

# BUILDING BRIDGES PUB MOOT

Newsletter  
August 2009

## Editor's Corner

With three festivals under my belt and at least 3 more to go, I wonder where the summer has gone. The temperatures certainly have not been normal for this time of year. However, the cool summer weather has not stopped most of us from getting out of the city. We have gathered around the fire to celebrate our love for "The Mother" We have had our hearts warmed by love, and our spirits recharged with laughter. We have danced around the sacred fire and drummed til dawn. I must admit, my hat certainly goes off to all our wonderful festival organizers. This festival season is defiantly going to be one to remember. If you have not made it out to a festival this year, my advice is to pack the car and the kids and take the time to enjoy our wonderful community in its purest form.

In this month's issue we have some of the Pagan Pride Days listed around Ontario. If you are unable to make it out to a festival, a Pride Day can be the next best thing. The organizers for the PPD Events are hard at work to bring you a day full of Pride, Love and Laughter.

**On a personal note:** The Firedance Troupe has been hard at work recording our first CD, "Nowhere". We are all very excited about its release. It will be available for sale at Firedance Drum Festival Aug 13-16/09. I would like to add a special thanks to my amazing troupe, we have all worked hard and we sound amazing!!!! I love you all!!!!

[www.firedancedrum.com](http://www.firedancedrum.com)

**Next Stop,** Kaleidoscope Gathering, and then, Firedance Festival.  
Hope to see as many of you there as possible

*Crystal*

Editor-in-chief

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# Moots

## **Durham Pagan Coffee Moot**

Date: Aug 2/09

Time: 1-4 pm

Location: Country Style

Street: King and Centre

City: Oshawa

Join us for the Durham Pagan Coffee Moot!

We've picked a new location, have 3 awesome organizers, and have picked a new day. This is a child-friendly event, alcohol free, and allows for those early morning jobs that some of us have. All are more than welcome! Hope to see you there!

## **Durham Pub Moot**

Date: Aug 5 /09

Time: 7-11 pm

Location: Riley's

Street: 104 King Street East

City: Oshawa

## **C-K Pagan Pub Moot**

Date: Aug 7/09

Time: 7-12 pm

Location: The Montreal House

Street: 185 Grand Ave East

City: Chatham

A social night out for Pagan's in C-K and beyond

If anyone wishes to donate a prize or service to the raffle table, everything is welcome.

## **Barrie Pagan Pub Moot**

Date: Aug 8/09

Time: 6-10 pm

Location: Down the Road Irish Pub (Sunroom)

Street: 650 Big Bay Point Road

City: Barrie

We are a friendly bunch of pagans, very approachable and love good discussions. Whether you are new to the area and want to network with like-minded people or have been to many moots before and feel like enjoying a meal in good company. You are most welcome.

Make sure to bring your sense of humour!

## **Kingston Pagan Pub Moot**

Date: Aug 11/09

Time: 7:00-11 pm

Location: The Toucan

Street: 76 Princess St.

City: Kingston

Contact 613-544-0852

## **Ottawa Pagan Meet and Greet**

Date: Aug 12/09

Time: 7 pm

Location: Dow's Lake Pavilion "Malone's Lakeside Bar & Grill"

Street: 1001 Queen Elizabeth Driveway

City: Ottawa

## **Cerridwen's Mug**

Date: Aug 14/09

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Lettieri Espresso Bar & Café

Street: 77 Wellesley Street

City: Toronto

Cerridwen's Mug will be held once again at the Lettieri Espresso Bar & Cafe. Lettieri is located in the heart of the Toronto Pride Village (Church and Wellesley) which is walking distance from Wellesley station. Open on Fridays until 4 am, everyone is welcome to come and socialize as they will and partake of Lettieri's extensive collection of gourmet teas and coffees and delectable panini sandwiches. Being centrally located, Lettieri is also in short distance from many other entertainment choices. Come on out and mingle with other friendly people in the Toronto Pagan community and learn about the other events happening throughout the city. For more information, please contact Samantha Wu by e-mail at rayvyn@gmail.com or by phone at 647 206 5540.

