

Bay Area Pagan Activities and News

BAPAN

Imbolc 2003

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**BAPA NEWS**

*Greetings to BAPA!*

1. Community outreach is an essential part of BAPA's mission. If you would like to chair the Outreach Committee, serve on the committee, or even if you just have a few ideas for improving our outreach activities, please send email to [bapaprez@yahoo.com](mailto:bapaprez@yahoo.com).

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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.



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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 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Fireside Room at the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church (PAUUC).

MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

Please visit http://bapa.net/Gaia_s_Gateway/ for information about the next event.

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS:

Regular activities are held at the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church (PAUUC) unless indicated otherwise. The church is located at 505 East Charleston Road. From Highway 101, take the San Antonio Road exit West, and 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.

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, and the current stock is available online on the website located at:

http://www.bapa.net/Gaia_s_Gateway/

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http://www.bapa.net/The_BAPAN/

Submission deadline:

Submission and calendar deadline for the Ostara newsletter is March 12, 2003. If you wish to contribute articles, opinions, recipes, book/video reviews, letters, or calendar items for the BAPAN, send them via e-mail to BAPAMailing@yahoo.com and type "newsletter contribution" in the subject line. You may also send items to the address below.

Where to contact BAPA:

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"STANDING STONES"

Bedrock Groups of Bay Area Paganism

Organizations:

- Bay Area Pagan Assemblies, Palo Alto, 408-559-4242
- Covenant of the Goddess, 415-584-2659
- Dragon Dream, San Francisco, 415-820-1500
- Full Circle Events, 615 Malarin Ave., Santa Clara, 408-224-4625, www.fullcircleevents.org
- The Lilith Institute, 650-345-5449, lilith@best.com, www.lilithinstitute.com
- New Reformed Order of the Golden Dawn, Berkeley, 510-521-1040, www.nroogd.org

- Phases, San Francisco, 415-468-5466, lawre@sirius.com, www.phases.org
- Reclaiming San Francisco, 415-256-1766
- South Bay Circles, Palo Alto, 408-265-5180

Businesses:

- "13" Book Store, Santa Cruz, 831-425-1313
- Ancient Ways Book Store, Oakland, 510-653-3244, www.ancientways.com
- Full Circle Books, Belmont 650-508-9546
- Her Land Book Store, Santa Cruz, 831-429-6636
- Inner Journey, Los Gatos, 408-395-2766
- Psychic Eye Book Store, Mountain View/San Francisco, 650-964-2220/415-863-9997
- San Jose Metaphysical Book Store, San Jose, 408-446-0590, sjbookshop@mindspring.com
- Tokenz, Half Moon Bay, 650-712-8457

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**THOUGHTS OF THE SEASON**

Three slender things that best support the world:  
the slender stream of milk from the cow's udder  
into the pail, the slender blade of green corn  
upon the earth, the slender thread in the hand of a  
skilled woman.

Three sounds of increase: the lowing of a cow in  
milk, the din of a smithy, the swish of a plow.

from: *Kindling the Celtic Spirit* by Mara Freeman

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HUMOR OF THE SEASON

1. What do you call a sheep that is covered with chocolate?
2. What do well-behaved lambs say to their mothers?
3. Who settled in the West before anyone else?
4. How can you tune into the sun?

- Answers:
1. A Hershey baaa (bar).
2. "Thank ewe!"
3. The sun.
4. Use a sundial.

HOLIDAY RECIPES

With their round shapes evoking the sun, crepes, pancakes, and cookies are ideal for encouraging the return of warmth to the land. The fire of cinnamon helps celebrate Brigit's flame, and the taste of orange reminds us of the approaching summer.

Polvorones de Canele (Cinnamon Cookies)

Cookies:

1 cup butter
½ cup confectioners' sugar
½ tsp. ground cinnamon
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla extract

Finishing:

1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 cup confectioner's sugar

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease cookie sheets. In a medium bowl, cream together ½ cup confectioner's sugar and butter until smooth. Stir in vanilla. Combine flour, salt and ½ tsp. of cinnamon; stir into the creamed mixture to form a stiff dough. Shape dough into 1 inch balls. Mix together 1 cup confectioner's sugar and 1 tsp. cinnamon. Roll balls in cinnamon mixture. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes in preheated oven, or until nicely browned. Cool cookies on wire racks.

Cinnamon Griddle Cakes

3 cups flour
4 tsp. baking powder
½ tablespoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons shortening
1 cup milk
1 egg, beaten

Mix and sift all dry ingredients together. Add beaten egg, melted shortening and milk. Mix and beat well. Cook on slightly greased hot griddle on both sides.

Orange Liqueur Crepes

3 eggs (for more tender crepes, use only yolks)
1 ½ cups flour, sifted
1 cup milk
½ cup water
4 tablespoons butter, melted
2 tablespoons orange liqueur
1 tablespoon sugar
2 tablespoons grated orange rind

powdered sugar (superfine, not confectioners')

Beat the eggs. Gradually stir in flour, then milk, water and butter. Batter must "rest," covered and in the refrigerator, for at least 2 hours (overnight is fine).

Stir in orange liqueur, sugar, and grated orange rind.

Select a small frying pan, preferably one with low sides, no more than 7 inches in diameter. Oil or butter it for each crepe.

For each crepe, pour about 3 tablespoons of batter into warm pan and rotate to spread batter evenly over surface. Batter should be very thick. (Trial and error will determine best heat or necessity of adding a few tablespoons of milk to thin batter slightly, etc.) When one side of the crepe is golden, run spatula around edge of crepe, then under it, and turn it to brown other side. As each crepe is done, sprinkle powdered sugar on the surface and fold it into quarters. Stack and cover with waxed paper. Serve the crepes warm.

CRAFT CUPBOARD

by Rita Farkas, Editor

Easy Imbolc "Candles" for Children

The smallest participants in an Imbolc ritual need candles, too! When they use "candles" made of felt, all people, pets, and furniture remain safe.

Supplies (for each candle)

One 9" by 12" white felt "square" (or color of your choice)
1 red chenille stem
1 gold chenille stem
fabric glue, or needle and thread to match felt

Hold the gold chenille stem approx. four inches from one end and bend the top to create a curve (this is the shape of the flame). Bend the red stem around the gold "flame" in the same way, shaping it to be slightly larger than the first flame. (The two together create a more interesting flame than a single.) To retain shape, twist the ends of the stems together, both at the top where the flames are formed and at the bottom.

Lay the felt square flat on table; lay the chenille stems approx. one inch from one 9" edge. (Note: felt can be trimmed to form a smaller candle.) Begin rolling to form the "candle," making sure the flames stay free of the felt. To hold in place, glue edge with fabric glue or use needle and thread to whipstitch closed (sewing is recommended since it's so difficult to successfully glue felt). Adjust shape of the flames if needed.

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Upcoming Local Pagan Events ~ February 2003 and onward

Bay Area Pagan Assemblies (BAPA) does not support or sponsor any of these events or contacts unless specifically stated. Please use your own discretion when attending these events or connecting with people you do not already know. This list is intended as an information resource only, and is non-promotional.

February 1 – Sacred Bay Area Hike - Marin

Sacred Bay Area is a group focused on visiting sacred sites around the bay area, sharing our experiences, and connecting with nature. Sacred Bay Area is open to men and women of all ages. Our first hike will be to Ring Mountain, a beautiful energy site in Marin. Information: luna@lunadea.com, or visit <http://www.lunadea.com/sacredbayarea/>.

