



# BAPAN

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

IMBOLC 2005

## BAPA NEWS

*Greetings BAPA Members!*

1. On-going Volunteer openings available - As can be seen from our Survey Update, we could use a few good people. We have your names if you expressed interest in hosting events and will probably be contacting you over the next couple of months as we develop a game plan to bring more events to your neighborhood. If anyone else has further interest, please be sure to let us know!
2. Wanna lead a Gateway? - In addition to the few good folks we desperately need to host events, we need some groups to lead a Gaia's Gateways this year. Please email Crystal at [crblack95054@yahoo.com](mailto:crblack95054@yahoo.com) and she'll forward your email to the right folks.
3. Haven't renewed your membership? - Please remember, if you haven't done so already, to mail your membership form and dues. A SASE was sent to you in October. If you haven't received it, please email our Membership Volunteers at [BapaMembers@yahoo.com](mailto:BapaMembers@yahoo.com) or call the BAPA hotline at (408) 559-GAIA. If you have not renewed, **this will be your last newsletter!**

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## WEATHER FORECAST FOR GROUNDHOG'S DAY

*Weather.yahoo.com*



San Jose and Oakland: Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.

San Francisco: Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

Lake Tahoe: Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the mid teens.

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## GROUNDHOG'S DAY

*StormFaq Weather Almanac*

In 1723, the Delaware Indians settled Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania as a campsite halfway between the Allegheny and the Susquehanna Rivers. The town is 90 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, at the intersection of Route 36 and Route 119. The Delawares considered groundhogs honorable ancestors. According to the original creation beliefs of the Delaware Indians, their forebears began life as animals in "Mother Earth" and emerged centuries later to hunt and live as men.

The name Punxsutawney comes from the Indian name for the location "ponksad-uteney" which means "the town of the sandflies." The name woodchuck comes from the Indian legend of "Wojak, the groundhog" considered by them to be their ancestral grandfather.

When German settlers arrived in the 1700s, they brought a tradition known as Candlemas Day, which has an early origin in the pagan celebration of Imbolc. It came at the mid-point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. Superstition held that if the weather was fair, the second half of Winter would be stormy and cold. For the early Christians in Europe, it was the custom on Candlemas Day for clergy to bless candles and distribute them to the people in the dark of Winter. A lighted candle was placed in each window of the home. The day's weather continued to be important. If the sun came out February 2, halfway between Winter and Spring, it meant six more weeks of wintry weather.

The earliest American reference to Groundhog Day can be found at the Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center at Franklin and Marshall College:

February 4, 1841 - from Morgantown, Berks County (Pennsylvania) storekeeper James Morris' diary..."Last Tuesday, the 2nd, was Candlemas day, the day on which, according to the Germans, the Groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks nap, but if the day be cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate."

Read more at the Groundhog Day website at <http://www.stormfax.com/ghogday.htm#Origins>. This information is copyrighted by StormFaq Weather Almanac.

### 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 new website located at [http://bapa.net/Gaia\\_s\\_Gateway/](http://bapa.net/Gaia_s_Gateway/). What interesting reading or movie watching have you done recently? Send us a review and a recommendation!

### \*\*\*Submission Deadline\*\*\*

Submission and calendar deadline for the Ostara newsletter is March 15, 2005. If you wish to contribute articles, opinions, recipes, book/video reviews, letters, or calendar items for the BAPAN, send them via E-mail to [crblack95054@yahoo.com](mailto:crblack95054@yahoo.com) and type "newsletter contribution" in the subject line.

### Do you have a web connection?

You can be environmentally conscious and save us postage and printing costs by receiving the newsletter via E-mail or by viewing it via web. Send mail to [BAPAMailing@yahoo.com](mailto:BAPAMailing@yahoo.com) if you would like to save us \$9-12/year! View the BAPAN online at [http://www.bapa.net/The\\_BAPAN/](http://www.bapa.net/The_BAPAN/)!

### CANDLEMAS QUOTE

*Old English Saying*

If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Winter has another flight.  
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,  
Winter will not come again.

### CANDLEMAS QUOTE

*Old German Saying*

For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day,  
So far will the snow swirl until May.  
For as the snow blows on Candlemas Day,  
So far will the sun shine before May.

## BAKED CUSTARD WITH GINGER FOR IMBOLC

[http://www.unc.edu/~reddeer/recipe/rec\\_imbolc.html#bakedcustard](http://www.unc.edu/~reddeer/recipe/rec_imbolc.html#bakedcustard)

- 3 Tablespoons Brown Sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon Finely Grated Fresh Ginger
- 3 large Eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 1/2 cups Milk
- 1/3 cup Granulated Sugar
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 1/4 teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon Salt
- 1/4 teaspoon Nutmeg

1. Mix brown sugar with ginger and divide evenly onto bottoms of 6 buttered individual custard cups or ramekins.
2. In medium mixing bowl, blend eggs with milk, sugar, vanilla and seasonings. Pour evenly into prepared custard cups. Place cups in a large pan, then fill with hot water to come halfway up sides of cups (a hot water bath or bain-marie).
3. Bake at 350 F. oven for 35 to 40 minutes, or until knife inserted near edge comes out clean. Remove cups from bain-marie. Run knife around edges to loosen. Place serving plate over top of cup and carefully invert custard onto plate. Serve warm or cover, chill and serve cold.

## WHAT IS IMBOLC?

*DenElder's Glossary:* <http://denelder.com/glossary/s.html>

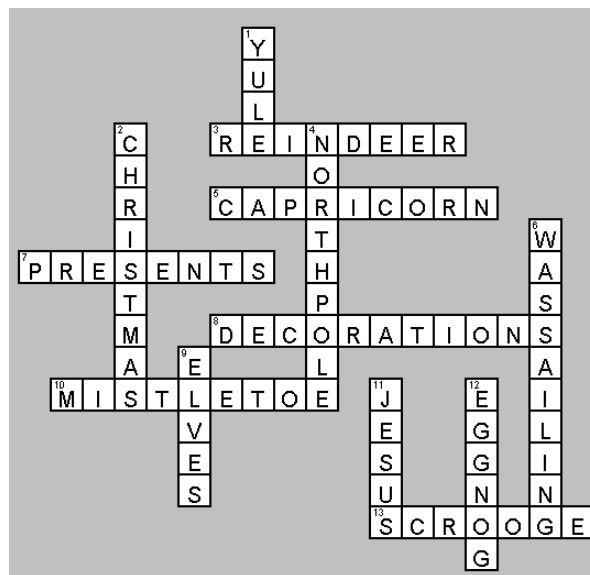
About February 2nd...Imbolc\* (im bulk / ill mulk / i mulk) means In the Belly and is the marking of the first stirrings of Spring and waxing light, as the Goddess recovers from giving birth to the God. It is a time of spiritually cleaning one's Self. Most people know it as Groundhog's Day. It is the Second Cross Quarter Day, thus astrologically occurs when the Sun reaches 15° of Aquarius, symbolized by Spirit.

.....\*Also called: Candlemas when Christians made and blessed their candles, Lupercalia, Feast of Pan, Feast of Torches, Feast of Waxing Light, Oimecl which means Ewe's Milk, Brigit's Day, or Feast of Brigid which were Christianized into St. Brigit's Day, Snowdrop Festival, February Eve, among others. Often a traditional time for self dedication or initiation.

