

# BAPAN

LAMMAS/LUGHNASADH 2002

## **PRESIDENT'S PLEASURE**

*Greetings to BAPA!*

In some Pagan traditions, the Summer Solstice is the time of the year when the Oak King surrenders his crown to the Holly King. This ancient arboreal myth was reenacted most ably by Hearthstone Circle at our most recent Gaia's Gateway. Appropriately (and not quite coincidentally) the existing BAPA board of directors passed on it's allegorical Oak King's crown to a new board at our annual membership meeting immediately before the Gateway ritual.

Leaving the board are Roger Schuelke, who has served most nobly as past Board Chairman, Membership Coordinator and solid pillar of support, Eric Rodas, our current Board chair and enthusiastic Volunteer Coordinator, and David 'Blue' Fletcher-MacLeod, our board president whose words of wisdom most recently graced this space. We extend our heartfelt thanks and blessings to each of them for the generous allotment of time and energy they donated to BAPA

over the year. We also wish Roger a hearty 'bon voyage' as he departs for a new life and new adventures in Arizona. He will be accompanied by Neva Schuelke, who has been our trusty newsletter editor, and has kept all of us duly informed and up-to-date about pagan-oriented events and resources. Hail and farewell, BAPA Oak Kings!

At the June membership meeting, three new board members were elected. The first Holly King is Gary Mattingly, who works as an engineer at Sun Microsystems while diligently studying a variety of Pagan paths in his spare time, has already taken over the job of Membership Coordinator and is now officially on the board. Denise Rogers, a devotee of the Egyptian pantheon and an accomplished student of Middle-Eastern folk dance, will serve as our new Vice-President. Crystal Black, an MIS professional who is now editing our new newsletter and mistressing our website, is our third Holly King (or Queen, perhaps). Karissa Shaw will continue to serve as Treasurer. Jim McCann also remains on the board and has been named Board

Chair. Finally, yours truly has been reelected to a second term and by consent of the Board will be the new care-taker of this column and the presidential e-mail address: [bapaprez@yahoo.com](mailto:bapaprez@yahoo.com). So plug in your modem and send me your comments and suggestions, your picks and pans, your encouragement and commiseration.

Hail and Welcome, Holly Kings!

Michael Dilts  
President, Bay Area Pagan Assemblies

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



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## 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 to 9pm in the Fireside Room at the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church (PAUUC).

### MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

#### July 28 - Belly dance Demonstration and Mini-Workshop with Shelpa and the Bastet Dancers

Shelpa is a local belly dance instructor who specializes in modern dance styles.

#### August 25 - Harvest Ritual w/ Caer Logres

Caer Logres is a Gardnerian Coven which performs traditional British-style rituals.

### LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS:

Regular activities are held at the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church (PAUUC) unless indicated otherwise. The church is located at 505 East Charleston Road. From Hwy 101, take the San Antonio Road exit West, and turn right on East Charleston. The building is about a mile down on the right-hand side of the road. As soon as you cross Middlefield Road, start looking for the church entrance on your right.

### BAPA LIBRARY:

The library is a lending and exchange library; therefore, any materials such as books, videos, cassettes, or tarot decks circulate, with the inventory being mutable over time. The library is accessible at the Gaia's Gateway each month, and the current stock is available online on the 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!

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

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us \$9-12/year! View the BAPAN online at [http://bapa.net/The\\_BAPAN/](http://bapa.net/The_BAPAN/)!

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## OTHER BAPA NEWS

1. New BAPA web site is live with a new calendar tool designed to make it easier to find events in your area! Take a look today! <http://bapa.net/>
2. Special thanks to Sean Schultz at Work of Stone, who has donated BAPA our new home and has been invaluable in helping set up the new web site!
3. BAPA needs volunteers to provide information at the San Francisco Pride Parade Saturday, September 14. E-mail [gsmattingly@yahoo.com](mailto:gsmattingly@yahoo.com) for details or more information!

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## A TRIP THROUGH STONEHENGE

*Lady Iona de la Luna*



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## EPITAPH FOR DAUGHTER

*Mark Twain (1896)*

Warm summer sun, shine kindly here;  
Warm southern wind, blow softly here;  
Green sod above, lie light, lie light --  
Good-night, dear heart, good-night, good-night.

