

## GREETINGS;

I hope your June was full of positive changes and challenges successfully overcome. Now that summer is officially here, life should become more interesting as life heats us up, literally and figuratively. July will shift us into another cycle of change which may seem like a vacation experience after June and the months leading up to June. Spring 2012 was a time to remember.

**LANDSCAPING:** Unbelievably, there are things to do in the landscape business in July: make sure irrigation is working properly, or install it if you have not yet done so; plant heat and drought tolerant annuals and weed everything; build new structures for outside living (no, that is not an oxymoron); prune trees in case of strong storms; and have your trees evaluated for disease and overall health and treat where necessary. I am happy to help you with any or all of these endeavors.

**NEW FEE SCHEDULE BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2012:** Effective August 1, a one hour consultation will be \$170.00, 30 minutes will be \$85.00. I have not raised my rates in two years, but the cost of accepting credit cards and the volume of people using them for payment has made it necessary according to my accountant.

## JULY ASTROLOGICAL OUTLOOK;

July should feel much more mellow than June, as the Sun in Cancer urges us to take time for home, family and personal needs. With no eclipses, Uranus/Pluto squares and Mars FINALLY leaving Virgo on July 3, a more relaxing time should be possible for most of us. Venus is back in motion, spending all of July in light hearted, fun loving, interesting Gemini. Take full advantage of this energy pattern. We all need to reboot our sense of humor and optimism. A light heart is more than possible this month. The rebellious planet Uranus stops its upheaval energy in warlike Aries on 7/13 so we may experience more cooperative and less disruptive times, both within ourselves and in our relationships with others. The only hiccup is Mercury going retrograde in Leo on 7/14 for three weeks. Make your travel plans and changes before this event and you will have less to challenge yourself with. The Sun comes home to Leo on 7/22 which brings us urges to create, celebrate and socialize in harmony with like minded people. A group of four planets in air signs Gemini and Libra increase our desire to communicate, learn and balance our complex lives and improve our relationships with others. The only aggravating influence this month is Mars, which will square off with Pluto in Capricorn on 7/17 and oppose Uranus on 7/18. The pattern on 7/17 warns us not to confront those who believe they have power over us, and the pattern on 7/18 is one of accidents and impulsive actions and conflicts. Be warned and chill out both days, as Mercury is retrograde during this period and the Moon is in its dark phase before the New Moon in Cancer on 7/20. This is not the time to have a heart to heart discussion with anyone other than yourself.

Mercury begins July in cheerful, sociable Leo. On 7/4, we all should experience a mental holiday as Mercury and Uranus make a fortunate triangle from Aries to Leo, which puts communication with others in an authentic and generous rhythm. On 7/14 Mercury goes into review, reorganization and redevelopment mode as it moves into introverted gear for a three week period. Again on 7/25 Mercury moves into a strong triangle with Uranus once again. Plan an activity with those you are comfortable with for this time.

Venus has completed her eight year pattern of a pentagram which is the shape of the inside of a rose (the flower of Venus), and is now moving forward again in Gemini. This is a wonderful time for those with planets in Gemini, as their wit and wisdom is in much demand. For those with planets in the other air signs, Libra and Aquarius, life should be exceptional as well. At month's end on 7/31, Venus and Saturn (her elder brother in mythology) form a stabilizing triangle, which puts life in balance as well as in order. Plan all your reorganizing activities for the last two week of July and breathe easier in August.

Mars finally gets free of Virgo energy on July 3. That really gives us something to celebrate on Independence Day July 4. The combination of Mars energy in Virgo has caused many months of agitation, worry and doubt for all of us, particularly for those with planets in Virgo and Aries. If our nervous systems became unstrung, now is the time to return to peace, hope and balance energy, as Mars remains in Libra until 8/23. When Mars is in Libra (7/3-8/23), many of us, especially those with planets in

Libra, will begin new relationships with others, or rediscover a better way of being in relationship with others. For those with planets in Libra, this is a great time to begin new endeavors, particularly those which feel a bit risky. Don't forget the two days of turmoil in July, 7/17-18, and take it easy and wait for the New Moon on 7/20.

Jupiter is moving through Gemini for the next year, increasing the opportunities for those with planets in Gemini and to a lesser extent to those with planets in Sagittarius, Virgo and Pisces.

Saturn remains in Libra till 10/4, asking all of us to live in balance, peace and harmony with those who reflect our values.

Uranus has taken a rest in Aries, giving us time to take a breath and see how we feel about our pressing needs in mid-December. The passing of time changes perception in all matters.

The two other planets Neptune and Pluto are taking a time out as well, so personal and professional matters should be front and center for all of us.

If you need help with your plans, or insight into your feelings, I am happy to help you in creating a plan for yourself development. Call my office to schedule your appointment. I will not take appointments after 5 PM the third week of July (16-20), as I have my twin nearly teenage granddarlings for the week.

Enjoy your July plans and keep cool if you can.

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