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**Bay Area Pagan Activities and News**

# BAPAN

**Ostara 2003**

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*Greetings to BAPA!*

**BAPA NEWS**

1. Editor Needed – Fellow BAPA members, I’ve been laid off at my job. Due to stress and outside pressures, I won’t be able to continue as BAPAN editor. If you would like to take over this opportunity to be creative and to play an important role in networking the pagan community, please send email to Michael Dilts at [bapaprez@yahoo.com](mailto:bapaprez@yahoo.com).

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*Special thanks to these folks who keep BAPA going!*

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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:**

**Spring Equinox Celebration with NROOGD  
Sunday, March 30; 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

NROOGD (the New Reformed Orthodox Order of the Golden Dawn) is a magical Tradition founded in 1968-69 by a group of students from the University of San Francisco who created a “Witches’ Sabbath” ritual for a religion class and discovered that it actually worked. The name of the organization refers

to the fact that it was a wholly “new” Tradition which was “orthodox” in that it took its beliefs from the ancients and was a Magical “Order” as was the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn.

Rituals in NROOGD usually focus on the workings of magic, or on celebration of the divinity of each participant. The magical workings vary in form and content, but often include charms and simple poetry. More information about NROOGD may be found at <http://www.nroogd.org>.

### **Shamanic Healing Ritual with Sandy Bernstein**

**Sunday, April 27; 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Sandy employs a timeless hands-on healing process which permits her to channel energy directly from the spirit world. Her practice is based in Milpitas and she can be found on the web at <http://www.ShamanSandy.com>.

~ See Page 15 for Gaia’s Gateway in May. ~

### **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/](http://www.bapa.net/Gaia_s_Gateway/)

### **Do you have a web connection?**

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[http://www.bapa.net/The\\_BAPAN/](http://www.bapa.net/The_BAPAN/)

### **Submission deadline:**

Submission and calendar deadline for the Beltane newsletter is April 23, 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](mailto: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](http://www.fullcircleevents.org)
- The Lilith Institute, 650-345-5449, [lilith@best.com](mailto:lilith@best.com), [www.lilithinstitute.com](http://www.lilithinstitute.com)
- New Reformed Order of the Golden Dawn, Berkeley, 510-521-1040, [www.nroogd.org](http://www.nroogd.org)
- Phases, San Francisco, 415-468-5466, [lawre@sirius.com](mailto:lawre@sirius.com), [www.phases.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com)
- Tokenz, Half Moon Bay, 650-712-8457

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### **POETRY OF THE SEASON**

For winter’s rains and ruins are over,  
And all the season of snows and sins;

The days dividing lover and lover,  
The light that loses, the night that wins;  
And time remembered is grief forgotten,  
And frosts are slain and flowers begotten,  
And in green underwood and cover  
Blossom by blossom the spring begins.

by Algernon Charles Swinburne (1837-1909)

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**HUMOR OF THE SEASON**

1. How can you eat an egg without breaking its shell?
2. What do you get if you cross an insect and a rabbit?
3. Why is it dangerous to walk around the country in the spring?
4. What did the bee say to the flower?

Answers:

1. Ask someone else to break it.
2. Bugs Bunny.
3. Because then the grass is full of blades, the flowers have pistils (pistols), and the trees are shooting.
4. 'Hello, honey!'

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**HOLIDAY RECIPES**

Eggs, honey, and fresh greens help us celebrate the season of spring.

Mixed Salad for Spring  
*6 servings*

- 1 ½ cups fresh green peas
- 1 ½ cups green beans, cut in 1-inch pieces
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1 large green pepper, sliced
- oil and vinegar dressing
- parsley
- salt and pepper
- 3 to 4 tomatoes
- 3 eggs, hard-boiled

Cook peas and green beans. Drain and rinse briefly in cold water. Toss still-warm peas and beans with onion, dressing, seasonings, parsley, and green pepper. Chill.

Serve either on a platter surrounded with rings of sliced tomatoes and sliced eggs or stuff salad into hollowed-out tomatoes and surround with egg slices.

California Omelet  
*4-6 servings*

- 8 eggs
- 2 tbsp milk
- 2 tbsp finely chopped parsley
- 2/3 tsp dried Italian seasonings
- 2 tbsp butter
- ½ cup salsa
- 1 avocado, peeled and sliced (optional)
- 1 cup shredded Swiss or Mozzarella cheese
- salt and pepper to taste
- lemon juice

Beat together eggs, milk and seasonings with a fork. Preheat oven broiler. Heat a 10-inch non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add butter. When melted, pour in egg mixture.

As eggs begin to set at the edges, use a spatula to gently push cooked portions to the center, tilting the skillet to allow the uncooked egg to flow into empty spaces.

When egg is almost set on surface but still looks moist, spoon salsa on top and garnish with avocado slices sprinkled with lemon juice. Top with cheese. Place skillet under oven broiler just until cheese is melted, about 30 seconds. Cut omelet into wedges and serve.

Honey Blondies

- 1 cup honey
- ¾ cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup chopped toasted pecans

In medium bowl, cream honey and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Add flour and baking powder; mix until combined. Fold in chocolate chips and pecans. Spread batter into greased 9x9-inch square baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees F for 40 minutes or until wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean. Allow to cool completely. Cut into squares.

**CRAFT CUPBOARD**

Pressed Flower Coaster/Paperweight

Supplies:

- Pressed flowers (found in floral dept. of craft stores)
- Clear Acrylic Coaster (found in candle dept.)
- Small paintbrush
- 'Mod-Podge' (decoupage medium)
- Tweezers

Instructions:

1. Remove flowers from package with tweezers. Store unused flowers in package for later use.
2. Use paintbrush to apply Mod-Podge on back side of coaster where flowers will be placed. Use tweezers to place flowers on coaster.
3. Apply Mod-Podge over flowers with paintbrush using long smooth strokes, starting from the center of arrangement, working towards edges. Allow to dry.
4. Keep away from direct sunlight. This will allow the flowers to retain their color as long as nature allows.

*Thanks to Ben Franklin Crafts & Frames web site (<http://www.bfranklincrafts.com>) for this issue's idea.*

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### Upcoming Local Pagan Events ~ March 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.*

March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 - Palmistry Classes – 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. Cost: \$25 per class; tuition after one year is \$15 per class. Information: 510-729-6329 or [PAAW@postmark.net](mailto:PAAW@postmark.net)

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Open Circle – Pacific Grove

Join an Open Pagan Circle every Sunday morning at 11am, for fellowship and chat at the Sacred Branch, next to Bookworks, downtown. Information: [annie490@yahoo.com](mailto:annie490@yahoo.com).

