



# Mercury Messenger

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Hello to All, from the President by Jeannette Lewis-Hill,

August has come and gone, and with it the great T-square of Saturn, Uranus/Jupiter and Pluto. The planets have given us a very unusual election, many weather disasters around the world, and assorted personal lessons. And who knows what else? The media can be a tad shy.

At the time of this writing, on Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>, the election is still not decided, so we will have to wait to see if my prediction of a Gillard government is right. At this point, it looks like nobody governs outright, and many people are expressing the hope that the pollies will simply cooperate. At least, that's what we see in the letters page of the West.

**We have two terrific events coming up:**

**Thursday this week we have the astro-chat here in the Marjorie Studio,**

**with Linda Vuleta Cull sharing her spiritual experiences with us. We will look at her chart too, to put an astrological spin on the evening. We start at 6:30 if you would like to share a meal, or at 7:30 for the talk proper. Refer to the flyer we sent out for more information.**

**Then we are into last minute fine-tuning for Zane Stein's visit in October. He will speak and workshop with us on the weekend of October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bar and Restaurant in Midland, - the same venue where the Four Speakers event was held.**

**On Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the talks will begin at 2 pm and run until 5. On Sunday, we will do workshops with Chiron [and Zane] from 9:30 to 4:30.**

**Corresponding with Zane has been fun, and we are**

**looking forward very much to meeting him and learning about the Centaurs, newly discovered solar system bodies, and especially Chiron.**

**On Sunday evening we will have a Meet the Speaker dinner for anyone who wishes to attend. At this point we are proposing to meet at Canning Bridge – a very central location – and dine in the excellent Thai on the Corner restaurant. The time will be roughly 7 pm, but we will let you know by the time you book in.**

**Book early for the Stein weekend, as you get an early bird discount!**

I'm hoping to see many of you here for the astro-chat; come support our local speakers and have a bit of fun.

Keep well, and keep looking at the planets – they've put on a lovely

show the last month with Venus, Mars and Saturn all in Libra at sunset.

Keep well and happy, everybody.

*Jeannette*

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## *Planting the Seed*

Celebrate and embrace the energy of the new moon each month

Join the rituals, creativity, meditation and fun with understanding of each zodiac sign as it begins its journey for the month.

Use this energy in your life.



*Celebration Dates:*

*Wednesday 8th- Virgo*

*Use your power of discrimination to decide the best pathway for you and who you want to walk with you. You have full awareness of your situation.*

7 to 9 pm Darlington bookings essential \$25 cost

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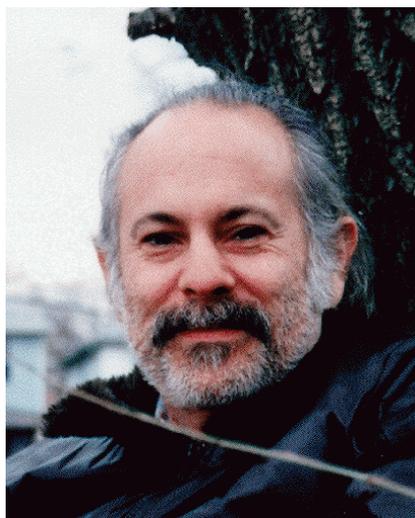
.....*Presenting*

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 - 1.30pm to 5.00pm

(\$50 earlybird - \$60 Latecomers or non members)

**Zane**

Pioneer of astrological discovered **Chiron**, and on this body. His ground Application: A View from astrology, and is still the subject.



**Stein**

exploration of the newly considered the leading authority breaking book, "Essence and **Chiron**" revolutionized modern most widely read text on the

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 - 9.30am to 4.30pm

(\$100 earlybird or \$120 Latecomers or non members)

(Payment to be received by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September)

**7th Avenue Bar and Restaurant**

(74 Helena St, MIDLAND) *(A selection of lunch specials available on the day)*

*Post: cheque or money order to:* Jeff Farrow : Treasurer 37 Kariong Circuit, DunCraig 6023

*Pay online: by Direct Credit to:*

FAAWA Inc. BankWest BSB: 306084 Account No: 4162672 (Some banks charge for this service)

Don't forget to include your name, and please send a brief confirmation email to Jeff on : [fds@iinet.net.au](mailto:fds@iinet.net.au)

## Zane Stein Programme

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2:00 – 5:00 pm**

### **"Whistle While You Work - Snow White and the Dwarf Planets"**

Pluto and Eris were demoted, and Ceres was promoted, and they are now considered "Dwarf Planets". A huge body out past Pluto has been given the nickname "Snow White." While it sounds like astronomers have been busy watching old Walt Disney movies, all of these bodies are important astrologically, and have an intimate relationship with each other. Zane will show you just what the relationship is, and also how to explore the relationships in your chart that the Dwarf Planets have with the Personal Planets: Mercury with Ceres, Venus with Eris and Mars with Pluto.

