



BAY AREA PAGAN ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

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BAPA's Mission is to serve the Pagan community as an information resource and to facilitate the practice of Pagan Spirituality.

MABON 2003

BAPA NEWS

BAPA SHOWS PAGAN PRIDE

BAPA again had an information table at the SF Bay Area Pagan Pride Day festivities on Saturday, September 13, 2003, in Golden Gate Park. Volunteers at the table included Irene Young, Gary Mattingly, Mark Iennaco and Karissa Shaw. We talked to lots of people, handed out lots of pamphlets (and M&Ms) and had an enjoyable day. We are currently planning another BAPA volunteer night at the next KTEH pledge drive. If you're interested contact Gary Mattingly at: gsmattingly@yahoo.com

NEXT GAIA'S GATEWAY

**Bellydance Mini-Workshop
with Shelpa and the Bastet Dancers
Sunday, September 28, 6:00 - 9:00 PM**
Bellydance Demonstration with optional audience participation. Shelpa is a local bellydance instructor who specializes in modern dance styles.

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MABON EVENTS

- Saturday, September 20, 10AM - 8PM
Sunday, September 21, 11AM - 5PM
Pagan Pride Day Harvest Festival – Sacramento
Pagans unite for a weekend of fun and festivities. Information: SacPaganPride03@aol.com, or visit www.sacpaganpride.org.
- Saturday, September 20
Wiccan Mabon Ritual, South Bay
South Bay Circles, Palo Alto.
Call 408-265-5180 or 408-730-9622
- Sunday, September 21, 7:30 PM
*Celebrate Grandmother Spider Womyn/
Fall Equinox - East Bay (Women Only)*
While this is not a drop-in circle, you can confirm on the day of ritual if you want to attend. Cost: \$40. Information: Lellani Birelyi at 925-787-9247, or visit www.daughtersofthegoddess.com.

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GAIA'S GATEWAY

Gaia's Gateway is a monthly open ritual featuring a different Pagan tradition each month. Each Gateway begins with an informative talk, and both the talk and the ritual are led by practitioners of the religion presented. We request a \$5.00 donation from non-members. Gateways are held on the last Sunday of the month from 6pm-9pm in the Fireside Room at the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church (PAUUC, 505 East Charleston Road).

Directions: from Hwy 101, take the San Antonio Road exit West. Turn right on East Charleston. The building is about a mile down on the right-hand side of the road. As soon as you cross Middlefield Road, start looking for the church entrance on your right.

Upcoming Gateways

- Sunday, October 26; 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Samhain Ritual
with Penumbra
- Sunday, November 30; 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Traditional Non-Wiccan Witchcraft
with Tempest
- *No Gateway will be held in December.*

BAPA Library

The BAPA library, affectionately known as Athena's Archives, is a lending and exchange library which includes books, videos, cassettes, and tarot decks. Items may be checked out or donated at the monthly Gateway meetings.

STANDING STONES

Bedrock groups of Bay Area Paganism which offer public rituals, networking opportunities, and/or classes.

Organizations:

- Bay Area Pagan Assemblies, Palo Alto, 408-559-4242, //www.bapa.net
- Circle of Heart's Delight, a chapter of CUUPS, 408-292-3858
- Community Seed, Santa Cruz, 831-469-0336, //www.communityseed.org
- Covenant of the Goddess, Bay Area, 415-820-1500
- Full Circle Events, Santa Clara, 408-224-4625, //www.fullcircleevents.org
- Lilith Institute, 650-345-5449, //www.lilithinstitute.com
- New Reformed Order of the Golden Dawn, Berkeley, 520-521-1040, //www.nroogd.org
- Pagan Interest Circle, San Francisco, a chapter of CUUPS, 415-476-5117 (Carlowe), 415-242-1608 (Nancy), //cuups.org/
- Phases, San Francisco, 415-468-5466, //www.phases.org
- Reclaiming, San Francisco, 415-256-1766, //reclaiming.org
- South Bay Circles, Palo Alto, 408-265-5180 (Bianca), 408-730-9622 (Bill), //members.aol.com/wabaldwin/sbc

MABON ACTIVITIES

Mabon Incense

What you need:

2 Parts Frankincense
1 part Sandalwood
1 Part Cypress
1 Part Juniper
1 Part Pine
1/2 Part Oak Moss
1 Pinch Pulverized Oak Leaf

Directions:

Burn to attune with the change of seasons.