## **HammerTown Pagan Pub Moot**

Date: Aug 16/09

Time 7 pm

Location: Corktown Pub & Fare

Street: 175 Young St

City: Hamilton

Come one, come all and join Konga and Friends for a wonderful night of Drumming! Bring your drums and your desire to make some "blessed beats". Whether you are a beginner or an expert, it's going to be a night full of drumming fun for everyone! Our featured Vendor is Black Orchid Designs and possibly one other. As always, we will be holding our awesome raffle and 50/50 draws and maybe some other fun surprises too! As well there will be a Lammas Altar for all to celebrate the turning of the wheel. In addition to all of this, the Corktown will have a new menu available, plus a new Sunday special: 2 Imports for \$8! So, come out and get to know YOUR pagan and magically inclined community!

Need more information? Email us at [info@hammertownppm.com](mailto:info@hammertownppm.com) or check out our website at [www.hammertownppm.com](http://www.hammertownppm.com)

### **Toronto Pagan Pub Moot**

Date: Aug 17/09

Time: 7-11 pm

Location: The Fox and Fiddle

Street: 1535 Yonge Street

City: Toronto

The Toronto Pagan Pub Moot is the first and longest running Moot in Canada (c. Feb. 1996) . It is an open and friendly social event that meets every Third Calendar Monday of every month. It is open to Pagans, Wiccans, Witches, Druids, Asatru, etc of ALL ages. Open to those who are new and would like to learn more, to those who have been walking the path for decades. As this is a social event, there are no lectures or specific talks. It is a GREAT place to meet up with old friends and make new friends.

For more information, please feel free to contact either Evan or Karen [torontopaganpubmoot@rogers.com](mailto:torontopaganpubmoot@rogers.com)  
<http://torontopaganpubmoot.shorturl.com>

### **Forest City Pub Moot**

Date: Aug 19/09

Time: 7 - 10 pm

Street: 511 Talbot Street, upper lounge

City: London

After months of planning and prep, we are ready to go. This will be a great night with music, drink and great company. The Black Shire has agreed to host these for a trial run, based on how many people we get coming out. This is a 19+ event and the night is open to all. Some appetizers will be provided.

If you plan on drinking alcohol, please arrange safe transport home by cab, bus or DD.

### **Toronto Building Bridges Pub Moot**

Date: Aug 19/09

Time: 7-11 pm

Location: The Ground Hog Pub

Street: 401 Bloor St East

City: Toronto

Just a reminder: we are accepting donations for our "Need Table". It is a community driven initiative and we hope its success will continue. If you need anything or know anyone who is in need and can't make it to the pub moot feel free to take from the table. That is what it is for. We are in tough times, and we have folks in the community who could use some help; either starting up a new apartment, clothes, or food items...so any donations will be appreciated. Don't forget our networking table. It's the best way to network your businesses. Also our upcoming events announcements on what is happening in our communities for August. We also may have a few more surprises but you have to come out to see what they may be.

### **Pagan Meet and Greet**

Date: Aug 22/09

Time: 10-6 pm

Street: 1346 Hwy 15 Kingston Ontario

City: Kingston

Hosted by Goddess Blends - 613-544-0852

[www.goddessblendspagan.com](http://www.goddessblendspagan.com)

### **London Ontario Pagan Coffee Social**

Date: Aug 22/09

Time: 7 pm

Location 513 Queen St

City: London

The LOP coffee Social is held at 7 pm on the last Friday of every Month behind Need hams Funeral Home (side door)

There will be Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate provided for \$1 cup. All proceeds will go to fund our local Spiral Scouts group.

### **Pagan Brunch**

Date: Aug 23/09

Time: 11 am

Location: The Toucan

Street: 76 Princess St.

