

AstroUpdate – December 2010

Hi and welcome to the Stella Starwoman December AstroUpdate delivered to you on the day of the Sagittarius New Moon!

Last year, to challenge the collective mindset, I offered all AstroUpdate subscribers TWO complimentary \$50 gift vouchers to give as presents to friends and family for Christmas. I'm repeating the offer this year – just scroll down for instructions on how to apply for your FREE vouchers.

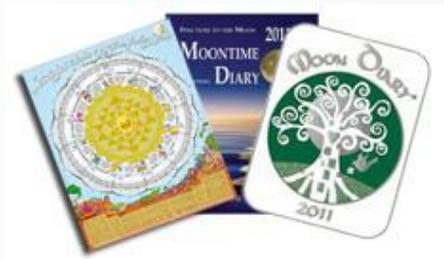
And if you're after a stress free Christmas shopping experience....check out the brand new [Stella Starwoman On Line Store](#)

This month's AstroUpdate contains details of all my **2011 Courses and Workshops** – I'm open for bookings, so let me know if you'd like to sign up for courses in astrology, magic & manifestation and tarot plus two new workshops '*Speed Dating with the Court Cards*' and '*Lunar Planning & Seasonal Rituals*'.

Last month we looked at why Neptune's imminent move into Pisces is such wonderful news for artists, musicians and spiritual seekers. This month we look at how Neptune's influence on collective trends has played out over the past 100 years and where we're heading over the coming decade. And given the growing number of men subscribing to AstroUpdate, there's also a short article on The Ashes "Will Australia Thrash the Poms?"

Happy Christmas & blessings to you all, love Stella xxx

Stella Starwoman Store Launch



Many thanks to those of you who have supported the [Stella Starwoman Store](#) in its first month of operation. The [Moon Diaries and Calendars](#) are selling like hot cakes, and the customised [Zodiac Screensavers](#) have also proved very popular - don't forget to place your order in time for Christmas and the New Year.

Here are a few product highlights. Please do let me know if there's something you'd like to see in stock
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Christmas Gift Voucher Special Offer

Last year I offered all AstroUpdate subscribers TWO complimentary \$50 gift vouchers to give as presents to friends and family for Christmas. Your response was so amazing, I've decided to repeat the offer this year and keep all that good energy flowing.

There's no catch - all you have to do is to send me your friends' names and addresses via the link below and I'll mail out the vouchers to them before Christmas.

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PLEASE NOTE: This special offer expires at midnight on Sunday 19th December 2010.

And wishing you a very happy and prosperous new year – I'd like to thank you for your support and goodwill throughout this year and look forward to sharing my love of tarot and astrology with you in 2011.

December Astro Energies

The dominant energies for the month are fire sign Sagittarius and earth sign Capricorn. One an optimistic, forward-looking and expansive energy and one a more conservative and practical force. Sagittarius provides vision and confidence, while Capricorn offers the discipline and power to manifest the vision.

Mercury moves into practical Capricorn on the 1st December, but turns retrograde on the 10th at 5° Capricorn and then heads back into Sagittarius on the 19th. Mercury's retrograde cycle completes on the 30th at 19° Sagittarius. The Mercury retrograde period (10th-30th) is a time for reflection and regrouping. Any disruptive occurrences, such as malfunctioning equipment, car trouble or lost mail should be viewed as a sign to slow down rather than a reason to become frustrated.

The new moon in Sagittarius on the 6th is a time for new beginnings, inner work and reflection, so ponder the events of the past year and spend some time alone or with your partner and family making practical New Year resolutions.

Pluto gradually loosens her grip on the karmic North Node as the month progresses and relationship planet Venus returns to passionate Scorpio after a lengthy retrograde transit which began in early October. A new perspective on relationships is now possible, and any unpleasant or surprising events of the past few weeks can be put into context.

Mars moves into practical Capricorn on the 8th December providing endurance and determination for the rest of the month. If you've got some project that needs an injection of energy to get off the ground or complete, Mars will assist you in your endeavours.

Watch out for the lunar eclipse at this month's full moon on the 21st in Gemini on the eve of the summer solstice. This is the perfect time for a full moon meditation as the energy is extremely powerful.



Neptune into Pisces – In Search of Paradise

Idealistic Neptune continues to hover round the final degrees of Aquarius as a prelude to her 14 year journey through spiritual water sign Pisces beginning in April next year. Neptune is considered by astrologers to be the ruler of Pisces, meaning she is 'at home' in that zodiac sign and can perform to her full potential. Neptune's transit of a sign gives us some indication of what ideas and values will be fashionable during a given 14 year period. Here's a brief summary of the past 100 years of Neptune transits.

