



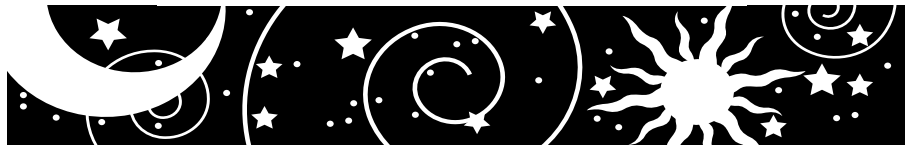
## The Keyhole

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*The South Florida Astrological Association  
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# GARY CHRISTEN

## *“Outline of Symmetrical Astrology”*

Thursday Meeting & Lecture

September 21, 2006

7 - 10 p.m.

\$15 for SFAA members

\$20 for non-members

## *“Introduction to Symmetrical Astrology: The 12 Rules of Alfred Witte”*

Saturday Workshop, September 23

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(lunch on your own, 12 - 1:30 p.m.)

\$40 for SFAA members, \$50 for non-members

Both events will take place at the  
Wyndham Fort Lauderdale Airport, 1870 Griffin Road  
954-920-3300

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Brenda Brush

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new season of wonderful meetings and workshops. We will be enjoying getting together and sharing what we have learned. We have great things planned for you, and we need you to make this year complete. This is your group, and we need your input to make this more fruitful for all.

Let's talk astrology now. We start September with two eclipses. One will be a Lunar Eclipse on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 15 degrees Pisces. This is the Cancer decanant of Pisces and the Virgo dwadashamsa (dwad). Pisces will give us insights into the spiritual meanings that lie behind the current situations in our lives. This is a gentle, compassionate, intuitive sign. It is also where we can feel quite vulnerable. There is a tendency to be emotional, spiritual and self-sacrificing. Cancer is the sign that has to do with emotional security, and the need to feel that we have nurturing and protection in our lives. Virgo is our ability to fix things. Virgo is how you are of service and the kind of service you receive from

others. You can see that this eclipse will bring up our vulnerabilities, our need to adjust, adapt and fix things in our lives, so we can feel safe and secure. Especially dealing with the unknowns that Pisces brings up. This eclipse is conjunct the Planet Uranus. Uranus wakes you up. What kind of wake-up call do you need?

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have a Solar Eclipse at 29 degrees of Virgo 20 minutes. It is time to face a few things in your life that you have been avoiding. It could be time to deal with changes in your life that are long overdue. Where Virgo is in your chart is where you need to learn to adapt. When Virgo is emphasized, we are acutely aware of imperfection; we take things apart, piece by piece, trying to make things better. Routines must be developed; schedules must be made and kept if there is to be organization in that part of your life. You will certainly be aware of what needs your attention. We might say, the purpose of Virgo is to distinguish the difference between what is valuable and useful and what is superficial waste material.

We are going to learn, via these eclipses, more than we ever cared to about the function of Virgo and Pisces. Virgo analyzes, digests and dissects to make things work better. Pisces has to visualize, dream and have faith in what they cannot see. If Virgo and Pisces are well-balanced in you, you know the difference between what needs to be fixed or adapted to, and what you have to accept, trust and have faith in the process. We could be neurotic, overwhelmed and stick our head in the sand when we can't handle the daily grind.

Pisces can be addiction and escapism. Virgo can show where we have an inability to adapt.

Saturn is in opposition to Neptune this year. The last time this happened was 1971. This aspect will give us no place to hide. We need to face things. We need to know the difference between what is real and what is not. Neptune will dissolve the walls you have, keeping hidden what you don't want to deal with. You will have to look at yourself and your life with a clear eye. What you don't like, you will have to face in a very healthy, constructive way. You will fix, with the aid of these eclipses, what you have never been able to face before. What a relief! You will be able to find the secret to your happiness. If you have any addictions (work, children, alcohol, drugs, etc.), this is the time to let them go.

Whatever you need to do to embrace a happier, more love-fulfilled life will be available to you, if you would just look. In a way, this could be the "Fairy Godmother" aspect. Will your pumpkin turn into a coach? Will Prince Charming appear? Well, if like Cinderella you were willing to be humble, sincere and willing to do the work, there is always a happy ending.

Happily Ever After,  
With Love, Brenda

### SFAA Speakers

October 19 & 21  
David Cochrane

Thursday, November 16  
Brenda Brush

Saturday, November 18  
Education &  
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## LECTURE

**Thursday, Sept. 21**

7 p.m., registration  
& socializing  
7:30 – 10 p.m., program

### “OUTLINE OF SYMMETRICAL ASTROLOGY”

Based on the ideas of the great astrologer Alfred Witte, many schools of thought flourished all over the world. Uranian Astrology, Cosmobiology, Hamburg School, Cosmobiological — all of these offshoots had one thing in common: a set of tools that revolutionized astrology.

When introduced, these ideas were far ahead of their time, and many since have become mainstream techniques. The use of midpoints, composite charts, the popularity of Solar Arc directions, even the basis for Arabic Parts and harmonics are all found as fundamental principals of Witte’s ideas.

In this lecture, Gary will outline these techniques and demonstrate their use. You will come away from this talk with a basic understanding of what these methods are and how they are applied. This talk serves as the perfect introduction to this weekend’s workshop and is

aimed at students and professionals at all levels of knowledge, from beginner to seasoned professional.

## WORKSHOP

**Saturday, Sept. 23**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### “INTRODUCTION TO SYMMETRICAL ASTROLOGY: THE 12 RULES OF ALFRED WITTE”

Using symmetry sometimes looks alien and complicated to the casual astrological observer. However, this system of ideas is really a high-powered speed technique that is easy to use, fast and accurate.