City: Kingston

Contact: 613-544-0852

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for the Pagan Community  
[www.paganpages.ca](http://www.paganpages.ca)

# Store Listings



**Special Events! with Carole Davis-Wilson:**

**Aura Reading Workshop**

Date: August 7th at 7:00 pm

&

**Connecting with Your Crystal Skull**

Date: August 14th, at 7:00 pm

**Full Moon/Lunar Eclipse Guided Meditation**

Date: August 5/09

Time: 7 pm start

**New Moon Guided Meditation**

Date: August 20/09

Time: 7 pm start

Please see our website with more information on our continuing classes:

**Tarot Series, Magic Series, & Astrology from the Beginning all with Cat!**

**\*\*\*Please Register in advance for all workshops\*\*\***

For more information please visit our website at

[www.theancientmystic.com](http://www.theancientmystic.com)

## The Hedge Witch

*The Hedge Witch has ongoing workshops and events. Please take a look at their website for more information.*

[www.thehedgewitch.com](http://www.thehedgewitch.com) or contact us at 905 478-1837

18944 Leslie Street, Sharon, ON, L0G 1V0



**Public Rituals**

Date: August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29/09

Time: 8 pm

**Public Classes**

Date: August 4, 11, 18 & 25/09

Time: 8 pm

For more information please visit our website at

[www.wcc.on.ca](http://www.wcc.on.ca) or contact us at 416-656-6564

109 Vaughan Road, Toronto, ON, M6C 2L9



*The month of August tends to be a little quiet at Wonderworks.*

*They do have a few workshops on the schedule.*

*So please take a look at their website for details or just drop by for a visit.*

For more information please visit our website at

[www.gowonderworks.com](http://www.gowonderworks.com) or contact us at 416-323-3131

79a Harbord Street, Toronto, ON, M5S 1G4

# Events

## **EAGLE FEATHER HEALING / CLEANSING / DIVINING**

Date: August 1/09

Time: 11-1 pm

Street: 461 Penetanguishene Rd

City: Barrie

Please Join Tamare White-Wolf as she provides spiritual healing and psychic divination opportunities within a small group session. During this session spirit guides offer in-depth information to each individual in clearing and recharging their soul purpose. Prepare emotionally for the psychic gifts and information offered while gently healing.

Website: <http://www.earthandskyconnection.com>

## **L'Heure Noire:**

### **Special Guest Andrieh Vitimus**

Date: August 8/09

Time: Workshops 11-7 pm, Performance 7-12 am

Street: 51 Stuart Street

City: Hamilton

Cost: \$70 for package deal & individually priced workshops

**Excitement, Mystery and Magic. Imagine Dream and come play!**

#### Workshops

- What is Chaos Magic and How it Can Help You
- Practical Introduction to Psychic Self Defense
- A Magical Lunch with Andrieh Vitimus
- Relax! Instantaneously & thoroughly using hypnosis
- Ovayki-Basic Energy Manipulation & Healing techniques

\*All workshops are with Andrieh Vitimus\*

Doors close at 8:00 pm for our first performance, audience participated "Theater Faerie", followed by belly dancing from the captivating Cat Soliman & Noirah Bruce, & sultry Fire Dancing by Hot Carl.

## **JourneyDance ~ Experience the Bliss of Transformation**

Date: August 8/09

Time: 7:15-9:15 pm

Location: Jivamukti Yoga Toronto

Street: 5 Shuter Street, 3rd floor

City: Toronto

Cost: \$20 pre-register / \$25 drop-in

Toni Bergins' JourneyDance™ is a sensual and exhilarating union of dance, visualization, improvisation, and ritual that will awaken your imagination and move you through deep, personal exploration into a loving, intimate relationship with body, mind, heart, and source energy.

