonderful Holyday/Christmas Party. Thanks to all of you who made it and brought all the delightful dishes. There were about 50 of us and many of you came out just for the party, bringing family members along. Thank you! I hope we will get to see you more often during the year.

The Board recognized /Kathe Smith, our treasurer, with a plaque for her selfless service over many years. Lisa Carlin, our volunteer in charge of the books, was recognized for her years of providing us with good books to buy and helping us raise funds so we can keep our doors open.

We managed to raise money through auctioning the books as well as through the sale of the calendars. We had more volunteers to help with the dinner party, so thanks again.

I was thinking one day: what is the role of an association like the ASA? If I were to have my wish, the ASA would be like an "incubator": we hatch the little chicks, take care of them, nurture them and when they become full grown eagles, we let them fly with our blessings and hope that they will come back to the "nest" to take care of other "chicks." I wish that those of us who come to the meetings and have been in the business for some years would embrace the newer and younger astrologers, because let's face it: it is kind of intimidating to step into a room full of people you do not know, and who "know everything."

When I said this, I was told "Yes, but why don't they make a move to integrate as well?" They took the first step, they came. As I said, we need to welcome them more and involve them in our discussions, so they do not feel so intimidated. This is especially true of the younger astrologers. I think

our common passion should help bridge the age gap. And yes, many who become full time astrologers, may not have time to come to our meetings, because, thank goodness, they are booked but, I think it is important that they have good memories of us and they will send their students to the ASA, so we can provide them with an outlet for discussion and further learning.

We are starting discussion groups in different members' homes for this purpose. We have been talking about them for almost 2 years, and now it is happening. I hope those of you who live close to Kathy Smith will go to her house on the 8th of January. We are looking for members in different parts of town to host similar groups.

So my New Year's wish for the ASA would be more cooperation and solidarity for a common purpose. I also wish for the younger generation to get more involved. The present Board's term expires in September, we will have to nominate a new Board by late Spring and hold the elections in Summer. Every position is very important. We need YOU!

I wish you good health, and see you at the meetings!

Gabriella

Last Month at the ASA... Philip Sedgwick and the Annual Holiday Party

By Marta Morris.

Phillip regaled us with facts and amusement, ranging from the Grand Cross to a mythology of Sedna and the discovery of a new planet, yet to be named. He cautioned against the premature usage of this planet since its exact degree of longitude has yet to be determined, not to mention its name.

He related the mythology of Sedna—a beautiful sea-goddess who, having refused all suitors, finally chose a "birdman" who took her to his homeland, which turned out to be less than advertised. Her tears and

lamentation were heard by her father, who came in a kayak to rescue her. They were then attacked by the “bird” people. Realizing who they were after, Sedna’s father threw her overboard. As she clutched at the edges of the kayak, her father cut off her fingers, leaving her to sink into the icy depths of the sea. Coincidental with the discovery and naming of Sedna, there were several stories in the news of losses of fingers—we won’t even go into limbs and the Iraqi war. As above, so below.

As for the Grand Cross, Philip began with Mars in Taurus and his discovery of “mood stirring sticks” for sale at a Scottsdale strip mall. Saturn in Leo is a perpetual “bad hair” day. Neptune in Aquarius denotes “Peace on Earth” but only to the androgynous. Jupiter in Scorpio—more of

everything—being over-insured cannot be a bad thing.

The Full Moon was emphasized by a closely following exact opposition from the Moon to Pluto and a Sun conjunction. This conjunction occurs very close to the Galactic Center. Much knowledge will be coming our way, without much effort on our part, whether or nor we want it.

Much of this information was interspersed with jokes which would lose too much in the retelling. It was a wonderfully informative as well as entertaining presentation following a sumptuous dinner, a co-creation of the board and attendees. The desserts were over-flowing. You had to be there!

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Scottsdale, AZ 85252

FRIDAY LECTURE

January 20, 2006

7:00 - 9:30 PM

Admission: Members \$5

Non-members: \$10

SATURDAY WORKSHOP

January 21, 2006

1:00 - 4:30 PM

Admission: Members \$10

Non-members: \$15

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