[From Scott Cunningham, *Complete Book of Incense, Oils and Brews*]

Quick Mead

What you need:

1/2 Pound Honey
1 Gallon White Wine
6-7 Autumn Spice Tea Bags
1 Apple Cut into 4-8 Pieces
(Or 1 Handful Blackberries)

Directions:

Bring mixture to a boil for 1 minute, then simmer for 2-3 minutes. Cool and transfer to glass bottles or jars and refrigerate for 3 days.

[From Kristin Madden, *Mabon: Celebrating the Autumnal Equinox*]

Did You Know...

This year the astronomical Autumn Equinox takes place on September 23 at 3:47 AM Pacific Daylight Time.

In Britain Mabon coincides with Michaelmas, the feast of the Archangel Michael.

Michaelmas day is traditional a day for settling rents and accounts and for eating roast goose with friends and family.

Hot Mulled Cider

What you need:

1/2 Cup Brown Sugar
1 Teaspoon Whole Allspice
1 Teaspoon Whole Cloves
1/4 Teaspoon Salt
1 Dash Nutmeg
3 Sticks Cinnamon
2 Quarts Apple Cider

Directions:

Combine in large saucepan. Bring to a boil, then cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Strain out spices before drinking.

[From Kristin Madden, *Mabon: Celebrating the Autumnal Equinox*]

Mabon is the time to meditate on the fruits of our own labors as well. What have you sown this year? Are you reaping healthy and constructive fruits or are you paying the price for not nurturing your deeds or for attempting to plant them in poor soil? This is the time to begin to consider what we want to change and the gardens we plan to sow in the coming year.

[Kristin Madden]

BOOK REVIEW

Dreams of the Goddess, Discovering the Divine While You Sleep by Scarlett Ross.(New Page Books)
Reviewed by DenElder //www.ChurchOfTarot.com

In this book Scarlett Ross does for the field of Dreaming what Mary K. Greer did for Tarot... takes it into who new realms of expertise. Dreaming is described in more modern and spiritual terms and we are given some really good advice and exercises to get us working 'hands-on' with our dreams. Let me try to share more detail with you...

Introduction : A Discovery Journal for Spirituality -- she starts it off wonderfully with this comment, "Dreams are the key to seeing the spirit of humankind and into the heart of the Goddess." Here we are set-up for what is to come in the way of her modern interpretation and the importance of journaling.

Journaling is especially emphasized and at the end of each section you will find a few words from the author to help you make your own comments in space provided right there in the book.

1. *Daring to Dream* -- speaks of encouragement to dream and finding time to give it the attention it deserves and needs to understand it more fully. There is a nice history that also covers some myths. We are introduced to the idea of the Dream Pal and again, the importance of Journaling with our first journal pages to help us get started.

2. *The Goddess Within* -- is an interesting history of the Goddess. Let me add, that while this book is definitely tilted toward women, I think the guys can use it pretty much as well.

3. *Rosemary for Remembrance* -- covers problems that can complicate our dreaming efforts and gives us suggestions when these come along. I especially loved the small section on "Sacred dream space" as it builds on lessons I have previously had for "sleeping through the night". "Dream Pillow" was interesting too in learning about herbs Ms.Ross uses to aid sleep. I found the idea of making a 'Dream Altar' especially interesting.

4. *All the World's a Stage* -- put the exercise of dreaming firmly in the realm of an 'art' form, which changes our perspective of taking this nightly routine for granted, to something that takes work and practice to do well. A very vital chapter to making the whole of the book 'work'.

5. *Layers Within Dreams* -- here Ms.Ross takes us into the details of a dream... something many dream authors do not do. She gives these 'details' of a dream importance and speaks of these 'layers' of information as parts of a flower, each part needed for the whole. It's very nicely done so you can

understand what she is saying and yet give it your own personal touch. Her other exercise at the end of this chapter, "Window on the Spiritual" is homework for us to do... and was, I thought, very exciting and again brings spirituality into the picture in a manner the student can't ignore... and is just excellent!