## **'You Are My Sister' Womens Weekend**

Date: August 11-13/09

Location: Allanburg Community Center

Street: 1560 Falls

City: Thorold South (St. Catharines)

That's Right! Come and reclaim the right to make us all Sisters! Long has it been since we as women have had the opportunity to spend a glorious weekend together. Laughing, learning, sharing, and communing, in a safe and affordable way. So here comes your chance!

The cost is \$50 per woman and spaces are limited. This covers your space at the hall for the weekend, tea, coffee, water, continental breakfast (Saturday and Sunday)

Saturday night dinner, crafts, all workshops, and Rituals.

To register please visit us at: <http://youaremysister.ca>

## **Vipassana Presentation**

Date: August 13/09

Time: 7:30 pm - 9 pm

Location: Snow Lion: The Meditation Shop

Street: 708 Pape Avenue

City: Toronto

Public talks offer you an opportunity to find out more about Vipassana Meditation. Following the introductory talk and film screening there is an opportunity to ask questions and talk informally with experienced meditators.

For more information please call us 416-461-1611, or email us at [twos.visual@gmail.com](mailto:twos.visual@gmail.com)

Website: [www.torana.dhamma.org](http://www.torana.dhamma.org)

## **Port Drum**

Date: Sunday, August 9, 2009

Time: 6-10 pm

Location: Bathe Hall

Street: 289 Eulalie St.

City: Oshawa

Cost: \$10.

New Home for the summer! Let's get together, talk about what we learned or saw at Fest and drum the night away!

The sessions will be in four parts: Meet and greet for the first half hour; a teaching segment where we will be learning the basics as well as some new licks; break time with healthy snacks and refreshments; then a jam session to close out the night! Please stay tuned to our Facebook page for details!

Contact Info: [portdrum@gmail.com](mailto:portdrum@gmail.com) or 905-914-7313

### Fire Drum Circle

Date: August 15/09

Time: 8 pm

Location: 31601 Shackleton Line,

City: Iona Station (just west of London)

Cost: \$5/person, \$10/family

(Kids 12 & under FREE, must be accompanied by an adult!)

Drum circles are great for releasing the stresses of everyday life, or for attuning yourself to the natural rhythms of the earth. This event is for all experience levels. Instruments are not required. Children are welcome. Drumming, dancing, singing, and chanting. This is an outdoor event so please be prepared (lawn chairs, blanket/sweater, bug repellent, etc).

Contact us at 519-762-2000 or email us at [info@spiritsfest.com](mailto:info@spiritsfest.com) Website: [www.spiritsfest.com](http://www.spiritsfest.com)

### FREE HYPNOSIS! summer-spring-fall

Date: August 16 & 30/09

Time: 12-7 pm

Location: Kensington Market

Street: Baldwin Street & Augusta Avenue

City: Toronto

Free mini hypnosis sessions and consultations at pedestrian-only street fest, the last Sunday of every month - see the streets of Toronto's Kensington Market become a cultural, community playground. <http://www.pskensington.ca/>

### Behind the Star Signs: Elements and Modes'

Date: Aug 22/09

Time: 2-4:30 pm

Location: Soaring Hearts Wellness

Street: 116 Main St. East

City: Shelburne, ON

Cost: \$30

This introductory astrology afternoon will help you understand the connections and differences between the 12 Zodiac signs. We'll explore the **four elements** and **three modalities** helping you discover what makes each Zodiac sign tick. You'll learn about the **psychological traits** of each element and modality, as well as gain personal insights into your own inner nature. The **12 houses of the horoscope** are introduced, to help you understand the links between heaven and earth.

Absolutely no prior astrology knowledge required, just bring your enthusiasm to learn.

Presented by Australian Astrologer Kelly Surtees, a world renowned astrologer, teacher and writer.