February 1 – Festival of Imbolc - Gilroy

The Sanctuary is hosting, "Festival of Imbolc: The home as sanctuary", an evening with Karen Ehrenfeldt starting at 7:30pm. Free. The Sanctuary is located at 60 5th St in Gilroy. Information: 408-838-4704, karen@xs.com or visit http://www.lighthousewoods.com/calendar_sanct.html.

February 1 – Imbolc Eisteddfod, A Gathering of the Bards – Sacramento

The Sacramento Grove of the Oak cordially invites you to their Third Annual Imbolc Eisteddfod (pronounced roughly Eye-steth-foh); a sharing of arts and crafts and talents by the community for the community. We will gather at 5pm and be ready to start at 5:30 or 6:00 at the Grove, 2521 D Street, midtown Sacramento. Bring a potluck dish to share, a blanket or chair to sit on, and warm clothes, since we will be outdoors in the grove with the orange tree as our stage. Information: PoetGorman@aol.com, or visit www.groveoftheoak.org.

February 1 – Open Meeting – Modesto

Open congregation meetings with Fellowship of the Earth take place the first Saturday of every month at 3 PM at the Universal Life Church. Information: fote@partytown.com.

February 1 – Beginning Tarot Classes – Los Gatos

Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching a 4-part Beginning Tarot Class on Saturdays from 11am-1pm at Inner Journey in Los Gatos. This class combines learning with practice, and is specifically designed for beginning students. By the end of the 4 classes you will have studied the meanings of the 78 Tarot cards, learned some basic spreads, and worked on responsible counseling skills for beginners. Since most students have trouble finding the right context to practice what they learn, we will spend class time doing actual readings. Each student will need to have his or her own Tarot deck (about \$15.00) for this class. Lisa teaches with the Rider Waite Tarot Deck. Bring a notebook and either a Rider Waite Deck or Universal Waite Deck. Students must be 17 or older to join this class. Cost: \$100.00 (for a series of 4 classes). Information: Lisa at 408-206-2518, astrotarot@earthlink.net, or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>.

February 2 – Brigit/Imbolc Ritual – Santa Cruz

Community Seed invites you to create and/or participate in our public rituals celebrating the four major sabbats. Our goal is to provide a place in which to celebrate in a sacred environment and connect with our spiritual families by welcoming the Spring. Information: Michael@communityseed.org.

February 2, 9, 16, 23 – Learn to read Hieroglyphs – San Jose

Learn to read Hieroglyphs at the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose from 2-3pm. This is a single, repeating one-hour workshop that will introduce the novice to symbols and meaning, numbering system, calendar-dating system ancient names, and museum gallery search for hieroglyphs. At the conclusion of the workshop a visit to one of the museum galleries will be available for those who wish to find hieroglyphs relating to workshop material. Free with Museum admission. Information: 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

February 3, 10, 17 – Tarot In-Depth Class – Los Gatos

Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Tarot In-Depth classes on Mondays at Inner Journey in Los Gatos from 7-9pm. Prerequisite: Beginning Tarot or equivalent knowledge of basic card meanings. This ongoing class has evolved into a dynamic learning and sharing environment for intermediate/advanced Tarot students. Though there are many resources for studying the Tarot, most students have trouble finding the right context to practice what they learn. This class combines learning with practice. During the first hour, we work on real-life reading examples that students bring to class. Some topics we cover are in-depth card meanings, new spreads, responsible counseling skills, timing etc. The second hour is devoted to doing Tarot readings. Lisa teaches with the Rider Waite Tarot Deck. No Pre-registration necessary. Cost: \$25.00 per class. Information: Lisa at 408-206-2518, astrotarot@earthlink.net, or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>.

February 4 – Open Gathering – Berkeley

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 on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Information: Diana at 510-658-6033.

February 5, 20 – Intermediate Astrology Class – Los Gatos

Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Intermediate Astrology classes from 7-9pm at Inner Journey in Los Gatos. Prerequisite: Beginning Astrology or equivalent knowledge of houses, planets, and signs. This is a class for intermediate students and focuses on developing synthesis skills and understanding chart interpretation, as well as interpretations of

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the moon's nodes and Chiron. Students are encouraged to bring along example charts for us to work with. No Pre-registration necessary. Cost: \$25. per class. Information: Lisa at 408-206-2518, astrotarot@earthlink.net, or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>.

February 6 – Women's Imbolc/Candlemas Celebration – East Bay
Celebrate Imbolc/Candlemas and the Goddess Brigit with Daughters of the Goddess at 7:30pm. Please 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. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Information: Lellani Birelyi at 925- 256-8109, Leimermaid@aol.com or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

February 6 – Pronaos Ritual – Aptos
Pronaos Ritual Work, with Artisans of Light, on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm. Pronaos is a unique and powerful opportunity to participate in ritual, the language of the Soul. Pronaos awakens our consciousness to a variety of meanings for the symbols we study and helps us apply universal principles in our daily lives. The ritual brings to our awareness the poignant bond we enjoy with the Inner School, with each other, and with our own Inner Self. This heightened awareness, in turn, results in receiving more help when studying by ourselves. It provides us with a support system. Information: artisan@thegrid.net.

February 6, 13, 27, March 6, 13 – Beginning Astrology Classes – Los Gatos
Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching a 5-part Beginning Astrology course on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00pm at Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education. This is a serious class on Natal Astrology. An astrological birth chart is a roadmap of the psyche. It provides insight into a person's strengths, weaknesses, and patterns of behavior. It can reveal one's spiritual nature and life direction. Lisa Dale Miller has been teaching astrology for many years and has created a systematic way for adults to learn the basic building blocks of a natal chart. We will begin with the history of astrology and move on to the astrological meanings of the planets, houses, signs, and aspects. Lisa will provide each student with a printout of their chart to use in class. Students must be 17 or older to join these classes. Cost: \$125.00 (for a series of 5 classes). Information: Lisa at 408-206-2518, astrotarot@earthlink.net, or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>. To enroll: LGSCE at 408-354-8700.

February 7 – Rune Class – Berkeley
Rune Classes are being offered on the first Friday of every month with Hammer Oak Kindred at 7:30pm. 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. Information: Eric at eric@iconoclast.net.

February 8, 22 – Ancient Cosmetics Workshop – San Jose
Ancient Cosmetics Workshops are being offered at the Rosicrucian Museum on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, from 1:30-2:30pm. "Necessary Luxuries" -- Ancient Egyptian Cosmetics, Perfumes, and Incense is a hands-on and noses-on talk about scents and hygiene in the land of the Nile with our docent Kim Sanders. Ever wonder why Egyptians wore heavy makeup? Or what it was made of? Just what is Frankincense and Myrrh, anyway? Come to Kim Sanders' workshop and find the answers to these questions and more. Free with Museum admission. Donation encouraged. Information: 408-947-3632, info@rosicrucian.org, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

February 9 – Open Ritual – Santa Cruz
Community seed invites you to an open ritual at The Pacific Cultural Center located at 1307 Seabright Ave from 2-4:30pm on the second Sunday of every month. Come all Ye Witches and let us dance, do magic, and make merry! Let's celebrate the turning of the seasons, attune to the cycles of the moon and sun, create music, dance the spiral dance, and heal our world and ourselves. Alison Harlow has offered to host this month's open circle and will be sharing some of her *Faery* Tradition with us. This circle is open to all Pagans, and to those who desire an understanding of how pagans worship. Keep in mind that this is a participatory event, and there will be no "onlookers". So don your favorite robes, your cloaks and pentacles and let us meet together in sacred trust. A \$4.00 to \$10.00 donation is requested to cover costs. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Information: 831-469-0336, community_seed@mindspring.com or visit http://www.communityseed.org/Events/Open_Ritual/open_ritual.html.