.....The Old dating corresponds to Valentine's Day of the 14th, the arrow in the heart being a sexual sym-

bol; the arrow a phallic symbol and the heart is not a heart but a symbol for the female genitalia. Yep, you should have known!

## LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD SOLUTION



## CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES WITH CHAMPAGNE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

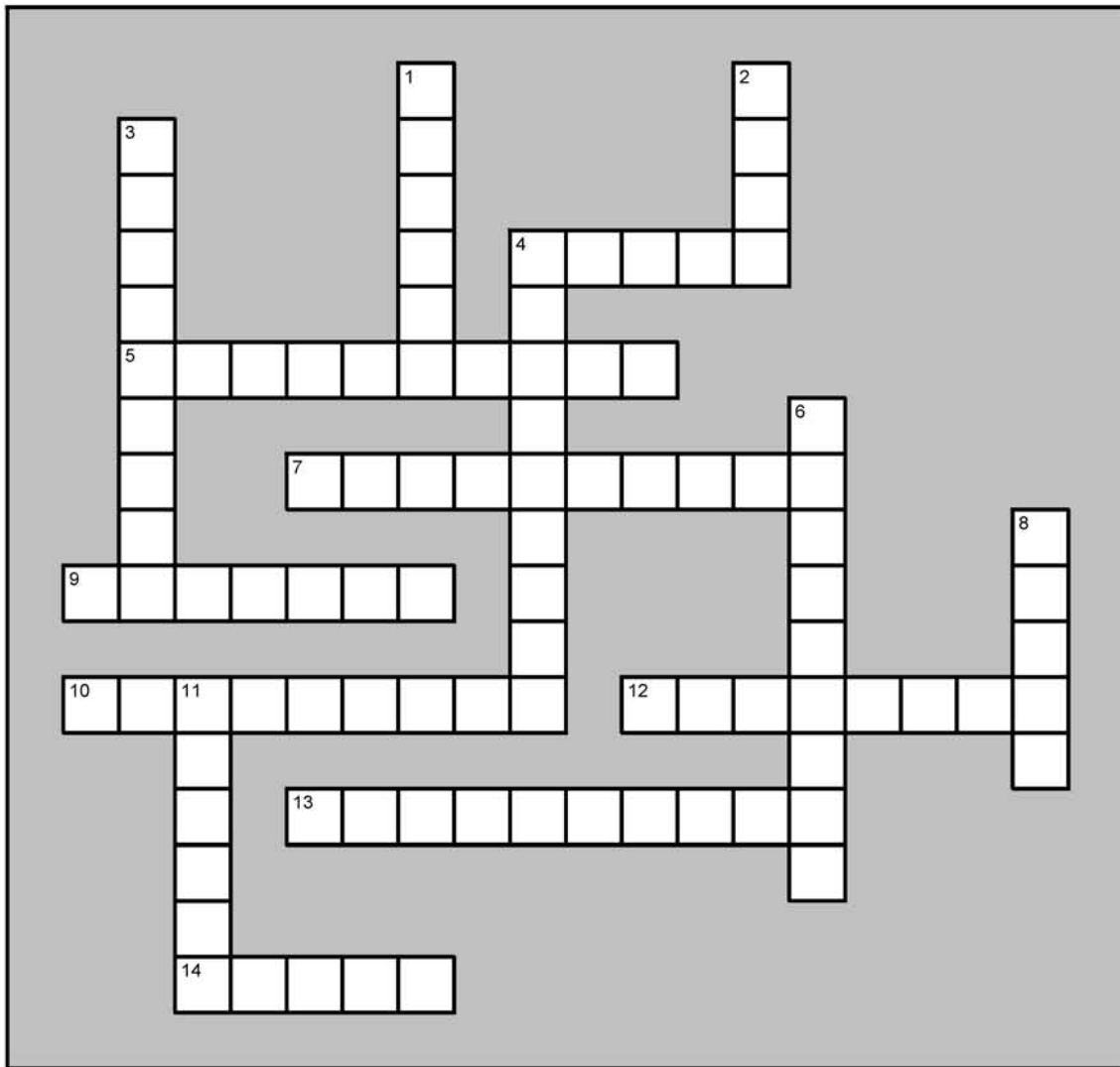
<http://www.techdirect.com/valentine/vrecipes.html>

Even the non-cook will love this recipe. Men, you can do it!

1. Purchase your favorite Champagne and chill.
2. Buy fresh strawberries that have their stems intact. Wash, dry and refrigerate the strawberries. (Cold strawberries will cause the chocolate to harden and there will be less dripping.)
3. Chocolate dip: Buy a jar or Nutella, European chocolate hazelnut spread (available in specialty and grocery stores in Atlanta as well as Harry's.) Place 1 cup of Nutella in a double boiler or fondue pot. Add 1 to 2 Tablespoons of heavy cream. Heat over low heat! Add more heavy cream as needed until the consistency of heavy cream. Serve your Valentine.

*Remember to tell your loved ones how much you care this year!*

# Crossword



## Across

4. Roman goddess of love
5. A fertility festival in ancient Rome, celebrated on February 15 in honor of the pastoral god Lupercus.
7. A Bill Murray movie... "\_\_\_ Day"
9. Semetic goddess of fertility and sexual love
10. Candy offered to women
12. 2nd month of the year
13. affectionate or familiar term of address
14. God of love in Roman mythology

## Down

1. means "In the Belly" and is the marking of the first stirrings of Spring and waxing light, as the Goddess recovers from giving birth to the God
2. Greek and Roman god of love
3. A Christian feast commemorating the purification of the Virgin Mary and the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple
4. Would you be my \_\_\_?
6. Syrian goddess of love and fertility
8. Norse god of love, fertility, war, and wealth
11. means "Ewe's Milk"

## Scout's List of Local Pagan Events (and Stuff)

ScoutGhst@sbcglobal.net | <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SFBayAreaPagans/>

### February 4 - Candle Magic - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Candle Magic with Michael Ray from 7:30-9:30pm. Ever wanted to try candle magic, but didn't know where to start? Been burning your years, but looking for a few new tricks? Look no further. This class will cover how to choose the right candles for your purposes, anointing and dressing, use of colors, timing, and focus to accomplish your goals. Open to everyone. Cost: \$5-10, sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com) or visit [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

### February 5 – Imbolg Ritual and Celebration – Sunnyvale

South Bay Circles hosts an Imbolg Ritual and Celebration presented by Amy. Please bring potluck dinner fare enough to share with 6. Lacking that, there is an additional charge of \$5 per person. (We'd rather have the food though.) Admittance is by invitation only. Cost: \$5/person or \$12/family. Children under 7/Free, accompanied by parent. Information: Bianca at 408-265-5180 or Bill at [wabaldwin@aol.com](mailto:wabaldwin@aol.com)