[www.kellysurtees.com](http://www.kellysurtees.com) 519-925-2822

### SOWN Barbecue & Cauldronluck

Date: Aug 23/09

Time: 2 pm start

Location: Michael and Willow RedEagle

Street: Lake St. Claire

City: Belle River, ON

We live on Lake St. Claire so bring your lake toys....water is waste deep at our deck in the back yard. Boats etc.....are welcome. Just keep safety in mind:) Oh and bring your Insect Repellant...we have lots of bugs too:)

Meat, bread and plates/cutlery will be provided. Please bring side dishes, beverages, or dessert to share.

Please send RSVP so we know how many to prepare meat for. Also let us know what dish or beverage you plan to bring so we don't end up with everyone bringing the same thing.

Email: [willowredeagle@yahoo.com](mailto:willowredeagle@yahoo.com), Phone: 519-968-3560



## *Spirits of the Earth*



This is a hard festival to describe. Not because it is boring, or uneventful, but because there is so much going on, its hard to put into words.

My adventure started out with me under the roof bag. Yes, I said under.

Its incredible how fast

those suckers come down when they have a mind too. Heather and I were pulling, and all of a sudden it let go, and, well you know, the next thing I know, I am flat on my back, with the roof bag on top of me. After much laughter, searching for camera's (none were found thank the Gods!!) and of course good natured ribbing, I was rescued from my roof bag and set up commenced.

This was my second year attending, and I must say they out did themselves over last year, which was amazing all on its own.

What could be more fun then a bunch of pagans, having a great time, and singing Karaoke at the top of their lungs? And that my friend, is just the first night.

Each night before the fire got going they would do an Elemental tribute, with full costumes, ritual, and a banner that is placed in the appropriate direction. It is truly a site to behold.

I do have to admit though that Fire night is my favorite tribute. With Tameika in her Phoenix costume and Fox in his (I swear they must have been 14 feet) wings, they were both an amazing force. All the while the Dragon Ritual Drummers were performing. It raised the energy, and created such a magical feel that even the most tired of people couldn't help but feel the pull to the fire.

On Friday there was a Voodoo ritual. Honestly if I could put into words what I experienced, and the absolute amazement of it, I would. (There is that word amazing again). We were very lucky, as there was a special guest with Utu, to perform the ritual.

Prince Bamidele Bajowa, born into the Royal House of Rebuja Ruling Dynasty in Igbotako, Osooro, Ondo State, Nigeria, KING of Voodoo and Witchdoctor Utu of the Niagara Voodoo Shrine offered us a massively powerful Ancestor Ritual. Where else can you honour the primal African and North American Voodoo traditions, in the same sacred space as raw earth magick? It was an experience of

a lifetime for me, a Wiccan, and I can only imagine the powerful feeling it must have had on those who are Voodoo

Don't even ask about workshops, although, with Christopher Penzak there, and many other fabulous presenters, I have heard nothing but positive feed back about them. However, I did attend one. Well maybe attend is the wrong word. Franco and I did a ritual/workshop, as a continuation of one we did last year. From my point of view it went very well, and those that attended got a lot out of it.

The whole week carries an air of magic, and mystery. Fox, Tameika and staff, go out of their way to make sure each and every one of us felt welcome and at home, and I must say, at the Medevil feast, we were very well taken care of. Fox, your wine ROCKS!!! Our wench "Jasmine" never let our glass become empty.

I can't compare Spirits to any other fest, because its not like any other fest. It truly is an experience that you must have, to understand what I am saying.

Kudo's to you Spirits!! The bands were great, I am now a fan of the Gypsy Nomads! The Elemental tributes were over the top again, and I am excited to see what is in store for next year.

Over all, Spirits were high (no pun intended, lol) and laughter was plenty.

The picture is an over head view of the whole site. Not sure who took the picture, but I copied it from Fox and Tameika. Our campsite was to the far right, and as you can see, the fire pit was right there, the band shell, the potties, and the wonderful showers. We were in the middle of it all, and couldn't have been happier! The other picture is Estroville in its set up stage!! It takes a strong man to be able to camp in amongst all that estrogen, and hats off to those who did!! Thank you to the girl who took this pic!

