

2022 Guidelines for Women Artists

Creative Cronies invite women artists to send colour images for the 2022 Moon Calendar and Moon Diary. If accepted, Calendar artists are paid NZ \$70 per image, NZ \$150 for cover art. Diary artists NZ \$50 per image. Send artwork samples by email in CMYK, at minimum size 16 cms, at 300 dpi in .tif, .jpeg or raw .psd format, or by mail on CD, or by mail as hardcopy quality laser prints, before January 20 of 2021 to:

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Artists payments are in October 2021. Creative Cronies will return any original artwork to the artist.

We like to share and promote artists on our Creative Cronies website, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. We will always acknowledge you, as well as linking to your pages where possible. If you would prefer your art not to be shared, please let us know.

Below is our collective stream of consciousness writing for the 2022 theme. Hopefully, this work in progress will give you lots of inspiration and tickle your wonderful imaginations. Please share freely with other women artists that you think may be interested. We look forward to seeing some beautiful illustrations submitted by mid-January 2021.

Aroha nui Minerva and Arafelle

Theme 2022 ~ Spiritual Renewal and our Collective Purpose

The 2000 year long astrological ages can be seen to describe the collective purpose of humanity and how it plays out through time and experience. We are currently living in a transition time between ages, leaving behind the Age of Pisces and moving into the Age of Aquarius. Ancient myth and modern science teach us that such periods of transition coincide with global and social turmoil. That is certainly proving to be true for our time now. The year 2020 leading up to the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn on the first degree of Aquarius suggested that this was a threshold into the unknown which triggered an enormous fear in many and pushed collective consciousness into a reassessment of everything about living incarnate on planet Earth.

The build-up of planets in Capricorn triggered the collapse of social, political, environmental and religious/spiritual structures, leaving us facing a void. We are in a time of co-creating anew in an Aquarian way. What are we leaving behind and what may we want to keep from the Piscean age? We can leave behind patterns of victimhood, sacrifice, loss of the authentic individual Self and its agency in the world, and herd mentality. Can we keep the Pisces qualities of Love and Unity consciousness?

On April 13, Jupiter conjuncts Neptune on 24 degrees of Pisces, starting a new 12.7-year cycle between these two planets. At the exact moment of their conjunction, there are many other points and planets at 22 and 23 degrees. The North Node, indicative of our collective purpose/destiny and way forward, is at 22 degrees Taurus, reminding us to ground into the Earth, honouring it, and our bodily senses. Scorpio South Node is showing us the skeletons we must release. Saturn at 23 Aquarius, holds us all to account so that we might build a New Age robust enough to carry us all into a future that has compassion and the diversity of the human Community as its highest values. Jupiter goes into Aries on May 11, retrogrades back into Pisces on October 28, then goes direct again in Aries on December 21.

In 2022 we are looking at the relationship between Jupiter/Neptune in Pisces and all of the other Zodiac signs. What would a transition into Aquarian energy look like to us? Could we collectively offer inspiration to move away from illusion, martyrdom and self-sacrifice? Can we move towards a diverse, visionary way, that allows room for all to be heard and belong? How can each of the signs model spiritual renewal and collective purpose? How are they contributing, what do they have to offer, what challenges will each face, and how might they experience this portal? Each of the signs has both opportunity, and choice, to be the unique change humanity needs to midwife us all through to a new way of being.

ARIES - Shining the Light Within

Aries is the first sign to step through the portal of death and rebirth and experience initiation into the new age, thus becoming the Torchbearers, the brave pioneers. As they adjust to the light of this new dawn, they experience flashes of insight and awareness. They come equipped with the Faith of Pisces, but rather than a dependence on dogma, rulership, institutionalised belief systems, they bring Faith within themselves - A willingness to leap into unknown dimensions and be in direct contact with the divine. Carrying this

Self-faith, Aries can be the spark of life inspiring and enriching the whole. Aries can bring this to the collective - the knowledge that we are the deities we are seeking.

TAURUS - Honouring Sacred Embodiment

As we are reborn, we will be looking for a new way to feel security and stability in uncertainty, building blocks of trust in our instincts, the natural world and our bodies. Taurus can teach us to trust the beauty and grace of our physical forms - we are nature - sacred, as Mother Earth is sacred. It is time to leave behind shame and learn to nurture and celebrate ourselves. We can transform our beliefs around sensuality and remove barriers to connection through all our senses - taste, smell, sight, touch, hearing, and our 6th sense of intuitive knowing and self-trust. If Taurus can embody this sacred honouring of Self, they can show the collective the divine mirror that our bodies are for the Earth.

GEMINI - Channeling New Stories

When you're looking for a new way to be, you turn to the storytellers. The Gemini challenge is to daydream on the new narratives that are needed now. There is an Irish form of poetry called an Aisling, which is when a poet wanders into a forest, is lulled to sleep, and experiences a vision which they turn into poetry. Gemini's challenge is to trust in their flights of fancy, their winged creatures and visionary power, to trust that ideas, stories and language are significant - no matter how fanciful. The opportunity for journaling and journeying to open the doors to perception, to daydream intentionally, to create new works to be shared - orally, blogging, writing, on social media - to get these ideas out into the world where they can inspire the collective. The media is the meeja is the medium, and the medium has the message.