6. *The Sum of the Parts* -- here Ms.Ross takes us into the 'art' of putting together all the details (from chapter 5) of a dream to form a whole picture. Here is the introduction into the universal 'language' of dreams, which many of us associate with 'archetype symbolism'. We are taken through a nice 'breathing meditation' into 'free association' and 'mapping' of a dream. The highlight of this section is the sample dream, along with a diagram example of that dream, and the eight detailed steps of the exercise Ms.Ross wishes us to learn.

7. *Here and Now : Then and There* -- mostly covers the types of dreams... precognitive, astral travel, spiritual, telepathy, and out-of-body. The smaller sections then go on to cover "Divine dreams" and "Understanding your faith". There is a real nice ritual giving step-by-step details for "sacred dreaming".

8. *Lucid Dreaming* -- I especially liked Ms.Ross's thorough advice on "inducing" and "recognizing" lucid dreams. "Ritual dream space" is then covered quite nicely.

9. *Dreams With a Purpose* -- covers the topics already mentioned plus a few more, pulling them together for a nice summation of everything we have just learned. It is quite an in-depth chapter but with strong over-all emphasize on the spiritual aspect of our dream exercises.

Appendix : Dictionary of Dream Terminology, Symbols, and Goddesses -- don't worry, this is not one of those "one size fits all" lists but a very nicely done terms and definitions offering.

Finally let me say with pleasure, we have a nice Index that is actually useful! The entries I checked all matched up to the right pages, so this was just 'icing on the cake' for me.

In closing let me just say that this book is just a wealth of various things related to dreaming that we can practice and participate in. Ms.Ross really takes up step by step into some intricate exercises while holding our hand the whole way. While beginners can use this book and it does make an excellent introduction to the topic, so too will those more adept Dreamers, I'm sure.

[This review has been slightly abridged. To read the unedited version, please visit the author's website.]

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 20 – Drumming Circle – Walnut Creek

Every third Saturday, Dolphin Dream hosts a drumming circle from 6:30 – 8PM. Bring your drums and rattles or use theirs to beat away the stresses of the outside world and find that place within where the heartbeat dwells. Cost: Free. Information: 925-933-2342.

September 20 – Rhythm Circle – Palo Alto

Rhythm Circle usually meets on the third Saturday of each month from 6:30-7pm, followed by a potluck, and then a Bardic Circle into the night. For the Bardic Circle, we sit around in a circle and take turns "pick, pass, or play". You can pick someone to do something, pass your turn, or play by singing, reciting stories or poetry, drumming etc. Bring drums, didjes, and other rhythmic instruments. If you are interested in attending, request to be put on the announcement list. For location and information: richard@imagecraft.com.

September 20 - Harvest Festivals of Ancient Egypt - San Jose

Curator and Assistant Director Lisa Schwappach-Shirriff, MA assisted by Research Associate Steven Armstrong, Ph.D. (Cand) will present this one-day workshop at The Rosicrucian Museum, 1342 Naglee Ave., from 3-5pm. Free with Museum admission. Donation encouraged. Information: 408-947-3635, info@rosicrucian.org, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>

September 20 - Betwixt 'n Between Group - Oakland

Change Makers, 6536 Telegraph Ave., hosts the Betwixt 'n Between Group for Women, facilitated by BodySpirit Coach Nika Quirk, from 11am-12:30pm on the 3rd Saturday of every month. The focus of the group is Change and transitions. This group's atmosphere will be sacred and playful - a great way to spend a Saturday morning in connection, learning, and fun. Our BodySpirits will enjoy breathing, moving, using voices, the depths and whimsy of our hearts and minds, the relief of being together. Nika Quirk is a BodySpirit Coach, Certified InterPlay leader and life improvisation practitioner, ritual designer and leader, mother, corporate veteran, wise woman and joyful human. Cost: \$10. Information: 510-381-5350, nikaquirk@betwixtnbetween.com or visit www.betwixtnbetween.com.

September 20 - Nature Awareness for Witches - Boulder Creek

Jonathan Furst will help you to join the flow of nature more fully through the gateway of your physical and psychic senses. In this class, (re-)awaken as human animals by entering the worlds of Stalking, Invisibility, Bird Language, Tracking and more. Prerequisite: Elements of Magic or equivalent. Camping/dorm-style sleeping available. Cost: \$50-\$75 sliding scale or barter. Information: jfurst@pobox.com.