### February 5 – The Fire of Brigid – Santa Cruz

The Institute of Co-Creative Arts presents The Fire of Brigid: A benefit celebration of creative community at the Viking Hall, 240 Plymouth St, at 7:00pm. Presenters Include: Mara Freeman, Jesse Autumn, A Catch of Shadows Theater Company, Midyne Spear (formerly of Electric Angel). Featuring: Music, theater, poetry, storytelling, dance, ritual, networking, and limited open mike session for local groups and practitioners. Refreshments, books, CDs and other wares will be available. Cost: \$5-25, sliding scale. Information: 831-458-5271 or [cocreativearts@baymoon.com](mailto:cocreativearts@baymoon.com)

### February 5 – 19th Century New Orleans Mardi Gras Ball – San Mateo

PEERS invites you to a 19th Century New Orleans Mardi Gras Ball at the San Mateo Masonic Lodge, 100 N. Ellsworth Ave. Doors open at 6:45pm; Dance lessons at 7:00pm; Dancing begins at 8:00pm. New Orleans' most amusing host, M. Lestat de Lioncourt, invites you to a joyous Mardi Gras Ball in true 19<sup>th</sup> century New Orleans style. Masks are strongly recommended and suggested attire is period costume (especially 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century), fantasy attire, or a fanciful version of period costume. Music by Celebrated Parisian-American band [The Baquette Quartette](#), playing waltzes, polkas, schottisches, mazurkas, Valse Musettes, Les Lanciers, and other popular 19<sup>th</sup> century ballroom and set dances, as well as The Congress of Vienna Waltz and the South American imports Le Tango and La Samba. As usual, there will be a pre-ball dance lesson and all set dances will be taught or called at the ball. Punch and a light buffet will be served at the ball. Cost: \$15 by January 29; \$20 at the door. Information: 510-522-1731, [peers@peers.org](mailto:peers@peers.org) or visit <http://www.peers.org/index.html>

### February 5 - The Grail and the Goddess - Mountain View

East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St, hosts The Grail and the Goddess with Jean Shinoda Bolen from 1:00-5:00pm. Jean Shinoda Bolen, M.D. has written four best-sellers: Goddesses in Everywoman, Gods in Everyman, Goddesses in Older Women, and Crones Don't Whine. In this workshop, Jean's stories will connect us with our personal symbols. A central theme of Jean's work is that for personal and planetary healing, the feminine principle must emerge into our consciousness and culture. Cost: \$39. Information: 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com) or visit [www.jeanbolen.com](http://www.jeanbolen.com)

### February 5 - Devotional Dance and Music Celebration – San Rafael

Rainbow Body Temple Teahouse, Café and Cultural Center, 923 C St, hosts Fire Fly ~ The Light Always Finds a Way at 8:00pm. Gordon and Cathy Calef present an evening of dance, music, story and chant inspired by meeting the god's and goddesses in life and receiving the gift of seeing through their eyes; the big and small of it all. May we all meet in the smile that exudes from the lighted pot drum that lifts the foot and dances pure joy. Cost: \$10; Proceeds to Tsunami relief. Information: 415-457-4191, [info@opensecretbookstore.com](mailto:info@opensecretbookstore.com) or visit <http://www.opensecretbookstore.com/>

### February 5 - Moon Magic with Fern Feto Spring – San Francisco

Fern Feto Spring will host a Moon Magic Workshop from 11:00am-3:00pm. This engaging workshop is an in-depth exploration of the moon in astrology, nature and magic. Looking at individual moon signs, the changing monthly moon, moon rituals and the mythology of the moon, participants will come away from this intensive with a deepened understanding of their own moon signs as well as practical (and yet magical) tools for working with the changing moon. Cost: \$45-75, sliding scale. Information: Fern at 415-647-7916 or [fern@riseup.net](mailto:fern@riseup.net)

### February 5 - Energy Walk - Santa Cruz Mountains

Community Seed sponsors Energy Walks on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at various locations in the Santa Cruz area. Gather at 9:45am, and depart at 10:00am; returning around 1:00pm. Each walk includes a guided visualization/meditation to help center and become more aware of our bodies and of the earth. Before beginning our walk together, we will take a moment to join hands in a circle and center our minds and bodies. Once we are all fully present, we will begin our journey into the majestic redwood forest, all the while tuning in, listening, and absorbing the energies of the elements, plants, and animals. We will arrive at a pre-selected location to sit in silent meditation and a guided visualization. Please bring drinking water, a small snack, hiking shoes, comfortable clothes, and money for parking. Information: 831-469-0336, [info@communityseed.org](mailto:info@communityseed.org) or visit [www.communityseed.org/wallflower](http://www.communityseed.org/wallflower)

### February 6 – Daughters of the Goddess Dedication Ceremony (women) - Concord

Daughters of the Goddess invite all women to their Goddess Dedication Ceremony at 7:30pm. Moon in Capricorn. Invitation required. Cost: Free. Information: 925-787-9247, [leilani@daughtersofthegoddess.com](mailto:leilani@daughtersofthegoddess.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com/index.html>

### February 6 – Healing Lodge Ceremony - Boulder Creek

Char Lynn will host a Community Lodge, open to all men, women and children; Fire at 9:00am, Lodge at 12:00pm. Our intention is to create a safe, sacred space where all people may come to heal, be honored in their personal process and purify mind, body and spirit. The Lodge is a sacred purification rite; for cleansing body, mind and spirit, through the use of hot stones, water to create steam and sacred space. The lodge itself is a metaphor of the Womb of the Earth Mother, unconditionally receiving and loving. Plan to arrive 30 minutes early. Help before the Lodge is appreciated. Potluck follows (nutritious foods please). Cost: \$20-50; work exchanges available. Information: 831-338-2996, [charlynn@weavingunity.com](mailto:charlynn@weavingunity.com) or visit [www.weavingunity.com](http://www.weavingunity.com)

### February 6 - Drumming Circle - Montara

ShamanMoon hosts an Open Drumming Circle from 4:00-8:00pm. Potluck snacks are served from 4:00-4:45pm and we begin promptly by 5:00pm. This is an open drumming circle for men, women and older children. Anyone is welcome; no previous experience is necessary. Children are welcome, if they are able to lie still during the journey. Bring a journal, pen, water bottle, pillow, blanket and any drums or rattles if you have them. The purpose of this circle is to connect with our Power Animals and Spirit Guides on a regular basis, and to come together as a community. People are welcome to volunteer to "put on" the circle each month for the group. This includes planning a journey topic, altar focus, check-in, songs, etc. Cost: Free. Information: 650-728-1407, [Laura@shamanmoon.org](mailto:Laura@shamanmoon.org) or visit <http://www.shamanmoon.org/pages/2/index.htm>

### February 6 - Irish Music Session - Sunnyvale

An Irish session will be held at 904 Primrose Ave (a private home) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month from 6:00-10:00pm. Please RSVP. Information: 408-736-7872.