Neptune in Leo (1914-1929) Glamour, style, individuality, movies
Neptune in Virgo (1928-1943) Virginity, hard work, duty, sacrifice, hygiene
Neptune in Libra (1942-1956) Marriage, diplomacy, keep it nice, aesthetics, romance
Neptune in Scorpio (1955-1970) Passion, exploring the dark side, intensity, sex
Neptune in Sagittarius (1970-1984) Freedom, adventure, knowledge, breaking rules
Neptune in Capricorn (1984-1998) Business, wealth, achievement, hard work, status
Neptune in Aquarius (1998-2011) Technology, androgyny, community, progress

Just as Neptune's transit of Capricorn made business and real estate sexy, and Neptune's transit of Aquarius (1998-2011) made technology fashionable, we can expect that Neptune's transit through Pisces will bring Piscean themes into the mainstream.

- The quest for redemption, salvation and paradise
- Escapism through drugs, alcohol and altered states of consciousness
- Escapism through film, fashion, beauty, glamour, music and the arts
- Withdrawal from society to meditate, contemplate, muse and reflect
- Divine love, unconditional love and unrequited love
- Desire to connect with divine, spiritual and supernatural forces
- Desire to rescue, save or suffer (the martyr, victim, saviour complex)
- Compassion, kindness, selflessness, sharing and humility
- Yearning for a more natural, peaceful and contemplative existence
- Desire to renounce one's own individual nature or desire to merge with the collective or divine nature

Pisces is a quintessentially female energy and after 28 years of Neptune travelling through the serious and rather detached Saturn-ruled signs (Capricorn and Aquarius) I believe we will see a massive increase in feminine consciousness over the coming decade. This is clearly good news for artists, musicians and those working in spiritual or humanitarian fields.

I recently attended the premiere of Annika Glac's new feature film *Belladonna*, a love story based on past lives. Annika says she likes to make films for people who are inspired by the thoughtful and magical, people who love movies, books and art and who are passionate about continuing life on this planet. Lead actor, Todd Macdonald said he had never worked on a film project in where ever single member of the crew from the person making tea to the director had such obvious dedication, passion and focus on the work they were creating. Kate Kendall, his co-lead said the themes of the film had made everyone involved think about their place in a greater whole and given life a new meaning. To me, these comments symbolise the new direction we will take with Neptune in Pisces. Technology and progress are wonderful, but it's time to infuse our lives with love, feelings, beauty, compassion, sharing, integrity and all those wonderful qualities that make life really worth living.



Stella Starwoman Astrology & Tarot Courses 2011

If you've always dreamed of learning astrology or tarot, you might like to check out my 2011 Courses & Workshops. Scroll down to the end of this newsletter for a full listing with dates and prices or visit www.stellastarwoman.com or www.tarotforthejourney.com and follow the 'Courses' and 'Workshops' links.

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Featured Sign - Sagittarius



From 22nd November to 22nd December, the sun travels through Sagittarius, an intuitive fire sign noted for its vision, adventurous nature and love of philosophy. Sagittarius is the ninth sign of the zodiac with keywords "I seek" and "I expand". Those born under the sign of the Archer often struggle to integrate their animal nature with their more lofty human side. Sagittarians seek expansion on all levels, mental, physical, emotional and spiritual, and can usually be found travelling, studying and exploring life's big issues. They love to share their wisdom and are often talented writers or teachers. At best they are intelligent, honest, generous and inspirational. Negatively, they can be tactless, self indulgent, coarse and hypocritical. Some Sagittarians are drifters, constantly in search of new horizons and ever more exciting adventures. Most Archers eventually realise that true freedom comes from commitment and dedication to a personal vision, rather than from the outer world.

In medical astrology, Sagittarius rules the liver, hips and thighs and sacral regions of the spine. When Sagittarians are out of balance they can suffer from sciatica, hip diseases, rheumatism and weight gain. The Sagittarian colours are purple and deep blue. Sagittarius's greatest lessons are commitment, moderation, tact and learning to deliver what they promise.





Sagittarius New Moon

The new moon in fire sign Sagittarius on the 6th is a time for new beginnings, inner work and reflection, so ponder the events of the past year and spend some time alone or with your partner and family making practical New Year resolutions. Sagittarius is an optimistic and expansive energy with the gift of passion, vision and wisdom. Uranus the planet of rebellion, change and insight changes direction on the day of the new moon, so things will begin to move forward and shift rapidly providing you surrender to the process and follow your intuition.