This workshop will demonstrate the use and underlying basis of the ideas taught by Alfred Witte. In America, Witte’s ideas are commonly called the Uranian System (coined by R. Svehla, who was one of the early American pioneers of the ideas) or Uranian Astrology (coined by Hans Niggemann, a direct student of Witte).

This technique employs some really great and easy-to-use tools that unleash a high-power method of analysis. Outside of America, many schools have been founded that use Witte’s ideas directly or offshoots of them, and all of them have

strengths.

This is not a system of thought that will displace what you are currently doing. It is like an astrological buffet where you can pick and choose what elements you find useful and integrate them into your work and studies.

To make things easier, Astrolabe has a new program designed around these techniques as Gary uses them and is a great teaching

tool. One picture is worth a thousand words, and you will be shown visually what Gary does and how he does it.

You should leave this workshop with a good knowledge of the basic techniques and be able to apply them yourself. This workshop is appropriate for all levels of astrologers from beginner to seasoned professional.

## ABOUT GARY CHRISTEN

BA in Astrology, Livingston Division, Rutgers University (1974); Level 4 NCGR in General Studies; PMAFA; AFA Faculty (1978-94); NJ and Cape Cod NCGR Faculty; Astrological Society of Princeton Faculty; Founding Member of the NCGR Curriculum Committee; Faculty of the Cape Cod Master Class 1980 and 1981; Past President of NJ Chapter NCGR (1974-1979); Past President Cape Cod Chapter NCGR (1986-88); Former Liaison between National Board and Advisory Board of NCGR; Represented NCGR at final CORA meeting (198?); Cited in Sydney Omarr’s “Confessions of a Stargazer, Almost,” in his *Astrologer’s All Time Hall of Fame*; Lectured and taught nationally (since 1973) and internationally (since 1985). Formal interview in “The Mountain Astrologer” (Oct./Nov. 2005).



### Educational Background and Experience:

Educated in astrology with a BA program overseen by Dr. Kenneth Negus, combining interdisciplinary work at Rutgers University and the NASO School of Astrology (overseen by Henry Weingarten). Extensive work with Robert Hand, Hans Niggemann, Wayne Booher, A.H. Blackwell and many others; conferences, counseling, projects, workshops, and lectures have completed my education.

**Gary’s website:**  
[www.alabe.com](http://www.alabe.com)



## SEPTEMBER, VIRGO, THE HARVEST: TRANSITION FROM SUMMER TO FALL

By Alice Kashuba

Mercury Superior Conjunction on September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 12:49 a.m. @ 8 Virgo 38. The Fairchild Symbol<sup>1</sup> is *A glass elevator on the side of a building*. When riding in a glass elevator we are treated with a broad vista and a bird's eye view. With all the activity in Virgo this month, this column will be a quick overview. The details are up to you. Find the Virgo house in your chart. That's where

all the activity is centered.

September is Virgo's month. The harvest month is symbolized by the woman carrying an armful of cut sheaves loaded with grain. The Superior Conjunction has the energy of a Full Phase. It is a place to see the overall results of what has been accomplished throughout the Mercury retrograde cycle, beginning when Mercury entered its shadow in June. Mercury transiting the Cancer and Leo houses of your chart brought you some information. How will you incorporate it into the activities of your Virgo house?

Throughout the month while Sun, Mercury and Venus are in Virgo, they do a dance with Jupiter in Scorpio, Uranus in Pisces and Pluto in Sagittarius. Virgo to Scorpio is a waxing sextile; an opportunity to use information to expand the understanding of the deep places in our lives. Virgo to Sagittarius is a square; a challenge to break down the last bits of mis-information that hold us back.

There are also two eclipses in Virgo this month.

The Lunar Eclipse is at 15 Pisces 00 on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Uranus is opposite the Sun and conjunct the Moon. Uranus is the "awakener." His stay in Pisces continues to awaken us to the spiritual and artistic side of ourselves. On September 8<sup>th</sup> the Moon opposes Mercury at 21 degrees 48 minutes giving us the opportunity to bring our emotions and intellect into balance.

The Solar Eclipse occurs at 29 Virgo 20 on September 22<sup>nd</sup> in a separating square from Pluto. What began with the New Moon in August at 00 Virgo 31 is now finished. The harvest is complete. The Saros Cycle is 8 South. Bernadette Brady<sup>2</sup> says this eclipse is about "Separation and loss. To be parted. To finish something and to feel sad at its completion." The 29<sup>th</sup> degree is an ending. Summer is over. The Fall Equinox arrives on 00:03 a.m. on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The month ends with two Holy Days. September 23<sup>rd</sup> is Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish

New Year. September 24<sup>th</sup> is Ramadan, the beginning of the Muslim month of fasting. The close proximity of these two holidays focuses our attention on the Middle East conflict. These days can be days of prayer and meditation for peace. We invite everyone, regardless of personal beliefs, to join in prayer or meditation.

<sup>1</sup> A modern version of the Sabian Symbols, the Fairchild Symbols were created by Alice Kashuba and an anonymous clairvoyant. For more information, visit Alice's website, [www.astroviews.com](http://www.astroviews.com).

<sup>2</sup> Brady: The Eagle and the Lark.

## ODDS & ENDS

**Membership dues** are due now. For only \$40, you can receive the member's price for all lectures and workshops. Please see Secretary/Treasurer Susan Vega at the registration table.

**Starting now, we'll be starting on time.** Lectures will start at 7:30 p.m. sharp, and workshops at 10:30 a.m. If you haven't registered by that time, please wait for a break.



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