September 20- Rituals and Practices of the Motherpeace Tarot Deck - Oakland

Change Makers, 6536 Telegraph Ave., hosts Rituals and Practices of the Motherpeace Tarot Deck for women only, from 11am-5pm. Work directly with Vicki who co-created this amazing feminist tarot deck. Find answers quickly to questions of health, work, relationships. Motherpeace is a multicultural set of images linking women together around the world in a common symbolic language. Cost: \$100; some low-income spots available. Pre-register with a friend to get a discount. Information: Vicki Noble at 510-655-2405, ChangeMakers13@aol.com or visit www.motherpeace.com.

September 21 – Radical Fairies Ritual – Santa Cruz

The Radical Fairies of Santa Cruz gather on the third Sunday of the month to celebrate full moons and solstices, our love for the earth our mother, each other, and the spiritual gift which that love is. Join them for a potluck at 6PM, and ritual at 7PM. Information: 831-335-5861 or 831-429-1388.

September 21 – Women’s Spirit Circle – San Rafael

Women’s Spirit Circle meets on the third Sunday of every month at 5:00pm at the Marin Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin located at 240 Channing Way, San Rafael. A light to heavy potluck will follow, depending on participation. This is a circle open to all women, whether interested in UUism or not. Information: Marina at 415-893-9999 or songster@cmc.net, or Wendy at 415-892-6983 or foxglove@slip.net or visit <http://www.mindspring.com/~uucm/> Church phone: 415-479-4131.

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September 23 - Witches Meetup - San Jose

Meet up with other witches in your town. Exchange lore, legends and learning at a vote-determined location near San Jose on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Visit <http://witches.meetup.com/> to sign up, and Meetup.

September 25 thru 28 - Twilight Gathering - Mendocino Woodlands

All traditions of magick and witchcraft are welcome to this time of transformative ritual, with intimate sharing of lore, art, and fine company in the Mendocino Woodlands Campground. This year's theme: At the Forge of the Beginning. Workshops, music, cabins, meals provided. Children are welcome. Cost: \$160-\$225, sliding scale. Information: 510-232-2569, Tara@Moonmagick.org, info@TwilightGathering.org, or visit www.TwilightGathering.org.

September 25 thru 28 - Sebastopol Celtic Music Festival - Sebastopol

The 9th annual Celtic Music Festival will be held at the Sebastopol Community Center, 390 Morris Street. Cost: ticket prices vary; see website. Information: 707-829-7067, cloud@monitor.net or visit <http://www.monitor.net/celtic/default.html>.

September 26 – Sun Sign Selling - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Sun Sign Selling with Janet Bowman Johnson, starting at 7:30pm. Believe it or not, there is an astrological guide to business success. Astrologer / Author, Janet Bowman Johnson, will share the secrets to the art of selling and the science of astrology. Cost: \$5 to 10, sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>.

September 26 thru 28 - Trance Journeys Workshop – Santa Cruz Mountains

Selene Vega hosts Trance Journeys: Moving into Deep Connection at Skyote Mountain, set on 73 acres of redwood, fir, oak, and madrone forest in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Workshops will take place in a strawbale, passive solar studio, and the power generated by the sun. Information: selene@spiritmoving.com, or visit <http://www.spiritmoving.com>.

September 26-28 - Within the Temple of Osiris - Geyserville

Dolores Ashcroft-Nowicki presents the story of Osiris, his love for his sister wife Isis, his death at the hands of Set and restoration to life is well known, at Isis Oasis. In ancient times this saga was presented to the people by the priesthood once a year, the only time they were allowed into the inner areas of the temple. Besides lectures and pathworkings, we will present small enactments of the story as well as full-scale rituals. Cost: \$375; includes food, lodging and workshop tuition. Information: Kate at 707-256-0661, Kate@LodgeMagdala.org or visit <http://www.lodgemagdala.org/special/osiris.html>.