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Pagan Coffee and Open Circle Teaching – Marina

Come to Red Rock Coffee and Tea located at Seacrest and Reservation every Sunday from 11:00am-1:00pm. The first hour is social hour, then a topic will be chosen and the open form teaching begins. Sponsored by Firerose Tradition. Look for a man in a black leather jacket and glasses (Robert aka Dragon Founder of Firerose Tradition) and a knitting woman with dark hair (Kate).

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](mailto:info@rosicrucian.org), or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Magical Workshop Series – 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](mailto:foxglove999@hotmail.com)

March 4, 11, 18, 25 - Dark Shakti - Berkeley

Isis Ward presents, Dark Shakti: Healing Women's Sexuality and Power at 7pm at The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, located at 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft. During this 6-week course using ritual, breathwork, and energy work, transform sexual wounds, patterns and belief systems and work through inhibitions in a safe, supportive, women-only environment. Discover how healing and growing your sexual strength expands your creativity and freedom in the world. Cost: \$75 for the course or \$15 per class. Information: 510-377-1002, [isisward@earthlink.net](mailto:isisward@earthlink.net), or visit [www.HumanAlchemy.net](http://www.HumanAlchemy.net)

March 4, 11, 18, 25 – Seekers' Lunch – Palo Alto

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

March 4, 11, 18, 25 – Pagan Support Group – Santa Clara

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

March 6, 13, 20, 27 – Dream Class – Walnut Creek

Thursday Morning Dream Class with Alexandra Robin at Dolphin Dream from 10:30-noon, suite F. The dreams that we create for ourselves each night are replete with deep meaning. Truly valuing our nightly forays into dreamtime can transform our lives. Learn how to interpret your dreams with the "dream interview process", an essential skill that delves deeply into your dream. Please bring one of your dreams to share and explore. Cost: \$20 per class. Please pre-register with Alexandra at 925-609-8640, or call Dolphin Dream at 925-933-2342.

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March 6, 13, 20, 27 – Open Meetings – 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. For updates and information regarding this or other Coven Nemorensis events and services, contact [ferne.campbell@att.net](mailto:ferne.campbell@att.net), or visit <http://www.covennemorensis.mybravenet.com/cronestea.html>

March 6, 20 – Tarot In-Depth Class – Los Gatos

Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Tarot In-Depth classes from 7-9pm at Inner Journey, located at 222 N. Santa Cruz Ave. 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](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://www.astrowisdom.com/classes.htm>

March 7, 28 – Women's Group – Berkeley

"Rituals for Life", a women's group with Z Budapest, meets on the first and last Fridays of the month from 7pm. 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. 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. Cost: \$100 a month. Information: 510-893-3097. Register online at [www.zbudapest.com](http://www.zbudapest.com) via PayPal or E-mail [silverzb@aol.com](mailto:silverzb@aol.com)

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](mailto:info@rosicrucian.org), or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>

March 9, 23 - Moving Meditation - Berkeley

Men and women of any level of experience are welcome to join Michelle or Sikha from 6:30-8:30pm at the Berkeley Yoga Center, located at 1250 Addison St at Bonar, on the second and fourth Sundays through May. Moving Meditation is movement and breath, music, silence and stillness. Cost: \$10 each session. Contact: Michelle at 510-526-9526 or Sikha at 510-444-4956.

March 10, 24, 31 - Toltec Wisdom; The Four Agreements - Berkeley

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

March 11, 25 – Drumming Circle – Half Moon Bay

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 JanFrey. This will provide an excellent opportunity to develop shamanic journey skills. Cost: \$10.00 per session. Information: [janfrey@mindspring.com](mailto:janfrey@mindspring.com)

March 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](mailto:andrea@cruzio.com)

March 12, 26 – Open Meeting – Santa Cruz

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

March 13, 27 – Intermediate Astrology Class – Los Gatos

Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Intermediate Astrology classes from 7-9pm at Inner Journey, located at 222 N. Santa Cruz Ave. Prerequisite: Beginning Astrology or equivalent knowledge of houses, planets, and signs. This is a class

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for intermediate students and focuses on developing synthesis skills and understanding chart interpretation, as well as interpretations of 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](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://www.astrowisdom.com/classes.htm>

March 13, 27 – Women's Spirituality Group – Gilroy/Hollister  
A Women' s Spirituality Group meets on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. Information: Susan at [orcalove@gte.net](mailto:orcalove@gte.net), 408-838-4704 or visit <http://www.lighthousewoods.com>

March 13, 27 - Moms and Babes Celebrate! – Santa Cruz  
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. Cost: \$8 offering. Information: lolani at 831-479-3310, [info@sanctuary-illumination.com](mailto:info@sanctuary-illumination.com), or visit [www.sanctuary-illumination.com](http://www.sanctuary-illumination.com)

March 14, 28 – Pagan Tea Night – Fremont  
You are welcome to attend Pagan Tea Night in Fremont on alternating Friday nights from 7:30 ~10:00PM. Come meet and socialize with pagans, artists, musicians, fire dancers, and others in the community at The Nile Cafe at 121 I St. 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 510-304-3006. Information: 510-366-5067, [fire drum circle@hotmail.com](mailto:fire drum circle@hotmail.com) or visit [www.fire drum circle.com](http://www.fire drum circle.com)

March 19 – Magickal Living and Spellcraft Classes - Mountain View  
Hosted by the Psychic Eye Bookshop, located at 1128 El Camino Real, every Wednesday from 7-9pm. Explore a balanced approach to the realm of the Earth Religions, gain deeper insight to yourself, and learn how to better use and strengthen your own gifts in a positive and fun learning environment. Tonight' s topic will be, What Does It Mean to be Pagan? Students are encouraged to attend all classes for a more complete experience, but complete attendance is not mandatory. Suggested projects will be given to aid your growth. Please bring a notebook and pen. Cost: \$12. Information: 650-964-2220 or Tempest at [tempestthewitch@yahoo.com](mailto:tempestthewitch@yahoo.com)

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](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>

March 20 - Essential Oils - Nature's Gift – Mountain View  
East West Bookshop located at 324 Castro Street hosts, Essential Oils - Nature's Gift at 7:30pm. Essential oils are a gift from nature that can lift our hearts, combat stress, relieve pain and restore our bodies, minds and spirits. Join Tricia Conti, R.N., C.A., Co-Manager of East West, for an informative and interactive evening on this fascinating topic. Please bring your questions and insights. Cost: Free. Information: 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com), or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/events.html>

March 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.

March 21 – Astrology Class - Oakland  
Ancient Ways hosts an Astrology Class with Margaret Cole, starting at 7:30pm. During the Dark Ages in Europe, the Arabs both kept astrology alive and well and added their own touch. We work with the Arabic parts, so bring your chart. Cost \$5 to 10, sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com), or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>

March 21 - Shamanic Journeying - Berkeley  
The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, located at 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft, hosts from 7-10pm. Cost: \$15. Information: 510-649-0352, [info@spiritweavers.com](mailto:info@spiritweavers.com), or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>

March 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.

