

The
BAPAN

Beltaine/May Day

Bay Area Pagan Activities and News

The President's Pleasure

Merry meet to all on this beautiful spring! The leaves of trees are sprouting; flowers are blooming in abundance. It is the time when the Goddess becomes the May Queen, and the Young Lord is crowned as the May King. It is the time of sensual delight, and the veil between the worlds opens again, allowing faeries and witches the delight of dancing with Gods! It is the time to dance the maypole with the many colored ribbons of spring. Welcome the young Lady and Lord in the many places of beauty that surround our Bay Area. Enjoy the Sun's sensual heat, and the Moon's radiant nighttime beauty. It is spring! Dance with delight!

May is one of my favorite months. It is the month of my handfasting anniversary to my beautiful Miriel! I remember the beautiful day that our Pagan family gave us in the wonderful redwood grove of Skyline-Sanborn Park in Saratoga. It was a magickal time, with the maypole that Molly and Uncle John of Hearthstone Circle lent us, dancing with so many friends, and my new wife in my arms, both of us glowing in pure happiness. This magick is still with Miriel and I, and we are very grateful for that time, and cherish it wholly. I hope you all find May and this springtime as joyful as we do!

There is much magick in the air at this time. It is a time of new prosperity, of love and of youthful pleasures. Wear flowers in your hair, and bring back that glow of young sensuality. Flirt with your significant other, or others you feel connected to. Frolic in the meadows of our beautiful foothills, or picnic in the park with your friends. Enjoy this spring and shake off the layers of winter with joy!

Much is going on in the Bay Area this Beltane. Be sure to check the events in this issue of the BAPAN. Try and make

one of the many Beltane circles, if you can. Be with your Pagan family and your loved ones!

June is coming near with the Annual General Assembly Meeting for BAPA. We urge those interested in serving the Pagan community to ask your BAPA officers or board members what you can do to support BAPA. We are in need of new board members, officers and volunteers to help keep BAPA the wonderful organization that it is. Come to the Annual General Assembly Meeting in June and help us to re-elect new board members and re-associate your self with BAPA.

Have fun this spring, and be blessed in dancing with delight with the Lady and the Lord!

Blessed be!

David "Blue" Fletcher-MacLeod
President, Bay Area Pagan Assemblies



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

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BAPA Basics:

Location and Directions:

Regular activities are held at the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church (PAUUC) unless otherwise indicated. The church is located at 505 East Charleston Road. From Hwy 101, take the San Antonio Road exit West, turn right on East Charleston. The building is about a half mile down on the right-hand side of the road.

BAPA Sponsored Circles:

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 every month from 6PM-9PM in the Fireside Room at PAUUC.

Gaia's Gateway Monthly Schedule:

April 28, 2002

Beltane Ritual with Francesca De Grandis: The author of "Be a Goddess!" has just published a new book, "Goddess Initiation." She is the daughter of a Sicilian witch and is a spiritual counselor and founder of The Third Road in San Francisco, where she teaches the magic, joy, and mysticism of Goddess Spirituality.

May 26, 2002

Traditional British Wiccan Ritual with Coire ap Sidhe, a local Gardnerian coven

which is very active in the South Bay Pagan community.

June 30, 2002

BAPA Members Annual Meeting followed by a Summer Solstice Ritual with Hearthstone Circle, a diverse group of Witches, Wiccans, Pagans, and the like who gather to celebrate the turning of the Wheel and the coming of the Full Moon. Hearthstone practices casual magickal workings with emphasis on seasonal changes and personal growth.

Editor's Note: You can save a tree and postage and printing costs (\$9-12/yr.) and receive the newsletter via email, drop a note to BapaMailing@yahoo.com. Or, view it on our website.

If you wish to contribute any articles, opinions, recipes, book/video reviews, letters, or calendar items for the BAPAN, send them via email to BapaMailing@yahoo.com and type "newsletter contribution" in the subject line..

[[[Submission Deadline]]]

Submission and calendar deadline for the Litha BAPAN is June 5, 2002. Calendar items should include events through Sept. 30, 2002.

BAPA Network Services:

To find out about local Pagan events, related to BAPA or not, see Chronos Calendar, and call 408-559-4242(GAIA) to leave a message requesting specific information.

