

World's Dullest Pagan Newsletter

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President's Pleasure

A tribute to K. C. Anton, Editor of the WDPN:

There are, at times, certain individuals that strive to bring a light to a community. These individuals are the "lamp holders". They endeavor to help the various seekers find their specific community in one way or another. In our community there are such individuals, too. These individuals must shine bright in a precarious fog of possible persecution that is inherent in our various spiritualities under Paganism. There is one such individual who has shone more than most in our Bay Area community over the years. He has been involved with this community leading various functions, such as President of Bay Area Pagan Assemblies (BAPA), as well as being a teacher, co-owner/publisher of a Pagan magazine (The Muse), and most recently ended, the editor of our community newsletter, the "World's Dullest Pagan Newsletter" (WDPN). It is in regards to this latest venture that we wish to thank K. C. Anton.

Despite the title of the newsletter, K. C. has brought valuable information to the community with the WDPN. With news of events and happenings involving BAPA, he has managed to keep the Bay Area Pagan community "in the know." K. C. has done the outstanding job that he is known for in all his endeavors with the WDPN, and



Editor's Note: If you would like to save a tree and postage 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, recipes, book/video reviews, letters, or calendar items for the WDPN, send them via email to nevawrites@earthlink.net

has now passed "the lamp" to Neva Schuelke as the new Editor of the WDPN.

Let us all give a rousing "THANK YOU" to K. C. for the fantastic work that he has brought to the WDPN and all the other endeavors that bring such a shining light to our community. K. C. Anton, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Blessings to all!
David Fletcher
(a.k.a.: Blue Moondancer)
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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Submission Deadline:

Submission and calendar deadline for the Lughnassadh 2000 WDPN is 7/15/00. Calendar items for the Lughnassadh issue should include events through the month of September and into October.

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:

June

Aes Dana Coven, An English Wiccan Summer Solstice

July

Hammer Oak Kindred

August

Bridgit's Weaving Coven, an eclectic Wiccan circle.

September

Brendan of Coire ap Sidhe, an English eclectic Wiccan circle.

October

A hospice presentation followed by Woodhart Weald, an English eclectic Samhain ritual

November

Open

December

No Gateway this month

BAPA Officers

President: David C. Fletcher
Vice President: Yvonne Knebel
Secretary: Lisa Pederson
Treasurer: Walt Main
Board Chair: Roger Schuelke

BAPA Volunteers

Network Coord: Yvonne Knebel
Gateway Coord: Ystradyfodwg/Mr. Y
Comm. Coord: Jim McCann
Library: Mark Iennaco
Web Master: Jordan Avon
WDPN Editor: Neva Schuelke

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.

What Can You Do For BAPA?

- Volunteer to help out at the BAPA booth for Tapestry in Talent on Labor Day weekend.
- Attend the Annual Meeting; vote for the new Board members.

Where To Contact BAPA:

Post Office Box 4159
Mountain View, CA 94040
408-559-4242

<http://www.batnet.com/bapagan/bapa.html>



Principles of Earth Magic

There is One Source, One Power.

That Power is All.

We are microcosmic manifestations of that Power, and therefore connected to all things.

Every being has free will and all Work is for the Good of all.

As microcosms of the One Power which is All, we draw upon any aspect of the Power we choose for whatever goals we state.

We affirm that our Work goes out into the Law of Cause and Effect, and that it is done.

- adapted from Earth Magic by Marion Weinstein.

Clan of Oak Moon:

Oak Moon is a social group that gets together twice a month for discussion group and ritual. Our meetings are held at various locations in Silicon Valley (South Bay Area near San Jose, California). We are not a coven and welcome people from all backgrounds (traditions and non-traditions). For more information, please send us an email at oakmoonclan@yahoo.com.

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.

(This space needs your pagan book or film review.)

Letter from the Chair:

Hi,

Have you looked at the BAPA mission statement lately? It is printed under the logo on the first page. Several different services are provided by BAPA to serve this mission. BAPA sponsor's the *Gaia's Gateway* on the last Sunday of the month (except December). The Gateway is an opportunity for community pagans to meet each other and for the newcomer to meet old-timers. It is a networking event. Oh, and often a teaching circle or ritual is also hosted. Come to the Gateway and meet your fellow pagans. Share your wisdom and experience. Who knows, you might make a new friend. That is what the Gateways really are about.

BAPA responds regularly to numerous requests for information about paganism. Requests for information come in on the phone and through the mail. We try to keep the phone number and post office box address posted in various places visited by pagans. Similarly, BAPA maintains a web site

where much of the same information is available.