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February 8 - Dark Moon )0( New Moon Circle for Women - Oakland

Change Makers, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts a Dark Moon )0( New Moon Ritual with Jules Stept from 7:00-10:00pm. The Magick of Connections, Beginnings and Endings with the Great Triple Goddess: Mother, Maiden and Crone. We honor the Great Goddess in Her Threefold Archetypal form: The Crone - Consummate Endings, The Mother - Creating Connections, and The Maiden - Intentional Beginnings. Our ultimate purpose in gathering is that, through honoring Her phases, we find comfort in our own process of growth and healing gaining wisdom and renewed life energy. Within the Magick circle we focus on transformation and the personal process using skills in healing, banishing, divination, spell casting and manifestation. No prior experience with circling is necessary. Each circle is different according to the desires of the womyn present. Bring item to charge for altar, pillow, water and healthy snack to share. Tea provided. Cost: \$20; no one turned away. Information: 415-695-9066, [ACircleOfOurOwn@yahoo.com](mailto:ACircleOfOurOwn@yahoo.com) or visit <http://www.changemakersforwomen.com/>

February 8 - Year of the Phoenix - Mountain View

East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St, hosts Year of the Phoenix with Susan Levitt at 7:30pm. Chinese New Year is on the new Moon tonight. The Year of the Phoenix begins a new cycle, as the Monkey-year ends. Astrologer Susan Levitt, author of Taoist Astrology and Taoist Feng Shui, will tell personal fortunes for the year. You'll also discover the highs and lows to expect during the Phoenix Year, plus feng shui tips, and more. Reservations required. Cost: Free. Information: 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com) or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/>

February 9 – Goddess Evening for the Body and the Soul (women) – Walnut Creek

Dolphin Dream, 1437 N. Broadway, will host a Goddess Evening for the Body and the Soul for Women only from 7:00–10:00pm. We know how hard you goddesses work all week, and how you need a little pampering now and again. This evening is designed just for you, your body and your soul. We will have free massage therapy for your body, and free tarot readings for your soul. There will also be free chocolate, cheese, wine, teas, and soft drinks for both body and soul. Come for a little while to refresh yourself or stay for the entire 3 hours and chat with old and new friends. Browse the shop and check out the new crystals and jewelry that will just have come from the Tucson Gem show. Each Goddess will receive a free goodie bag full of "lovelies" to refresh and pamper. RSVP requested. Cost: Free; donations not expected, but always appreciated. Information: 925-933-2342, [info@dolphindream.com](mailto:info@dolphindream.com) or visit <http://www.dolphindream.com/>

February 9 - Kali Puja: Sacred Ceremony – San Rafael

Rainbow Body Temple Teahouse, Café and Cultural Center, 923 C St, hosts Kali Puja: Sacred Ceremony at 7:00pm. Kali, the Great Mother of joyous ecstasy, compassionate Goddess of the soul is fiercely devoted to the transformation of every being. Traditional worship of the Great Mother with chanting and ritual. Information: 415-457-4191, [info@opensecretbookstore.com](mailto:info@opensecretbookstore.com) or visit <http://www.opensecretbookstore.com/>

February 9 – Open Circle – Berkeley

Hrafnar kindred hosts heathen events and rituals on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

February 9 - Pagan Meetup – Santa Clara County

Meet up with other local Pagans, Wiccans, Druids, and all walks of pagan life - exchange lore, legends and learning at a vote-determined location in Santa Clara County on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. Visit <http://pagan.meetup.com/> to sign up, and Meetup.

February 10 - Premalaya Farewell Party - Berkeley

Premalaya, 1713 University Ave, invites you to join us for our community farewell party and to celebrate the metamorphosis of Premalaya from 4:00-7:00pm. Due to a variety of opportunities and challenges, I have decided to close the store and pursue other adventures and enterprises. Shapeshifting Urban Shamanism - a national magazine dedicated to Spirit in the City - is estimated to be launched at the Spring Equinox of this year. Myrna ThunderWolf, the publisher of the magazine and I, have been working on this project for a few months and we are very excited for the debut issue. I am also going to be importing and creating a e-store selling beautiful things - more details to come. I have so enjoyed meeting all of you and am incredibly grateful for your friendship and support in creating this sacred space. If you can't make it, we will continue our relationship through the magazine - as we want your input, your stories and your advertising! Our last day of business is 2/13/05. Information: 510-548-4701, [alayabr@earthlink.net](mailto:alayabr@earthlink.net) or visit <http://www.theshamanstore.com/>

February 11 - Psychic Development - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Psychic Development: Chakras and Healing with Glenn Turner from 7:30-9:30pm. The Chakra system is a powerful method of understanding energy and its personal manifestations. Much of illness may be associated with blockages in energy flow. Our focus is mainly on the first 5 chakras that can be associated with elemental energies. We'll also review centering and grounding. Exercise: laying on of hands, the use of stones and crystals. Open to both men and women. Cost: \$5-10, sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com) or visit [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

February 11 - Ceili - Santa Cruz

The Clifford-Hoban Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann sponsors a Ceili (evening of Irish group dancing) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at The Loudon Nelson Community Center, 301 Center St. From 7:30-8:00pm learn the basic steps, then from 8:00-10:00pm enjoy live music and dancing (all dances are taught first). No partner or experience needed at this family-friendly event. You don't have to be Irish to enjoy Irish music and dance. Cost: \$10 adult (16 and over); children (10-15) are \$5. Discounts for CCE members. Information: 831-688-5729, [fasola@cruzio.com](mailto:fasola@cruzio.com) or visit <http://www.folkplanet.com/cce/index.html>

February 11 – Open Ritual – San Jose

Circle of Hearts' Delight, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS), offers rituals at 7:45pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. These are held in the beautiful round sanctuary of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose located at 160 N. 3rd St. Information: [moonlet@dsl designs.net](mailto:moonlet@dsl designs.net), or call the church at 408-292-3858.

February 11-13 - Medicine for the Earth Weekend Gathering - Ben Lomond

Earth Caretakers hosts a Medicine for the Earth Weekend Gathering at Sequoia Seminar on Friday evening 7:30-9:30pm, all day Saturday, and Sunday 9:00am-3:00pm. Empower your involvement in the transformation of the earth. We will explore and learn practices for transmuting both personal and environmental toxins, discovering new levels of focus and energy in ourselves. We will work with energy and formlessness, divinity and shadow, intention and imagination, learning how to shift our perceptions and our state of consciousness on an ongoing basis. We will use shamanic journeying, meditation, breath, sound, and ceremony to move into harmony with the web of life and our own beings. Prerequisites: journeying experience, and reading Sandra Ingerman's Medicine for the Earth: How to Transform Personal and Environmental Toxins. Please contact me if you would like to improve your journeying skills. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$225; Includes all meals and two nights' lodging. Information: 650-328-4347, [megbeeler@earthlink.net](mailto:megbeeler@earthlink.net) or visit <http://www.earthcaretakers.net/>

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February 12 – Intermediate Astrology Course – Los Gatos

Inner Journey, 222 N. Santa Cruz Ave, hosts a 3-part Intermediate Astrology Course with Lisa Dale Miller on Saturdays from 10:00am-12:00pm. This class is for intermediate students. We will focus on developing synthesis skills and learning to do chart interpretation from a depth psychological and soul evolutionary perspective. Topics of concentration will be interpreting planetary aspects, delineation of childhood environment and development of the personality. Counseling skills will be covered as well. Students can bring along charts for us to work with. Prerequisite: Beginning Astrology or basic knowledge of houses/planets/signs/aspects. Cost: \$75, for a series of 3 classes. Information: Lisa at 408-206-2518, [astrotarot@earthlink.net](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://www.astrowisdom.com/classes.htm>

