



BAY AREA PAGAN ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

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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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BAPA NEWS

JULY BUSINESS MEETING

At our July Gateway, we discussed the future of BAPA and elected new directors to the board. You will be hearing more from and about them in future newsletters. In the meantime, the directors are very interested in hearing from you, the membership. Please take a look at the member survey on this page, You can send your written feedback to our P.O. Box or log on to BAPA.net and take the survey on-line.

NEXT GAIA'S GATEWAY

**Bellydance Demonstration with Shelpa
and the Bastet Dancers**
Sunday, August 29, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Bellydance Demonstration and Mini-Workshop with Shelpa and the Bastet Dancers. Shelpa is a local bellydance instructor who specializes in modern dance styles.

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MEMBER SURVEY

- In what city do you live?
- Would you like to see BAPA organize an event in your area?
- What kind of event would you be interested in attending? No idea is too crazy!
- Do you think it is a good idea to reduce the number of Gaia's Gateways in Palo Alto in order to provide local events elsewhere? Why or Why not?
- Would you be interested in helping host an event? What kind of event would you like to host?
- If you are an ordained minister are you willing to make yourself available to others for ministry duties? How would you like to be contacted?
- Are you interested in learning more about how to organize your own pagan group in your area?
- What are other things can BAPA do to better serve you?

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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 6pm-9pm in the Fireside Room at the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church (PAUUC, 505 East Charleston Road).

Directions: from Hwy 101, take the San Antonio Road exit West. 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.

Upcoming Gateways

- Sunday, August 29; 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Bellydance Demonstration and Mini-Workshop with Shelpa and the Bastet Dancers

NEW WICCA CLASS

A four-evening introduction to Wicca will be offered at the San Jose Book Shop on August 10, 17, 24, 31. The classes start at 7:30 PM and will last about 2 hours each.

Based on the ancient traditions of pre-Christian Europe, Wicca has become one of the most influential spiritual movements of the new millennium. This class will explore the basic beliefs and practices of this earth-centered religion. Participants will also review the principles of natural magick and participate in some time-honored techniques for creating sacred space and raising energy.

The instructors are four experienced practitioners from a local Gardnerian coven. The cost is \$10 to cover cost of materials. Pre-registration is requested. The location is San Jose Book Shop, 1231 Kentwood Ave., San Jose. For additional information, call the book shop at 408-446-0590 or write to sjbookshop@mindspring.com.

The Lammas Sabbat

On August 1, the Lammas Sabbat is celebrated by Wiccans and Witches throughout the world. Lammas (which is also known as Lughnasadh, August Eve, and the First Festival of Harvest) marks the start of the harvest season and is a time when the fertility aspect of the sacred union of the Goddess and Horned God is honored. The making of corn dollies (small figures fashioned from braided straw) is a centuries-old Pagan custom which is carried on by many modern Witches as part of the Lammas Sabbat rite. The corn dollies are placed on the Sabbat altar to represent the Mother Goddess who presides over the harvest. It is customary on each Lammas to make or buy a new corn dolly and then burn the old one from the past year for good luck.

On this day in the country of Macedonia, Neo-Pagans celebrate the Day of the Dryads, an annual nature festival dedicated to the maiden spirits who inhabit and rule over forests and trees.

To learn more about the days of August visit <http://www.fortunecity.com/greenfield/tigris/567/id62.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

August 5, 12, 19, 26 – Dream Class – Walnut Creek

Dolphin Dream, 1437 N. Broadway, hosts Thursday Morning Dream Class with Alexandra Robin, from 10:30am-noon. 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. Pre-register with Alexandra at 925-609-8640, or Dolphin Dream at: 925-933-2342, info@dolphindream.com or visit <http://www.dolphindream.com/>

August 6 - Womansong Circle - Berkeley

Betsy Rose invites you to Womansong Circles: participatory singing for peace, healing, joy and transformation on the 1st Friday of each month at First Congressional Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way at Dana. Potluck at 6:30pm - Singing from 7:15-9:30pm. Tonight's theme is Songs of Rebirth and a Greening Earth. Drop-ins are welcome. Cost: \$8 donation requested to cover basic event costs. No one turned away for lack of funds. Information: 510-525-7082, betsy@betsyrosemusic.org or visit www.betsyrosemusic.org.