Gemini Full Moon & Lunar Eclipse

The yang energy reaches its zenith at the summer solstice on 22nd December as the Sun enters Capricorn. But on the eve of the solstice, as the earth's shadow casts an eerie light over the full moon, a powerful total lunar eclipse sets the scene for.....well who knows what? Normally the full moon is a time of culmination and harvest, but an eclipse tends to muddle and shake things up and its effects can last for up to six months, right up to the next lunar eclipse.

The eclipse occurs at 29°21' Gemini on 21st December at 7.15 pm Australian East Coast Daylight Savings Time and will be visible in those parts of Australia where the sun has already set. The asteroid Pallas and the planet Mercury are both conjunct the Sun in Sagittarius at the time of the eclipse. Pallas represents cool-headed intelligence combined with wisdom, while Mercury symbolises logic and rational thought. The full moon is conjunct the mighty Betelgeuse, the huge red star in the constellation of Orion, known to the Egyptians as the god Osiris. Betelgeuse is associated with themes of rejuvenation, transformation and ascension and can stimulate the flow of evolution. It is considered to be one of the most blessed and fortunate stars in the sky, for when linked to a birth chart, it promises success without complications.

This powerful line up of planets is guaranteed to stir the melting pot, bringing in the themes of death and rebirth in the lead up to Christmas and the Capricorn solar eclipse on the 4th January.



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The Ashes – Will Australia Thrash the Poms?

Now I know many of you have no interest whatsoever in the drama unfolding at the Gabba, WACA, MCG and other acronyms, but I happen to be a bit of a cricket fan and being a Pom by birth, am eagerly looking forward to taking my seat at the MCG for the Ashes Boxing Day Test. We've had so many hung or almost hung parliaments this year (UK Election, Australian Federal Election, AFL Grand Final, Victorian State Election), I thought I'd take a look at this most classic of cricket contests and pose the question: "Will we thrash the Poms or will this be another 'hung' contest along with the hangovers?"

Gone are the glory days of Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath laying waste to the entire English side – the Brisbane Test ended in a draw (but with five centuries scored by the English batsmen) and in the Adelaide Test, the Poms look set to continue their batting dominance. As the pound weakens against the Aussie dollar, the English cricket team goes from strength to strength.

Australian captain Ricky Ponting (born 19/12/74 in Launceston) is a Sagittarian and his opponent Andrew Strauss (born 2/3/77 in Johannesburg) a Piscean. Ponting has transiting Uranus square his Sun, solar arc South Node conjunct Saturn and transiting Saturn square natal Saturn during the test series. With these challenging aspects he could well lose the series and also his test captaincy to Michael Clarke. Strauss's transits are less challenging and he is in a Moon Jupiter sub-period, but with transiting Saturn conjunct natal Pluto as the series opened, he cannot be complacent. Fellow English batsman, Kevin Pietersen has Pluto opposing his Sun by transit and Pluto trine Jupiter – more favourable transits for victory.

On balance, I'd say astrologically, the English team has the upper hand, but with rains flooding the country and Australia being the home side, perhaps we'll see another 'hung' contest with the series ending in a draw and England holding onto the coveted Ashes trophy.

December Moon Calendar

Launch projects at the New Moon, bring them to completion in the period from just before the Full Moon to the Third Quarter phase and wind them down and reflect on developments in the week before the next New Moon. The period between the New Moon and the Full Moon is the waxing moon (moon getting bigger and fuller). The period between the Full Moon and the New Moon is the waning moon (moon getting smaller and thinner).

Many of you have written asking for info on the best time to cut your hair or wax/shave your legs. You can use this moon table to select the most favourable days to slow or increase hair regrowth. Full instructions can be found in my Lunar Hair Care guidelines at www.stellastarwoman.com/files/LunarHairCare.pdf but to get you started I've marked the best dates for waxing/shaving to slow regrowth in yellow and the best dates to cut hair for thicker, lusher growth in green. If you're serious about Lunar Hair Care - order your own Moon Calendar from the [Stella Starwoman Store](#) then you'll know exactly what time the moon changes from one zodiac sign to the next.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sign</u>	<u>Element</u>	<u>Moon Phase</u>
1 st -3 rd	Libra	Air	New Moon 6th
3 rd -5 th	Scorpio	Water	
5 th -7 th	Sagittarius	Fire	
7 th -9 th	Capricorn	Earth	
9 th -12 th	Aquarius	Air	First Quarter
12 th -14 th	Pisces	Water	
14 th -17 th	Aries	Fire	
17 th -19 th	Taurus	Earth	Full Moon 21 st Lunar Eclipse Summer Solstice 22nd
19 th -21 st	Gemini	Air	
21 st -23 rd	Cancer	Water	
23 rd -26 th	Leo	Fire	Third Quarter
26 th -28 th	Virgo	Earth	
28 th -30 th	Libra	Air	

Thanks for being part of AstroUpdate. If there's something you'd like to see featured, or have something you think would interest others, please contact me at stellaw@ozemail.com.au

PS – Don't forget to check out your December Monthly Stars at www.stellastarwoman.com to see what's coming up for you this month.

