



Virgo 2016 edition:

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New *Southern Star* editor

From the President

It has been the usual unpredictable start to Spring. We are tempted by a few warm, sunny days, lulled into an expectation of new growth, blue skies and balmy weather.

And then, we are thrown back into rain, storms and icy winds. In Aldinga, we seem to lose a local tree with every gale. Large cypress pines, planted to survive the salt and the wind, have toppled on houses and across roads. Norfolk Island pines, those traditional triangular symbols of the seaside, abound down here, but they have mostly been planted in front gardens, or near fences, and as they grow to their enormous size, they are being removed. One was cut down on the block behind us, leaving us feeling exposed and naked.

Everything changes. Nothing stays the same. What was a good idea today can become a problem tomorrow. We have no choice but to adapt, embrace the change and move on.

We are embracing change here in the FAA as well. We have a changing of the guard with a new newsletter editor, Joel Valentine. We are so appreciative of the work of Ann Collins who has edited *Southern Star* for the past few years. With her triple Gemini chart, Ann fitted seamlessly into the role of editor, and she enjoyed bringing information to you as well as expressing her own thoughts and ideas. Now she has handed on to Joel,

who will bring his own imprint to our newsletter. Huge thanks to Ann, and welcome Joel!

Two of our committee are retiring - Helen Bowering and Diana Hutchison. Thank you both for your commitment and valuable input over a number of years. Diana is a past Treasurer and has returned to the committee to help out this year. Helen is our current Secretary, so that position is now vacant. Both women have been wonderful to work with on the committee. So we need new blood to help us run our association; please, think about volunteering!

Thank you to Kris Svendsen for a fascinating look at the links between tarot and astrology at our last meeting. The next meeting is our AGM and afterwards Miriam Laister will run an interactive discussion: 'Things I have learned'. I hope to see you there.

May love and laughter light your days

Cate Whelan

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Transits to watch

Venus enters **Scorpio** - Sep 24

Pluto Direct - Sep 27

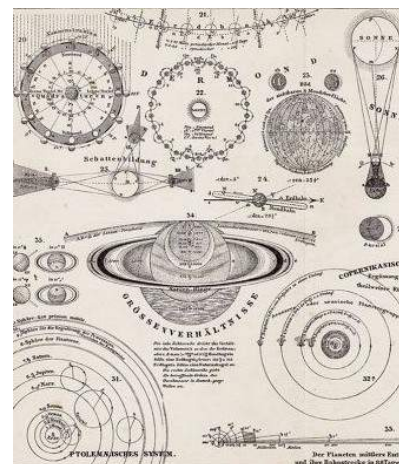
Mars enters **Capricorn** - Sep 27

New Moon - 8 Libra 15 - Oct 1

Mercury enters **Libra** - Oct 7

Full Moon 23 Aries 14 - Oct 16

Venus enters **Sagittarius** - Oct 18





FAASA AGM: Sat 8th October, 2 pm

Followed by

Miriam Laister: “ I have learned...”

Most of us get our astrological knowledge from our tutors, books and lectures. There are some things, however, that we learn as we talk to our clients and students and by studying charts. In her talk "I Have Learned...." Miriam will pass on things that she has learned through her long career as astrology consultant and teacher. She invites you to bring along what you have learned to share and discuss, in this interactive session.

AGM begins 2 pm. Admission free.

- *The President's and the Treasurer's Reports will be presented.*
- *Officeholders and committee members will be elected.*

Afternoon tea will be around 3 pm, and Miriam's talk will follow.

TS Rooms, behind New Dimensions Bookshop, 310 South Tce, Adelaide.

Miriam began her astrological studies in 1982 and since then she has never stopped learning. She was an active member of FAASA, speaking at FAA meetings and editing 'Southern Star' in the 1990s. She moved to Queensland but is now back and living at Normanville, where she hosts an astrology discussion group once a month.



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Committee Calling

As we draw toward the end of the year, FAASA will be seeking to elect its committee. While several of our members have renominated, there are a number of positions vacant. They include:

Secretary – Ensuring meetings are effectively organised and minuted. Maintaining effective records and administration.

General Member x 2 - contributing to committee decisions and general duties as they arise. Assisting in running monthly meetings.

If you are passionate about your astrological community, and have time to contribute, why not get involved? If you would like more information, or to speak with someone who has experience in the roles, [please contact our current committee.](#)



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Upcoming Meetings

Sat 8 Oct, 2pm

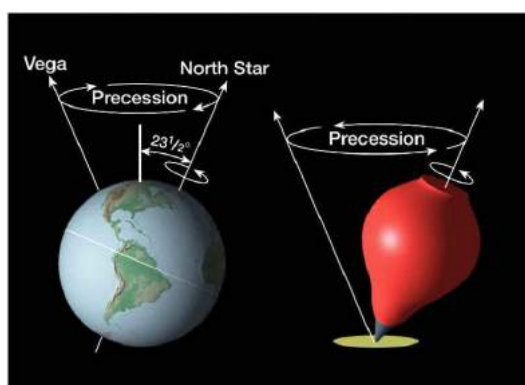
AGM + Things I didn't learn from books
with Miriam Laister

Sat 5 Nov, 2 pm

One Chart 4 Ways -
Vivien Lowe
Joy Usher
Victoria Powell
Cate Whelan

Sat 26 Nov

Christmas Party



Did you get a scare when NAASA announced Aries is now Pisces? Check-out Austin Coppock's explanation of precession and the difference between the tropical and sidereal zodiac [here](#).