September 26 thru 28 - Shamanism for Activists - Santa Cruz Mountains

Circle of the Living Earth presents Shamanism for Activists at Sunbeam Farms, in the redwoods near Santa Cruz. As we work for a world of true freedom, justice and community in harmony with nature, how do we find and maintain a spiritual footing in the midst of the storm? Core shamanism is a spiritual path that returns spiritual authority to the individual and the local community, by providing tools for communicating directly and effectively with the spirit world. Cost: \$235; includes tuition and dorm or camping space. Food is potluck. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, send your contact information with a nonrefundable deposit of \$75 before September 15 to: Lenore Norrgard, CLE/AIWP, P.O. Box 210453, San Francisco, CA 94121. You will receive details by mail. Information: 415-820-1655 or lnorrgard@circlelivingearth.org.

September 27 - Hearts in Flight Joyshop - Santa Cruz

Sanctuary of Illumination, 3120 Trout Gulch Rd, hosts Hearts in Flight Joyshop presented by Iolani Negrin and Charley Thweatt from 10am-5pm. This is a sacred gathering to center in our hearts, heal ourselves, embody our joy and share our gifts with the world-our Divine birthright. Join us as we embody and express our True

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Greatness. We will weave the tapestry of our Sacred Gathering through: Ceremony, Heart opening music and song, Musical chanting meditations. Information: Gregory at 831-685-1138, gregory@sanctuary-illumination.com, or visit www.sanctuary-illumination.com.

September 27, 28 - The Fifth Nameless Goddess (2) - Santa Cruz

The Fifth Nameless Goddess (2), is an intensive workshop with R J Stewart. During this workshop we will discover how to attune to the forces of change that are awakening in our world, using methods drawn from the Inner Temple Traditions. The workshop is open to anyone who has attended previous gatherings with R J Stewart, and you may also bring or invite a friend. All attendees should have experience in meditation and visualization, as this event is not suitable for complete beginners. Cost: \$180 - \$210; see website for details. One-day intensive workshops usually cost \$90. Information: andrea@cruzio.com or visit <http://www.dreampower.com/>

September 28 - Sweat Lodge Ceremony - Boulder Creek

Char Lynn will host a Community Lodge, open to all men, women and children; Fire at 1pm, Lodge at 4pm. The intention is to create a safe, sacred space for healing, and to honor each person's process. Plan to arrive 30 minutes early. Help before the Lodge is appreciated. Potluck follows (nutritious foods please). Cost: The suggested minimum donation is \$20; work exchanges are available. Information: 831-338-2996 or MtnChar7@aol.com.

September 28 – Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle – Felton

Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle every fourth Sunday from 6-10pm at Don Quixote's located at 6275 Highway 9, Felton. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome. Information, contact Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

September 28 – Open Goddess Service – Berkeley

Fellowship of the Spiral Path (SPIRAL) invites you to an open Goddess service on the last Sunday of every month at the Berkeley Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:30PM. Information: Diana at 510-658-6033.

September 29 - Essential Oils for Meditation and Rituals - Mountain View

East West Bookshop, 324 Castro Street, hosts Essential Oils for Meditation and Rituals at 7:30pm. Essential oils are a gift from nature. They can open our hearts and deepen our devotion and spiritual aspiration. We will explore some ancient oils, such as frankincense, sandalwood, and myrrh. Join Tricia Conti, R.N., C.A., Co-Manager of East West, for an evening of sharing. Cost: Free - get ticket at desk. Information: 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, info@eastwest.com, or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/events.html>.

October 3 - The Elements of Witchcraft - Walnut Creek

Dolphin Dream, 1437 N. Broadway, will host a 5-week Elements of Witchcraft course, presented by Storm Faerywolf from 7-9pm. The powers that Witches call upon are anything but supernatural. Through training we can learn to see beyond the limits of everyday reality, and begin to weave our own threads into the Pattern, to make magick. Cost: \$50-\$100; sliding scale for entire course. Information: 925-933-2342 or visit <http://www.dolphindream.com/>

October 3-19 - The Trial of God - Oakland

Magical Acts Ritual Theater presents The Trial of God, at the Oakland Metro. Information: sweatblood@magicalacts.org or visit <http://www.magicalacts.org>.

October 4 - Psychic Fair - San Jose

11 AM to 6 PM. Clairvoyants, Tarot Readers, Aura Photos, Past Life Readings, Palmistry, Numerology. San Jose Metaphysical Book Shop 1231 Kentwood Avenue, San Jose, CA 95129. De Anza Shopping Center, one block North of Highway 85 at the De Anza Boulevard exit. Cost: Free admission, \$20 - \$25 for readings. Information: 408-446-0590, sjbookshop@mindspring.com.