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### March 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](mailto:info@sanctuary-illumination.com), or visit [www.sanctuary-illumination.com](http://www.sanctuary-illumination.com)

### March 22 - Ostara Celebration - San Francisco

Join NROOGD in celebrating the Vernal Equinox (Ostara) at East Meadow Picnic Area at Stern GroveSan (corner of 19th Ave. and Sloat) beginning at 11am. From 11am to noon, make a flower garland to wear; Noonish, learn a song and dance; 12:15pm, ritual begins; 1:30pm, Barbecue and picnic. Wear if you will, green or yellow. Bring if you can, flowers and greenery for garlands, food, drink, briquets for barbecue (beer and wine ok), if it's damp, bring raingear and something to sit on. Children welcome. Walk past the building and the pond back toward 19th Ave to the east picnic area. Information: Deborah Bender at [dbendr@aol.com](mailto:dbendr@aol.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](mailto: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](http://www.whisperedprayers.com/ModestoPPD_OstaraGathering.html)

### March 22 – Tarot Tea Party - Oakland

Ancient Ways hosts an Equinoctial Tea Party with Thalassa, from 1-5pm. It's the civilized way to learn the Tarot. There will be a lecture and then hands-on work with Tarot. Bring your favorite deck to work with. (Hat and gloves optional.) Cost \$5 to 10, sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com), or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>

### March 22 - Heart of Meditation – Mountain View

East West Bookshop located at 324 Castro Street hosts, Heart of Meditation from 12-3pm. Uma Silbey is the author of The Complete Crystal Guidebook, Crystal Ball Gazing, and Enlightenment on the Run. Today's event will be an interplay of music, breathwork, guided visualization, and meditation. You'll gently release painful inner feelings, relax physical tension, and calm anxiety so that sadness, angst, grief and other manifestations of a wounded heart can be transformed to acceptance, clarity, and love. Cost: \$25 (\$35 day of event). Information: 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com), or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/events.html>

### March 23 - Ostara Celebration - Penryn

A gathering of the Pagan Community, ritual, egg hunt for the children, other games or crafts at the Griffith Quarry Park, Corner of Taylor Rd and Rock Springs Rd. Food options -- Potluck, bring your own picnic basket, or join your own group or family in your type of picnic. If you have children and wish them to join in the egg hunt, please bring a dozen colored eggs to add to the hunt and be sure to bring a bag of basket for the little one to collect the eggs in. Please bring along a plastic trash bag to contain any trash in your area and to help keep the area clean! :-)

Ritual: A ritual circle will be held. Join in if you wish or sit out and watch. You can enjoy the ceremony from outside the circle and still share and feel the energy raised. Information: Lady Luna at Earth Central at 916-652-8084.

### March 23 - Alchemy within the Aura – Mountain View

East West Bookshop located at 324 Castro Street hosts, Alchemy within the Aura from 12:30-7:30pm. Siobhan Nicolaou will help you transmute the lower vibrations of energy (lead) within your aura back into the light of the soul (gold), using grounding, visualization, and feeling. Learn to re-create your reality from the inside out – by simply loving the self. This process will teach you how to manifest the Christ in you. Siobhan's personal experience and transformation bear the abundant fruit of life's sweetness that she wholeheartedly offers you. Cost: \$150. Information: 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com), or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/events.html>

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March 23 – Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle – Felton  
Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle every fourth Sunday from 6-10pm at Don Quixote' s located at 6275 Highway 9, Felton. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome. Information, contact Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

March 24 – Past Lives, Dreams, and Soul Travel – San Francisco  
The Psychic Eye Bookshop at 301 Fell St is hosting a Past Lives, Dreams, and Soul Travel class from 7:30-9pm. Learn spiritual tools to recall past lives, understand dreams, and investigate the expansion of consciousness that comes with the practice of soul travel. Presented by and based on the teachings of Eckankar, this workshop will explore ways to resolve everyday problems and live life from a higher viewpoint. We will also investigate answers to some of the deepest questions that face humankind. The workshop will include special focus on the interests and questions of the participants, and the introduction and practice of practical contemplative techniques using the primal, divine, light and sound. Cost: Free. Information: 415-863-9997 or [angelique@pebooks.com](mailto:angelique@pebooks.com)

March 25 - The Wisdom of Crystals and Stones – Mountain View  
East West Bookshop located at 324 Castro Street hosts, The Wisdom of Crystals and Stones at 7:30pm. Join Peg Baat, East West Bookshop's crystal buyer for the last eight years, for an intriguing, interactive exploration of the lore of stones. Peg will speak about specific stones and their qualities. Feel free to bring your favorite stone and share your stories. Bring your questions, too, for this open forum on a topic that is forever fascinating. Cost: Free. Information: 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com), or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/events.html>

March 25 – Open Circle – Fremont  
You are invited to attend a monthly Open Circle hosted by The Way of the Magi on the last Tuesday of every month from 8-9:30pm at 43687 Mission Blvd. All faiths are welcome in the spirit of Community. During the circle we will join with each other to focus our intent to send energy to people, places and events that are in need of love or healing. Information: Lady Toban at 510-657-8566 or visit <http://www.wayofthemagi.com>

March 25 – Herbal Magick – San Francisco  
The Psychic Eye Bookshop at 301 Fell St is hosting an Herbal Magick class from 7-8:30pm. Every herb has it's own energy which can be used for healing and transformation. Join accomplished herbalist, Autumn in making your very own incense, oils and bath salts in this fun workshop. Cost: \$15. Information: 415-863-9997 or [angelique@pebooks.com](mailto:angelique@pebooks.com)

March 26 – Pagan Myth and Mystery Class - Oakland  
Ancient Ways hosts Pagan Myth and History with Lon Sarver, starting at 7:30pm. There is the myth of Paganism: an unbroken line, carried in secret from Paleolithic times. Then, there is the history: late Victorian scholars synthesizing a new religion from folk tradition and poetic inspiration. Look at how they interweave to form the basis of modern Pagan religion. Cost \$5 to 10, sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com), or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>

March 26 – Magickal Living and Spellcraft Classes - Mountain View  
Hosted by the Psychic Eye Bookshop, located at 1128 El Camino Real, every Wednesday from 7-9pm. Explore a balanced approach to the realm of the Earth Religions, gain deeper insight to yourself, and learn how to better use and strengthen your own gifts in a positive and fun learning environment. Tonight' s topi will be, Types of Spellcraft and Magick. Students are encouraged to attend all classes for a more complete experience, but complete attendance is not mandatory. Suggested projects will be given to aid your growth. Please bring a notebook and pen. Cost: \$12. Information: 650-964-2220 or Tempest at [tempestthewitch@yahoo.com](mailto:tempestthewitch@yahoo.com)