Where To Contact BAPA:

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Athena's Archives

BAPA Library:

The library is a lending and exchange library, therefore any materials such as books, videos, cassettes, or tarot decks circulate, with the inventory being mutable over time. The library is accessible at the Gaia's Gateway each month. What interesting pagan reading or movie watching have you done recently? Send us a review and recommendation.

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April 30 is May Eve, a Wiccan Sabbat, also known as Walpurgis in Germany and Beltane in Celtic England. May 1 is May Day, the celebration of the fertility of Spring. This celebration often includes the dance of the Maypole and/or an abundance of flowers as wreaths, leis, etc. A number of goddesses worldwide are honored at this time of year including Bel, Baubo, Elen/Bloddeuwedd, Freya, Demeter, Maia, Flora, Hina, Danu, Tanith, Asherah, Gwenhwyvar, Virgin Mary, May Rose, Yemaya, Aida Wedo, and the Sidhe.

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Editorial Illuminations

Well, my term as editor of the BAPAN has to a close. It looks like our actual moving date is July. This is the last issue of the BAPAN that I will be

“Standing Stones” - Bedrock Groups of Bay Area Paganism

Organizations:

(BAPA) Bay Area Pagan Assemblies: in Palo Alto call 408-559-4242
(COG)Covenant of the Goddess: Call Arios at 415-584-2659

editing as I need to concentrate on sorting and packing and such. The new editor for this newsletter has yet to be determined. I hope that someone in the BAPAN community will commit to this service and that I'm still here to hand it over personally. It's a fun job, and you get to interact with lots of great people in the community. The work could also be split between two people - one doing the editing and production, another doing the printing and mailing. Think about it and let me know if you're interested in serving the pagan community in this way.

Bright Blessings,

Neva Schuelke
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Grand Opening!

Eugene, Oregon, April 12, 2002:
Woodhart: A Witch's Cottage today announced that it acquired the Pagan store *Ways of Olde* on April 4, 2002. K.C. Anton, Woodhart's proprietor, said "I worked with Kelly [Jecs] to keep this unique resource available to the regional Pagan community." The merged business, renamed *Woodhart: Ways of Olde*, continues to operate at its existing Grant Street location and hours.

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(DD) Dragon Dream: in San Francisco call 415-820-1500
(FCE) Full Circle Events: 615 Malarin Ave. Santa Clara, CA 95050, (408) 224-4625,
www.fullcircleevents.org
(LI) The Lilith Institute: contact Deborah Grenn-Scott at 650-345-5449 or lilith@best.com or
http://www.lilithinstitute.com
(NROOGD) New Reformed Order of the Golden Dawn: in Berkeley call 510-521-1040 or
http://www.nroogd.org
(Ph) Phases: in San Francisco call 415-468-5466 or http://www.phases.org or
lawre@sirius.com
(RE) Reclaiming San Francisco (many areas) 415-256-1766
(SBC) South Bay Circles: in Palo Alto contact Bianca at 408-265-5180

Businesses:

(13) "13" Book Store: in Santa Cruz, 831-425-1313
(AW) Ancient Ways Book Store: Oakland, 510-653-3244 or http://www.ancientways.com
(HL) Her Land Book Store: in Santa Cruz
(PE) Psychic Eye Book Store: in Mountain View, San Francisco
(SJ) San Jose Metaphysical Book Store: in San Jose call 408-446-0590, or email at
sjbookshop@mindspring.com

Chronos Calendar

April

28 - (BAPA) Gaia's Gateway, PA, Francesca DeGrandis, see pg. 2 for time, location, etc.
28 - Beltaine celebration in San Lorenzo, Noon, see Upcoming Events for details
28 - Beltaine w/Reclaiming of SF, Golden Gate Park, Noon, see Upcoming Events
28 - Drumming Circle, Fremont, 4-7PM, see Upcoming Events
28 - Irish and Traditional Music in Monterey, see Upcoming Events

May

1 - Beltaine at the Baylands! Morris dancers dance the sun up, see Upcoming Events
4 - Hearthstone Beltaine celebration, see Upcoming Events below.
4 - NROOGD Beltaine, Berkeley, 1:30 PM, see Upcoming Events
4 - Community Seed Beltaine Celebration, Santa Cruz, see Upcoming Events
4 - Community Seed Energy Walk, see Upcoming Events
8 - Hrafnar Circle, Walpurgisnacht celebration, Berkeley, see Upcoming Events.