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October 4 - Loch Lomond Highland Games - Ben Lomond

The Games will be held at beautiful Highland Park in the forested hills from 10am-6pm. Featuring Traditional Scottish highland athletics, 3 stages of Celtic music all day long, Celtic marketplace, solo bagpipe and drumming competition, pipe band competition, traditional dance, clan tents, Machair Ruith (Celtic Run), Celtic Critters, Societies, living history and re-enactor encampments, delicious traditional foods and beverages. Free parking/shuttle at Roaring Camp Railroad, 5843 Graham Hill Rd/Felton. Information: 831-457-6716, llcs95@lochlomondceltic.org or visit <http://www.lochlomondceltic.org>.

October 4 - Elemental Chanting - Berkeley

RJ Stewart will present a one-day workshop of Elemental Chanting, based on the powerful elemental chant system in R J's books and practices. You do not need to be a musician or singer: all you need is your own natural voice. Explore and practice the tones for the Four Elements, the sound-shapes and calls for the Elemental intelligences, angels, and archangels, and the gateway sounds for the Four Directions. Simple direct and powerful methods that will enhance your magical and spiritual practices, and ultimately lead to a coherent system of spiritual sounds and chants that anyone can learn and practice. All you need is your voice. Bring a friend to chant with you. Information: arisha@dreampower.com

October 5 - Drumming Circle - Montara

ShamanMoon hosts an open drumming circle from 4-7pm, with potluck snacks served from 7-8pm. Anyone is welcome; no previous experience is necessary. Children are welcome, if they are able to lie still during the journey. Bring a journal, pen, water bottle, pillow, blanket and any drums or rattles if you have them. The purpose of this circle is to connect with our Power Animals and Spirit Guides on a regular basis, and to come together as a community. People are welcome to volunteer to "put on" the circle each month for the group. This includes planning a journey topic, altar focus, check-in, songs, etc. Information: 650-728-1407, Laura@shamanmoon.org or visit <http://www.shamanmoon.org/pages/2/index.htm>.

October 9 - Honor the Maidens: Tibetan Heavenly Maid Festival - East Bay

All women are invited to celebrate with Daughters of the Goddess, a Dianic womyn-only Goddess Temple dedicated to honoring Multicultural Goddesses through rituals and celebrating ceremonies of Womyn's Mysteries in the Spirit of Aloha, starting at 7:30pm. While this is not a drop-in circle, you can confirm with Daughters of the Goddess on the day of ritual if you want attend. Please bring a candle for the altar, rattles, drums, blanket, pillow to sit on and a snack to share. Cost: \$40; work exchange and senior discount payment plans available; no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Information: Lellani Birelyi at 925-787-9247, leilani@daughtersofthegoddess.com or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

October 10 thru 12 - A Day of the Goddess - Santa Cruz

Sanctuary of Illumination hosts A Day of the Goddess, a 3-day workshop presented by Lyndia Asbury and Iolani Negrin. This is an opportunity for men and women to claim and embody our magnificence. During such transformational times on earth, it is important to activate our Divine Feminine Blueprint and bring forth the healing Heart of the Goddess. As we anchor the Goddess in our bodies we create a pathway for her full expression in our daily lives. Now is the time to unveil and discover our true feminine power, joy, passion, beauty, wisdom, creativity, aliveness, sensuality and freedom. We will create a nurturing journey and celebration through: ~ Sacred Ceremony ~ Meditations and Activations ~ A Transformational Breath Journey ~ Sound ~ Movement ~ Writing ~ Multidimensional Healing Techniques. Information: Lyndia at 310-288-3459, amoralite@aol.com, Iolani at 831-722-5404 or visit www.sanctuary-illumination.com.

October 11, 12 - Nature Awareness for Witches - Boulder Creek

Jonathan Furst will help you to join the flow of nature more fully through the gateway of your physical and psychic senses. In this weekend workshop, (re-)awaken as human animals by entering the worlds of Stalking, Invisibility, Bird Language, Tracking and more. Prerequisite: Elements of Magic or equivalent. Camping/dorm-style sleeping available. Cost: \$50-\$75 sliding scale or barter. Information: jfurst@pobox.com.