CANCER - The Power of Vulnerability to Inspire Humanity

Cancer is a compassionate, nurturing and imaginative sign. Rather than putting up protective barriers, here is envisaging power to birth a more caring way. Now is a time to expand our compassionate and nurturing selves. Trusting oneself and believing in ones' ability to nurture and love deeply. We need to believe in the goodness of humanity. Intrinsically we want to love, but we can get stuck in fear - victim, perpetrator, saviour. We are expanding our emotional palettes with vulnerability and love. More is possible - more profound, higher feelings. As our intuitive senses increase, our awareness grows of women's cycles, moon cycles, earth cycles, all life cycles. Our fertile inner realms influence everything, all the time. Cancer's vulnerability and depth of feeling is a gift to be shared, to inspire the collective with right now.

LEO - Hearth and Heart Keeper

Taking the torch beyond oneself, beyond the ego, and shining it on each person's abilities and strengths, the creative fire and light of others. The challenge to let go of old belief systems, to know when to flow with one's unique light, and when to go beyond and shine on others. Rather than needing the adoration of others, Leo needs to feel their inner strength. Leo's ability to play, have fun, express childlike joy - now is the time to express this open and creative energy, inviting others to also bask in the limelight. Modelling leadership and then letting go of it so others might lead. Being part of the team, and in turn, uniting and inspiring the collective. Leo lights up the home hearth and has the heart to share their beautiful, spontaneous natures with humanity.

VIRGO - Recognising and Honouring the Earth as a Living Being

The sixth sign of the Zodiac represents the harvest phase of the cycle. However, to reap abundant rewards, we need to appreciate what the Earth provides. The belief system of Gaia consciousness is present but still needs to be entirely embodied and accepted. Harvesting seeds planted in the imagination. Taking dreams into the physical realm, giving them a place to land, germinate and grow. Virgo is the Sage and Wise Woman, holding the abundant sheaths of wheat. They are showing us a way to Earth the mother wisdom, through their way of being, of living, of walking through the land, they show us how to live with her in harmony. We all feel that the Earth is a living being, Virgo shows the collective how to raise this consciousness and how to live it. Daily rituals, routines, health and nourishment, all full to brimming with the life of the Mother, Gaia, Papatuanuku, Turtle Woman, Pachamama are the same in different languages and cultures. We need to find the language to reach those who need her the most. To understand She is a living being. The ones who cannot feel, see, hear her, are the ones who most need to be held by her, nourished, loved by her. The Earth is not a dead thing to be claimed, or colonised. She IS a living being. Virgo lives and breathes and walks her way, feels the Earth through her feet as she walks her path - this is how she inspires the collective. A grounded balance.

LIBRA - Weaving the Threads of Diversity

Libra reminds us to breathe and the importance of breath. Life, a new wind - wind can be clearing, a freshly invigorating lift. Or it can be constant and relentless, driving you mad. Meditation, stillness within and awareness of breath helps us find a balance between giving and taking. Breath is the divine and the creative force, infusing, creating us all the time. We can reach this

understanding, this knowing through stillness, that we exist with each breath of life, until our last when we no longer are here on this physical plane and pass through into death. We can breathe into any cells that need healing - sending the breath to the part of our body where it's needed. We can connect all the cells in our bodies, as all our cells connect us to the collective. Community, unity, diversity, Libra weaves the thread between different parts of ourselves and the collective, connecting us through our differences and our similarities. Like to the Norns and Fates of mythology, who weave our lives together. Libra shows us how to find the common threads and love them. We can remember the forgotten and unloved parts of ourselves and society, reweaving these threads back together into a diverse, unified tapestry. Libra could help us breathe new life into law and lore by revising and reviewing fairer legal systems.

SCORPIO - Revitalising Rites of Passage

Spiritual renewal and midwifing transformation is an undeniable aspect of Scorpio. It is who they are - revitalising the waterways, helping us to release and lay the old ways to rest - death, composting it into something fertile and new. Revealing the truth for the collective, removing our blindfolds, so we can see reality as it truly is. Seeing through the lies about ingrained beliefs, 'the emperor's clothes' of indoctrination, and why these have to die. Scorpio's challenge is to step up and through vulnerability for the greater good. How to overcome the fear of being attacked for exposing the truth, being the whistleblowers? Theirs is the witches path. Will you risk burning to reveal the truth? We are witnessing the fall of the empires of our lifetime - the western patriarchal paradigms that have thrived under capitalism, corruption, control. Exposure of the shadow-side, the underworld of it all. Can we transform power-over into empowerment? Hold the perpetrators accountable with fierce love? Dig up what has been buried and is coming to the surface? Spirituality, a rebirthing of goddess ways. The linguistics of the radical new age, free-thinking, Earth and goddess-revering pioneers, once whispered in small circles and covens of the brave, are commonly spoken now. The collective is ready to change. Skeletons exhumed, as we reinvent the processing of death. Death must be witnessed, acknowledged, and bodies laid to rest more sustainably. Emotionally vulnerable and honest, and with sacred respect to the Earth. Are plastic flowers a symbol of our attachment to a life-affirming society? Have we been unable to accept that everything dies in time? Time to release and let go.