June

5-9 - (AW) Ancient Ways Festival at Harbon Hot Springs, see Upcoming Events
7 - Wicca 202 class, 7-8:30PM, Psychic Eye Bookshop, see Upcoming Events
20 - Litha w/Reclaiming of SF at Ocean Beach, gather 6:30PM, see Upcoming Events
21 - Summer Solstice at Half Moon Bay w/Jan Freya, see Upcoming Events
22 - Summer Solstice Celebration w/Hearthstone, John Mise Park, SJ, see Upcoming Evts
more below

New and Upcoming Events~~

April 24, May 8, 22 - Witchy Wednesdays is an open forum on Paganism, Witch Craft and Wicca that meets at 7 PM in Concord on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. Meet with other like-minded people on pagan paths to share ideas, opinions, information, and ask questions. This is a great place for people new or old to pagan ways to meet and learn from each other. For more information, contact Elayne at amethystrose@juno.com, or call 925-676-8560.

April 24, May 8, 29 - The Sacred Grove hosts "Linking Circles" on the second and last Wednesdays of every month from 7-9pm in Santa Cruz. This is a space for all groups to meet and organize, and shall not be a recruiting platform controlled by any one group. Meet in a safe and comfortable environment where solitaires can meet groups, groups can meet groups and solitaires can meet solitaires at 924 Soquel Ave. Contact Sacred Grove for more information at 831-423-1949 or sacredgrove@onebox.com.

April 25, May 9, 23 - Moms and Babes Celebrate! Body & Soul hosts ceremonial classes encompassing prayer and meditation, song and sound, breath and movement, ritual and dance beginning at 11:15am on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. Body & Soul is located at 738 Chestnut St. \$8 offering. For more information, contact Iolani at 831-479-3310 or visit www.sanctuary-illumination.com.

April 27 - Experience an "Egypt" poetry reading at the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose. Dennis Saleh evokes the voices of scribes, priests, pharaohs, and queens as he reads from "Egypt," a collection of poetry set in ancient Egypt, and passages from a novel-in-progress "Bast," also set during the 22nd Dynasty of ancient Egypt. visit <http://www.rosicrucian.org/museum/> for more information.

April 28 - BAPA sponsors Gaia's Gateway, an open public ritual featuring a different Pagan tradition each month. Gateways are held from 6 - 9 PM at the Palo Alto Unitarian Church located at 505 E. Charleston Rd. This month's Gateway will be a Beltane Ritual presented by Francesca De Grandis, the author of Be a Goddess and founder of The Third Road in San Francisco. Call 408-559-GAIA for more information or <http://www.batnet.com/bapagan/bapa.html>.

April 28 - South Bay Circles is hosting a Beltane ritual in Cupertino, presented by Meyn Mamvro. Gather at 1pm for the ritual at 2pm. For directions and an invitation, contact Bianca at 408-265-5180, or Bill at 408-730-9622, or wabaldwin@aol.com. Visit their website at <http://members.aol.com/wabaldwin/sbc>.

April 28 - There will be an open Beltane celebration starting at 12:00 noon in San Lorenzo. There will be a may pole and lots of flowers, and you are invited to join in the celebration. Email Stacy at foxglove999@hotmail.com for directions and more information.

April 28 - Beltane with Reclaiming of San Francisco will be held at The Beltane Grove (or magic meadow, the wedding spot, etc.), Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Gather at 12PM. Ritual at 1PM. Bring flowers, food or drink to share. All Reclaiming rituals are clean and sober! NO drugs or alcohol (including wine), please. No one will ever be turned away for lack of funds! See <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html> for more information.

April 28 - You are invited to an ongoing drum circle one Sunday of every month from 4-7PM at Central Park in Fremont. Come learn new drumming techniques, practice your drumming skills, and hang out and have a good time. This is a combined effort of Fire Drum Circle and local drummers trying to get more people to come out and drum. For directions please call Central Park at 510-791-4356 and ask how to get to the Swim Lagoon. If you get there and you do not see us, please call us at 510-468-5139. For more information, contact firedrumcircle@hotmail.com, 510-366-5067, or visit www.firedrumcircle.com.