February 12 - Didjeridoo Sound Remedy - Mountain View

East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St, hosts Didjeridoo Sound Remedy with Paradiso at 7:30pm. Each area of the body has a unique sound frequency. When we are ill, these natural frequencies function inefficiently. The didjeridoo has special power to restore the body's energy-flow. Using several didjeridoos, Paradiso will demonstrate how specific areas of the body can be "reset", then lead us in a 45-minute group didjeridoo sound remedy session. Cost: \$10. Information: 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com) or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/>

February 12 - Woman Shaman: A Max Dashu Slideshow - Oakland

Change Makers for Women, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts Woman Shaman: A Max Dashu Slideshow at 7:30pm. Feminist historian and independent scholar, Max Dashu, founded the Suppressed Histories Archives in 1970, back in the days when Women's Studies departments had not yet come into being. Since then, she has photographed over 10,000 slides and created 80 slideshows on international women's history, including Women in Power, Witch Hunts, Racism, Goddesses, and Priestesses. Max has done extensive interdisciplinary research on the European witch hunts and folk traditions about witches. Cost: \$5-20, sliding scale. Information: 510-655-2405, [maxdashu@LMI.net](mailto:maxdashu@LMI.net) or visit <http://www.suppressedhistories.net>

February 12 - Women's Spirituality Workshop: Self-Love - Berkeley

Belladonna, 2436 Sacramento St, hosts Women's Spirituality Workshop with Carolyn Hunt on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from 1:00-5:00pm. This month's Workshop is Self-Love. No previous experience in women's spirituality or Wicca necessary. Bring notebook and pen, healthy snack to share, and anything you'd like to offer for the altar and/or the ritual. Tea and candles provided. Cost: \$35. Information: 510-883-0600, [info@carolynhuntrituals.com](mailto:info@carolynhuntrituals.com) or visit [www.CarolynHuntRituals.com](http://www.CarolynHuntRituals.com)

February 13 - Holy Inebriation: Drinking from the Source - Oakland

Friends of Creation Spirituality present a cosmic mass, Holy Inebriation: Drinking from the Source at the Historic Sweet's Ballroom, 1933 Broadway, starting at 4:00pm. Join Matthew Fox, DJ Janaka Selektta and others for an evening of music, spoken word, dance, ritual celebration and science. The Cosmic Mass intention is to remember inebriation and its holy aspects and to elicit the experiences of transcendence in the body. Cost: \$10-20 donation requested. Information: [info@technocosmicmass.org](mailto:info@technocosmicmass.org) or visit [www.technocosmicmass.org](http://www.technocosmicmass.org)

February 13 - Sacred Feminine Book Club (women) - Oakland

Change Makers for Women, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts a Sacred Feminine Book Club, with Julie Leary from 7:00-9:00pm. This time we are reading *Cunt* by Inga Muscio. This radical, woman-positive book is funny, thought-provoking, hip and will change the way you love your cunt. Be your own best Valentine. Join us. This book club reads books involving all aspects of the Sacred Feminine, with no emphasis on any particular religion or faith. You only need to relate to the feminine as sacred to enjoy this gathering. We meet approximately once a month. Read the book and come. Cost: Free. Information: Julie at 510-847-0239, [info@ChangeMakersForWomen.com](mailto:info@ChangeMakersForWomen.com) or visit <http://www.changemakersforwomen.com/>

February 13 – Shamanic Drumming Circle – Boulder Creek

Char Lynn hosts a Shamanic Drumming Circle from 12:00-4:00pm. Within this circle we look at the shamanic approach to moving into non-ordinary reality through what is known as a drum journey. With the beat of the drum we 'travel' into spirit realms with intention and purpose to gather and bring back information pertinent to our lives. After our work together, having raised powerful group energy, we fill ourselves and create a healing circle to send out to those we love and the world. No experience necessary. Open to men and women. Cost: \$10-20. Information: 831-338-2996, [charlynn@weavingunity.com](mailto:charlynn@weavingunity.com) or visit [www.weavingunity.com](http://www.weavingunity.com)

February 13 – Open Circle – Santa Cruz

Community Seed invites you to an open ritual at The Unity Temple of Santa Cruz, 407 Broadway, from 2:00-4:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. We recognize and honor both the male and female aspects of deity, call elemental guardians, cast circle, and make magic together for the good of all. The intention of this circle is to provide a regular meeting place for Pagan worship in Santa Cruz. This is a participatory event, and there will be no "onlookers". New comers are always welcome. Let us meet together in sacred trust to create closer spiritual bonds of love and understanding within our community and within our tribes. A simple feast will follow the ritual, and the opening of circle. (No potluck except on occasion) Please bring: Yourself, your open heart and mind. Cost: small sliding scale donation to cover the costs of the hall rental (\$4-10). No one will ever be turned away for lack of money. Information: 831-469-0336, [community\\_seed@mindspring.com](mailto:community_seed@mindspring.com) or visit [www.communityseed.org/wallflower](http://www.communityseed.org/wallflower)

February 14, 28 – Tarot In-Depth – Los Gatos

Inner Journey, 222 N. Santa Cruz Ave, hosts Tarot In-Depth classes with Lisa Dale Miller from 7:00-9:00pm. 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. Prerequisite: Beginning Tarot or equivalent knowledge of basic card meanings. No Pre-registration necessary; this is a drop-in class. Cost: \$25. Information: 408-206-2518, [astrotarot@earthlink.net](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net) or visit <http://www.inner-journey.com/index.html>

February 16 - Women's Sacred Song and Chant Circle - Oakland

Change Makers, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts a Women's Sacred Song and Chant Circle with DJ Hamouris from 7:00-9:00pm. Come sing with your Sisters. Women have always joined in song, singing of our lives and traditions. Sitting in a circle we will exchange our sacred songs, learn from each other and celebrate the turning of the seasons. DJ is a Priestess of Song, with 25 years of Pagan song and chant leading, writing and recording experience. Cost: \$5-10, sliding scale. Information: 510-595-3915, [ChangeMakers13@aol.com](mailto:ChangeMakers13@aol.com) or visit <http://www.changemakersforwomen.com/>

February 16 - PathWorking: Qoph - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts PathWorking: Qoph with Helen Banner from 7:30-9:30pm. Come and take a journey up and down the Tree of Life. Using games, tarot cards, guided meditations and Crowley's writings we will work our way along in a quest toward self-discovery. This month: Qoph, connecting Malkuth ("Kingdom", the created world) to Netzach ("Victory", love, feelings and instincts). Qoph represents the zodiacal sign Pisces and the Tarot trump the Moon. In space, it is the direction south-below. This path crosses the Veil of the Profane, the first of four veils separating us from the most high, to enter the world of Yetzirah, "Formation". Qoph is the twenty-ninth path, called the Corporeal Intelligence because it forms every body which is

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formed beneath the whole set of worlds and the increment of them. Sponsored by Thelema Lodge. Open to both men and women. Cost: Donations will be accepted for the store. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com) or visit [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