So I close this review with a bit of sadness in my heart. I had a wonderful time, but now its over, and I must wait until next year.

But, I am already packing for KG!! Cya all there!!



\*some information was taken from the Spirits of the Earth facebook page\*

# Festival Calendar

## FireDance Festival

Aug 13-16/09 - For more information please see us on Facebook.com or [fire dancedrums@hotmail.com](mailto:fire dancedrums@hotmail.com)

## 'You Are My Sister' Womens Weekend

September 11-13/09 - For more information contact us at [youaremysister.ca/](http://youaremysister.ca/)

## Harvest Fest

Oct 10 - 12/09 (on the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend).

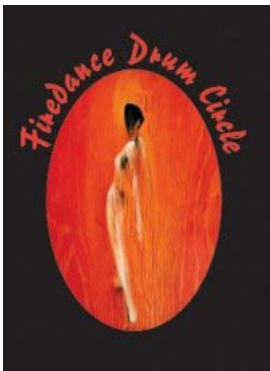
## SAMHAIN: Feast of the Dead

Oct 23 - 25/09 - Stay tuned to [www.spiritsfest.com](http://www.spiritsfest.com) for further details

## WomynSpirit Festival

October 23 - 25/09 A women-only festival to celebrate Samhain, held at The Ecology Retreat Centre in Hockley Valley. Please visit <http://sites.google.com/site/womynspirit/Home> for details.

## Festival Spotlight



## *Peace, Love and Music*

Come out for FireDance Drum Festival. In Celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woodstock, we are hosting an all Hippie theme.

Some highlights of our festival will be a contest for the best hippie spirit, our Bardic Competition & Pot Luck Feast. There will be our women's ritual and Men's ritual hosted by Aislinn Avalon and Khayman. Friday night ritual with Tameika and Fox of Spirits of the Earth Festival, and drum ritual with Catherine Starr and FireDance. There will also be Celtic stories with Brian Walsh.

We have some fabulous performances with, Michael Moon, Psychedelic Blues Band, Asleep At The Switch, Loki, Mike West, Themis, Sheherezade, Shibatan and The Dragon Ritual Drummers.

Other highlights are a wide variety of workshops, a full children's program and many wonderful vendors, for your shopping delights. FireDance Drum Festival is located in Janetville, on the beautiful Magick Morn Farm, 20 mins south of Lindsay 761 Fleetwood Rd. For more information, or to contact our staff, please visit our website at [www.fire dancedrum.com](http://www.fire dancedrum.com)

## Pagan Pride Events

### Chatham

Local Coordinator: Kim Cadotte  
Email: [kcadotte@gmail.com](mailto:kcadotte@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://www.ppdchatham.org/>

### Durham Region

Local Coordinator: Jennifer Finlayson (Evelore Willowsong)  
Email: [evelorewillowsong@gmail.com](mailto:evelorewillowsong@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://dppd.durhampagans.ca>  
Memorial Park in Oshawa, Ontario - **September 13, 2009**

### Hamilton

Co-Local Coordinator: Blackangel, Email: [info@ppdhamilton.org](mailto:info@ppdhamilton.org)  
Co-Local Coordinator: Wayne, Email: [wbowdish@mountaincable.net](mailto:wbowdish@mountaincable.net)  
Website: <http://www.ppdhamilton.org>  
Sponsored by:  
**Gage Park - September 12th, 2009**

### Kitchener-Waterloo

Local Coordinator: Heather Duke  
Email: [kwppd@gto.net](mailto:kwppd@gto.net)  
Website: <http://www.kwpaganpride.com>  
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### Sault St. Marie

Co-Local Coordinator: Jennifer Rowe, Email: [jenrowe16@gmail.com](mailto:jenrowe16@gmail.com)  
Co-Local Coordinator: Amanda Zuke, Email: [amanda.zuke@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.zuke@gmail.com)  
Website: <http://www.saultpaganpride.bravehost.com>  
Sponsored by: Sault Ste. Marie Pagan Association and The Sault Ste. Marie Conservation Authority  
Fort Creek Conservation Area, Second Line West