April 28 - Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle every fourth Sunday from 6-10pm at Don Quixote's located at 6275 Highway 9. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome! For more information, contact Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

April 28 - 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. Contact Diana at 510-658-6033 for more information.

April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28 - Seekers' Lunch meets weekly on Tuesdays at Hobe's in Palo Alto from 12:30-2:00PM. Curious, new to the Craft, or Pagans new to the area are welcome to gather at 4224 El Camino Real. Ask the hostess for the "duck people". Call 650-813-1816 for information. Reservations not required.

April 30 - A Pagan Support Group meets in Santa Clara on Tuesdays from 7:30-9pm. This group is for adults in the Earth Wise community who are working on their own healing and growth. These include people working on issues of addiction and codependency as well as to people from dysfunctional families. Both men and women are welcome. We work with a Pagan version of the 12 Steps, called the Spiral Steps. These 13 Pagan Steps emphasize reclaiming our power and celebrate our connection to all living things. They focus on balance, health and healing. This is a non-smoking, non-cross talk, anonymous meeting. If you wish to receive an invitation and more information, please contact Dj at witsend@ix.netcom.com. A small facility donation is requested.

May 1 - Beltane at the Baylands! Once again, our favorite local Morris dancers will dance up the sun on MayDay morning. Join us before dawn at the Palo Alto Baylands at the East end of Embarcadero Road as we celebrate the sun.

May 1 - Beginning Meditation with Debi Hayes at the San Jose Book Shop from 7:30-9:30pm. Want to begin meditating but not sure how to start? Or does your existing practice need a boost? Join us for some helpful, no-nonsense guidance on meditation and relaxation techniques. Debi has been practicing and teaching meditation and awareness techniques for over 20 years in the U.S. and Europe. Cost: \$5. For more information, contact 408-446-0590, sjbookshop@mindspring.com, or visit www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com.

May 1 - Lei Day and Beltane Celebration with Daughters of the Goddess from noon until nightfall. We will pick flowers from the garden as we pray, chant and sing over them. After designing garlands we will pilgrimage and make floral offerings to the Pacific Ocean. We will conclude the evening with a fire ceremony in honor of Beltane at the beach. Open to all womyn desiring knowledge of and experiential work with, the multi-faceted aspects of the Goddess, in ritual. While these are not drop-in circles, you can confirm with Daughter's 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 food and drink to share. Daughters of the Goddess is an East Bay group offering Ceremonial Circles dedicated to the perpetuation of Goddess culture and Women Mysteries. This is not a drop in setting. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. \$35. For more information, contact Lellani Birelyi at 925-256-8109, Leimermaid@aol.com or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

May 1 - Tom Johnson will discuss The Three Souls: Fetch does Godself, at Ancient Ways in Oakland at 7:30pm. Using ritual, play and visualization, seek to experience Godself's role in our lives. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or www.ancientways.com.

May 3 - Glenn Turner hosts, Deities of the Month Club: The Pantheons of Mesopotamia at Ancient Ways in Oakland starting at 7:30pm. Explore the ancient polytheistic religion of Sumer, Babylonia and Assyria. We will look at the Gods and Goddesses of the area as they changed over time. Includes handouts. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or www.ancientways.com.

May 3 - Rune Classes are being offered on the first Friday of every month with Hammer Oak Kindred in Berkeley. Two to three runes of the elder futhark will be studied in each class. It's part lecture, part discussion and almost always there is an activity relating to the rune. A donation between \$2-\$5 is requested to pay for the room rental, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Please contact Eric at eric@iconoclast.net for more info.

May 3, 31 - "Rituals for Life", a new women's group with Z Budapest, meets on the first and last Fridays of the months from 7-9pm in Berkeley. April 5th will be the very first session. We focus on our lives, we listen to each other, we don't judge. Z then will lead then lead appropriate and powerful rituals to support our goals. Group meets at the 1901 North Berkeley Senior Center (corner of Martin Luther King and Hurst St) second floor; room C. Cost is a hundred dollars a month. Z Budapest is an internationally known author of seven books on the Goddess and her rituals. She is returning to lead groups for the first time in the 21st century. For more information, contact 510-893-3097. Register online at www.zbudapest.com via PayPal or E-mail silverzb@aol.com.