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October 13, 27 - Toltec Wisdom; The Four Agreements - Berkeley

The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft, hosts open classes from 7-8:30pm. Learn powerful tools to transform all areas of your life, from work to relationships, health to abundance. These classes explore and expand on Miguel Ruiz's four agreements: Be impeccable with your word; Don't take anything personally; Don't make assumptions; and Always do your best. Cost: \$15. Information: 510-649-0352, info@spiritweavers.com, or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>.

October 18 - Bay Area Tarot Symposium - San Francisco

Join Daughters of Divination at the San Francisco Unitarian Universalist Center, 1187 Franklin Street, from 10am-5pm for the mother of all Tarot events. SF BATS is an all day cavalcade of workshops and presentations on all aspects of the Tarot presented by the best in the field, plus readings and the Tarot Bazaar. Vendors, Artists, Authors, Enthusiasts, Publishers - all will be in attendance. Speakers include Mary Greer (The Complete Book of the Tarot), Rachel Pollack (The Shining Tribe Tarot), Alexandra Genetti (Wheel of Change Tarot), Thalassa, and Melanie Oelerich (WomanWell) and many more. Dress up and come to play. Cost: \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door, DOD members \$60 in advance, \$70 at the door. Information: Thalassa at 415-753-5041, airndarkness@yahoo.com or visit www.daughtersofdivination.com.

October 20 - Toltec Wisdom; Recapitulation - Berkeley

The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft, hosts open classes from 7-8:30pm. Learn powerful tools to transform all areas of your life, from work to relationships, health to abundance. This class focuses on recapitulation, a dynamic way to reclaim and increase your energy. Cost: \$15. Information: 510-649-0352, info@spiritweavers.com, or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>.

October 22 - Ka Lele: Hawaiian Healing Breath and Movement - Aptos

Iolani Negrin presents Ka Lele: Hawaiian Healing Breath and Movement, at The Well Being Center, 5905 Soquel Dr, Suite 150 from 6:30-8:30pm. This is a ceremonial class bringing forth the mana (spiritual power), aloha (unconditional love) and essence of ancient Hawai'i. Ka Lele (the flight) is an ancient Hawaiian practice originating from kahunas (Hawaiian shamans). This prayerful movement was designed to promote healing in one's body and entire being. Through Ka Lele, the sacred breath and movement pattern you will claim your magnificence, discover a new way of moving through life, and experience the endless benefits of this practice. Where you can travel is limitless. Cost: \$20. Information: Gregory at 831-685-1138, gregory@sanctuary-illumination.com, or visit www.sanctuary-illumination.com.

October 24 - Spiral Dance celebrating Halloween and the Crones. Moon in Libra - East Bay

All women are invited to celebrate with Daughters of the Goddess, a Dianic womyn-only Goddess Temple dedicated to honoring Multicultural Goddesses through rituals and celebrating ceremonies of Womyn's Mysteries in the Spirit of Aloha, starting at 7:30pm. While this is not a drop-in circle, you can confirm with Daughters of the Goddess on the day of ritual if you want attend. Please bring a candle for the altar, rattles, drums, blanket, pillow to sit on and a snack to share. Cost: \$40; work exchange and senior discount payment plans available; no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Information: Lellani Birelyi at 925-787-9247, leilani@daughtersofthegoddess.com or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

October 25 - Ancient Egyptian Days of the Dead - San Jose

Curator and Assistant Director Lisa Schwappach-Shirriff, MA assisted by Research Associate Steven Armstrong, Ph.D. (Cand) will present this one-day workshop at The Rosicrucian Museum, 1342 Naglee Ave., from 3-5pm. Free with Museum admission. Donation encouraged. Information: 408-947-3635, info@rosicrucian.org, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>

October 26 - Women's Sweat Lodge Ceremony - Boulder Creek

Char Lynn will host a Sweat Lodge Ceremony for Women; Fire at 9am, Lodge at 1pm. The intention is to create a safe, sacred space for healing, and to honor each person's process. Plan to arrive 30 minutes early. Help before the Lodge is appreciated. Potluck follows (nutritious foods please). Cost: The suggested minimum donation is \$20; work exchanges are available. Information: 831-338-2996 or MtnChar7@aol.com