February 9 – Ritual and Potluck Social for Families – East Bay
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 beginning at 11am. These are regular gatherings held on the second Sunday of every month. Information: Mary at 510-526-1008

February 9 – Women's Healing Circle – San Francisco
A Women's Healing Circle is held every second Sunday. Guided meditation, chanting, toning and drumming are used to call in the spirit healers to assist women in need of healing. Information: Lupa at 510-601-1428 or Nancy at 510-839-5292. "All healing is self-healing."

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February 9 – Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle – Aptos
Gather every second Sunday from 6-10pm at Britannia Arms, 8017 Soquel Drive. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome. Information: Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

February 12 – Open Circle – Berkeley
Hrafnar kindred hosts heathen events and rituals on the second Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:30pm. Open to both men and women, this is a potluck, 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. Information: Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705. greyhavn@earthlink.net. or visit www.hrafnar.org.

February 12, 26 – Merlin Tarot Class – Aptos
Join an ongoing Merlin Tarot Class, every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:15pm. This class is not about divination as much as about the cosmology of the Western Mystery Tradition and the Celtic Tree of Life. The deck, created by RJ Stewart, both strips the Christian overlay off of Tarot and shows how the Trumps act as paths or fusions of the spheres of the Western Tree. The class will explore the energies and powers of the Trumps through experiential visionary work, enabling personal transformation of consciousness. Cost is \$5 per class. Information: Andrea at 831-426-2439 or andrea@cruzio.com.

February 14 – Women's Circle – San Jose
Luna Circa is an eclectic women' s circle that has been meeting in the San Jose 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. For location and other information: lunacirca@yahoo.com, or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

February 14 – Open Ritual – San Jose
Circle of Heart' s Delight, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS), offers rituals at 7:45pm 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. Information: moonlet@dslidesigns.net, or call the church at 408-292-3858.

February 14 thru 16– Medicine for the Earth – Santa Cruz
Lenore Norrgard hosts Medicine for the Earth: How to Transform Personal & Environmental Toxins -- based on the book by Sandra Ingerman, Friday evening thru Sunday noon at Sunbeam Farms in Boulder Creek. Learn how to embody your own divine nature and collaborate with helping spirits to clear harmful thought-forms within, and thereby cleanse physical toxins from our environment. We will carry out a ceremony to clear polluted water. We will demonstrate that creating harmony within ourselves creates harmony in the world around us. This applies not only to the natural world, but to the human web as well. You will leave the gathering with tools to continue your own transformation. You can become part of a global population transforming our mechanistic, disconnected paradigm into one celebrating the living web of creation. No previous experience is required. Do read "Medicine for the Earth" by Sandra Ingerman prior to the gathering. You may also wish to review Sandra Ingerman' s web site at <http://shamanicvisions.com/ingerman.html>. Residential option: You may bunk on the floor or pitch a tent at no additional cost. Tuition: \$235; add \$25 for simple vegetarian meals. Information: Lenore at 415-820-1655, norrgard@circlelivingearth.org, or visit www.circlelivingearth.org

February 14-17 – PantheaCon – San Jose
Once again, Ancient Ways bookstore is sponsoring PantheaCon, a Pagan gathering of workshops, lectures rituals and vendors. This event will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in San Jose. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or www.ancientways.com.

February 15 – 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. Attendance is free. Information: 925-933-2342.

February 15 – 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. We usually have a few guitar players, fiddlers, drummers, and at least one didjeridu player. Most people sing a cappella. It' s a really friendly environment. Most people that show up for the bardic circle come during the potluck period. If you are only interested in the rhythm circle, feel free to stay for the potluck if you want. 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.

February 16 – 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.

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February 16 – 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. Volunteers provide a safe space for sharing, healing, community in a Pagan, or earth centered spirituality. 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.

February 16 – Rabbit Village Social – El Cerrito

The Rabbit Warren invites you to a Rabbit Village Social on the third Sunday of every month from 5-10pm. We will begin with socializing and a potluck dinner, and then we will have a village discussion from around 7-9pm, with social time again after ending at 10pm. Since a village is made up of all ages, we would also like to include childcare during the discussion part so that everyone can participate. We want to encourage children to be able to connect with their village peers as well. So if you have children and will be bringing them, please let us know ahead of time. Please bring food and/or drinks to share for the potluck. Please contribute to the community by bringing something of value to share. We ask that each person contribute \$3-5 to help with expenses. RSVP required. Information: rabbitwarren@therabbitwarren.org or visit www.therabbitwarren.org/rwweb/index.htm.

February 20 – Pagan Pizza Night – Modesto

You're invited to a Pagan Pizza Night hosted by local Pagan groups every third Thursday of the month at the Round Table Pizza located at Sentry Shopping Center beginning at 7pm. Join local Pagans / Wiccans / Witches and others for fun and fellowship. No hard-core "meeting" - just pizza and conversation. Fliers and information about upcoming local Pagan events will be available at most times. Each person will be required to buy his or her own food and drink if desired. Information: DragonHawk at 209-549-1727.

February 21 – Women's Spiritual Journey – Monterey Peninsula

Join us the third Friday of each month from 7-9PM at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula for Women's Spiritual Journeys: A Safe Place to Explore. This is a unique opportunity for women of various faith perspectives, lifestyles, ages, and stages to come together for meaningful dialogue, shared ritual, and the Goddess within. Together we will share our stories, celebrate our lives, and explore our spiritual journeys. Information: Sheree at 831-899-3565, or Phyllis 831-659-4585. Free.

February 21 – Ecstatic Dance – Santa Cruz

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. Cost: \$15 offering. Information: lolani at 831-479-3310, info@sanctuary-illumination.com, or visit www.sanctuary-illumination.com.

February 22 – The Fabric of Egypt – San Jose

Rosicrucian Museum from 3:00-5:00pm.

Prior to the 4th century BCE, Egypt functioned with a highly sophisticated barter system in which linen was one of the primary economic engines, and women were in charge of the households that produced it. This salon workshop will introduce the process of weaving and types of linen, using a replica loom to demonstrate techniques used. We will explore the history and importance of linen, its uses, and finally its vital role in continuing the practice of amulet magic into the Coptic culture of Christian Egypt. Information: 408-947-3632, info@rosicrucian.org, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

March 1 – Women's Mardi Gras and Goddess Baubo Celebration – East Bay

All women are welcome to celebrate with Daughters of the Goddess starting at 7:30pm. Wear your most outrageous costume. 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. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Information: Lellani at 925-256-8109, Leimermaid@aol.com, or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Learn to read Hieroglyphs – San Jose

Learn to read Hieroglyphs at the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose from 2-3pm. This is a single, repeating one-hour workshop that will introduce the novice to symbols and meaning, numbering system, calendar-dating system ancient names, and museum gallery search for hieroglyphs. At the conclusion of the workshop a visit to one of the museum galleries will be available for those who wish to find hieroglyphs relating to workshop material. Free with Museum admission. Information: 408-947-3632, info@rosicrucian.org, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

March 4 – Women's Celtic Goddess Rhiannon's Day Celebration – East Bay

All women are welcome to celebrate with Daughters of the Goddess 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. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Information: Lellani at 925-256-8109, Leimermaid@aol.com, or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

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March 8, 22 – Ancient Cosmetics Workshop – San Jose