August 6 - World Parliament of Religions 2004, Summary - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts World Parliament of Religions 2004 with Glenn Turner and friends. Hear about how the 2004 Parliament in Barcelona went and get information on local interfaith groups that include pagans. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or visit <http://zope270.iniquinet.com/virt/ancientways.com/portal/events/>

August 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 - 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. Cost: \$25 per class; tuition after one year is \$15 per class. Information: 510-729-6329 or PAAW@postmark.net.

August 6, 13, 20, 27 - Open Drumming Circle - San Francisco

The Music Store, 66 West Portal Ave, hosts an open drumming circle every Friday from 6:00-8:00pm. The drum circle is open to everyone. All percussion instruments are welcome. Information: 415-664-2044, info@AmericanRootsMusicShow.com or visit www.americanrootsmusicshow.com.

August 7 - The Butterfly Ball - San Mateo

PEERS invites you The Butterfly Ball: A Mid-Victorian Summer Costume Ball at the Masonic Lodge of San Mateo, 100 N Ellsworth Ave. Doors open at 6:45pm; Dance lessons at 7:00pm; Dancing begins at 8:00pm. Ladies are encouraged to wear their lightest, airiest, most colorful early to mid-Victorian ball gowns and gentlemen to wear either traditional Victorian evening dress, Poet's shirts or naturalists' garb to our summer Butterfly Ball. Cost: \$15.00 by July 31; \$20 at the door. Information: 510-522-1731, peers@peers.org or visit <http://www.peers.org/index.html>

August 7 - Dark Forces Class - Fremont

Kathy Jones and Allison J. Rodriguez present a Dark Forces Class at 39791 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Suite H, at 7:00pm. Educate yourself on the existence of dark forces in our lives through lively discussion. Your facilitators are: Kathy Jones: Therapist, Hypnotherapist and Reiki Master; Allison J. Rodriguez: Wiccan Priestess, Tarot Reader and Author. We will present valuable information on identifying and diffusing dark forces as well as debating the nature of evil. Bring a notebook and pencil. Cost: \$25. Information: 510-894-0911

August 7 - Energy Walk - Santa Cruz

Community Seed sponsors Energy Walks on the 1st Saturday of each month at various locations in the Santa Cruz area. Gather at Nisene Marks State Park at 9:45am, and depart at 10:00am; returning around 1:00pm. Information: 831-469-0336, info@communityseed.org or visit http://www.communityseed.org/CS_-_Events/Energy_Walks/

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7 – Open Meeting – Modesto

Open congregation meetings with Fellowship of the Earth take place the 1st Saturday of every month at 3:00pm at the Universal Life Church. Information: fote@partytown.com.

August 7, 8 - 37th Annual Monterey Scottish Games and Celtic Festival - Salinas

Monterey Scottish Games and Celtic Festival at Toro County Park. Cost: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors/youths, \$6 children (5-12), Free (under 5). Advance purchase discounts available. Information: 831-647-6311, temp@montereyscotgames.com or visit <http://www.montereyscotgames.com/>

August 7, 15, 21 – Learn to Read Hieroglyphs – San Jose

The Rosicrucian Museum, 1342 Naglee Ave, hosts Learn to Read Hieroglyphs, facilitated by museum staff Patricia Di Mare from 12:30-1:30pm. Cost: Free with Museum admission (\$9 General, \$7 Seniors/Students, \$5 Children 5-10, Free under 5) Donations appreciated. Information: 408-947-3635, info@egyptianmuseum.org, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

August 8 - 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. Information: 650-728-1407, Laura@shamanmoon.org or visit <http://www.shamanmoon.org/pages/2/index.htm>.

August 8 – Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle – Aptos

Gather every 2nd Sunday from 6:00-10:00pm 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.

August 8 – 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 on the 2nd Sunday of every month, beginning at 11:00am. Information: Mary at 510-526-1008.