Happy Stargazing

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Courses & Workshops 2011

TAROT

Tap into Tarot – One Year Course

One Year Beginner Course covering tarot symbolism, Major and Minor Arcana, court cards and lots of practical tarot reading

Course Dates: Starts Tuesday 15th February 2011

Time: Monday evenings 6.00 – 7.30 pm (32 weeks)

Cost: \$350 per term x 4 or \$1200 for the whole year (save \$200)

Practical Tarot – Six Week Course

Designed for those with a good basic knowledge of tarot who want to improve and extend their reading skills

Course Dates: Tuesday 15th February – Tuesday 22nd March 2011

Time: Tuesday evenings 7.30 – 9.00 pm (6 weeks)

Cost: \$295

Secrets of the Major Arcana – Tarot Morning Workshop

Meet the Fool, the Empress, the Magician & all the other exciting characters of the Tarot Major Arcana and take away three simple Tarot spreads to use for self, friends and family

Date: Sunday April 17th 2011

Time: 9.30 – 1.30 pm

Cost: \$155 includes morning tea and your own Rider Waite tarot deck
or \$125 if you bring your own cards

Speed Dating with the Court Cards – Tarot Morning Workshop

Learn how to identify those Queens, Knights and Pages with people you meet on an everyday basis - the girl at the office, the man in the bakery, your husband, favourite grandson etc.

Then let's put them in some awkward or amusing situations and see what happens!

Date: Sunday May 1st 2011

Time: 9.30 – 1.30 pm

Cost: \$155 includes morning tea, handouts and your own Rider Waite tarot deck
or \$125 if you bring your own cards



ASTROLOGY

Astrology for Beginners – Fifteen Week Intensive

Designed for those with little or no knowledge of astrology. Covers zodiac signs, planets, houses and chart aspects

Course Dates: Monday 14th February – Monday 6th June 2011

Time: Monday evenings 6.00 – 8.00 pm (15 weeks)

Cost: \$750 (single payment – save \$100) or two instalments of \$425

Advanced Natal Chart Reading- Fifteen Week Course

Designed for those with a basic grasp of houses, planets and signs who want to improve and extend their chart reading skills

Course Dates: Monday 14th February – Monday 6th June 2011

Time: Monday evenings 8.00 – 9.30 pm (15 weeks)

Cost: \$650 (single payment - save \$50) or two instalments of \$350

Wheel of the Zodiac – Astrology Morning Workshop

An Archetypal Journey through the Twelve Signs of the Zodiac from Aries to Pisces.

Designed for those with little or no knowledge of Astrology who'd like to learn more about this fascinating subject including how the Sun, Moon & Rising Sign operate in your birth chart.

Date: Sunday March 20th 2011

Time: 9.30 – 1.30 pm

Cost: \$125 includes morning tea and Personal Birth Chart



MANIFESTATION & EMOTIONAL BALANCE

The Seven Secrets of Attracting the Perfect Partner – Morning Workshop

No date for Valentine's Day? Let's take a look at why Mr or Ms Right hasn't shown up yet and how to invite them into your life.

Date: Sunday February 13th 2011

Time: 9.30 - 1.30 pm - Cost: \$125 includes light lunch and *The Seven Secrets of Attracting the Perfect Partner* workbook

Venue: Cristina Re Concept Store - 'Where A Girl Goes'
Corner Langridge & Oxford Streets, Collingwood, Melbourne.

Magic & Manifestation Autumn or Spring Course

Break Through Blockages & Create the Life of Your Dreams

Course Dates: Tuesday 29th March - Tuesday 24th May 2011 OR

Tuesday 27th September - Tuesday 22nd November 2011

Time: Tuesday evenings 7.30 - 9.30 pm (8 weeks)

Cost: \$395

Lunar Planning & Seasonal Rituals – Full Day Workshop

As the days grow shorter, learn how to conserve energy, open the heart and maintain emotional, spiritual and physical balance using the secrets of lunar planning (including gardening by the moon) and the power of new moon, full moon and seasonal rituals.

Date: Sunday 15th May 2011

Time: 10.00 - 4.30 pm

Cost: \$195 includes lunch and Moon Calendar

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