March 29 - Frame Drum-Making Workshop - Oakland  
Connie and Isanna host this opportunity to make your own magical tool, empowered by your personal energy, from 10am-5pm at Hawk Hall in North Oakland. Please bring a lunch. Cost: \$130; includes all supplies to make and finish a 13" hoop drum; 50% deposit required before March 15<sup>th</sup>. Information: 510-601-6753 or [hawkhall3@mindspring.com](mailto:hawkhall3@mindspring.com)

March 29 – British Witchcraft Class - Oakland  
Ancient Ways hosts The Order of Artemis and British Witchcraft with Ralph Harvey, starting at 7:30pm. Ralph and his wife Audrey are from West Sussex, England and were friends with Doreen Valiente. Ralph founded The Order of Artemis in 1959 after the repeal of the anti-Witchcraft laws. This was called "Traditional" witchcraft as distinct from Hereditary and Gardnerian witchcraft. He also lectures on his research and finding of some of the 9 covens founded by Old George Pickingill. Ralph Harvey and Audrey are true Wiccan elders. Reservations suggested. Cost: \$5 to 10, sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com), or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>

March 29 - Self-Hypnosis and Trance Healing - Berkeley  
Isis Ward will show you how to heal yourself with the power of your mind at the Berkeley Adult School, located at 1222 University Ave from 1-4pm. Information: 510-644-6130, or 510-377-1002, [isisward@earthlink.net](mailto:isisward@earthlink.net), or visit [www.HumanAlchemy.net](http://www.HumanAlchemy.net)

March 29 - Introduction to the Shamanic Journey - San Francisco  
Isa Gucciardi will teach this 3-part class from 9am-12pm, meeting on Saturday mornings at Foundation of the Sacred Stream. The Shamanic Journey is probably the oldest technology for understanding the world of spirit and energy, which supports and sustains the material world we live in. The methods taught in this class are the methods shamans around

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the world have used for thousands of years. At the end of this class you should be able to sustain a journeying practice which will help you: Heal parts of yourself you have had difficulty accessing; Problem solve for yourself and others; Serve others effectively and efficiently; Understand the nature of different levels of consciousness. This class is a prerequisite to the Depth Hypnosis Certification or to enrolling in the Shamanic Studies Program. Cost: \$200 for the series. Information: 415-333-1434, [isa@sacredstream.org](mailto:isa@sacredstream.org), or visit [www.sacredstream.org](http://www.sacredstream.org)

### March 30 – Gaia' s Gateway- Spring Equinox Celebration with NROOGD – Palo Alto

BAPA sponsors Gaia' s Gateway, an open public ritual featuring a different Pagan tradition each month. Gateways are held from 6-8:30pm at the Palo Alto Unitarian Church located at 505 E. Charleston Rd. Each Gateway begins with an informative talk, and both the talk and the ritual are led by the practitioners of the religion presented. This month' s Gateway will be a Spring Equinox Celebration with NROOGD (the New Reformed Orthodox Order of the Golden Dawn), a magical Tradition founded in 1968-69 by a group of students from the University of San Francisco who created a "Witches' Sabbath" ritual for a religion class and discovered that it actually worked. The name of the organization refers to the fact that it was a wholly "new" Tradition, which was "orthodox" in that it took its beliefs from the ancients and was a Magical "Order" as was the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn. Rituals in NROOGD usually focus on the working of magic, or on celebration of the divinity of each participant. The magical workings vary in form and content, but often include charms and simple poetry. More information about NROOGD may be found at <http://www.nroogd.org>. Cost: \$5 donation requested from non-members. Information: 408-559-GAIA (4242), or visit [www.bapa.net](http://www.bapa.net)

### March 30 – Open Goddess Service – Berkeley

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

### March 30 - Ostara Picnic and Drum Circle - Fremont

Firedrum Circle invites you to join them in welcoming the renewing energies of Spring and enjoying the blessings of the new season at Lake Elizabeth/Central Park from 1~4pm. Bring a dish to share, some good energy, your friends, your kids, your pets (on a leash), chants or stories, firedancing toys (unlit), and especially your drums or other percussion instruments. Meet on the grass behind the Swim Lagoon. If you get to the park and cannot find them, call 510-304-3006. Information: 510-366-5067, [firedrumcircle@hotmail.com](mailto:firedrumcircle@hotmail.com) or visit [www.firedrumcircle.com](http://www.firedrumcircle.com)

### March 30 - Prayer Beads Workshop – Mountain View

East West Bookshop located at 324 Castro Street hosts, Prayer Beads Workshop from 1-5pm. Eleanor Wiley will begin with the history of prayer beads and a demonstration of beading techniques. The atmosphere is informal—the hows and whys of bead use are explored while you create your strand. (Materials for a simple piece are included in the fee.) Participants are encouraged to bring personal amulets and beads. (Beads and amulets from Eleanor's collection will also be available for purchase. Participants don't have to worry about doing this "right"!) Cost: \$49 (\$59 day of event). Information: 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com), or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/events.html>

### March 31 – Aromatherapy – San Francisco

The Psychic Eye Bookshop at 301 Fell St is hosting an Aromatherapy class from 7-8:30pm. Spend an evening creating your own therapeutic remedies. Learn what essential oils work for you. Taught by accomplished herbalist, Autumn Courtney. Cost: \$15. Information: 415-863-9997 or [angelique@pebooks.com](mailto:angelique@pebooks.com)

### April 1 – Astrology 101– San Francisco

The Psychic Eye Bookshop at 301 Fell St is hosting an 8-week Astrology 101 series from 7-8:30pm. This introductory class provides tools for greater self-awareness as well as insight into others. The goal of this course is not only to build a foundation of astrological knowledge, but also to enable the student to continue on the path of astrological interpretation. Marion and Regina offer a unique opportunity to learn astrology in a fun and interactive atmosphere. Bring your birth data (date, time, and place) to the first class. Cost: \$15 per session. Information: 415-863-9997 or [angelique@pebooks.com](mailto:angelique@pebooks.com)

### April 1 – 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.

### April 2 – Magickal Living and Spellcraft Classes - Mountain View

Hosted by the Psychic Eye Bookshop, located at 1128 El Camino Real, every Wednesday from 7-9pm. Explore a balanced approach to the realm of the Earth Religions, gain deeper insight to yourself, and learn how to better use and strengthen your own gifts in a positive and fun learning environment. Tonight' s topic will be, Decision Making: Ethics and Morals in Magick. Students are encouraged to attend all classes for a more complete experience, but complete attendance is not mandatory. Suggested projects will be given to aid your growth. Please bring a notebook and pen. Cost: \$12. Information: 650-964-2220 or Tempest at [tempestthewitch@yahoo.com](mailto:tempestthewitch@yahoo.com)

### April 2 - Pagan Pub Moot - Sacramento

Join us for non-tradition-specific discussion and socializing on the first Wednesday of every month at the True Love Coffeehouse, located at 2406 J Street, from 7:30-10:00pm. If you' re new in town/new to Paganism, or looking for people of like mind, come to make contacts, learn about issues and have fun.