February 16 - Shamanic Drum Journey (Advanced) - Berkeley

Premalaya, 713 University Ave at McGee, hosts an Advanced Shamanic Drum Journey with Myrna ThunderWolf from 7:30-9:45pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month (Opened only to those who attended 4 of last season's classes). Through Drum Journey and the Medicine Wheel, journey into Shamanic realms of healing and wisdom. Learn about spiritual cleansings, psychic protection, power animals and spirit guides, extraction work, house cleansings, and prayer in the, medicine way. This journey group uses self-healing as the tool for learning. Advanced class will focus on using the journey as a method of healing. The group will practice to develop the skills necessary to take part in extraction work, house blessings and soul retrievals. There are many steps used in this process, to look inside (self healing) to prepare for these experiences. This class requires a commitment. Cost: \$20-\$25, sliding scale; \$110 series, in advance. Information: 510-521-7714, [alayabr@earthlink.net](mailto:alayabr@earthlink.net) or visit <http://www.theshamanstore.com/>

February 17 – An Evening with Wiccan Author Christopher Penczak – San Jose

The San Jose Metaphysical Book Shop, 1231 Kentwood Ave, will host An Evening with Wiccan Author Christopher Penczak at 7:30pm. Popular Wiccan author and teacher Christopher Penczak discusses his new intelligent and ethical guide for Witches, pagans, shamans and psychics, The Witch's Shield (Llewellyn). In this thorough and thoughtful handbook, readers are urged to take responsibility for their own actions, ask what the situation might be teaching them, and hold compassion for those viewed as doing the harm. The author will discuss how to protect and balance yourself and your home and to identify potential psychic dangers, drains and trauma from other people, your environment, and yourself, and how to counteract those dangers and create preventative healthy habits. Learn about protection shields, guardian spirits, protective crystals, herbs and energy cleansing techniques to create a balanced, sacred environment. A booksigning follows the discussion. Cost: Free. Information: 408-446-0590, [sibookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sibookshop@mindspring.com), or visit [www.christopherpenczak.com](http://www.christopherpenczak.com) (Recommended – SG)

February 17 – Celebrate Goddess Ceibhfhionn (women) - Concord

Daughters of the Goddess invite all women to Celebrate Goddess Ceibhfhionn: Celtic Water Goddess of Inspiration, Intelligence, Creativity, and the Well of Knowledge at 7:30pm. Waxing Moon in Gemini. RSVP encouraged. Cost: \$30 newcomers. No one turned away due to lack of funds. Information: 925-787-9247, [leilani@daughtersofthegoddess.com](mailto:leilani@daughtersofthegoddess.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com/index.html>

February 18 thru 21 - PantheaCon - San Jose

Ancient Ways bookstore is sponsoring PantheaCon 2005, a Pagan gathering of workshops, lectures, performances, rituals and vendors at the Double Tree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com), or visit [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

February 19 - Axis Mundi Performance - San Jose

Axis Mundi will perform Sonic Shamanic Trance Chant for Ecstatic Whole Body Trance Dancing and Pineal Rapture at the Double Tree Hotel, Cedar Room, 2050 Gateway Place at 7:00pm. Axis Mundi's powerful devotional Chant revives the timeless ritual of Shakti-Shiva's Dance; the spontaneously arising ecstatic agony of endless bliss born at the dawn of consciousness. Join us for trance dancing and whole body dynamic meditation as we journey through the mystical dimensions of coherent emotion and primal yearning. Cost: \$20 (Evening Ticket for PantheaCon, includes access to all evening events after 5:00pm). Information: [axismundi@jps.net](mailto:axismundi@jps.net) or visit <http://pweb.jps.net/~axismundi>

February 19 – The Valley of the Kings: When a Pyramid Wasn't Enough – San Jose

The Rosicrucian Museum, 1342 Naglee Ave, hosts The Valley of the Kings: When a Pyramid Wasn't Enough, at 6:15pm. Pyramids were used for royal burials from the Old Kingdom through the Middle Kingdom, but suddenly this changed in the New Kingdom. Why did 2,000 years of tradition change, and royal tombs were placed in the Valley of the Kings? Why was the Valley of the Kings the choice for the tombs? This lecture will focus on the archaeology of the Valley of the Kings. Cost: \$20/non-members, \$5/students and seniors. Information: 408-947-3665, [pdimare@egyptianmuseum.org](mailto:pdimare@egyptianmuseum.org) or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>

February 19 – Healing Trance States - Berkeley

Belladonna, 2436 Sacramento St, hosts Healing Trance States with Terra Wise from 1:00-4:00pm. Become your own channel; a conduit for Wisdom, Insight and Change. This experiential workshop is not just another drum/rattle journey to the lower and upper worlds. We will be working with many tools, sensing into the inter-relationship between the symbolic, mythic, archetypal, and kinesthetic realms, and the multi-dimensional self. We will have personal experience of how these different ways can reveal the many treasures that lay below the surface of the mind. This class will amplify self-reflection and personal healing insight by drawing from multiple sources; evocative music, myth and story-telling, symbolic images, trance states, body sensations, postures, breath, healing meditations, and cross-culturally informed ideas. Cost: \$55. Information: 510-883-0600, [terrawise@earthlink.net](mailto:terrawise@earthlink.net) or visit [www.terrawise.net](http://www.terrawise.net)

February 19 - Third Eye Chakra Workshop - Oakland

Change Makers for Women, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts a Third Eye Chakra Workshop with Moyosafi Ajabu from 11:30am-1:30pm. Part 4 of A Spiritual Journey Through The Chakras: Trusting Your Intuition. This spiritual, transformational journey will take you through the seven levels of your being one Chakra at a time and more deeply explore The Wisdom of the Chakra. Participants will experience an energy-based approach to spiritual growth through meditation, crystal therapy, coaching and the healing power of Reiki. Drop-ins welcome Cost: \$18-25, sliding scale. Information: 510-710-2816, [workshops@moyosafi.com](mailto:workshops@moyosafi.com) or visit <http://www.changemakersforwomen.com/>

February 23 - Full Moon Gathering (women) - Oakland

Change Makers, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts a Full Moon Gathering to Celebrate the Virgin Goddess Maiden in White, "She Who is Complete Unto Herself" and Moon in Virgo from 7:00-9:30pm. All women and girls are invited to share an evening of nourishment and sisterhood. Join us for fun and surprises like: music, poetry, dance, storytelling and tarot; always something different. You are invited to make an offering of your special gifts. Please bring drums, rattles and potluck dish to share. Festive moon attire encouraged but not required. Please RSVP and let us know if you'd like to contribute a song, poem or group exercise. Cost: Free with potluck dish. Information: 510-655-2405, [ChangeMakers13@aol.com](mailto:ChangeMakers13@aol.com) or visit <http://www.changemakersforwomen.com/>

February 23 - Tribal Community Gathering - Berkeley

The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft, hosts a Tribal Community Gathering from 7:00-9:00pm on the last Wednesday of every month. These Community Circles provide an opportunity for individuals to connect with their divine and creative self as a community. Each evening includes guided meditation, chanting and ritual. All are welcome. Cost: Free; Donations accepted. Information: 510-649-0352, [info@spiritweavers.com](mailto:info@spiritweavers.com), or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>.