Ancient Cosmetics Workshops are being offered at the Rosicrucian museum on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, from 1:30-2:30pm. "Necessary Luxuries" -- Ancient Egyptian Cosmetics, Perfumes, and Incense is a hands-on and noses-on talk about scents and hygiene in the land of the Nile with our docent Kim Sanders. Ever wonder why Egyptians wore heavy makeup? Or what it was made of? Just what is Frankincense and Myrrh, anyway? Come to Kim Sanders' workshop and find the answers to these questions and more. Free with Museum admission. Donation encouraged. Information: 408-947-3632, info@rosicrucian.org, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

March 9 – Elf Hill Event – San Francisco

Phases 8th Annual Elf Hill Event will be held at the SOMARTS Gallery. This Event, held as the winter months draw to a close, is to celebrate the hope for new life after the dark time of the sun. We explore the darker mysteries and the more hidden aspects of our human nature. We are curious creatures and we want to help uncover those intricacies through food, fun and festival. The Tarot Card is number IV of the Major Arcana and is the Emperor. In that light we will be having a fashion show of old bridesmaids dresses, so come as you really were, as someone might have wanted you to be (but you were fortunate enough to not know that person, i.e. a thrift store find) or come in drag. Now, we know this is the night of the Oscars. Not wanting you to miss any of the festivities, we will have a TV set up for all to view the pre show and compare their gala apparel with those worn by Hollywood' s elite. How will you measure up? There will be a prize for the most spe-ackkkkkk- tacular gown. Information: 415-468-9664, h2owitch@pacbell.net, PO Box 884911, San Francisco, CA 94188-4911, or visit <http://www.phases.org/>.

March 11 – Tarot Classes – Transforming the Mundane into the Mystical – Santa Cruz

This is a 22-week class held from 6:30-9:30pm. Knowing the Tarot intellectually is very valuable, yet knowing it as a "living" experience is essential to its mastery. Amber Jayanti's class offers an in-depth and living exploration of the symbols of the Tarot' s Major Arcana (The Fool through the Wdd). Focus is on gaining a spiritual-mystical perspective of your daily life through the tarot' s potent symbolism. Pre-registration is essential; sliding scale fee. Information: Amber@practical-mystic.com or 831-423-9742.

March 20 – Women's Spring Equinox Celebration – East Bay

Celebrate Spring Equinox, the balance between the light and dark with Daughters of the Goddess 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. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Information: Lellani Birelyi at 925- 256-8109, Leimermaid@aol.com or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

March 22 – Egyptian Religion Workshop – San Jose

3:00-5:00pm. Facilitated by Curator and Assistant Director Lisa Schwappach-Shirriff, MA. and Research Associate Steven Armstrong, Ph.D. (Cand). Did Egyptians believe in one Divine force behind all things, or many individual gods? Were the elaborate tombs and mummification absolutely necessary for an afterlife? How did they understand the relationship between religion and science? Through the examination and analysis of artifacts and ancient texts, the Curator and Research Associate will share the latest approaches of Archaeology, Egyptology and Religious Studies in this fascinating realm. Free with Museum admission. Donation encouraged. Information: 408-947-3632, info@rosicrucian.org, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

March 22 – Eostar, Spring Equinox Celebration – San Francisco

Reclaiming invites you to celebrate the coming of Spring at Beltane Meadows, Golden Gate Park, at noon; ritual at 1:00pm. Bring food or drink to share. Information: <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html>.

March 22 – Ostara Ritual and Gathering – Modesto

Join the Pagan Community in celebrating the beginning of Spring from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church located at 2172 Kiernan Ave. This is a benefit fundraiser for MPPG and Pagan Pride Day. There will be a homemade breakfast, kids' egg hunt and a chance at a \$25 Toys-R-Us gift certificate, a group Spring Equinox Ritual, a free raffle for a \$50.00 Whispered Prayers gift certificate, and a MPPG benefit craft booth (all sales support Pagan Pride Day). Cost: suggested donation - \$ 7.75. Information: 209-549-1727, or visit http://www.whisperedprayers.com/ModestoPPD_OstaraGathering.html.

April 3 – Women's Kuan Yin Celebration – East Bay

Celebrate Kuan Yin, Buddhist Goddess of compassion and mercy with Daughters of the Goddess 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. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Information: Lellani Birelyi at 925- 256-8109, Leimermaid@aol.com or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

April 13 – The Second Annual Interfaith Pagan Pride Parade – Berkeley

"Ancient Voices," The Second Annual Interfaith Pagan Pride Parade will take place on Upper Telegraph Ave. Join in this day of music, art, theater, ceremony, and dance, as the Interfaith Pagan Community and friends celebrate the spirit of Mother Earth. Information: paganparade@earthlink.net or visit <http://www.paganparade.org/>.

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April 19 - Annual Ostara Festival of the Hammer of Thor Kindred – Big Sur

For registration and further details, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Hammer Of Thor Kindred, PO Box 5059, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

May 3 – Beltane Ritual – Santa Cruz

Community Seed invites you to create and/or participate in our public rituals celebrating the four major sabbats. Our goal is to provide a place in which to celebrate in a sacred environment and connect with our spiritual families by celebrating the First Harvest. Information: Michael@communityseed.org.

May 3 – Beltane Celebration – San Francisco

Reclaiming invites you to celebrate Beltane at Beltane Meadows, Golden Gate Park, at noon; ritual at 1:00pm. Bring food or drink to share. Information: <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html>.

May 16 thru 18 - The Fifth Nameless Goddess workshop with R J Stewart – Ben Lomond

The Fifth Nameless Goddess: An intensive workshop with R J Stewart from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. 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 methods taught during this workshop will give you the means to participate, and to deepen your participation with practice. 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. Information: andrea@cruzio.com.

June 4-8 – Festival at Harbin Hot Springs - Middletown

Ancient Ways celebrates its 20th anniversary Festival at Harbin Hot Springs. More details to be announced as plans progress. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>.

June 20 – Litha Celebration – San Francisco

Reclaiming invites you to celebrate the Summer Solstice with them at Ocean Beach near Taraval Street (between Sloat and Taraval). Gather at 7:00pm; Ritual at 8:00pm. 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. Information: <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html>.

August 2 – Lughnasadh Celebration – San Francisco

Reclaiming invites you to celebrate Lammias with them at Beltane Meadows, Golden Gate Park. Gather at Noon; Ritual at 1:00pm. Bring food or drink to share. Information: <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html>.

August 3 - Lammias/Lughnasadh Ritual – Santa Cruz

Community Seed invites you to create and/or participate in our public rituals celebrating the four major sabbats. Our goal is to provide a place in which to celebrate in a sacred environment and connect with our spiritual families by lighting the Beltane Fire. Information: Michael@communityseed.org.

August 7-10 – Firedance! – Santa Cruz

Join us for the fourth annual Firedance Festival in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains. Create a sacred place for deep play. Explore ancient and modern mysteries. Workshops on drumming, dance and magic. Community Rituals. At night we drum and dance the fire circle until the rising of the sun, connecting with the magic of the fire, spirit, and each other. Meal plan available. Cost: \$140 earliest - \$245 onsite; Meal plan \$80. Information: 1-866-436-4420, info@firedance.org, or visit <http://www.firedance.org>.

August 14-18 – Elderflower Womenspirit Festival – Mendocino

The 15th Annual Elderflower Womenspirit Festival is a festival for women and girls with a focus on earth based spirituality and honoring the feminine through the Goddess. We celebrate our spirituality by sharing knowledge, music, arts and ritual. Elderflower is committed to providing a safe, welcoming and empowering environment for all women, including older women, women from all cultures, women of all sexual orientations, differently-abled women, women in recovery, and limited income women. The festival will be held at the Mendocino Woodlands, outside Mendocino. Information: 510-433-7410, info@elderflower.org, or Elderflower, PO Box 7153, Redwood City CA 94063-7153.