August 9 - Candle Magic Class - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Light it Up: A Class in Practical Candle Magic with Gax at 7:30pm. 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. Open to both women and men. Cost: \$5-10; sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or visit <http://zope270.iniquinet.com/virt/ancientways.com/portal/events/>

August 9 - Sacred Feminine Book Club (Women) - Oakland

Change Makers for Women, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts Sacred Feminine Book Club with Julie Leary from 7:00-9:00pm. This time we are reading Buffalo Woman Comes Singing. Medicine Eagle speaks from the heart to share the agonies and the ecstasies of the Rainbow Path to wholeness. This book club reads books involving all aspects of the Sacred Feminine, with no emphasis on any particular religion or faith. Cost: Free. Information: 510-526-6454, info@ChangeMakersForWomen.com or visit <http://www.changemakersforwomen.com/>

August 9, 23 - Mastery of Awareness - Berkeley

The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft, hosts Mastery of Awareness with Storm Florez at 7:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. Awareness is the first step to uncovering your authentic self and living a life from a place of pure choice rather than reaction. Thousands of years ago the Toltecs used the base tool of awareness to tear down old personal structures and beliefs and to begin to know themselves completely as God. Come learn the tools that will guide you on the path to knowing your own divinity. Some of the tools we work with in this class include the Four Agreements, by don Miguel Ruiz, Energy Work, Recapitulation (a Toltec practice of retrieving lost energy), Cord Cutting, Guided Meditation and Ritual. Cost: \$15. Information: 510-649-0352, info@spiritweavers.com, or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 10, 17, 24, 31 - Introduction to Wicca - San Jose

San Jose Book Shop, 1231 Kentwood Ave, hosts 4-part series of Introduction to Wicca Classes from 7:30-9:30pm. Based on the ancient traditions of pre-Christian Europe, Wicca has become one of the most influential spiritual movements of the new millennium. In this four-evening class we will explore the basic beliefs and practices of this earth-centered religion. We will also review the principles of natural magick and demonstrate time-honored techniques for creating sacred space and raising energy. Taught by 4 experienced practitioners from a local Gardnerian coven. Cost: \$10 to cover cost of materials. Pre-registration requested. Information: 408-446-0590 or sjbookshop@mindspring.com.

August 10, 24 – Drumming Circle – Half Moon Bay

The Moss Beach Drumming Collective, a core shamanic drum circle, meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd and 4th 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.

August 11 – Open Circle – Berkeley

Hrafnar kindred hosts heathen events and rituals on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:30pm. Open to both men and women, this is a potluck, and contributions of food and drink are welcome. Most meetings are open, but newcomers should contact Hrafnar Circle first to confirm the topic and location. Information: Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705, greyhavn@earthlink.net, or visit www.hrafnar.org.

August 11 - Pagan Meetup - San Jose Area

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

August 11, 25 - Open Circle - Berkeley

ALAYA: the Shaman Supply Store, 713 University Ave at McGee, hosts Sacred Circle: A Sacred Interfaith Gathering with Ouida Joi on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 6:30-7:45pm. These ongoing Sacred Circle gatherings honor and embrace the sacred traditions and rituals from many faith traditions and cultures, including Native American, Hindu, Yoruba, and Wicca. We will drum, chant, meditate and provide open space for spiritual sharing and transformation. Cost: love donation. Information: 510-548-4701, alayabrck@earthlink.net or visit <http://www.angelfire.com/ca7/interfaithceremonies>.

August 11, 25 – Open Meeting – Santa Cruz

The Sacred Grove, 924 Soquel Ave, hosts "Linking Circles" on the 2nd and last Wednesdays of every month from 7:00-9:00pm 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. Information: 831-423-1949 or sacredgrove@onebox.com.

August 12 - The Gendron Tarot - Santa Cruz

Gateways Books and Gifts, 1531 Pacific Avenue, hosts The Gendron Tarot Deck and Book Set with Melanie Gendron at 7:00pm. Melanie's book is an insightful companion providing invaluable understanding of her much-loved deck. Cost: Free. Information: 831-429-9600, 877-429-9600, events@gatewaysbooks.com or visit <http://www.gatewaysbooks.com/>

August 13 - Celtic Ogham Tree Alphabet - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Celtic Ogham Tree Alphabet with Will Hester and Shelly Martin at 7:30pm. The Celtic calendar is a lunar calendar based on the Celtic sacred trees. We'll cover the basics and compare a few authors' versions of this unique system. If you know your Sun and Moon signs, we can determine your personal trees. Bring your chart if you have one. Open to both women and men. Cost: \$5-10; sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or visit <http://zope270.iniquinet.com/virt/ancientways.com/portal/events/>

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August 13 - Ceili - Santa Cruz

Comhaltas sponsors a Ceili (evening of Irish group dancing) on the 2nd Friday of each month at the 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. 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 or visit <http://www.folkplanet.com/cce/index.html>

August 13 – 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 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. Information: moonlet@dsl designs.net, or call the church at 408-292-3858.