May 3, 4, 5 - Join FireDrumCircle for their Spring Gathering at Gaia's Oasis, a beautiful private retreat in Auberry, located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Gather around the sacred fire circle, celebrating the turning of the year, and renewing our connections with each other and with the Earth. The focus of the Spring Gathering is the Saturday night Fire Drum Circle where we will drum and dance until the rising sun. The Spring Gathering weekend will include a small number of integrated workshops as well as the circles on Friday and Saturday nights. This event is family friendly and alcohol-free. Gaia's Oasis retreat features cooking, camping, bathroom facilities, and clothing-optional areas. Advance registration must be received no later than April 26th. Cost: \$40-\$100. Sliding Scale. Fees do not include meals. Any donation over \$40 supports Fire Drum Circle and helps to fund future events. For more information, contact 510-468-5139, 831-726-7253, firedrumcircle@hotmail.com or visit www.firedrumcircle.com.

May 4 - Hearthstone will host a Beltane Celebration from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at John Mise Park in San Jose. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact Molly at molly@hearthstonecircle.org, or <http://www.hearthstonecircle.org>.

May 4 - Celebrate Beltaine with NROOGD at Live Oak Park between Shattuck Ave and Berryman in Berkeley. Arrive at 1:30pm, for the ritual beginning at 2:00pm. Join in a celebration of the May and dance the May Pole, greet the 'Obby 'Oss, and tease the Teaser! A donation of \$10-20 is requested to defray costs for hall rentals during winter Sabbats, but no one is turned away for lack of funds. For more information, contact Melissa at 408-761-0576 or melissa@bbzzz.com

May 4 - The Pagan Interest Circle (CUUPS chapter) will host a Beltaine Celebration starting at 2pm at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in San Francisco, located at Franklin and Geary. Gather in the courtyard. Open to all generations. For more information, contact Carlowe at 415-864-2858, or Sally at 510-595-1341, sallyam@pacbell.net, or write to PICt 1446 46th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122-2903. SFUU church phone 415-242-1608.

May 4 - Community Seed invites you to join them in Sacred Trust for Beltane in the Park. Gather at DeLaveaga Park in Santa Cruz, in the 'Forty Thieves' picnic area. This is a Private Event and you will be asked to register upon arrival. Please bring a Potluck dish for 4 to 6 people to share and label the contents. Also bring flowers or flower petals for the circle, and nuptial bed. We will be asking for a \$5 - \$10 donation to cover costs. This event is not suitable for children. Call Community Seed at 831-469-0336, or visit: http://www.communityseed.org/CS_-_Events/Beltane/beltane.html for more details.

May 4 - Open congregation meetings with Fellowship of the Earth take place the first Saturday of every month at 3 PM at the Universal Life Church in Modesto. For more information please contact fote@partytown.com.

May 4 - Community Seed of Santa Cruz sponsors Energy Walks on the first Saturday of each month at various locations in the Santa Cruz area. What better way to start your day, or end your week than a meditative walk through the forest? This month, meet at 9:45 am in the parking lot of the UCSC Arboretum. Each walk includes a guided visualization/ meditation to help center and become more aware of our bodies and of the earth. Once we are all fully present, we will begin our journey into the majestic redwood forest, all the while tuning in, listening, and absorbing the energies of the elements, plants, and animals. We will arrive at a pre-selected location to sit in silent meditation and a guided visualization. Please bring drinking water, a small snack, hiking shoes, comfortable clothes, and money for parking. Sorry, no dogs. For more information, contact 831- 469-0336 or visit http://www.communityseed.org/CS - Events/Energy_Walks/energy_walks.html.

May 5 - There will be a Grok Circle in Berkeley beginning at 1pm. Details to be announced. All Grok events are available for free. Donations are accepted. This Circle is held at a private residence, so please call ahead for directions. For more information, contact Cougar at 415-235-8985, quest@cwia.com, or visit www.grok-system.org.

May 5 - Marin Womanspirit meets on the first Sunday of every month at Marin UU Fellowship. For information, call Lucille Foppiano at 415-479-9169 or write to Marin Fellowship, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael, CA 94903-2606. Church phone: 415-479-4131.

