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Cosmic newsflash: Columnist Kelley Hunter is in New York State's Rhinecliff area this week. See schedule at end of article for specifics.

Aug. 20, 2004 - August in Montpelier, Vermont: The living power of myth is everywhere. The famed centaur Chiron recently spent a week on the campus green in Montpelier, Vt. Arriving via a resonant wormhole from his mythic hangout in Kentucky, he came in the form of a life-size sculpture created by Kentucky artist Ben Jones as part of the college's visual arts master's program.

Vermont College of Union Institute and University is the home of alternative education based on the philosophy of American educator John Dewey, who promoted experiential and intellectual learning -- very Chironic.

Montpelier is the capital of the state that passed the first bottle recycling law, has no highway billboards, and was governed by the recent chironic president Bill Clinton. Chiron felt right at home, sharing the green with other art installations, including a canvas labyrinth decorated with painted galaxies, copper chimes and a tree. Nearby was a tree planted in honor of a former faculty member, a writer who died in Hiroshima, who took his own life. All these things are relevant to Chiron as a symbol of usual synchronistic magic, as a crossroads of multilevel connections. I was in a time-space warp, visiting a place where I worked for many years.

For those to whom Chiron is new, this wise Greek centaur gave his name to a planet discovered in 1977. Very small, with a quirky orbit that spans the gap between planets, astronomers were reluctant to call it a planet, but it wasn't in the asteroid belt or a comet. So, they made up a new category for Chiron -- the centaur object, a bridge between collective consciousness. Chiron creates a bridge between the personal and the universal dimensions. A master teacher and healer, Chiron is a shamanic archetype who has retreated from this world rather than live in immortal pain. At lower latitudes, in the constellation, the Centaur, that jumps over the Southern Cross. Its brightness is the closest star to our solar system.

As I was standing in awed surprise, appreciating this mythic appearance, Chiron passed by, of course. I recognized him because Chiron's face was a self-portrait of a bearded visage. He was holding a woman in his right hand, reminiscent of the centaur who were evidently having a agreeable conversation.

Is it a cosmic coincidence that Chiron was crossing Ben's Sun-Venus conjunction? He was working on issues of masculine power in relation to the coming from his own recent experiences of being socially rewarded, then punished, and expressions of masculine aggression. I imagined he was in sports or the military, but I had no chance to ask in our short conversation. In any case, the theme feels highly relevant.

This month Chiron in Capricorn is closely opposed Saturn in Cancer. Saturn tightens its fist for control, the gentle yet firm protection of the spiritual.

security. This opposition strongly suggests a turning point in collective
linear time, with specific duration and a spatial time-space reality. Chiron
time through its heightened energy connection to transpersonal states. At
the subatomic level, new photons of light are thrown off. Virtual particle
moment. If we are looking for these new potentials, we will perceive them
awareness, pulling virtual reality into being. What energy we put out will
from the cosmos, evoking magic moments of connection, quickening sync

"Synchronicity, the blue guitar of the soul, making silent music at the
the quickening moments of our lives."

-- Robert Grudin

Even before I saw Chiron, I knew I was in for an adventure, a healing
travels. I know that Chiron feeling: something has to give, it can't go on
climb up on the statue's back for a ride, to hug his torso and feel the wind.
Fashioned from fiberglass painted to look like clay, Chiron was more frag
flanked by signs to Keep Off. Ah, well, in the mythic realm, perhaps we c
with Chiron as we seek our own wholeness. Look to your Chiron for your
are all growing out of the box, one way or another, into new crystalline s

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