### St. Thomas

Local Coordinator: Airianna/Tricia Clark  
Email: [babyzilliack@hotmail.com](mailto:babyzilliack@hotmail.com)  
Website: [http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/London\\_Pagan\\_Pride](http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/London_Pagan_Pride)  
Sponsored by: Unity Rainbow Bridge and London Pagan Jubilation

### Sudbury

Local Coordinator: Rayvin Nyte  
Email: [pride@rayvins.com](mailto:pride@rayvins.com)  
Website: <http://www.freewebs.com/paganpridesudbury/>  
Sponsored by: This event is sponsored by Elysian Sanctum, Sudbury's Pagan Temple  
Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:00am to 3:30pm  
Market Square - Downtown on Elm St.

### Toronto

Local Coordinator: Crystal Allard /Jim Findley  
Email: [buildingbridges@rogers.com](mailto:buildingbridges@rogers.com)  
Website: <http://www.torontopaganpride.com/>  
Sponsored by: Building Bridges Pub Moot  
Wilket Creek Park Firepit #1  
Sunday, August 23 Noon

## Hidden in the Stars.....

### Eclipses

Written by Kelly Surtee

Eclipses occur in seasons, about six months apart. August 6's lunar eclipse (a Full Moon) is the last eclipse of the current season and promises inventiveness. An eclipse is a special kind of new or full moon - one that can only occur when the Sun, Earth and Moon are in a particular alignment. Astrologically, eclipses are said to be chaotic but stimulating; full of change but also full of opportunity. We've recently had eclipses on July 7 (Full Moon/Lunar) and July 22 (New Moon/Solar).

#### Aries March 20 - April 19

Your curiosity for information, knowledge and socialising continues until August 25. Deal with responsibilities maturely under the August 11 Saturn influence - expect opportunities on August 14.

#### Taurus April 20 - May 20

Venus' domestic influence from August 2 - 27 means extra family time and relaxation at home. August 19 is perfect for making decisions and finalising plans - Saturn helps you stick to your guns.

#### Gemini May 21 - June 20

Mars in your sign until August 25 gives you extra fire, energy and confidence. Take action, begin new projects and enjoy putting yourself first.

#### Cancer 21 June - July 22

Venus in your sign through August means it's time for pampering and a makeover. You'll want to look and feel your best. Splurge on quality.

#### Leo July 23 - August 22

The Sun in your sign means it's time to celebrate. You are fabulous so do something special for your birthday. Avoid over committing yourself between August 15 - 18.

#### Virgo August 23 - September 22

You're in peak form under a strong Mercury influence from August 2 - 27 and you easily figure out the best way forward. Choices and decisions made under a Mercury/Saturn link on August 17 last.

#### Libra September 23 - October 22

Be prepared to change as Venus and Pluto align on August 2. Power themes make it important to take control. Uranus brings opportunities to break with convention and try something different on August 23.

#### Scorpio October 23 - November 21

Work needs attention under the Sun's influence until August 22 - you're in the spotlight professionally. Travel and romance blend easily under the Venus/Uranus link on August 23.

#### Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

Mars brings energy mid month as you get a second wind on a drawn out project. Seek new challenges - you're more capable than you think. Take action and start projects.

#### Capricorn December 22 - January 21

Romance and relationships are in focus under Venus' influence from August 2 - 27, with super strong love energy (especially about commitment) around August 19.

#### Aquarius January 22 - February 17

Creative insight helps you move forward as Mars and Jupiter link on August 14. Assertively make the changes you know you want. Revising your plans makes it easier to take action.

#### Pisces February 18 - March 19

Home and family desires motivate you until August 25. Mars onside until then helps you move, redecorate, renovate or take a stand on that long standing family matter.

### Coming Next Month

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