May 7 - Fellowship of the Spiral Path (SPIRAL) offers ongoing classes and teaching circles, open rituals and clergy services for men and women at the Berkeley Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:30pm. Open gatherings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, and Open Goddess Services are held on the last Sundays. Contact Diana at 510-658-6033 for information.

May 8 - Tom Johnson will discuss The Three Souls: Godself does Godself, at Ancient Ways in Oakland at 7:30pm. Using ritual, play and visualization, seek to nurture Godself's role in our lives. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or www.ancientways.com.

May 8 - Hrafnar kindred celebrates Walpurgisnacht on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 7:30 PM in Berkeley. This event is open to both men and women, and contributions of food and drink are welcome. Most meetings are open, but newcomers should contact Hrafnar Circle first to confirm the topic and location. For more information, contact Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705, or greyhavn@earthlink.net, or visit www.hrafnar.org.

May 10 - Spend an evening with R.J.Stewart at Ancient Ways in Oakland starting at 7:30pm. Meet the author of Merlin Tarot, UnderWorld Initiation, and Living World of Faery. Ask him questions, have books signed and hear the 73 stringed psaltery. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or visit www.ancientways.com.

May 10 - Circle of Heart's Delight, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS), offers rituals at 7:45 PM on the second Friday of each month. These are held in the beautiful round sanctuary of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose located at 160 N. 3rd St. For more information, email tenorfrank@aol.com or call the church at 408-292-3858.

May 10, 24 - You are welcome to attend Pagan Coffee/Tea Nite in Fremont on alternating Friday nights from 7:30 -10:00PM. Come meet and socialize with pagans, artists, musicians, fire dancers, and others in the community at the Mission Valley Coffee Roasting located at 40059 Mission Blvd, 510-440-0321. Look for a Chinese girl (Eileen) with short reddish hair and

a White girl (Laurie) with really long hair! If you cannot find us, give us a call on our cell phone at 510-468-5139. For more information, contact 510-366-5067, firedrumcircle@hotmail.com, or visit www.firedrumcircle.com

May 17 - Experience oneness with Spirit through sacred dance and soul empowering music of the world every third Friday from 7-10pm at Body & Soul located at 738 Chestnut St in Santa Cruz. Ecstatic Dance allows your dance to be your heartfelt prayer. \$15 offering. For more information, call Iolani at 831-479-3310 or visit www.sanctuary-illumination.com.

May 18 - Every third Saturday, Dolphin Dream in Walnut Creek 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. Attendance is free. Contact 925-933-2342 for more information.

May 19 - 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, ritual at 7PM. For more information, phone the events line at 831-335-5861 or call 831-429-1388

May 19 - You are invited to Stone Soup Social -- A Pagan Potluck Discussion. Every third Sunday evening of the month at 7 PM, Rabbit Warren hosts a potluck discussion and social at a roomy house in the El Cerrito area. People may show up at 6:30 if they like, dinner starts at 7. There will be a facilitated discussion until 9 PM, followed by social time until 11. The discussion topics will be suggested and agreed upon each time by those participating. For information contact 408-559-8580, dawn_atkins@weirdness.org, or visit <http://www.weirdness.org/stonesoupsocial/>

May 30 - Luna Circa women's circle hosts Coffee Night on the last Thursday of every month from 7:30-10pm at Willow Glen Coffee Shop on Lincoln Ave between Hamilton and Willow in Willow Glen. For more information, please contact lunacirca@yahoo.com or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

May 11 - The Pagan Interest Circle (CUUPS chapter) hosts Dark Moon Movies on witchy topics at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in San Francisco, located at Franklin and Geary. Movies are shown in the school starting at 7:00 pm. Tonight's movie will be Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon. For more information please contact Kristen at 415-425-4847.

May 11 - Full Circle Events hosts Pagan Bowling Night at the AMF Saratoga Lanes in Saratoga. Meet at 8:30 so that bowling can begin at 9:00 PM. To reserve a lane and place a deposit, call the Saratoga Lanes 408- 252-2212 at least a week in advance. Tell them that you want to be near the folks at Full Circle and they'll put our lanes side by side. The Saratoga Lanes are located at Saratoga, near Prospect, just opposite the Westgate Mall. For more information, contact Full Circle Events at <http://www.fullcircleeventsorg/>.