September 6 – Pagan Pride Day Harvest Festival – Modesto

AMG and Modesto Area Pagans present the Modesto Pagan Pride Day Harvest Festival from 10:00am-8:00pm at the American Legion Hall and Park, 1021 South Santa Cruz Ave. There will be authors, entertainers, vendors, rituals, drum circles, lectures, raffles, radio remotes, games, bands, and more lined up for your enjoyment. Cost: free with your canned food donation. The Modesto Pagan Pride Event is a Not-For-Profit event. Monies raised over and above the cost of the event are donated to local charities. Information: Kim or Chris at 209-549-1727 or visit <http://www.AUPagans.com> or <http://www.whisperedprayers.com/ModestoPPD.html>.

September 20, 21 – Pagan Pride Day Harvest Festival – Sacramento

The 5th Annual Sacramento Pagan Pride Day Harvest Festival, presented by Pagan Pride International, from 10am-8pm on Saturday and 11am-5pm on Sunday. Pagans unite for a weekend of festivities, education and dignity. Celebrate the autumnal equinox, nature's bounty and the unity of Earth-based faith at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall and Property at 8990 Kruithof Way in Fair Oaks. Admission to the event is free, although non-perishable food and monetary contributions are encouraged. There will be entertainment, workshops, vendors, and author lectures. Information: SacPaganPride03@aol.com, or visit <http://www.sacpaganpride.org>.

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November 1 – Samhain Ritual – Santa Cruz

Community Seed invites you to create and/or participate in our public rituals celebrating the four major sabbats. Our goal is to provide a place in which to celebrate in a sacred environment and connect with our spiritual families in the Solemn rites of Samhain. Information: Michael@communityseed.org.

If you notice inaccuracies in this list, please notify ScoutGhst@aol.com.
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Aptos - 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. Information: Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

Bay Area - Meetup with other local Pagans, Wiccans, Druids, all walks of pagan life - exchange lore, legends and learning or just hang out and visit. Information: <http://pagan.meetup.com/hq/>.

Berkeley - 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. Information: Diana at 510-658-6033.

*Berkeley - Rune Classes are being offered on the first Friday of every month with Hammer Oak Kindred. Two to three runes of the elder futhark will be studied in each class. Its 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. Information: Eric at eric@iconoclast.net.

Berkeley - Jordan King will be facilitating Mastery of Awareness: Living the Four Agreements at the Toltec Center for Creative Intent. Classes will be held every other Wednesday from 7-8:30 PM. The Mastery of Awareness is the first mastery of the Toltec. The Toltec path is a way of life that supports people in recovering the vast power that is available to us, so that we can re-create our lives as divine beings--connected with ourselves and all living beings around us. In this course, Jordan will share powerful tools such as recapitulation and stalking the mind, which will help you to gain more energy. The first class is free, and the following classes will be \$15 each. Information: Jordan at 510- 428-2826. *Please note that a Four Agreements class led by Heather Ash is held on alternating Wednesdays at the same time and location. Both classes are open to drop-in attendees.

Berkeley - Free introductory Reiki sessions are being offered to women monthly during the 3 days of the full moon. Nancy Lupa is a Priestess of the Goddess and a Reiki Master, whose focus is empowering women dealing with depression, childhood trauma, chronic pain and cancer. Information: 415-789-8066 or 510-601-1428.

*Berkeley - Hrafnar kindred celebrates Walpurgisnacht on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 7:30pm. 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. Information: Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705. greyhavn@earthlink.net. or visit www.hrafnar.org.

Berkeley - "Rituals for Life", a new women' s group with Z Budapest meets on the first and last Fridays of the months from 7-9pm. 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. Register online at www.zbudapest.com via PayPal or E-mail silverzb@aol.com.

*Berkeley - The American Magic Umbanda House holds a Devotional and Consultation Ceremony on the second Tuesday of most months at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists. Doors open at 7:30, ceremony begins promptly at 8:00 PM, lasting until 9:30 PM when we usually go out for a round of social beverage together at a nearby establishment, and you are welcome to join us for this as well. (No ceremonies will be held in May, August, or November in 2002.) Share the living presence of the African Powers with our community, in faith and charity. Umbanda is always free. Information: loren@farwalker.com or subscribe to our announcement list, amuh-events@yahoogroups.com (send a blank email to amuh-events-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

Central Coast - Circle of the Sacred Feathers meets monthly for Sabbats, Esbbats and things in between for open, non-judgmental, open Tradition, Ritual Events. Most events are held within the Gilroy, Hollister, San Juan, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Bay Area, and are open to men and women. Children are welcome depending on the event. Monthly adventures such as camping, picnics, discussions, training, and kitchen witchery are held regularly. Information: Roe Griffith at sacredfeathers@yahoo.com.

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Concord - Witchy Wednesdays is an open forum on Paganism, Witch Craft and Wicca that meets at 7pm 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. Information: Elayne at 925-676-8560, or amethystrose@juno.com.

Cotati – Coven Nemorensis invites you to join them and others for open meetings at The Redwood Cafe, Old Redwood Highway, every Thursday night at 7pm. Information: ferne.campbell@att.net, or visit <http://www.covennemorensis.mybravenet.com/cronestea.html>.

East Bay - Daughters of the Goddess is a Goddess Temple, dedicated in the Spirit of Aloha to the preservation and perpetuation of Goddess culture, public ceremony, and Womyn' s Mysteries. We meet twice a month for all Wheel of the Year celebrations, and for other Goddess celebrations. Information: Leilani at 925-256-8109, or Leimermaid@aol.com.

East Bay - A Dianic Wimmin' s Circle meets once a month. This circle is open to all Wimmin and is intended to create a spiritual and magical space. Information: Rowan at 510-595-3458 or rowan1@jps.net.

East Bay - Scarlet Cord (A member of the Fellowship of the Spiral Path) offers open circles for families with young children the second Sunday of every month, beginning at 11am. A brief ritual will be followed by potluck and social. Information: Mary at 510-526-1008.

East Bay - Rainbow Path, a group of three holiday-based Dianic circles, meets monthly. The Circles are Persephone's Journey (for girls and boys age 8 and up), Demeter's Quest (women only), and Pomegranate Circle (lesbians). Information: Margaret at 510-525-7184.

El Cerrito - The Rabbit Warren invites you to a Rabbit Village Social on the third Sunday of every month from 5-10pm. We will begin with socializing and a potluck dinner, and then we will have a village discussion from around 7-9pm, with social time again after ending at 10pm. Since a village is made up of all ages, we would also like to include childcare during the discussion part so that everyone can participate. We want to encourage children to be able to connect with their village peers as well. So if you have children and will be bringing them, please let us know ahead of time. Please bring food and/or drinks to share for the potluck. Please contribute to the community by bringing something of value to share. We ask that each person contribute \$3-5 to help with expenses. RSVP required. Information: rabbitwarren@therabbitwarren.org or visit www.therabbitwarren.org/rwwweb/index.htm.

Felton - Sacred Dance: As a connection to the Divine with Makai Powell. The Divine lives within us and dance is a beautiful way to express our joy in its presence. We are not all born knowing how to move to our inner-rhythm. That is when we seek guidance. Classes will be held from 6:30-8PM every other Tuesday. Movement or meditation ideas are welcome. Information: 831-426-7784.