February 23 – Linking Circles – Santa Cruz

The Sacred Grove, 924 Soquel Ave, hosts an open meeting, Linking Circles, on the last Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00pm. 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. Information: 831-423-1949 or [the-sacredgrove@the-sacredgrove.com](mailto:the-sacredgrove@the-sacredgrove.com)

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February 24 - Healing Demonstration and Lecture - Mountain View

East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St, hosts a Healing Demonstration and Lecture with Timothy Dunphy at 7:30pm. Using the advanced healing technique of Chi Aura Integration, fifth-degree black belt and international Taekwondo champion Master Timothy Dunphy has helped hundreds open themselves to greater peace, prosperity, and freedom. Timothy will explain the Chi Aura Integration method and give audience-healing demonstrations. Open to experience immediate relief from physical pain and emotional trauma. Cost: Free; Reservations required. Information: 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com) or visit [www.chi-aura.com](http://www.chi-aura.com)

February 24 - The White Goddess Book Study Group - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts The White Goddess Book Study Group with Kitty Crowe and Deborah Bender on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 7:30-9:30pm. \*\*\*Schedule change this month only\*\*\* Robert Graves' classic gave the concepts of the Triple Goddess and the Celtic Tree Calendar to neopaganism. This ongoing discussion group tries to untangle a difficult book, separating fact from fancy and wisdom from nonsense. For this meeting, read Chapters Eight and Nine, and bring The White Goddess to the meeting. Newcomers welcome. Sponsored by NROOGD. Open to both men and women. Cost: Donations to the store accepted. Information: 510-845-0433, [dbendr@aol.com](mailto:dbendr@aol.com) or visit [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

February 25 - Astrology: Uranus - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Astrology: Uranus with Margaret Cole from 7:30-9:30pm. We'll talk about Uranus; it's natal influence, and transit twists. Bring your chart. Open to both men and women. Cost: \$5-10, sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com) or visit [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

February 26 - Beginning Animal Communication (Level I) - Mountain View

East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St, hosts Beginning Animal Communication (Level I) with Marta Williams from 11:30am-1:00pm. In this fascinating hands-on, "mind-on" workshop, you'll learn to communicate intuitively with animals. You'll "learn by doing", talking with your own animals at home, using photos and descriptions that you bring to the workshop. Trained as an environmental scientist, Marta Williams is the author of Learning Their Language. Marta now dedicates her life to healing the environment and helping animals. Cost: \$25. Information: 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com) or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/>

February 26 - Intermediate Animal Communication (Level 2) - Mountain View

East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St, hosts Intermediate Animal Communication (Level 2) with Marta Williams from 2:00-4:00pm. This afternoon workshop will help you increase the accuracy of your intuitive communication with animals, and improve your technique. You'll discover how to have in-depth conversations with animals, and expand your communication with the animals in your life. Marta Williams is the author of Learning Their Language. Prerequisite: Level I. Cost: \$25. Information: 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com) or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/>

February 27 - The Circle of Life: The Maiden (women) - Boulder Creek

Char Lynn hosts a Monthly Circle for women from 12:00-4:00pm. Our focus this year is on the archetypes of a woman's life as discussed in the book, 'The Circle of Life: Thirteen Archetypes for Every Woman,' by Elizabeth Davis and Carol Leonard. Each month we will look deeply into one of the archetypes and create time together that will honor that archetype within us. Today's focus is 'The Maiden' archetype; we will honor our transition into menarche with a Rites of Passage Ceremony. Please wear red, and bring a plant, stone (crystal) or feather of significance to give away in our ceremony. Open to women of all ages. Cost: \$10-20. Information: 831-338-2996, [charlynn@weavingunity.com](mailto:charlynn@weavingunity.com) or visit [www.weavingunity.com](http://www.weavingunity.com)

February 27 - Sunday Morning Goddess Celebration (women) - Oakland

Change Makers, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts a Sunday Morning Goddess Celebration: Oshun, Yoruban Goddess of Love, with Nancy Ogilvie from 11:00am-1:00pm. Wanting to explore and celebrate feminine images of the Divine? Wanting a greater connection with the Goddess in your day-to-day life? Whether you're experienced in Goddess spirituality or new and curious, come honor and celebrate the Goddess within and without at these Sunday morning circles. We will create sacred space and invoke a different Goddess each month, sharing Her story and exploring Her influence in our day-to-day lives. A free will offering of thanks will be taken each time to benefit Change Makers for Women. Cost: Free will offering. Information: 510-690-0467, [ChangeMakers13@aol.com](mailto:ChangeMakers13@aol.com) or visit <http://www.changemakersforwomen.com/>

February 28 - Being Happy Every Day - Mountain View

East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St, hosts Being Happy Every Day with Dr. Raymond Barnett at 7:30pm. Dr. Raymond Barnett, author of Relax, You're Already Home: Everyday Taoist Habits for a Richer Life, will introduce us to simple habits from Chinese folk culture that can help us create a vibrancy in our daily lives. This little-known Taoist art emphasizes exercise, altar-building, the full moons/solstices, and personal guides. Dr. Barnett will also lead us in building an altar. Cost: Free; reservation required. Information: 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com) or visit [www.raymondarnett.com](http://www.raymondarnett.com)

February 28 - Healing Night - Walnut Creek

Dolphin Dream, 1437 N. Broadway, will host Healing Night with Paulette Czech from 7:00-9:00pm. Join us for an evening of healing and sharing. Come to receive a healing. Come to give a healing. Come if you just want to watch. Come to meet other healers. If you have any level of Reiki, come to polish your skills. Come if you have questions about energy healing. While the main emphasis is Reiki, healers from all backgrounds will be warmly welcomed. You do not need to have healing skills to participate. Join us as we share laughter and Light. (If you have a healing/massage table, please bring it.) Cost: \$10 donation. Information: 925-229-2736, [info@dolphindream.com](mailto:info@dolphindream.com) or visit <http://www.dolphindream.com/>

March 1 - Celebrate Goddess Sedna (women) - Concord

Daughters of the Goddess invite all women to Celebrate Goddess Sedna: Inuit Sea Goddess of fishing, water animals, and beauty at 7:30pm. Moon in Scorpio. RSVP encouraged. Cost: \$30 newcomers. No one turned away due to lack of funds. Information: 925-787-9247, [leilani@daughtersofthegoddess.com](mailto:leilani@daughtersofthegoddess.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com/index.html>

March 1 - Tuesday Means Tarot - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Tuesday Means Tarot with Thalassa from 7:00-9:00pm. A five-part romp and ramble down the Royal Road, covering history and lore, Major and Minor Arcana, divinatory techniques, and other fun stuff to do with a Tarot deck. Session 1: Introduction and Allegro - history, lore, background in the Thalassaland Method and more. Open to both men and women. Cost: \$5-10, sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com) or visit [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

March 4 - Gnostic Mass Study Group - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts a Gnostic Mass Study Group with Glenn Turner and Elton Wildermuth from 7:30-9:30pm. Join us as we read and discuss this central ritual in the OTO (Ordo Templi Orientis). Bring a copy of the ritual, but we may have a few copies to loan people. We'll look at the Gnostic Saints as well as the connection of parts of this ritual to modern British witchcraft. Sponsored by Sirius Encampment, OTO. Open to both men and women. Cost: Donations to the store accepted. Information: 510-845-0433, [dbendr@aol.com](mailto:dbendr@aol.com) or visit [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