May 12 - Scarlet Cord (A member of the Fellowship of the Spiral Path) hosts a brief ritual followed by a potluck and social for families with young children in the east bay beginning at 11 AM. These are regular gatherings held on the second Sunday of every month. Call Mary at 510-526-1008 for more information.

May 12 - Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle every second Sunday from 6-10pm at Britannia Arms, 8017 Soquel Drive. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome! For more information, contact Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

May 13 - Ancient Ways in Oakland hosts Dark Isis Moon with Manna Youngbear. A Hathor and Horus Ceremony, along with Making Nile Water and trance work for beginners. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or www.ancientways.com.

May 13 - The Psychic Eye Bookshop in San Francisco is offering a 6-week Tarot for Dummies course from 7-8:30pm. Taylor's acclaimed course on the Tarot is back for a well-deserved encore. All those who heard the legend of a beginner's class filled with fun, creativity, and rock-solid fundamentals can now experience for themselves this truly accessible study in the mystical art of Tarot. Cost: \$10 per session. For more information, contact 415-863-9997.

May 15 - Tom Johnson will discuss The Three Souls: Integration, at Ancient Ways in Oakland at 7:30pm. A final Feri ritual celebrating the alignment of all Three Souls within the practitioner. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or www.ancientways.com.

May 18 ñ Daughters of Divination present a Divination Fest from 10am-4:30pm at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco. This will be an all-day series of presentations and hands-on workshops exploring a wide variety of divination methods including Tarot, Palmistry, Runes, Shamanistic Techniques, and much more. For more information, contact 415-753-5041.

May 19 - Phases presents the seventh annual Maying - Flower Gathering at McLaren Park between Visitation and Mansell, (southeast corner of the Park, top of the hill) in San Francisco from 2-5pm. At this "Maying" event we welcome spring and bid the Goddess for a prosperous and fruitful growing season. In this day and times, this may be supplicating the Goddess for anything from literally help in planting your garden to helping with you business, your family or relationships, learning or any other thing you might need or desire in your life. It is a time to come together to celebrate and perhaps so facilitate through ritual, song, dance and food our individual fertility, whether that be for children, personal growth, communal enlightenment, expansive social projects, etc. Come join us to celebrate the rebirth of the sun. For more information, visit www.phases.org.

June 5-9 - The 19th annual Ancient Ways Festival will be held at Harbin Hot Springs in Middletown. This is an eclectic pan Pagan gathering of magical folk that offers camping, rituals, music and workshops in a clothing-optional environment. Contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or www.ancientways.com, or write to festival@ancientways.com.

June 7 - The Psychic Eye Bookshop in San Francisco is offering an 8-week Wicca 202 class from 7-8:30pm. Expand your knowledge in the Wiccan Arts. Danielle teaches different tools to enhance practicing Witchcraft. This class is for the advanced witch. Prerequisites: Wicca 101, or being a practicing Witch. Cost: \$10 per session. For more information, contact 415-863-9997.

June 20 - Celebrate Litha with Reclaiming of San Francisco at Ocean Beach (Meet between Sloat Blvd. and Taraval Street, but will be closer to Taraval.), San Francisco. Gather at 6:30PM, Ritual at 7:30PM. Bring wood, old spells to burn, things to make and decorate the Wicker Man, food and drink to share, and a towel if you plan to plunge. All Reclaiming rituals are clean and sober. NO drugs or alcohol (including wine), please. No one will ever be turned away for lack of funds. <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html> for more information.

June 21 - You are invited to a Summer Solstice celebration in Half Moon Bay from 7pm until the party is over. This event takes place on the beach, 1/8th mile south of the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club. Summer Solstice is a magical time for wishing. Float a rose with your kiss on it into the waves to carry your prayer home. Ceremonies are open to all and children are encouraged to take part. Weather and tides permitting, ceremonies occur around a bonfire on the beach.

Contribution \$10.00, and bring a potluck item. For more information, contact janfrey@mindspring.com.