Felton - 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. Information: Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

*Fremont - Pagan Coffee/Tea Night 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 Niles Café located at 121 First St in Niles. 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. Information: 510-366-5067, fire drum circle@hotmail.com, or visit www.fire drum circle.com.

*Fremont - You are invited to an ongoing drum circle one Sunday of every month from 4:00 ~7:00PM at Central Park. 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 510-366-5067. Information: 510-366-5067, fire drum circle@hotmail.com, or visit www.fire drum circle.com.

Gilroy – A Celtic and Druid group meets approximately every 4 to 6 weeks. Events are open to the public. Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids (OBOD). Information: Karen Ehrenfeldt at karen@xs.com or http://www.lighthousewoods.com/druid_karen.html.

Greater Bay Area - The Lodge of Herne is a Men' s Pagan Group that is developing a tradition of earth based spirituality honoring the divine male. All Pagan men seeking other Pagan men to share celebration and ritual are welcome to a place of fellowship and honor within a group that loves the Goddess and honors her, but is experiencing and living in the joy and the celebration of worshipping the God. The template of ritual is Earth-Centered and Celtic influenced, and is expected to be expanded upon by new members. Within the Lodge of Herne exists a framework that has been built, but other hands and minds will also build this Lodge with time. If you are a Pagan man living in the greater San Francisco Bay Area who wants to work hard to bring forth a positive, joyous men' s group that follows the path of the God, contact blackthorne6@hotmail.com, or PO Box 1504 Benicia, Ca 94510, or visit <http://members.tripod.com/~deanjones/paganplace.html>.

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Greater Bay Area - Pagan parents who would like to gather for public events and crafting are welcome to join and help network Family Gatherings based upon the template of the Spiral Scouts. The current group is basically following the seasons via the Circle Round book by Starhawk and others. Information: blackthorne6@hotmail.com, or PO Box 1504 Benicia, Ca 94510, or visit <http://members.tripod.com/~deanjoness/paganplace.html>.

Greater Bay Area - The Sophianic Order is a brand-new Pagan tradition combining Greek, Egyptian, Gnostic, and Frankish theology and practices in service to Divine Sophia. Information: argantecomyn@yahoo.com, or P. O. Box 81, Millbrae, CA 94030.

*Internet - Redwood Grove is an e-mail discussion and study group for all, no matter where you are on the Pagan Path, with honour and respect for all in a supportive learning environment. Redwood Grove is a safe and sacred place where one can grow with like-minded brothers and sisters. This is a sister group of [Circle of The Goddess](#), and is presently located in Martinez. Here you will be encouraged to further your development and spiritual growth, sending your roots deep into the Goddess. This group is open to all members of COTG and those interested in joining COTG. Information: Trinity_COTG@hotmail.com.

Modesto - Open congregation meetings with Fellowship of the Earth take place the first Saturday of every month at 3PM at the Universal Life Church. Information: fote@partytown.com.

Monterey - Join us the third Friday of each month from 7-9pm at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula for Women' s Spiritual Journeys: A Safe Place to Explore. This is a unique opportunity for women of various faith perspectives, lifestyles, ages, and stages to come together for meaningful dialogue, shared ritual, and the Goddess within. Together we will share our stories, celebrate our lives, and explore our spiritual journeys. Information: Sheree at 831-899-3565, or Phyllis 831-659-4585. Free.

*Moss Beach - The Moss Beach Drumming Collective, a core shamanic drum circle, meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club in Half Moon Bay. It is not mandatory to attend every drum circle, but regular participants will benefit greatly from the consecutive teachings provided by JanFreya. This will provide an excellent opportunity to develop shamanic journey skills. Cost: \$10.00 per session. Information: janfreya@mindspring.com.

Oakland - Palmistry Classes are being offered at The Palmistry Academy of Ancient Wisdom on Fridays from 7:30-9:30pm, and Saturdays from 9:30am -noon. Instructor J. Owen Shift will be teaching intuitive and psychic methods of exercises, allowing students to develop channels for interpreting glyphs and other metaphysical signs that are otherwise unnoticed to the ordinary conscious individual. The wisdom of the ancients herein explored also includes I-Ching-Tarot revelations using fingerprints and numerology coordination. All classes are open-ended; meaning new and advanced may attend. No classes are repeated. No two classes are the same. \$25 a week for two and a half hours of class, and tuition after one year is \$15 a week. Information: 510-729-6329 or PAAW@postmark.net.

Oakland - "Creativi-tea" art and tea parties for women are hosted in North Oakland on a TBA basis. Projects such as candle making and magic fairy wands are created while sipping tea and nibbling cookies. Information: 415-601-2488.

Oakland - Moonweavers - An open women' s circle affiliated with Spiral, meets monthly. Information: Hawk at 516601-6753.

Pacific Grove - Join an Open Pagan Circle every Sunday morning for fellowship and chat at the Sacred Branch, next to Bookworks, in downtown Pacific Grove at 11am. Information: annie490@yahoo.com.

*Palo Alto - BAPA sponsors Gaia' s Gateway, an open public ritual featuring a different Pagan tradition each month. Each Gateway begins with an informative talk, and the practitioners of the religion presented lead both the talk and the ritual. Gateways are held on the last Sunday of every month from 6 - 8 PM at the Palo Alto Unitarian Church located at 505 E. Charleston Rd. (Except December) Information: 408-559-GAIA (4242) or visit <http://bapa.net>.

Palo Alto - Curious, new to the Craft, or Pagans new to the area are welcome to gather for a Seekers' Lunch, meeting every Tuesdays at Hobee's, 4224 El Camino Real, from 12:30-2:00pm. Ask the hostess for the "duck people". Reservations not required. Information: 650-813-1816.

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. We usually have a few guitar players, fiddlers, drummers, and at least one didjeridu player. Most people sing a cappella. It' s a really friendly environment. Most people that show up for the bardic circle come during the potluck period. If you are only interested in the rhythm circle, feel free to stay for the potluck if you want. Bring drums, didjes, and other rhythmic instruments. If you are interested in attending, request to be put on the announcement list. For meeting place and information: richard@imagecraft.com.

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*Richmond - Academy Arkadia is offering classes in the magickal arts. This year they are expanding their faculty with local leaders in their fields. Those who would dedicate their energies to acquiring deep skill in the western magickal tradition are invited to participate. Information: Sam Webster at sam@twilightgathering.org.

Richmond - For the last 10 years at every Dark of the Moon (Moon conjunct Sun) Tara and Sam Webster have made offerings to Hermes and Hekate as did the Ancient Greeks. This ritual is now being opened to the Community. If you would care to join in worship or to ask for boons of this wise Pair you are invited to email to see if there is space in the circle that month. Check your ephemeris for dates. Information: Tara@MoonMagick.org.

*Richmond - A Lodge of the Golden Dawn is seeking new membership at this time. The Lodge was founded one year ago in March, and is dedicated to working the Lodge rites of the GD while recognizing the impact of Thelema and over 100 years of development since the Order's founding. It takes the 'open source' view that the rites can and should be changed to meet that new understanding. The result is a vibrant contemporary practice of true Ceremonial Magick. Anyone seeking to learn the GD system or take advantage of its initiatory current is invited to participate. It is also possible to receive the initiations without becoming a member, so long as the grade requirements are met. Information: Sam@TwilightGathering.org.