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## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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

### BAPA Officers:

President: Michael Dilts  
Vice President: Denise Rogers  
Secretary: Crystal Black  
Treasurer: Karissa Shaw  
Board Chair: Jim McCann

### BAPA Volunteers:

Network Coordinator: Scout Ghost  
Gateway Coordinator: Michael Dilts  
Volunteer Coordinator: Eric Rodas  
Library: Joan Carroll  
Membership Coordinator: Gary Mattingly  
Web Master and BAPAN Editor: Crystal Black

## WHAT IS LUGHNASADH?

*From DenElder's Glossary*

Lughnasadh\* (loo n-uh sar / loon uh sue) the Fourth Cross Quarter Day festival, marks the first harvest of winter foods and the ebbing of the Sun's (the God's) energies and days grow short. The Sun is 15° of Leo the Lion.

Lugh was an Gaelic Sun God, and the word refers to the funeral games, also called the Tailtean Games, played for his foster-mother, not his own. Her name was Tailte, which is where the names Tailtean comes from in reference to one year and a day marriages, and certain faires. However, this point is arguable.

A time to remember the bounty of food we eat and each meal an attunement to Nature. Usually a grain god is remembered this day, such as the Corn God or Wheat God or maybe even John Barleycorn.

\*Also called: August Eve, Lammas (Loaf Mass), and Feast of Bread. The two latter being Christian holidays. Old dating is August 5th. but again we start on the evening before whether Celtic or not.

DenElder is minister of the Church of Tarot with weekly sermons posted at <http://churchoftarot.com/>.

## EDITORIAL ILLUMINATIONS

*Crystal Black, Editor*

“This is the time to remember, for it will not last forever” What a great line from a wonderful song sang by Billy Joel! I’ve had this song stuck in my head for the last month, wondering what changes were coming about and trying to savor the current moments while they lasted. “The times, the times are going to change,” and so they have. I was laid off my job last Thursday and the future is suddenly much less clear than I thought it was. I have sown my future in these couple of years at this job, and now those seeds will germinate and I must nurture them and watch to see what will grow.

I mention this because as we watch the shadows grow longer, we begin to see the affects of the seeds we’ve sown over the last seasons. We often don’t what we’ve sown until it sprouts and takes on life of

its own. It’s up to each of us to give birth to our ideas and then to nurture them into existence. No one can do that for us.

A friend of mine laments how the job market is horrible and how nobody can find employment, yet statistics show that there are 40,000 new job openings per month in the Bay area, even now. How does one get these jobs? By taking previously planted seeds and cultivating them to create a future. It’s no different than a lesson of the season. How many of us watched the Disney cartoon of the little critter who lollygags through a lazy summer? He laughed at the other critters who steadily work to create a winter storage; but alas, winter comes and he had no food to last the winter. He reaped what he had sown, and he had sown nothing!

Take a moment to think on what seeds you sowed today, consciously consider the seeds you would like to sow tomorrow, and savor both experiences.

## “STANDING STONES”

*Bedrock Groups of Bay Area Paganism*

### Organizations:

- Bay Area Pagan Assemblies, Palo Alto, 408-559-4242
- Covenant of the Goddess, 415-584-2659
- Dragon Dream, San Francisco, 415-820-1500
- Full Circle Events, 615 Malarin Ave., Santa Clara, 408-224-4625, [www.fullcircleevents.org](http://www.fullcircleevents.org)
- The Lilith Institute, 650-345-5449, [lilith@best.com](mailto:lilith@best.com), [www.lilithinstitute.com](http://www.lilithinstitute.com)
- New Reformed Order of the Golden Dawn, Berkeley, 510-521-1040, [www.nroogd.org](http://www.nroogd.org)
- Phases, San Francisco, 415-468-5466, [lawre@sirius.com](mailto:lawre@sirius.com), [www.phases.org](http://www.phases.org)
- Reclaiming San Francisco, 415-256-1766
- South Bay Circles, Palo Alto, 408-265-5180

### Businesses:

- “13” Book Store, Santa Cruz, 831-425-1313
- Ancient Ways Book Store, Oakland, 510-653-3244, [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)
- Her Land Book Store, Santa Cruz
- Psychic Eye Book Store, Mountain View/San Francisco
- San Jose Metaphysical Book Store, San Jose, 408-446-0590, [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com)

## MAKING A CORN DOLLY

[http://www.gridclub.com/fact\\_gadget/festivals/festivals/seasonal\\_festivals/3135.html](http://www.gridclub.com/fact_gadget/festivals/festivals/seasonal_festivals/3135.html)

At harvest time, people used to make little figures or models from the last sheaf of corn in the harvest. These 'corn dolls' are still made at harvest time and are sometimes placed in churches during harvest festivals.