August 13 - Celebration for Parvati-Guari, Goddess of Abundance (Women) - East Bay

Daughters of the Goddess invites all women to Celebrate Indian Haritalika honoring Parvati-Guari as the Goddess of Abundance, and Waning Moon in Cancer and Leo, starting at 7:00pm. Open to all womyn desiring knowledge of and experiential work with the multi-faceted aspects of the Goddess in ritual. While this is not a drop-in circle, please confirm on the day of the ritual if you want to attend. Please RSVP for location. Cost: \$40. Information: 925-787-9247, leilani@daughtersofthegoddess.com or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>

August 13, 27 - Akasha Mystery School and World Prayer Calls - Aptos

Sanctuary of Illumination hosts Akasha Mystery School and World Prayer Calls, presented by Iolani Negrin and Gregory Hyman, on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month from 7:00-9:00pm. Join us for an inspired evening as we come together in heart and Spirit, in song and prayer for Peace on Earth. Unite our voices with heart opening songs of Spirit renewing ourselves in Divine Love. Cost: \$5-12. Information: Gregory at 831-685-1138, gregory@sanctuary-illumination.com, or visit www.sanctuary-illumination.com.

August 14 – Ancient Egyptian Cosmetics, Perfumes and Incense – San Jose

The Rosicrucian Museum, 1342 Naglee Ave, hosts Necessary Luxuries: Ancient Egyptian Cosmetics, Perfumes, and Incense from 1:00-2:00pm. The Ancient Cosmetics Workshops include a hands-on and noses-on talk about scents and hygiene in the land of the Nile with our docent Kim Sanders. Cost: Free with Museum admission (\$9 General, \$7 Seniors/Students, \$5 Children 5-10, Free under 5) Donations appreciated. Information: 408-947-3635, info@egyptianmuseum.org, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

August 14 - Beach Cleanup at Bonny Doon - Santa Cruz

Community Seed hosts a Beach Cleanup from 12:00-3:00pm on the 2nd Saturday of every month through September. "By cleaning up a beach you are honoring the Lord and Lady and are helping all their children, yourself included!" Join us for fun and frolic, food and friendship, service and sanitation and maybe even a dip into the beautiful Pacific Ocean. We will provide the bags if you will do your part and help us fill them. Bring your drums, songs, chants and food to share. Bonny Doon Beach is located on Highway 1, near Bonny Doon Road. Information: 831-469-0336, John@communityseed.org or visit http://www.communityseed.org/CS_-_Events/Beach_Clean-up/beach_clean-up.html.

August 15 - Sing Along with Gaia's Voice - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Sing Along with Gaia's Voice at 7:30pm. Come join the Bay Area's own Pagan chorus for a sing along of magical favorites. Open to both women and men. Cost: \$5-10; sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or visit <http://zope270.iniquinet.com/virt/ancientways.com/portal/events/>

August 15 - Sunday Morning Goddess Celebration (Women) - Oakland

Change Makers for Women, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts Sunday Morning Goddess Celebration: Kwan Yin, Goddess of Compassion, 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? Cost: Free will offering. Information: 510-690-0467, info@ChangeMakersForWomen.com or visit <http://www.changemakersforwomen.com/>

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August 15 - Dark Moon)(New Moon Circle for Women - Oakland

Change Makers for Women, 6536 Telegraph Ave, hosts Dark Moon)(New Moon Circles with Jules Stept from 7:00-10:00pm. The Magick of Connections, Beginnings and Endings with the Great Triple Goddess: Mother, Maiden and Crone. 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. Jules Stept is a Dianic Wiccan High Priestess who has been leading and teaching womyn through rituals, apprenticeships, classes and mentoring for the past 15 years. RSVP requested. Cost: \$20; no one turned away. Information: 415-695-9066, dianic.witch@angelfire.com or visit <http://www.changemakersforwomen.com/>

August 15 - Sweat Lodge Ceremony - Boulder Creek

Char Lynn will host a Community Lodge, open to all men, women and children; Fire at 11:00am, Lodge at 2:00pm. The intention is to create a safe, sacred space for healing, and to honor each person's process. Plan to arrive 30 minutes early. Help before the Lodge is appreciated. Potluck follows (nutritious foods please). Cost: \$20 suggested minimum donation; work exchanges available. Information: 831-338-2996 or MtnChar7@aol.com.