*San Francisco - Shadow Dancers is New Albion Tradition (American style British Tradition) with a large influence from the Feri Tradition (Victor Anderson). We offer beginning classes with a training circle once a year around late fall. Classes are usually twice a month, meeting in San Francisco. We also have an open house once a year to discuss training, our tradition, and to meet others in the community. Information: Kathryn at 415-469 0858, or Shadowdancers369@cs.com.

San Francisco - Dragon Dream offers a forum for women to share wisdom and put spirituality to practical use through ongoing workshops, monthly circle gatherings and astrology classes. Meet once a month on a Sunday from Noon to 2:30pm. In a quarterly rhythm, celebrate the Solstices and Equinoxes, followed in the next month by something practical like arts and crafts, wisdom circles or presentations from other healers, completing the quarterly cycle journey within through guided visualizations in the 3rd month. Part of each gathering is a networking circle, where everyone is invited to share resources and/or professional/personal services with the group. Information: 415-820-1500, lilith@dragondream.com or visit www.dragondream.com.

San Francisco - A Women's Healing Circle is held every second Sunday. Guided meditation, chanting, toning and drumming are used to call in the spirit healers to assist women in need of healing. Information: Lupa at 510-601-1428 or Nancy at 510-839-5292.

San Francisco - Moon~Ways offers classes, workshops and full moon circles to women. Information: 510-601-1428.

San Francisco/East Bay - New Reformed Orthodox Order of the Golden Dawn (NROOGD) holds open sabbat celebrations. Information: <http://www.nroogd.org/>.

San Francisco/Marin County/Sebastopol - Sabbat celebrations and classes are being offered by Reclaiming. Information: 415-339-8150, or visit <http://www.reclaiming.org/>

San Francisco - The Third Road is a school of Celtic shamanism and center for spiritual healing, founded by Francesca De Grandis. Classes and workshops and long term shamanic training are available. Information: 415-750-1205 or visit <http://www.well.com/user/zthirdrd/francescadbrchr.html>.

*San Francisco - There are two CUUPS chapters established in the Bay Area. The Pagan Interest Circle hosts moon rituals at 7:00 PM on the Saturday closest to the full moon at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in San Francisco, located at Franklin and Geary. Each rite is unique and open to all generations. A Yule and summer Solstice rite is held each year. Information: 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.

San Francisco - A gathering to invoke and experience the powers of gods and goddesses that brandish the power of the veiled moon is held each month. Discussion begins at 8pm and a Dark Moon ritual at 9pm. Attune to the moon aligned with the sun. Information: Llyris at gabidaz@yahoo.com.

San Francisco - Queer Womyn' s Spirituality Teaching Circles offers classes to lesbian women. This is not coven or priestess training though it could be prep for that. No prior experience with circling is necessary. Spellcrafting for personal and positive outcomes will be taught, and specific tools for manifestation will be acquired. It is not necessary to attend every circle, reserve the ones you want. A few work trades are available for those who have more time than money. Information: Jules at 415-695-9066, or dianic.witch@angelfire.com.

*San Francisco - 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. Information: Kristen at 415-425-4847. SFUU church phone 415-242-1608.

San Francisco/Berkeley/Mountain View – Summer adventure camp for kids from 7-14 yrs. These weeklong fantasy adventure camps are limited to 30 children each week, which are divided into three groups of ten. Each group has its own dedicated adult staff person from a pool of professional teachers and educators. In addition, each group has at least one

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teen assistant giving a staff to day camper ratio of one to five. Camp runs every week of summer break, Mon-Fri, starting at 9am and ending at 3pm. Information: 650-988-9048 or visit www.grand-adventure.com.

San Francisco area - Sapphire Labyrinth is a sister circle of the [Circle of the Goddess](#) (COTG) community. This is a sacred, safe place for Wiccans to correspond and discuss issues with one another for the purpose of strengthening the bond of Sister and Brotherhood as well as supporting each other on this Path. There is an email discussion group for members, and meetings are forming in the Mission District of San Francisco. Information: aniseh@earthlink.net or Aniseh@dragonflycreative.com.

San Francisco - LunaDea is an intimate (read: small, tight-knit) women-only group that practices goddess-focused spirituality/witchcraft, is dedicated to honoring the goddess within, and supports and learns from its members. We are somewhat traditionally structured in that we have a high priestess and the rest of the practitioners are priestesses, but we are also very open. The structure is egalitarian and supportive of personal growth. We've decided to open up to a few new members. We have varying degrees of experience, but as a group work very well together. We're looking to add some new energy and ideas to the group. We meet at least once a month on the fourth Saturday. We will be meeting in Sebastopol once every few months, so we are open to members in Marin or other places in between. Information: erin@lunadea.com.

San Francisco - Coalition of Rainbow Pagans is a LGBT spirituality/teaching group, exploring various paths and teaching those who wish to learn in a LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered) setting. Information: 415-846-5654 or hiddenpriest@hotmail.com.

*San Jose - Circle of Heart's Delight, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS), offers rituals at 7:45pm 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. Information: moonlet@dslsdesigns.net. Church: 408-292-3858.

*San Jose - The San Jose Metaphysical Book Shop offers classes and workshops throughout the year on various topics of interest to Pagans. Information: 408-446-0590, sjbookshop@mindspring.com, or visit www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com.

*San Jose - Luna Circa is an eclectic women's circle that has been meeting in the San Jose area since 1987. Every month on the second Friday after the new moon, we gather at 7:30pm 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. Information: lunacirca@yahoo.com or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

San Jose - Initiate of the Arician Tradition of Stregheria is organizing book and discussion groups to explore Mediterranean / Aegean pagan practices, pantheons, philosophies, etc. Groups will be informal and for the purpose of mutual sharing of ideas and are not teaching groups. A friendly and relaxing San Jose location will be selected based on the input of participants. Two groups are being organized, each meeting every other week, one on Monday or Tuesday evenings and one on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday evenings. Information: salvanelli@nightwalker.com.

*San Jose - Hearthstone Circle is a diverse group of Witches, Wiccans, Pagans, and the like who gather in San Jose to celebrate the turning of the Wheel and the coming of the Full Moon. These are casual yet magickal workings with emphasis on seasonal changes and personal growth. We have a warm family atmosphere; singles, couples, and families are all equally welcome. Information: molly@hearthstonecircle.org, or visit <http://www.hearthstonecircle.org>.

San Lorenzo - A Magical Workshop series will be held on Monday nights from 8-10pm. The first series of workshops will focus on the chakras, and future topics will be announced. These workshops tend to be experiential in nature and very hands on, working with energy and creating meditation symbols or tools. The workshops are open to any experience level, there is no fee, and you are not required to attend the whole series. Children are welcome. Information: Foxglove, aka Stacy, at foxglove999@hotmail.com.

San Rafael - Spirit Sister Circle meets on the third Sunday of every month at the Marin Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin located at 240 Channing Way, San Rafael, 94903-2606 at 5:00pm. A light to heavy potluck will follow, depending on participation. This is a circle open to all women, whether interested in UUism or not. Volunteers provide a safe space for sharing, healing, community in a Pagan, or earth centered spirituality. We are flexible, loving and fun. We honor many traditions, including, but not limited to pagan, wicca, bellydance, nativism, shamanism, Inanna, Celtic, Quan Yin, feminine spirit, mother/daughter and above all goddess respect. 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: 415-479-4131.

Santa Clara - Circle of The Goddess (COTG) meets in Santa Clara, offering community support, legal clergy, in person teaching available and public circles. This is a national not-for-profit spiritual organization that focuses on earth spirituality, study and celebration of the Goddess, and self-realization through working in small Circle communities. The Inner Circle tradition incorporates Qabalistic and astrological practice, including rite timing. Shadow work, supporting each other and counseling are all integral parts of COTG's foundation, and are part of the Wheel of the Year. Public as well as private

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Circle work goes on throughout the year as well. Information: astarte@dragonflycreative.com or visit <http://www.dragonflycreative.com/cotgindex.html>.