Joy Usher is a long-standing member of the FAASA, and co-principal of astrology school [Astro Mundi](#). In November, she will be one of the astrologers delineating our mystery chart. Here, she offers an insight into some of her methods.

Don't miss Joy speak on **Saturday, November 5**



The Three 'C's of a Chart: Comfort, Condition, Connections.

In order to judge a chart (or to be more accurate, to judge the planets in the chart), three factors need to be taken into consideration. The examination of these three criterion will help to show how the individual operates in life and, if you are paying close attention, will provide clues as to the identity of the mystery person!

The First 'C': COMFORT

A planet's comfort is decided according to its sect condition. The word 'sect' comes from the Latin word *seco* meaning 'to cut' or 'divide'. Sect cuts the chart and divides it into two portions: one marked as day-time or diurnal sect, and the other identified as night-time or nocturnal sect with both divisions determined by the moment of birth. Each of the original seven planets has already chosen one side over the other: the Sun, Jupiter and Saturn chose the day, and the Moon, Venus, and Mars chose the night. Mercury, true to its nature, wavers between the two and leaves its choice up to the Sun and will alter according to its position in relation to the Sun. Each natal or mundane chart is unique, but the original preference of sect for each of the planets remains the same. For this reason, the chart needs to be examined to see which of the planets conforms to their sect preference, and which planets end up somewhere outside of their sect preference.

The difference between these two factors is what determines the planet's level of comfort, and the level of comfort determines how well or how poorly a planet will perform in the chart.

The Second 'C': CONDITION

A planet's condition will determine its efficiency in the chart, and ultimately, in the

person's life. The sign the planet is placed in will relay several important facts about that planet.

Firstly, it will tell you their modus operandi. The qualities of the sign - whether it is hot, cold, wet or dry – will describe whether the planet pushes ahead, holds back, over-thinks things, or just does not think at all.

The condition of the planet will also alter if it is in a sign of dignity and it has power, or is in a sign of its debility and suffers the opposite fate. Lastly, the condition of a planet will change according to the dispositor of its sign. In other words, if a planet does not own the sign it is placed in, then who does? And what are they doing in the chart?

The Third 'C': CONNECTIONS

How a planet is situated in the chart will tell you a great deal about how it operates in terms of the individual's life. Placement in one of the twelve houses connects it to that house. Any aspects a planet may have to other planets connect it to other energies and other houses in the chart. The luminaries will own one house apiece through their rulership signs of either Leo for the Sun or Cancer for the Moon. The remaining five planets will own two houses each through their rulerships of two signs apiece. Sign rulership leads to house rulership and this connects planets to places far beyond just their physical location. Together, these connections set up a network across the chart which is as intricate and as fascinating as anything we are likely to find on the Internet when we chase information from one corner of the world to another.

Joy Usher

Find out more about Joy, her classes, and research at the [Astro Mundi website](#).



Love astrology? Want to learn more?

[BREAKING DOWN THE BORDERS](#) online astrology conference is offering FAASA one full scholarship. The scholarship consists of a full conference (12 lectures), completely free of charge, plus a recording of whichever lectures the recipient attends. The scholarship is valued at the full conference registration price of \$US540.

What do you need to do?

Write to president@faasa.com.au to let us know you would like to go in the draw. You also need to be willing to write a review of the conference and/or the lectures you attend on the [BDTB Facebook page](#) as soon after the lecture as possible.

The newsletter looks a little different

I am delighted to begin my tenure as *Southern Star* editor with transiting Jupiter entering my 3rd house. Of course, huge thanks must go to Ann Collins for her work in producing an excellent newsletter for over three years. Huge thanks also to our President, Cate, for her time and assistance in making the transition a smooth one.

To give you some idea of my background; I have completed STA's Practitioner Level Horary Astrology Course, and am currently enrolled in Astro Mundi's certificate course. So while Ann may have passed the torch, we share some of our studies! I promise to give equal air-time to the other wonderful forms of astrology.

As you can see, the newsletter has moved to an online platform. My hope is that this will increase engagement and accessibility, while also allowing us to make better use of online material. The newsletter will still be available in print, and PDF format. The latter accessible via our website.

And, of course, I will rely on the contribution and feedback from you: the community. While Jupiter in Libra seems to have a tendency of giving equal weight to all points of view - constructive and potentially damaging - I hope its effect on the FAASA newsletter will be one of respectful discourse that furthers our art.

I welcome your feedback, thoughts, and your submissions: editor@faasa.com.au

Joel Valentine

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