August 15 – Radical Fairies Ritual – Santa Cruz

The Radical Fairies of Santa Cruz gather on the 3rd Sunday of the month to celebrate full moons and solstices, our love for the earth our mother, each other, and the spiritual gift which that love is. Join them for a potluck at 6:00pm, and ritual at 7:00pm. Information: 831-335-5861 or 831-429-1388.

August 16 - Toltec Wisdom: Recapitulation - Berkeley

The Toltec Center of Creative Intent, 2300 Roosevelt at Bancroft, hosts Toltec Wisdom: Recapitulation at 7:00pm on the 3rd Monday of every month. 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. All are welcome. Cost: \$15. Information: 510-649-0352, info@spiritweavers.com, or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>.

August 17 – Rune Workshop – San Francisco

The American Vinland Association hosts a Rune Workshop on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7:00-9:00pm at 22 Terra Vista #C-1. Information: Prudence@freyasfolk.org or visit <http://www.freyasfolk.org>

August 17 - Pagan Lunch Hour - Capitola

Let's do lunch! The Black Cats invite you to join them for lunch and fellowship on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 11:30am-12:30pm at the Fresh Choice restaurant, 3555 Clares St (off 41st Ave, next to Kinko's). Kids are welcome with parental supervision. Look for the Black Cat on the table. Information: 831-479-9873 or Index@cyprian.org.

August 18 - Wiccan Wednesdays - Concord

Arborvitae Grove and The Witches of East Bay host a Wiccan Wednesday, Open Study Circle, on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:00-8:30pm. We will be studying Wicca in a once-a-month meeting. We welcome any and all to participate. Meeting topics will be contingent on the needs and interests of the group. Bring pen and paper. Contact for location and registration. Cost: Free. Information: i_fly_brooms@yahoo.com or visit www.arborvitaeagrove.com.

August 19 – Pagan Pizza Night – Modesto

You're invited to a Pagan Pizza Night hosted by local Pagan groups every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Round Table Pizza, 2401 E Orangeburg in the Century Shopping center, beginning at 7pm. Each person will be required to buy his or her own food and drink if desired. Information: DragonHawk at 209-549-1727.

August 19 - Celebration for Nike, Goddess of Victory (Women) - East Bay

Daughters of the Goddess invites all women to a Celebration for Nike, Goddess of Victory, and the Waxing Moon in Libra, starting at 7:00pm. Open to all womyn desiring knowledge of and experiential work with the multi-faceted aspects of the Goddess in ritual. While this is not a drop-in circle, please confirm on the day of the ritual if you want to attend. Please RSVP for location. Cost: \$40. Information: 925-787-9247, leilani@daughtersofthegoddess.com or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>

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August 19 - Magickal Discussion Group - Santa Cruz

The Sacred Grove, 924 Soquel Ave, hosts a Magickal Discussion Group from 7:00-9:00pm, on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Join a bunch of folks getting together and discussing things of a magickal nature. Bring your insights, knowledge and an open mind. All experience/skill levels generally welcome. Information: 831-423-1949, sacredgrove@onebox.com or visit www.the-sacredgrove.com.

August 20 - Astrology: Solar Returns - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Astrology: Solar Returns with Margaret Cole at 7:30pm. Cost: \$5-10; sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or visit <http://zope270.iniquinet.com/virt/ancientways.com/>

August 21 – Drumming Circle – Walnut Creek

Dolphin Dream, 1437 N. Broadway, hosts a drumming circle every 3rd Saturday from 6:30–8:00pm (except December). Bring your drums and rattles or use theirs to beat away the stresses of the outside world and find that place within where the heartbeat dwells. Cost: Free. Information: 925-933-2342, info@dolphindream.com or visit www.dolphindream.com/

August 21 – Bardic Circle – Palo Alto

Bardic Circle usually meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:00pm, with potluck dinner between 6:30-8:00pm. 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 have people bringing instruments as diverse as guitars, flutes, drums, didgeridus, to bagpipes. Most music is pagan related but funnies, folk songs, etc. are all welcome. For location and information: richard@imagecraft.com.

August 22 - The Way of the Cat - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts The Way of the Cat (nap, do nothing, and stretch your way to a blissful life), a book reading and signing with Dana Kramer-Rolls from 2:00-4:00pm. Open to both women and men. Cost: Free. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or visit <http://zope270.iniquinet.com/virt/ancientways.com/>

August 22 – 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 2nd Sunday of every month (This month we have moved to the 4th Sunday!). 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. 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 or visit http://www.communityseed.org/CS_-_Events/Open_Circle/open_circle.html

August 24 - Witches Meetup - San Jose & Santa Cruz

Meet up with other witches in your town. Exchange lore, legends and learning at a vote-determined location on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. Visit <http://witches.meetup.com/> to sign up, and Meetup.