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### 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](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>

### April 3 – 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](mailto:artisan@thegrid.net)

### April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8 - Kundalini Yoga - Berkeley

Isis Ward teaches drop-in Yoga classes on Thursdays from 12:30-1:30pm at the Berkeley YWCA, located at 2600 Bancroft Way. Cost: \$48 for 6-week session; \$10 drop in. Information: 510-848-6370, or 510-377-1002, [isisward@earthlink.net](mailto:isisward@earthlink.net), or visit [www.HumanAlchemy.net](http://www.HumanAlchemy.net)

### April 3, 17 – Tarot In-Depth Class – Los Gatos

Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Tarot In-Depth classes from 7-9pm at Inner Journey, located at 222 N. Santa Cruz Ave. 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](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://www.astrowisdom.com/classes.htm>

### April 4 – 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](mailto:eric@iconoclast.net)

### April 5 – Tartan Day Family Gathering – Fremont

Show your Scottish pride at The Ardenwood Historic Farm from 10am-4pm. Activities include Highland and Scottish country dancing, clan societies, vendors, Scottish art history, children' s Highland athletics. Cost: \$7:50 general, \$5.50 seniors, \$4.00 children. Information: 510-748-9279, 510-651-0439, [macneith@earthlink.net](mailto:macneith@earthlink.net), [tartanday03@webtv.net](mailto:tartanday03@webtv.net) or visit <http://community.webtv.net/tartanday03>

### April 5 – 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](mailto:fote@partytown.com)

### April 5 – Beginning Tarot Classes – Los Gatos

Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching a 5-part Beginning Tarot Class on Saturdays from 10am-12pm at Inner Journey, located at 222 N. Santa Cruz Ave. This class combines learning with practice, and is specifically designed for beginning students. By the end of the 5 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 \$16.00) 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: \$125.00 (for a series of 5 classes). Information: Lisa at 408-206-2518, [astrotarot@earthlink.net](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://www.astrowisdom.com/classes.htm>

### April 7 - Healing Circle - Berkeley

The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, located at 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft, hosts Healing Circles on the first Monday of each month from 7-9pm. This community gathering is an opportunity to share, explore, give and receive healing energy. Join in creating a magical container, which will bring out your intuition and open you to Spirit. Cost: Free. Information: 510-649-0352, [info@spiritweavers.com](mailto:info@spiritweavers.com), or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>

### April 7 – Introduction to Thelema – San Francisco

The Psychic Eye Bookshop at 301 Fell St is hosting a 4-week Introduction to Thelema series from 7:30-9pm. What is Thelema? What can it do for me? What is The Book of the Law and why should I care? What does "Do what thou wilt" really mean? What's so important about April 8th 1904? How can a breakfast scramble of Egyptian myth, Rabelais (who??), Qabalah, Alchemy, and adolescent rebellion build healthy astral bodies 220 ways? And who is this Aleister

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Crowley guy and why does he keep following me around? All these questions, and more, Leigh Ann will attempt to answer in only four weeks. No prerequisites, apart from a healthy sense of humor and a certain fearlessness of your own. Handouts will be provided. Cost: \$15 per session. Information: 415-863-9997 or [angelique@pebooks.com](mailto:angelique@pebooks.com)

### April 9 – Magickal Living and Spellcraft Classes - Mountain View

Hosted by the Psychic Eye Bookshop, located at 1128 El Camino Real, every Wednesday from 7-9pm. Explore a balanced approach to the realm of the Earth Religions, gain deeper insight to yourself, and learn how to better use and strengthen your own gifts in a positive and fun learning environment. Tonight' s topic will be, Spell Construction and Ingredients, Put It Together. Students are encouraged to attend all classes for a more complete experience, but complete attendance is not mandatory. Suggested projects will be given to aid your growth. Please bring a notebook and pen. Cost: \$12. Information: 650-964-2220 or Tempest at [tempestthewitch@yahoo.com](mailto:tempestthewitch@yahoo.com)

### April 9 – 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](mailto:greyhavn@earthlink.net), or visit [www.hrafnar.org](http://www.hrafnar.org)

### April 9 - Pagan Meetup - San Jose Area

Meet up with other local Pagans, Wiccans, Druids, all walks of pagan life - exchange lore, legends and learning at a vote-determined location near San Jose on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Visit <http://pagan.meetup.com/> to sign up, and Meetup.

### April 10 – Wicca 101– San Francisco

The Psychic Eye Bookshop at 301 Fell St is hosting a 4-week Wicca 101 series from 7-8:30pm. Are you interested in witchcraft, but you don't know how to get started? Danielle will present this fun and informative class, which will cover, history, ethics, and some simple spells for everyone to learn. By the end of the course, you will have a basic knowledge of magical tools, rituals, and a better understanding of the witch inside all of us. Cost: \$15 per session. Information: 415-863-9997 or [angelique@pebooks.com](mailto:angelique@pebooks.com)

### April 10, 24 – Intermediate Astrology Class – Los Gatos

Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Intermediate Astrology classes from 7-9pm at Inner Journey, located at 222 N. Santa Cruz Ave. 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 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](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://www.astrowisdom.com/classes.htm>

### April 11 – 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](mailto:lunacirca@yahoo.com), or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>

### April 12 - Full Moon Service - San Francisco

The Pagan Interest Circle (a chapter of the Covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Pagans; CUUPS) hosts monthly services at 7:00 PM on the Saturday closest to the full moon at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 1187 Franklin at Geary. Gather to celebrate the changing phases of the moon and of our lives. Stay after the service to share a light potluck, and a time to socialize, strengthening our ties as a community. Each rite is open to all generations and spiritual paths. Information: Carlowe at 415-476-5117, or Nancy at 415-242-1608, visit <http://cuups.org/>, or write to PICt 1446 46th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122-2903.

### 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 us in this day of music, art, theater, ceremony, and dance, as the Interfaith Pagan Community and friends celebrate the spirit of Mother Earth. With this parade, we bring together brothers and sisters of ALL indigenous, Earth-based, and nature centered polytheistic beliefs in pride and celebration, as well as those who support arts, music, ceremony, theater and dance within the Interfaith Pagan Community. In doing so, we unite in our message to the world that we must live together in love and tolerance, as opposed to fear and misunderstanding, as voices in the great choir of Spirit. We are excited to announce that we will be kicking off Earth Week in Berkeley, which will begin a week of activities that bring focus and awareness to the preservation of our precious, divine home; Mother Earth. We also wish to welcome floats to this year' s parade, and are eager to see divine creativity in action. This is a family-friendly event, and children are encouraged to participate. More details to be announced as plans progress. Information: [paganparade@earthlink.net](mailto:paganparade@earthlink.net), or visit <http://www.paganparade.org/>

### April 13 – 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

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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](mailto:community_seed@mindspring.com) or visit [http://www.communityseed.org/Events/Open\\_Ritual/open\\_ritual.html](http://www.communityseed.org/Events/Open_Ritual/open_ritual.html)

April 13 – 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.