SAGITTARIUS A Renewal and Honouring of the Vision quest

The wisdom of Sagittarius is teaching and sharing. Revitalising the way we learn, the ways we educate. Could we shift to unschooling, developing the natural talents of the child and a love of learning? Rather this than an obligation to follow a path that goes against one's natural cycles. We are naturally curious, precocious, intelligent, and we have the choice now to keep this spark aflame, tend the flames. Let's renew the spirit of adventure, risk-taking, heading to the horizon, running wild, not just physically but mentally, emotionally. We might envisage a new way that keeps the flame burning brighter as we go. The uniform, organised, rigid style of learning doesn't allow for diversity - culturally or different learning modalities. Sagittarius embraces diversity, teaching methods that encourage all levels of ability and interest. Rather than a rigid system that has some feeling inadequate, inferior, as though something is wrong with them, we have a chance to start a new way where all ways are encouraged and celebrated. What are our worldwide travel restrictions going to show us? Where do we direct our adventurous Sagittarius spirit? Travel has been culturally exploitative and environmentally damaging. We're not just showing up and taking pictures anymore. Can we go deeper, better, create a new way? Sagittarius can show us a way to sit cross-legged on the ground and truly know a place, a culture, a person. Make a connection and learn from the sharing of stories. A renewal, honouring of the vision quest. A chance to connect spiritually, with ourselves, and each other.

CAPRICORN - Cooperating with the Soul and the Sole

Capricorn has a huge opportunity to consolidate and ground the changes that are happening right now. Any practical steps they take will spread far and wide and have substantial transformative power. Any small move they make will spread far and wide. Be aware of the consequences, the power you wield. Hold the Aquarian attributes of community well-being, collective rising at the centre of the moves you make, freedom, awareness. Take new life and vigour with this final push of Pluto. This inspirational time, with justice at its centre, can create a monster, or something much much better, there is potential for a beautiful new world. Bring the dreams to land, ground them so they might grow into a structurally sound and just way that inspires us all. Capricorn can be a leader of this renewal, a guide forward into a new world. People forget that Capricorn can be wise children and playful adults. They know how to find joy in work and can be the leaders who show us this way. While they're doing the hard work, showing us the practical structures and forms, they're also showing us how to enjoy the creative process.

AQUARIUS Weaving A Humanitarian Vision of Community

We all need to be able to live a real life. Technology and virtuality may appeal to the out of body aloofness of Aquarius, but where they truly thrive is in Community. We must rescue our planet and connect with others, rather than creating more distance with technological walls. Aquarius are visionaries, incredibly inventive, able to break down structures, break the rules, hold freedom at the centre, and be able to see a better way for us all. Aquarius is the wild card, issuing the challenge to connect with Community, with people, to be friendly and equality-focused, not to distance, go spacey and aloof and leave Community behind to fly to outer space. Rebellion against the status quo, for the cause. Aquarius can channel the rebel impulse into questioning what divides us, technology, virtual reality - rather than creating more of it. Aquarians are humanitarians. How can they unite humanity as a collective, a community - a collection of diverse drummers each beating their unique drums? Are they up to the challenge of herding cats? Dig deeper into the corruption and control WITHIN humanitarian, environmentalism causes - holding the corrupt to account and envisaging new standards. Are they doing it for the right reasons, or is it another way to exploit?

PISCES Love and Unity Consciousness

Pisces is carrying the energy of Jupiter and Neptune, imagining and envisaging the way forward for us all. Pisces can choose to release martyrdom, dogma, and deceptive illusions. They can show us how to move away from the drama triangle of victim, rescuer, perpetrator, and demonstrate a way towards understanding through owning our own vulnerable stories and sharing them. Sacrifice is coming off the table. The challenge is to step up and renew the spirit of wholeness within the Self. Here is real generosity of spirit, showing us all the path of love and unity consciousness. Creating boundaries and holding to the line between compassion and wholeness. Self-love comes first. Pisces works with these energies all the time, and they can be a model for humanity. There is a potential to see through the illusions, lean into incredible creativity, dreams, channel and mediums, envisaging, imagining, dreaming up a new way. They can help us feel the spirit, the divinity through art and creation. The challenge is to channel the divine through themselves and into Community and the collective rising of love and healing wholeness. If you can feel everything, you can build bridges to understanding, weaving diverse souls into a human tapestry through humour, music, story, art.