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March 4-6 - Rites of Passage Weekend Intensive – Boulder Creek

Urania and Copper Persephone of Reclaiming present a Rites of Passage Weekend Intensive focusing on dreams, myths and language, using traditional and non-traditional tales and techniques to create a personal rite of passage. Through storytelling, trance, release work and dreams we receive our challenge(s), meet our helpers, work through our blocks and emerge renewed, reborn. This class culminates with a ritual created by the students. The final class is a ritual created by the students. Prerequisite: Elements of Magic class. Cost: \$60-180, sliding scale; includes overnight dorm style sleeping or camping, please ask for details. Pre-registration required. Information: 831-246-2907 or [CopperPersephone@aol.com](mailto:CopperPersephone@aol.com)

March 5 – The Romeo and Juliet Ball – San Mateo

PEERS invites you to The Romeo and Juliet Ball: A Romantic Renaissance Ball at the San Mateo Masonic Lodge, 100 N. Ellsworth Ave. Doors open at 6:45pm; Dance lessons at 7:00pm; Dancing begins at 8:00pm. Lord and Lady Capulet request the pleasure of your company at a truly romantic Renaissance Ball. The New Queen's Ha'Penny Consort (the court band at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire), will play a glorious selection of popular Renaissance dances music. Dance elegant and lively courtly and country dances of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century along with Romeo and Juliet at this re-creation of Shakespeare's most famous ball. Don't know a pavane from a galliard or a cascarda from a hey for three? Never fear! All dances will be taught or called at the ball. Suggested costume is Italian or English Renaissance (authentic or Elizabethan), any class. Take advantage of the relative coolness of March to wear your Ren Faire costumes in comfort! Masks are optional but highly recommended for Montagues planning to crash the ball. There will be, as expected, drama, poetry and song as well as a full evening of dancing! Punch and a light Renaissance style buffet will be served at the ball, and contributions to Lord Capulet's kitchen are very welcome. Cost: \$20 at the door. Information: 510-522-1731, [peers@peers.org](mailto:peers@peers.org) or visit <http://www.peers.org/index.html>

March 6 - Drumming Circle - Montara

ShamanMoon hosts an Open Drumming Circle from 4:00-8:00pm. Potluck snacks are served from 4:00-4:45pm and we begin promptly by 5:00pm. This is an open drumming circle for men, women and older children. Anyone is welcome; no previous experience is necessary. Children are welcome, if they are able to lie still during the journey. Bring a journal, pen, water bottle, pillow, blanket and any drums or rattles if you have them. The purpose of this circle is to connect with our Power Animals and Spirit Guides on a regular basis, and to come together as a community. People are welcome to volunteer to "put on" the circle each month for the group. This includes planning a journey topic, altar focus, check-in, songs, etc. Cost: Free. Information: 650-728-1407, [Laura@shamanmoon.org](mailto:Laura@shamanmoon.org) or visit <http://www.shamanmoon.org/pages/2/index.htm>

March 7 - Mojo Bags: Travel-Sized Magic - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Mojo Bags: Travel-Sized Magic with Gax from 7:30-9:30pm. From medicine pouches to juju bags, folks from all over the world have been making their own charms since time immemorial. They can be made for almost any purpose, such as bringing luck, lending protection, or attracting a partner. They can be as simple as a few stones and seeds tied in a square of colored cloth, or contain any number of roots, bones, and keepsakes in a finely made satchel. The possibilities are endless, as is the ability to personalize this type of magic for your particular needs. (Best of all, it's highly portable and often possible to scavenge from your kitchen.) This class will show you how to make your very own, and also how to make them as gifts for others. Please bring a notebook. Open to both men and women. Cost: \$5-10, sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com) or visit [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

March 8 - Tuesday Means Tarot - Oakland

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March 9 - Thelemic Yoga and Sadhana - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Thelemic Yoga and Sadhana with Jeffrey Sommer from 7:30-9:30pm. He will discuss the yogic roots of mystical and magical practices in the Thelemic traditions. Be prepared to put into practice what is learned, and bring your own beads. Topics will include Karma-yoga, Bhakti-yoga, Japa-yoga, Puja, and what to do about your Kundalini that won't get you in trouble. Sponsored by Thelema Lodge, OTO. Open to both men and women. Cost: Donations will be accepted for the store. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com) or visit [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

March 9 - Kali Puja: Sacred Ceremony – San Rafael

Rainbow Body Temple Teahouse, Café and Cultural Center, 923 C St, hosts Kali Puja: Sacred Ceremony at 7:00pm. Kali, the Great Mother of joyous ecstasy, compassionate Goddess of the soul is fiercely devoted to the transformation of every being. Traditional worship of the Great Mother with chanting and ritual. Information: 415-457-4191, [info@opensecretbookstore.com](mailto:info@opensecretbookstore.com) or visit <http://www.opensecretbookstore.com/>

March 11 - For the Love of Venus - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts For the Love of Venus with Will Hester and Shelly Martin from 7:30-9:30pm. Eight solar years pass in the time it takes Venus to orbit the Sun five times. Venus moves in predictable patterns with four distinct phases. Together we will see what we can learn about the movements of our Earth's sister in the night skies. Open to both men and women. Cost: \$5-10, sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, [store@ancientways.com](mailto:store@ancientways.com) or visit [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

March 13 - Women's Healing Lodge Ceremony - Boulder Creek

Char Lynn will host a Healing Lodge Ceremony for Women; Fire at 9:00am, Lodge at 12:00pm. Our intention is to create a safe, sacred space where women may come to heal, be honored in their personal process and purify mind, body and spirit. The Lodge is a sacred purification rite; for cleansing body, mind and spirit, through the use of hot stones, water to create steam and sacred space. The lodge itself is a metaphor of the Womb of the Earth Mother, unconditionally receiving and loving. Plan to arrive 30 minutes early. Help before the Lodge is appreciated. Potluck follows (nutritious foods please). Cost: \$20-50; work exchanges available. Information: 831-338-2996, [charlynn@weavingunity.com](mailto:charlynn@weavingunity.com) or visit [www.weavingunity.com](http://www.weavingunity.com)

March 13 - Deepening Our Earth Connections - Palo Alto

Earth Caretakers hosts Deepening Our Earth Connections at Foundation for Global Community, 221 High St, from 10:00am-5:30pm. Deepening our experience of interconnectedness with all life is essential to our survival. During this day, we will play with trees, stones, mountains, and rivers, deepening our sense of belonging on this earth. We will develop our sense of connectedness with the four elements of water, earth, air, and fire, the four directions, and the spirits of nature. We will use shamanic journeying, meditation, and ceremony as our primary tools. We will learn practices we can continue to use in our lives, forging sacred, reciprocal relationships that nurture all beings. Cost: \$90. Information: 650-328-7756, [megbeeler@earthlink.net](mailto:megbeeler@earthlink.net) or visit <http://www.earthcaretakers.net/>