April 13 – 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."

April 13 – 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.

April 13, 27 - Moving Meditation - Berkeley  
Men and women of any level of experience are welcome to join Michelle or Sikha from 6:30-8:30pm at the Berkeley Yoga Center, located at 1250 Addison St at Bonar, on the second and fourth Sundays through May. Moving Meditation is movement and breath, music, silence and stillness. Cost: \$10 each session. Contact: Michelle at 510-526-9526 or Sikha at 510-444-4956.

April 14, 28 - Toltec Wisdom; The Four Agreements - Berkeley  
The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, located at 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft, hosts open classes from 7-8:30pm. Learn powerful tools to transform all areas of your life, from work to relationships, health to abundance. These classes explore and expand on Miguel Ruiz' s four agreements: Be impeccable with your word; Don' t take anything personally; Don' t make assumptions; and Always do your best. Cost: \$15. Information: 510-649-0352, [info@spiritweavers.com](mailto:info@spiritweavers.com), or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>

April 16 – Magickal Living and Spellcraft Classes - Mountain View  
Hosted by the Psychic Eye Bookshop, located at 1128 El Camino Real, every Wednesday from 7-9pm. Explore a balanced approach to the realm of the Earth Religions, gain deeper insight to yourself, and learn how to better use and strengthen your own gifts in a positive and fun learning environment. Tonight' s topic will be, Deities and Spellcraft, Seeking Aid and Guidance Without and Within. Students are encouraged to attend all classes for a more complete experience, but complete attendance is not mandatory. Suggested projects will be given to aid your growth. Please bring a notebook and pen. Cost: \$12. Information: 650-964-2220 or Tempest at [tempestthewitch@yahoo.com](mailto:tempestthewitch@yahoo.com)

April 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 - Oracles from The Living Tarot - Oakland  
Presented by Magical Acts Ritual Theater at the Oakland Metro Theatre, located at 201 Broadway. Information: 510-547-6997, [ticketinfo@magicalacts.org](mailto:ticketinfo@magicalacts.org) or visit <http://www.magicalacts.org>.

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.

April 21 - Toltec Wisdom; Recapitulation - Berkeley  
The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, located at 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft, hosts open classes from 7-8:30pm. Learn powerful tools to transform all areas of your life, from work to relationships, health to abundance. This class focuses on recapitulation, a dynamic way to reclaim and increase your energy. Cost: \$15. Information: 510-649-0352, [info@spiritweavers.com](mailto:info@spiritweavers.com), or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>

April 23 – Magickal Living and Spellcraft Classes - Mountain View  
Hosted by the Psychic Eye Bookshop, located at 1128 El Camino Real, every Wednesday from 7-9pm. Explore a balanced approach to the realm of the Earth Religions, gain deeper insight to yourself, and learn how to better use and strengthen your own gifts in a positive and fun learning environment. Tonight' s topic will be, Putting Spellcraft in a Ritual Setting, Making It Work. Students are encouraged to attend all classes for a more complete experience, but complete attendance is not mandatory. Suggested projects will be given to aid your growth. Please bring a notebook and pen. Cost: \$12. Information: 650-964-2220 or Tempest at [tempestthewitch@yahoo.com](mailto:tempestthewitch@yahoo.com)

April 27 – Gaia' s Gateway- Shamanic Healing Ritual – Palo Alto  
BAPA sponsors Gaia' s Gateway, an open public ritual featuring a different Pagan tradition each month. Gateways are held from 6-8:30pm at the Palo Alto Unitarian Church located at 505 E. Charleston Rd. Each Gateway begins with an informative talk, and both the talk and the ritual are led by the practitioners of the religion presented. This month' s

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Gateway will be a Shamanic Healing Ritual with Sandy Bernstein. Sandy employs a timeless hands-on healing process which permits her to channel energy directly from the spirit world. Her practice is based in Milpitas and she can be found on the web at <http://www.ShamanSandy.com>. Cost: \$5 donation requested from non-members. Information: 408-559-GAIA (4242), or visit [www.bapa.net](http://www.bapa.net)

April 27 - Beltane: May Day Celebration - San Francisco

The Pagan Interest Circle (a chapter of the Covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Pagans; CUUPS) will host a Beltane Celebration at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 1187 Franklin at Geary. Call for exact afternoon time. Open to all generations and spiritual paths. Information: Carlowe at 415-476-5117, or Nancy at 415-242-1608, visit <http://cuups.org/>, or write to PICt 1446 46th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122-2903.

April 30 – Magickal Living and Spellcraft Classes - Mountain View

Hosted by the Psychic Eye Bookshop, located at 1128 El Camino Real, every Wednesday from 7-9pm. Explore a balanced approach to the realm of the Earth Religions, gain deeper insight to yourself, and learn how to better use and strengthen your own gifts in a positive and fun learning environment. Tonight' s topic will be, Beltaine Celebration/Walpurgis Night (class and ritual). Students are encouraged to attend all classes for a more complete experience, but complete attendance is not mandatory. Suggested projects will be given to aid your growth. Please bring a notebook and pen. Cost: \$12. Information: 650-964-2220 or Tempest at [tempestthewitch@yahoo.com](mailto:tempestthewitch@yahoo.com)

April 30 thru May 4 - Fire Drum Circle' s Spring Gathering- Gaia's Oasis, Auberry

Fire Drum Circle invites you to join them for their second gathering with a focus on fire circle ritual and building community, held at beautiful Gaia' s Oasis in central California. This intimate gathering has limited space, so please start planning for it now and stay tuned for more details as they become available. Information: 510-366-5067, [firedrumcircle@hotmail.com](mailto:firedrumcircle@hotmail.com), or visit <http://www.firedrumcircle.com/SG2003.htm>

May 1 – Beltane at the Baylands! – Palo Alto

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

May 1, 15 – Tarot In-Depth Class – Los Gatos

Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Tarot In-Depth classes from 7-9pm at Inner Journey, located at 222 N. Santa Cruz Ave. 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](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://www.astrowisdom.com/classes.htm>

May 2 thru 4 - 40th Anniversary of American Druidism - Northfield, Minnesota

We are trying to bring everyone back together for a few days to Carleton College, Northfield MN, the campus where it all started. Attend various services, sing at bonfires, loll around at picnics, and leisurely stroll the beautiful campus arboretum of 800 acres of forest, swamp and lakes. Cost: Free; except for arranging food and lodging locally on your own. Information: [mikerdna@hotmail.com](mailto:mikerdna@hotmail.com), or visit <http://www.geocities.com/mikerdna/anniversary.html>