You will need: about 8 fresh husks from ears of corn (or dried ones from a craft store), several cotton-wool balls, string, and a pair of scissors.

To make the head and body, take a couple of corn husks and overlap them lengthways. Place a row of cotton-wool balls in the hollow of the husks, bend the husks over and tie them firmly at the neck and waist. Then slide a rolled husk, with the ends tied for hands, through the body.

Position the arms midway between the doll's neck and her waist. If the cotton stuffing spills out through the armholes, push it back inside the body.

To make the skirt, place some husks around the figure's waist so that they cover her head and body, and tie them firmly in place at the waist. Now fold the top ends down to make a skirt and trim them straight across the bottom.

Stand your corn doll upright on her skirt and keep her through the winter until the following spring, when the new crops start to grow.

## LAMMAS CRANBERRY SUNFLOWER BREAD

<http://www.fortunecity.com/marina/fishermans/2035/id34.htm>

### Ingredients:

2/3 cup dried cranberries  
2 cups hot water  
2 (.25 ounce) packages active dry yeast  
1/4 cup honey  
1/4 cup molasses  
1 cup warm water (110 degrees F)  
1 cup rolled oats  
2 eggs, beaten  
2 teaspoons salt  
1/3 cup shortening  
6 cups bread flour  
1/3 cup roasted sunflower seeds

### Directions:

1. In a small bowl, soak cranberries in hot water. In a separate bowl, dissolve the yeast, honey and molasses in 1 cup warm water. Let stand until creamy, about ten minutes. Drain and chop the cranberries, reserving the liquid; set aside.

2. In a large bowl, combine the reserved water, oats, eggs, salt, shortening and 2 cups of flour. Mix until well blended. Then stir in the yeast mixture. Add the remaining flour, 1/2 cup at a time, stirring well after each addition. When the dough has started to pull together, add the cranberries and the sunflower seeds.
3. When the dough has pulled together, turn it out onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 8 minutes. Lightly oil a large bowl, place the dough in the bowl and turn to coat with oil. Cover with a damp cloth and let rise in a warm place until doubled in volume, about 45 minutes.
4. Grease two 9x5 inch loaf pans. Deflate the dough and turn it out onto a lightly floured surface. Divide the dough into two equal pieces and form into loaves. Place the loaves into the prepared pans. (The dough can also be formed into longer loaves and placed on lightly greased baking sheets.) Cover with a damp cloth and let rise until doubled in volume, about 40 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C).
5. Bake for 10 minutes in the preheated oven, then decrease heat to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C) and continue to bake for another 30 minutes. Turn out of pans a few minutes after removing from oven. You can brush all sides with a little butter or margarine, if desired. Don't cut this bread too quickly, it tastes best slightly warm or at room temperature.

Makes 2 - 9x5 inch loaves

## LAMMAS CORN PUDDING

<http://www.fortunecity.com/marina/fishermans/2035/id34.htm>

2 cups young, fresh corn  
3 eggs  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 cup milk  
1/2 stick butter, melted  
1 teaspoon salt

Melt butter into 12 X 12 glass baking dish. Beat eggs and other ingredients. Mix thoroughly and pour into dish. Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Bake for 1 hour, or until firm. A small pan of water in the bottom of the oven prevent drying. Serves 4 - 6