### **"Spice Up Your Chart"**

Everyone knows Venus and Mars are primary indicators of intimate relationships. But with a little extra seasoning, you can really spice up your chart reading. Is the relationship going to turn amorous? Let's look at the asteroid Amor. Feeling exceptionally erotic? Where's your Eros? We've got Bacchus, who was worshipped with wine and orgies, along with asteroids Wild and Lust. There's a little body called Pecker (but then, size doesn't matter, right?), and another named Fanny. Let Zane show you how to season your chart with some of the most libidinous bodies in the heavens.

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9:30 – 4:30**

**These two Chiron topics will constitute a full-day workshop:**

### **"Understanding Chiron: First Things First"**

One cannot understand Chiron in a chart until one first has an understanding of the chart basics. Step One: I introduce (or re-introduce) people to the chart of the ancients, which only included the planets out to Saturn. Step Two: I bring in Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, and build on step One. Step Three: Chiron is placed in the chart, and I show how he pulls everything together.

### **"Personalizing Chiron"**

Many people know a little about Chiron, at least theoretically, but haven't been able to understand it on a practical level. Zane will explore Chiron in the charts of noted individuals to help people see Chiron in real-life situations, with at least one celebrity for every Chiron house and sign position. In this way, people can get a feel for Chiron's 'essence', and make use of it in your own charts.

## **Upcoming Event Planner for 2010**



**(PLEASE BE AWARE changes may occur as the year progresses and times and dates firm up - please watch this column monthly)**

Tuesday  
21<sup>st</sup> September

Event: Committee meeting  
Venue: TBA

Sat & Sun Presenting - ZANE STEIN  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 7th Avenue Bar and Restaurant,  
October Helena Street, MIDLAND

Please look for more details in this  
newsletter

Tuesday  
19<sup>th</sup> October

Event: Committee meeting  
Venue: TBA

Wednesday Astrochat – a Workshop - Working with  
Clients.  
27<sup>th</sup> October Venue: Margie’s Place, DARLINGTON

Please look for more details in this  
newsletter

Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> November

Event: AGM  
Venue: “The place just to be”

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*Links have been made between heavenly bodies and gemstones since antiquity. This subject is explored on a monthly basis with short articles. This is the sixth one ... 😊*

## **GEMSTONES AND ASTROLOGY 6** by Margie Crocker

### GEMSTONES AND ASTROLOGY 6

The Gemstones for Virgo are listed as peridot, carnelian and sapphire. I have found peridot listed for August in particular so applies more to those early born Virgos. The beautiful green is appealing to those of the earth sign.

The sapphire comes in a range of colours with the most dominant being deep blues. It symbolizes truth, loyalty and justice; transmitting peace and humility (Myrna Lofthus). It is the second hardest substance after the diamond.

It is said to provide spiritual strength .Keywords are

- Protection
- Understanding
- Power.

It can balance the endocrine system. It calms the solar plexus and reduces tension caused by anxiety and fear. It increases the power of personal expression benefiting the heart and throat chakra. It also stimulated the higher mind. These properties seem to specifically match with Virgo traits and would be why the sapphire is the mostly listed common gemstone

Carnelian is known for its healing properties and is a beautiful warm orange- red colour.

The keywords are

- Releasing
- Repairing
- Warming

It apparently works particularly well with the second chakra relating to the emotional express correlated to the orange colour.

Crystal shapes will remain unchanged due to the arrangement of the atoms into a specific pattern called a lattice. All gemstones of the same mineral have identical lattice, with the same number of faces and angles. These shapes have a significant influence over the healing properties of a crystal. The sapphire and carnelian for example have a Trigonl lattice, shaped like a diamond or barrel shaped lozenge.

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**Margie**



...many thanks to Margie Crocker for this article.

## **WORKING WITH CLIENTS BRAINSTORMING SESSION**

Many of our group are working professionally with clients or thinking about doing so. What issues arise when we take money for our services? Are there any better strategies to use than those we currently practice?

\* Marketing

\* Confidentiality

\* Professional practices

\* The range of fees charged

\* Problems encountered

\* Responsibility in dealing with other's personal trauma

The session will be an exploration of issues connected with working with clients. There is no right answer but hopefully a raised awareness. It is assumed we may discuss:

**The session will be facilitated by Margie Crocker at 18 Oakleigh Road, 9299 6644.**

**If you intend to come to this session, please respond by phone or email [margiecrocker@westnet.com.au](mailto:margiecrocker@westnet.com.au)**

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