June 22 - Hearthstone will host a Summer Solstice Celebration from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at John Mise Park in San Jose. For more information, please contact Molly molly@hearthstonecircle.org or visit <http://www.hearthstonecircle.org>.

June 30 - BAPA Gaia's Gateway/BAPA members Annual General Assembly, 6-8PM, Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church located at 505 E. Charleston. Help elect the new BAPA Board of Directors and celebrate the Solstice w/Hearthstone Circle. Call 408-559-GAIA for more information or visit <http://www.batnet.com/bapagan/bapa.html>

Ongoing Events ~~

San Jose - Circle of Heart's Delight, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS), offers rituals at 7:45 PM on the 2nd Friday of each month. These are held in the beautiful round sanctuary of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose located at 160 N. 3rd St. No meetings in July or August. For more information, email tenorfrank@aol.com or call the church at 408-292-3858.

Santa Cruz - The Sacred Grove hosts networking and organizing events in Santa Cruz called "Linking Circles" on the second and last Wednesdays of each month at 7PM. This is a space for all groups to meet and organize, and shall not be a recruiting platform controlled by any one group. Meet in a safe and comfortable environment where solitaires can meet groups, groups can meet groups and solitaires can meet solitaires at 924 Soquel Ave in Santa Cruz. Brought to you by "A Bunch O' Random Witches". Contact Sacred Grove for more info. at 831-423-1949 or sacredgrove@onebox.com

Saratoga - Full Circle Events hosts Pagan Bowling Night on the second Saturday of every month at the AMF Saratoga Lanes in Saratoga. Meet at 8:30 so that bowling can begin at 9:00 PM. To reserve a lane and place a deposit, call the Saratoga Lanes 408- 252-2212 and ask for Arlene Perrin. Tell her that you want to be near the folks at Full Circle and they'll put our lanes side by side. The Saratoga Lanes are located at Saratoga, near Prospect, just opposite the Westgate Mall. For more information, contact Full Circle Events at Info@fullciclevents.org or visit <http://www.fullciclevents.org/>

Palo Alto - Seekers' Lunch meets weekly at Hobee's in Palo Alto. Curious, new to the Craft, or Pagans new to the area are welcome to gather on Tuesdays, 12:30 to 2:00 at 4224 El Camino Real. Ask the hostess for the "duck people". Call 650-813-1816 for information. Reservations not required.

San Jose - The San Jose Metaphysical Book Shop offers classes and workshops throughout the year on various topics of interest to Pagans. Please contact sjbookshop@mindspring.com, visit www.sanjosebookshop.surfmeter.com or call the book shop at 408-446-0590 for information on upcoming events.

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San Jose - Luna Circa is an eclectic women's circle that has been meeting in the San Jose, CA area since 1987. Every month on the second Friday after the new moon, we gather at 7:30 and circle from 8pm until late, with members taking charge of rituals on a voluntary rotational basis. Also, join them and others for Coffee Night on the last Thursday of every month from 7:30-10pm at Willow Glen Coffee Shop on Lincoln Ave between Hamilton and Willow in Willow Glen. For ritual location and other information, please lunacirca@yahoo.com or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

South Bay - South Bay Circles is an umbrella organization of local circles and covens, presenting eclectic sabbats in the South Bay. Attendance is by invitation. For more information, please contact Bianca at 408-265-5180, or Bill at 408-730-9622. Write wabaldwin@aol.com, or visit their website at <http://members.aol.com/wabaldwin/sbc>.

Santa Cruz - Community Seed is a non-profit organization that supports Pagans and other Earth-Centered spiritualists through monthly Open Circles, Coastal Cleanup days and Nature Walks, our Quarterly Magazine that is written by members of our local community, a Free Calendar of events, as well as our Web Site and online Bulletin Board. It is our mission to organize, host, and promote events that will enrich and better our lives, our world, and our community here in the Santa Cruz region, and beyond. We welcome all to take part in our events, and encourage volunteers. For more information contact community_seed@mindspring.com or call 831 469-0336, or visit <http://www.communityseed.org>.

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. Contact Diana at 510-658-6033 for more information.

Visit <http://www.cyprian.org/Index> for additional bay area events and listings.

If you notice inaccuracies in this list, please notify ScoutGhst@aol.com.
BAPA networking coordinator.

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