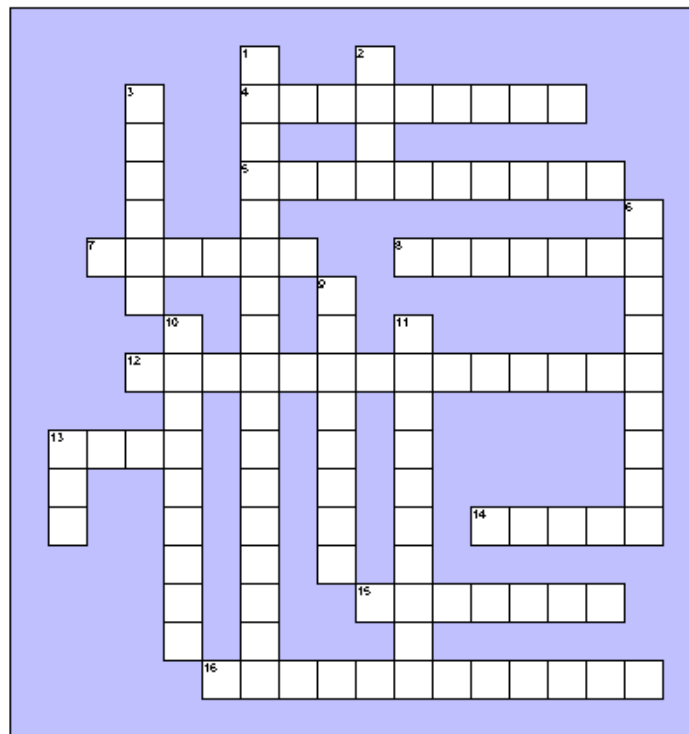
### \*\*\*Submission Deadline\*\*\*

Submission and calendar deadline for the Mabon newsletter is September 6, 2002. If you wish to contribute articles, opinions, recipes, book/video reviews, letters, or calendar items for the BAPAN, send them via E-mail to [BapaMailing@yahoo.com](mailto:BapaMailing@yahoo.com) and type "newsletter contribution" in the subject line. you may also send items to the address on the left.

### Where to contact BAPA:

P.O. Box 4159  
Mountain View, CA 94040  
<http://bapa.net>

# Crossword



## Across

- Alternate holiday name given because Celtic holidays run from sundown to sundown
- First of the three harvest Sabbats
- Lugh's foster mother and last queen of the Fir Bolg who's death is celebrated on Lughnasadh
- Greek Goddess most closely associated with Lammas
- One name for a grain God from a traditional British folk ballad
- One of the tetramorph figures appearing in the tarot cards Wheel of Fortune and the World
- Loaves of this were left on Christian alters
- Sabbat for which the harvest seeds are sown
- What Shelpa teaches locally

## Down

- Other name for the funeral games in Ireland, forerunners to the 'year and a day' informal marriages
- Legendary last great leader of the Tuatha de Dannan and Gaelic Sun God
- Christian name for the Games of Lugh
- Sacred king and Lugh's father
- Another Christian name for Lammas
- Fashioned in the shape of Goddess and God, sometimes symbolically sacrificed
- Flower Maiden and wife of Arianrhod
- Astrological lion

### Upcoming Local Pagan 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.

July 26 thru 28 – A Shamanism for Activists weekend is being offered by Lenore Norrgard in Boulder Creek. Sit in circle with fellow activists and develop relationships with your personal spirit allies. Learn to elicit spiritual counsel and how to apply the counsel you receive. And finally, explore how shamanic practice can inform and empower the work of social healing. For more information, contact 415-820-1655, or [lenorenorrgard@yahoo.com](mailto:lenorenorrgard@yahoo.com).

July 26 thru 28 – Goddess Gather 2002, a woman only event, will be held at the Isis Oasis in Geyserville. The theme of this year is: Journey to a Place of Power - Discover Your Source. Exploring reality and spirituality from a feminine perspective in workshops, rituals, drumming and dancing. The last day of the festival is open to all (Men, and Children). There will be entertainment, performances and celebration. For more info and/or to register contact Motherbear at 707-937-3629, [motherbearscoff@mindspring.com](mailto:motherbearscoff@mindspring.com), or visit [www.isisoasis.org](http://www.isisoasis.org).

July 27 – The Psychic Eye Bookshop in San Francisco will host, The Art of Spiritual Dreaming, from 7:30-9:00pm. Wake up to the Wisdom in your dreams. Eckankar presents "The Art of Spiritual Dreaming," a free one and a half-hour workshop. Trained facilitators will present techniques on learning to remember, interpret, and use dreams as a means of spiritual guidance in everyday life. Based on the book "The Art of Spiritual Dreaming" by Harold Klemp, a foremost authority on the spiritual nature of dreams, this workshop will also explore advanced dream work including the Dream Master, Contemplation Techniques, Consciousness Dreaming, Protection and Changing the Outcome of a Dream. For more information, contact 415-863-9997.

July 27 - Pagani Soteria – You are invited to attend this symposium and dinner party with formal conversation beginning at 6pm at Arkadia in Richmond. Topics will include; To what end do we practice our way as Pagans? Do we have a goal or purpose to our rites similar to the Buddhist Enlightenment, or the Hindu Moksha, or the Christian Salvation? Each of 5 or 6 'formal interlocutors' will hold forth on the topic and then the floor will be opened to discussion from all present. The gathering is limited to 20. The contribution will be \$15 and a bottle of wine or other beverage for the evening. Should a profit be made, an honorarium will be paid to the interlocutors. The current list of interlocutors (subject to change) Don Frew, M. Macha NightMare, Chandra Alexandre, and Michael Sanborn, hosted by Sam Webster. For more information, contact Sam@TwilightGathering.org.