August 25 - 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, or visit <http://www.spiritweavers.com>.

August 27, September 3 - Psychic Development - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Psychic Development: Protection, Shielding, Cleaning, Centering and Grounding with Glenn Turner at 7:30pm. These basics of psychic development for personal work can also be used to protect a home or car as well as your self. Open to both women and men. Cost: \$5-10; sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or visit <http://zope270.iniquinet.com/virt/ancientways.com/portal/events/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 29 - Gaia's Gateway: Bellydance Demonstration and Mini-Workshop - Palo Alto

Bay Area Pagan Assemblies (BAPA) sponsors Gaia's Gateway on the last Sunday of every month from 6:00-9:00pm at the Palo Alto Unitarian Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd (except December). Each Gateway begins with an informative talk, and the practitioners of a different religion lead both the talk and the ritual each month. This month's Gateway will be a Bellydance Demonstration and Mini-Workshop with Shelpa and the Bastet Dancers. Shelpa is a local bellydance instructor who specializes in modern dance styles. Cost: \$5 donation requested from non-members. Information: 408-559-GAIA (4242), or visit www.bapa.net.

August 29 – 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.

August 30 - Celebrate Nut, Egyptian Sky Goddess (Women) - East Bay

Daughters of the Goddess invites all women to a Celebration for Nut, Egyptian Sky Goddess, and the Full Moon in Pisces, starting at 7:00pm. Open to all womyn desiring knowledge of and experiential work with the multi-faceted aspects of the Goddess in ritual. While this is not a drop-in circle, please confirm on the day of the ritual if you want to attend. Please RSVP for location. Cost: \$40. Information: 925-787-9247, leilani@daughtersofthegoddess.com or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>

September 1, 8, 15, 22 - Witchcraft 101 - San Francisco

Erin Johansen is teaching a 4-part Witchcraft 101 series of classes from 7:00-9:00pm. The classes are designed to give you a solid introduction to the world of Witchcraft through a combination of instruction and hands-on, experiential learning. Cost: \$15 per class, or \$55 for all 4 classes. Information: luna@lunadea.com (write "Witchcraft Classes" in the subject line)

September 4, 5 - Scottish Highland Gathering and Games - Pleasanton

The Caledonian Club of San Francisco presents the 139th Annual Scottish Highland Gathering and Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Cost: \$15 Adult, \$10 Youth and Senior, Free under 8. Discount on advance tickets. Information: 800-713-3160, macdonald@comcast.net or visit www.caledonian.org

September 10 - Astrology: Career - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Astrology: Career with Margaret Cole at 7:30pm. How do I know if I'm working in the career I should be in? What would be my "right livelihood"? Bring your own chart. Open to both women and men. Cost: \$5-10; sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or visit <http://zope270.iniquinet.com/virt/ancientways.com/portal/events/>

September 13, 27 – Tarot In-Depth Class – Los Gatos

Inner Journey, 222 N. Santa Cruz Ave, hosts Ongoing Tarot In-Depth Classes with Lisa Dale Miller from 7:00-9:00pm. 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. Lisa teaches with the Rider Waite Tarot Deck. No Pre-registration necessary. This is a drop-in class, so come as often as you wish. Cost: \$25.00 per class. Information: Lisa at 408-206-2518, astrotarot@earthlink.net, or visit <http://www.astrowisdom.com/classes.htm>.

September 14 - Tuesdays Mean Tarot: Extreme Tarot - Oakland

Ancient Ways, 4075 Telegraph Ave, hosts Tuesdays Mean Tarot: Extreme Tarot with Thalassa at 7:30pm. Next steps in the ThalassaLand Tarot Method. For three power-packed weeks, we'll discuss ways of deepening and improving the relationship you have with Tarot as a divination toy, an information system, a real world toolbox and a magical device. Bring your questions, remedial issues and sticky points in your study for consideration. Previous class(s) with Thalassa recommended. Open to both women and men. Cost: \$5-10; sliding scale. Information: 510-653-3244, store@ancientways.com, or visit <http://zope270.iniquinet.com/virt/ancientways.com/portal/events/>