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](mailto: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 3 - Healing Power of Nature – Santa Cruz

Mara Freeman will teach her workshop, The Healing Power of Nature: Finding Wellness Through Restoring Our Link with the Earth, from 9:30am-4:30pm at the University of Santa Cruz Extension, at The Arboretum, Horticultural Building. To learn to live as if everything in Nature is alive and sentient is to rediscover a sense of belonging that is often missing from our over-civilized world and to reclaim our place in the original family of all beings. To seek solace under a tall tree, learn the language of the birds, or simply lie down and surrender to the spaciousness of the sky, is to banish the desperate sense of loneliness and separation that pervades our high-tech society. In a beautiful natural setting, we will learn simple ways to retrain our minds and bodies to connect with nature as our ancestors did for centuries. Enrollment code: EDP 024W07. Cost: \$135; \$149 if registering after April 18. Information: 1-800-694-1957, or [mara@celticspirit.org](mailto:mara@celticspirit.org) Enroll: 831-427-6600 or visit <http://www.celticspirit.org/>

May 8, 29 – Intermediate Astrology Class – Los Gatos

Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Intermediate Astrology classes from 7-9pm at Inner Journey, located at 222 N. Santa Cruz Ave. Prerequisite: Beginning Astrology or equivalent knowledge of houses, planets, and signs. This is a class

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for intermediate students and focuses on developing synthesis skills and understanding chart interpretation, as well as interpretations of 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](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://www.astrowisdom.com/classes.htm>

### May 9 – Women's Beltaine 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](mailto:lunacirca@yahoo.com), or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>

### May 11, 25 - Moving Meditation - Berkeley

Men and women of any level of experience are welcome to join Michelle or Sikha from 6:30-8:30pm at the Berkeley Yoga Center, located at 1250 Addison St at Bonar, on the second and fourth Sundays through May. Moving Meditation is movement and breath, music, silence and stillness. Cost: \$10 each session. Contact: Michelle at 510-526-9526 or Sikha at 510-444-4956.

### 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](mailto:andrea@cruzio.com)

### May 17 - Divination Fest - San Francisco

Thalassa and Daughters of Divination present this full day of workshops, exhibits, presentations and explorations of the Divinatory Arts from 10am-4:30pm at the Firehouse Building, Fort Mason Centre. Featuring tarot, palmistry, runes, crystals, movement, divination games, Shamanic techniques, and more. Cost: \$50/advance, \$60/door; discount for DOD members. Information: 415-753-5041, [airndarkness@yahoo.com](mailto:airndarkness@yahoo.com) or visit [www.daughtersofdivination.com](http://www.daughtersofdivination.com) or [www.thalassaland.com](http://www.thalassaland.com)

### May 17 - Full Moon Service - San Francisco

The Pagan Interest Circle (a chapter of the Covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Pagans; CUUPS) hosts monthly services at 7:00 PM on the Saturday closest to the full moon at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 1187 Franklin at Geary. Gather to celebrate the changing phases of the moon and of our lives. Stay after the service to share a light potluck, and a time to socialize, strengthening our ties as a community. Each rite is open to all generations and spiritual paths. Information: Carlowe at 415-476-5117, or Nancy at 415-242-1608, visit <http://cuups.org/>, or write to PICt 1446 46th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122-2903.

### May 22 thru 26 - Becoming the Oracle - Gaia' s Oasis, Auberry

Laura Strom hosts Becoming the Oracle: A Reconvening of the Priestess of Delphi, a women' s retreat. The retreat will actually begin on Friday, the 23rd at 1:00pm. But if you' ve never done shamanic journeying before, you can come the 22nd, and you' ll receive a "crash course" in how to journey to your Power Animals and Spirit Guides. There will be a small additional charge for the extra night. The retreat will conclude at 11:30 am on Monday the 26th. The weekend will include shamanic journeying, a fire ceremony, trance dance, a labyrinth ceremony, lots of crafts, lots of divination, lots of laughing and great food, wearing your really fun clothes for the Council of Priestesses each evening, and many other wonderful surprises. Cost: \$225-\$265; sliding scale. Information: 650-728-1407, [lstrom@pacbell.net](mailto:lstrom@pacbell.net) or visit <http://www.nightpath.org/gaia/>

### May 23 thru 26 - Tarot, Nature and Symbol Workshop - California Woodlands

Learn ancient symbol and myth in a natural setting where you can still see the stars. Alexandra Genetti, author of The Wheel of Change Tarot, hosts an all-inclusive weekend workshop focusing on the natural origins of number and color symbolism; tree, plant and animal lore; astronomy, astrology and the sacred calendar; and the structure of the Tarot in relation to myth and nature. Cost: \$180; including food, lodging and materials. Information: 707-847-3666, or [thewheel@mcn.org](mailto:thewheel@mcn.org)

### May 24 - Plants as Teachers - Pacifica

Learn how to communicate and create a relationship with the spirits of nature from 10am-3pm at San Pedro County Park on the flank of Montara Mountain in Pacifica. Using traditional core shamanic journey techniques we will journey with live drumming outdoors to the spirits of local plants, the mountain and the ocean. As a group we will learn about and share the energies and medicine of these powerful teachers. We will hike approximately 1 mile and journey as a group in pristine coastal scrub vegetation overlooking the ocean. We will learn from the spirits of plants such as Manzanita, Madrone, Coyote Brush, Poison Oak, Huckleberry and Chinquapin. Prerequisite: [Introduction to Shamanic Journey](http://www.sacredstream.org). Cost: \$100. Information: Mona Bourell at 415-550-1236, [mona@sacredstream.org](mailto:mona@sacredstream.org), or visit [www.sacredstream.org](http://www.sacredstream.org)

### May 25 – Gaia's Gateway - Native American Medicine Wheel – Palo Alto

BAPA sponsors Gaia' s Gatewayan open public ritual featuring a different Pagan tradition each month. Gateways are held from 6-8:30pm at the Palo Alto Unitarian Church located at 505 E. Charleston Rd. Each Gateway begins with an

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informative talk, and both the talk and the ritual are led by the practitioners of the religion presented. This month's Gateway will be a Native American Medicine Wheel with Char Lynn, a local shamaness who conducts sweat lodge ceremonies, full moon rituals and self-empowerment workshops in the beautiful redwoods of Boulder Creek. Cost: \$5 donation requested from non-members. Information: 408-559-GAIA (4242), or visit [www.bapa.net](http://www.bapa.net)

### Online Calendars of Events ~

For current and up-to-date local Pagan events listings, visit:

- <http://www.fullcircleevents.org/calendar/>  
Full Circle Events (FCE) – Greater SF Bay Area and vicinity
- <http://bapa.net/cgi-bin/calendar.pl>  
Bay Area Pagan Assemblies – Greater SF Bay Area and Santa Cruz
- <http://www.cyprian.org/Index/Events.html>  
The Index – Big Sur to Sacramento and all points in-between
- <http://www.communityseed.org/cgi-bin/calendar/calendar.pl?calendar=default>  
Community Seed – Santa Cruz and South Bay Area
- [http://www.witchvox.com/wotw/events/california\\_e.html](http://www.witchvox.com/wotw/events/california_e.html)  
Witches Voice – California and global listings

All these calendars allow anyone to submit their events, pending moderator approval.