BAPA sponsors outreach activities. If we can get enough volunteers together to support it, a BAPA information table will be setup at Tapestry in Talent during the Labor Day weekend. If you can help, please let us know. Mostly what is needed are people to be at the table for a few hours to answer questions and pass out pamphlets.

Well that is what we do now. And now for the big question. What do you think we should be doing to support BAPA's mission? Send your ideas to me or David (BAPAPrez@yahoo.com). Let us know what you think. There are several ways to contact us, including the good old US mail. Contact information is printed all over the newsletter.

Blessed be,
RogerSchuelke
BAPABoardChair@yahoo.com

Future Goings On

These are activities that, due to length of description or advanced notice were not listed on Chronos Calendar.

M.U.S.E. August 11-13, 2000 a Pagan camp out to enjoy peace, fun, and ritual.

Workshops for children and adults are also planned. Instructors for workshops are still sought. Facilities are available, and the cost is:

Adult-\$60.00, Child-\$30.00
Meal -\$50.00 \$30.00
Parking-\$15.00

These are early bird prices.

Instructors email Denise via
witsend@ix.netcom.com

General information is at:
<http://www.fullcicleevents.org>
or call San Jose Metaphysical Books at 408-446-0590.

Jay Langlois is presenting various classes in the Santa Cruz area at Heathenwood. For information contact: email Greenman@5points.com or call 831-454-1746

Among Jay's offerings is *Sex and Spirituality*, a series of five facilitated discussions on aspects of sexuality and how they relate to our spiritual nature:

Sacred Eroticism, How we connect to the Divine through our sexual self began...4/12, and continues ...5/10
Alternative Models of Loving —Singles, Couple, Group, Monogamy, Polymony, Celibacy,...6/14 *BDSM/Fetishism*—
What does our shadow play show us about ourselves?, ...7/12 *Sexual*

Orientation/Preference—What happens when we 'own' our sexual identity, ...8/9 *Golden Sex*—Discussing sexual expression as we age, Each night is at 7pm and may be attended separately. A donation of \$3-6 is requested.

Leilani Bierly's *Daughters of the Goddess* will host several meetings and celebrations this summer including *Honoring Cerridwen, the Celtic goddess of fertility* on Wednesday, July 5th, 7-9:30PM. For more information contact Leilani, 925-8109 or email at Leimermaid@aol.com.

!!! Reminder !!!

→BAPA Annual Membership Meeting ←

5PM, Sunday, June 25 (before the Gaia's Gateway at 6PM)

at PAUUC (directions on page 2)

The membership will be voting to confirm several new Board members.

Please come and support your organization by attending this meeting.

❖❖❖ Wedding Song ❖❖❖

*Sing to me, my husband, of days long gone.
Of nights beneath a melon moon with
Firelight flickering gently and
Love's reflections on the tipi walls.*

*And I will sing to you, Dreamwalker,
Of sun-filled mornings, the call of doves,
My heart awakening within the protection
Of your strong arms, greeting the day.*

*And together we will remember the songs
Of those who rode the wind before us,
As they made their way, gathering the
goodness*

*Of the Earth and returning their love to the
land.*

*For we are all that has ever been and
All that ever will be. . .
Reflections of the quest for life or
The spirit within the breeze.*

*And to the end, our lives are blessed
For we will always be. . .*

*A part of the Force
That forever exists. . .
Within infinity.*

- Jamie Sams in *Earth Medicine*

“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

(DD) Dragon Dream: in San Francisco call 415-820-1500

(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

(RWC) Redwood Circles: in Santa Cruz call 831-335-1501 or <http://www.5-points.com/RWC/>

(SBC) South Bay Circles: in Palo Alto contact Bianca at 408-265-5180

(WWC) Wyrd Weavers Collective: in Campbell/Los Gatos at “The Nexus” use the web at <http://www.wyrdweavers.org/wwc.shtml>

or email at wyrdweavers@wyrdweavers.org

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

(LD) Lavendar Dragon: in Menlo Park call 650-323-4778

(PE) Psychic Eye Book Store: in Mountain View, San Francisco

(SJ) San Jose Metaphysical Book Store: in San Jose call 408-446-0590

Chronos Calendar

June

17 Oak Moon Litha

17 (LI) Serpentina Women’s Summer Solstice

20 Summer Solstice/ Litha

21 (SJ) Learning Inner Limitations

25 (BAPA) Annual Meeting

25 (BAPA) Gaia’s Gateway

28 (SJ) Handwriting for Transformation

26 (SJ) Sacred Spaces/Universal Connection

30 (BAPA) Gaia’s Gateway

August

1 Lughnassadh/Lammas

11-13 (SJ) M.U.S.E. Camp

July

12 (SJ) Discussion: The Pagan Path

13 Oak Moon Disc. Grp.

17 (SJ) Life Insights