Santa Clara - A Pagan Support Group is meeting in Santa Clara on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00pm. 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. A small facility donation is requested. Information: Dj at witsend@ix.netcom.com.

Santa Cruz - Radical Fairies of Santa Cruz are "Queer Hippies" & "Pagans", "Social Servants" & "Playful Revolutionaries", "Gender Queens" & "Sensitive New Age GuyGirls". 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. Potluck at 6pm, and ritual at 7pm. Information: 831-335-5861 or 831-429-1388.

Santa Cruz - A self-facilitating Men' s Group focusing on meditation, consciousness and brotherhood in an atmosphere of casual and empowering communication meets every other Wednesday at 7pm in the Santa Cruz area. What is your life' s purpose? Share your vision and realize your goals. New members welcome. Information: 831-464-2381, 831-461-1979 or 831-466-3056.

Santa Cruz - Temple of All Gods is forming, focusing on multi-dimensional spiritual expression of the God/Goddess within each person through dancing trance and induced altered states, erasing the veil between the physical/spiritual through art and music, Tantric intoxication of the flesh, and spirit possession in order to reach a state of pure ecstatic bliss. Example rites: Bacchanalia, Orixa Bembe, and Urban Sigil Magik. Seeking qualified persons to form and participate in an ecstasy-focused working magickal group, Temple of All Gods (aka: TAG). We are looking for people that are interested in building a deeper and more profound connection to the spirit realm by exploring the limits of consciousness in a focused and safe environment. Information: Veleda at templeofallgods@yahoo.com or visit <http://www.geocities.com/templeofallgods/>.

Santa Cruz - Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) of Santa Cruz. CUUPS' vision is one of Egalitarianism, Engaged Pluralism and Enlightenment. A place where women and men can meet on common ground and work for the greater good, be it the macrocosm on through to the micro realms of our universe. The leadership in the circle will be open to all interested. Gatherings will be a safe and sacred space where we can share ourselves openly and freely, and be received lovingly and without judgment. This Pagan community will give all involved a place to explore the wonderful world of Nature Worship, Magic, and Community. Grateful for the life and times we live in, that we may call out to others, gather in Peace and celebrate our hearts delight. Information: Terra Collier-Young, 4440 Prescott Rd., Soquel CA., 95073

Santa Cruz - Shekhinah Mountainwater, Elder and Founding Mother in the Womanspirit Movement sponsors Women's Goddess Study Circles on Monday evenings from 7-10pm. The Moonday Circles are part of a year-and-a-day initiation process into a woman-loving spiritual path. Meetings are weekly for three moons (13 mtgs.) with the option to continue on. Study in the ancient "grove" format; practice psychic skills, build circle energy, spin magic, make music, share our lives, hold ceremony, learn the lore of the Goddess, work to heal the wounds of patriarchy. For more information, contact Shekhinah Mountainwater at 831-423-7639, shekhinahmoon@aol.com, P.O. Box 2991, Santa Cruz, CA 95063 or visit <http://shekhinah.net/>.

Santa Cruz area - Self-facilitated group for men and women who are devoted to knowing the God/Goddess within and living from that place, and who are willing to let go of all illusions in order to know truth. Let's face what we need to face, heal what we need to heal, let go of what we need to let go of and open to the divine within. Information: Paulette at 831-469-0245.

Santa Cruz - The Sacred Grove hosts networking and organizing events and classes at 924 Soquel Ave in Santa Cruz. "Linking Circles" takes place on the second and last Wednesdays of each month at 7PM. Brought to you by "A Bunch O' Random Witches", 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. Classes in Witchcraft and Wicca at levels ranging from intro, to level 2, as well as classes for minors (parental approval required) are also offered. Information: 831-423-1949, sacredgrove@onebox.com or visit www.the-sacredgrove.com.

Santa Cruz - 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. Information: lolani at 831-479-3310, info@sanctuary-illumination.com or visit www.sanctuary-illumination.com.

Santa Cruz - 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. Ecstatic Dance allows your dance to be your heartfelt prayer. Cost: \$15 offering. Information: lolani at 831-479-3310, info@sanctuary-illumination.com or visit www.sanctuary-illumination.com.

*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

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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. Information: 831-469-0336, community_seed@mindspring.com, or visit <http://www.communityseed.org>.

Saratoga - Full Circle Events hosts Pagan Bowling Night on the second Saturday of every month at the AMF Saratoga Lanes. Meet at 8:30pm so that bowling can begin at 9:00pm. 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. Information: info@fullciclevents.org or visit <http://www.fullciclevents.org/>.

Soquel - An open Shamanic Drumming Circle meets once a month in a yurt. It is open to any one who already knows how to do a shamanic journey. (If you wish to learn, you may contact them for instruction resources). They follow the format of The Foundation for Shamanic Studies (Michael Harner). They welcome visiting circle members from other cities. At each meeting they usually do two journeys and share their shamanic experience. Information: Marianne at 831-477-2818 or LaMarianna@aol.com.

*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. Information: Bianca at 408-265-5180, or Bill at 408-730-9622, wabaldwin@aol.com, or visit <http://members.aol.com/wabaldwin/sbc>.

South Bay/Peninsula – There is a circle forming for women and men who are in college. The purpose of the circle will be to celebrate Sabbats and possibly full and new moons, to learn from each other, and to meet new Pagan friends. The circle will not be based on any one tradition; members will contribute their own ideas and participate in creating rituals. We will most likely take turns hosting our meetings. If you are a student and have been on a Pagan path for at least a year, and are interested in joining the circle or have questions about it, please contact 650-968-3843 or oceanpine9@yahoo.com and share a little bit about yourself.

Various - Sacred Journeys for Women hosts pilgrimages and weekend retreats for women. Journey to places like Crete, Ireland, England (Glastonbury), and Hawaii to visit sacred sites and explore your own spirituality in these mystical surroundings. Information: 1-888-779-6696, alaura@wco.com, or visit www.sacredjourneys.com.

Walnut Creek – Every Third Saturday evening, there is a Drumming Circle at Dolphin Dream. Bring your drums and rattles or use ours as we beat away the stresses of the outside world and find that place within ourselves where the heartbeat dwells. Information: 925-933-2342.

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

For more events, groups and organizations, and contacts, visit Witches Voice at <http://www.witchvox.net/wotw/home/california.html>.

Publications ~~

Community Seed Magazine, is a subscription based quarterly publication, containing a calendar of events for the season. The purpose of our magazine is to provide a place to share and explore the thoughts, ideas, viewpoints, and visions of our local earth-wise spiritual culture, and to connect, educate, inform, and even amuse the Pagan community. We encourage your submissions. It is our intent to give voice to the great array of opinion within our community. We believe that through our examination of local Pagan thought, we will begin to understand ourselves in the larger global context and create closer spiritual bonds of love and understanding with one another here and now. Information: 831-469-0336, community_seed@mindspring.com, or visit <http://www.communityseed.org>.

The Greymalkin Gazette is a Pagan and Magickal publication that comes out eight times per year. Original poetry, articles from 300 to 1000 words, and short fiction of the same length range are always well received. To subscribe or submit original work, contact tezra@earthlink.net, or The Pythoness, The Greymalkin Gazette, P.O. Box 6775, San Jose, CA 95150-6775.

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