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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 – Meet up 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/> and/or <http://witches.meetup.com/>

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](mailto: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](mailto:greyhavn@earthlink.net), or visit [www.hrafnar.org](http://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](http://www.zbudapest.com) via PayPal or E-mail [silverzb@aol.com](mailto: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

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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](mailto:loren@farwalker.com) or subscribe to our announcement list, [amuh-events-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:amuh-events-subscribe@yahoo.com)).

Central Coast - Circle of the Sacred Feathers meets monthly for Sabbats, Esbats 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](mailto:sacredfeathers@yahoo.com)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 11 am. 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](mailto:rabbitwarren@therabbitwarren.org) or visit [www.therabbitwarren.org/rwweb/index.htm](http://www.therabbitwarren.org/rwweb/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](mailto:fire drum circle@hotmail.com), or visit [www.fire drum circle.com](http://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](mailto:fire drum circle@hotmail.com), or visit [www.fire drum circle.com](http://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](mailto:karen@xs.com) or [http://www.lighthousewoods.com/druid\\_karen.html](http://www.lighthousewoods.com/druid_karen.html)

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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](mailto:blackthorne6@hotmail.com), or PO Box 1504 Benicia, Ca 94510, or visit <http://members.tripod.com/~deanjones/paganplace.html>

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](mailto:blackthorne6@hotmail.com), or PO Box 1504 Benicia, Ca 94510, or visit <http://members.tripod.com/~deanjones/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: Argante Comyn at [argantecomyn@yahoo.com](mailto:argantecomyn@yahoo.com), or P. O. Box 81, Millbrae, CA 94030.

Internet - The Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids offers a correspondence course with a mentorship program to guide members through the history, philosophy, teachings, exercises, spirituality, meditations, ceremonies, practices, and responsibilities of the Order. Bards are the storytellers and historians; Ovates are the healers, shamans, and seers; and Druids are the teachers, guides, and philosophers.

\*North & East SF Bay Area - Manannan Mac Lir Grove - Dr. Rodney Karr, 415-931-1934, or visit [www.druidry-sf.org](http://www.druidry-sf.org)

\*Sacramento - Sacramento Grove of the Oak - Michael Gorman, 916-443-2866, [PoetGorman@aol.com](mailto:PoetGorman@aol.com), or visit <http://www.groveoftheoak.org/>

\*Oakland, Benicia, Pacifica - Doire Bhrighid (Oak Grove of Brigid) - Susa M. Black, [susab@ravensrock.net](mailto:susab@ravensrock.net)

\*San Jose, South Bay Area - South Bay OBOD Grove - Karen Ehrenfeldt, 408-294-3318, [kme@xs.com](mailto:kme@xs.com)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Monterey County - Pagan Study Group

In this study group we will be picking a weekly topic, individually researching the topic, and then sharing our findings within the group during discussion. We also hope to do some outings together. The internet group is one week ahead of the offline meetings, so the information shared can be incorporated into the offline meetings and we will all be aware of the topics. This group isn' t studying a specific tradition. If anything we hope to bring out the beauty in our differences. Members must be respectful, and tolerant. If you are looking for spells, and how to do cool tricks, this is not the place for you. We welcome people of all ages. Information: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mcpstudy/>

\*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](mailto: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](mailto:PAAW@postmark.net)

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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 510-601-6753.

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](mailto: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](mailto:richard@imagecraft.com)

\*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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:lilith@dragondream.com) or visit [www.dragondream.com](http://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/>

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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 1187 Franklin at Geary. Each rite is unique and open to all generations and spiritual paths. A Yule and Beltane rite is held each year. Information: Carlowe at 415-476-5117, or Nancy at 415-242-1608, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1187 Franklin at Geary. Movies are shown in the school starting at 7:00 pm. Information: Kristen at 415-425-4847. SFUU church phone 415-776-4580.

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 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](http://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](mailto:aniseh@earthlink.net) or [Aniseh@dragonflycreative.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:hiddenpriest@hotmail.com)

San Francisco - Coven MagnArachne, a Gardnerian coven, is accepting sincere students for their traditional witchcraft training group. Meet once a month for discussion, training, and ritual. Subjects covered include magick, circle casting, deities, scrying, divination, the Wheel of the Year, history of witchcraft, psychic development and related topics. Cost: Donations accepted to cover costs, but no charge for teaching. Information: 415-441-1496 or [magnarachne@hotmail.com](mailto:magnarachne@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@dslidesigns.net](mailto:moonlet@dslidesigns.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](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com), or visit [www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com](http://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](mailto:lunacirca@yahoo.com) or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:songster@cmc.net), or Wendy at 415-892-6983 or [foxglove@slip.net](mailto: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 6the Year. Public as well as private Circle work goes on throughout the year as well. Information: [astarte@dragonflycreative.com](mailto: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](mailto: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, Orixá 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: Valeda at [templeofallgods@yahoo.com](mailto: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

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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](mailto: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](mailto:sacredgrove@onebox.com) or visit [www.the-sacredgrove.com](http://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](mailto:info@sanctuary-illumination.com) or visit [www.sanctuary-illumination.com](http://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](mailto:info@sanctuary-illumination.com) or visit [www.sanctuary-illumination.com](http://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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:alaura@wco.com), or visit [www.sacredjourneys.com](http://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.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:tezra@earthlink.net), or The Pythoness, The Greymalkin Gazette, P.O. Box 6775, San Jose, CA 95150-6775.

A Druid Missal-Any is the unofficial newsletter of the Reformed Druids of North America and is published eight times a year. The Missal-Any typically contains a lead article discussing some aspects of the current holiday, news of the RDNA Groves, letters and questions from subscribers, cartoons and quotes from the media, contributions, including songs, poems, ceremonies, articles on philosophy, research, experiences, and opinion, and official announcements of the RDNA, including notices of elections, names of officers, etc. It is available free online at <http://www.geocities.com/mikerdna/news.html> or via email subscription. Post mail subscriptions are \$8.00. Write an article or send a cartoon and receive a year's post mail subscription free. Information [poppinjay@earthlink.net](mailto:poppinjay@earthlink.net), or write The Missal-Any, c/o S. J. Weinberger, 309 63rd St, Apt. C, Oakland, CA 94618.

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