July 28 – BAPA sponsors Gaia's Gateway, see page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

July 28 - Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle every fourth Sunday from 6-10pm at Don Quixote's located at 6275 Highway 9, Felton. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome! For more information, contact Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

July 28 - 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. Contact Diana at 510-658-6033 for more information.

July 28 - You are invited to an ongoing drum circle one Sunday of every month from 4:00 ~7:00PM at Central Park in Fremont. Come learn new drumming techniques, practice your drumming skills, and hang out and have a good time. This is a combined effort of Fire Drum Circle and local drummers trying to get more people to come out and drum. For more information, contact [firedrumcircle@hotmail.com](mailto:firedrumcircle@hotmail.com). For directions please call Central Park at 510-791-4356 and ask how to get to the Swim Lagoon. If you get there and you do not see us, please call us at 510-468-5139. For more information, contact [firedrumcircle@hotmail.com](mailto:firedrumcircle@hotmail.com), 510-366-5067, or visit [www.firedrumcircle.com](http://www.firedrumcircle.com).

July 30 - Tara will be presenting The Goddess Mandala, a six-part workshop series for women derived from "Mandala, Luminous Symbols for Healing" by Judith Cornell, PHD at the Psychic Eye Bookshop in San Francisco from 7:30-9pm. The workshop includes a process of visualization exercises and artistic meditations designed for the sequential development of unique artistic expression, producing sacred medicine through an effect of alchemical magic experienced in the creative process of Mandala. Call 415-863-9997 for reservations or information.

July 31 – Tempest is teaching Mysteries of the Tarot Classes at The Psychic Eye in Mountain View at 7pm. This class will focus on the Minor Arcana ("little mystery"). We will work with various spreads, discuss mythic, elemental, and traditional associations, and compare decks in relation to Wands. Students are welcome to attend any or all of the classes, and are encouraged to bring their decks with them, as well as materials for taking notes. Cost: \$12. For more information, contact 650-964-2220 or Email Tempest at [tempestthewitch@yahoo.com](mailto:tempestthewitch@yahoo.com).

August 1 - Pronaos Ritual Work, with Artisans of Light, on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm in Aptos. Pronaos is a unique and powerful opportunity to participate in ritual, the language of the Soul. Pronaos awakens our consciousness to a variety of meanings for the symbols we study and helps us apply universal principles in our daily lives. The ritual brings to our awareness the poignant bond we enjoy with the Inner School, with each other, and with our own Inner Self. This heightened awareness, in turn, results in receiving more help when studying by ourselves. It provides us with a support system. For more information, please contact [artisan@thegrid.net](mailto:artisan@thegrid.net).

August 1 – The Psychic Eye Bookshop in San Francisco is offering a 6-week Exploring the Dream World course from 7-8:30pm. In this class, Wendella will cover a range of topics designed to help students utilize their dreams to bring greater fulfillment into their waking lives. Emphasis will be on a series of exercises designed to improve the quality of dreams by making them more vivid and revealing, opening a path of self-discovery and self-enrichment. Cost: \$15 per session. For more information, contact 415-863-9997.

August 2 - Rune Classes are being offered on the first Friday of every month with Hammer Oak Kindred at 7:30pm in Berkeley. Two to three runes of the elder futhark will be studied in each class. It's part lecture, part discussion and almost always there is an activity relating to the rune. A donation between \$2-\$5 is requested to pay for the room rental, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Please contact Eric at [eric@iconoclast.net](mailto:eric@iconoclast.net) for more information.

August 3 – Full Circle Events hosts a Create Your Own Goddess Workshop in Santa Clara. Give shape to the goddess within and create your own goddess figurines. In this workshop we will sculpt one of 15 ancient goddesses using a workbook with easy to follow instructions. This cost of this workshop includes this lovely book with simple instructions, special clay that can be air-dried and moistened for re-use, and a styling tool for adding subtle details. The workbook contains information about each goddess and the traits they embody, with rituals and tips for making an altar. This class is for all ages. Both men and women are welcome. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact 408-224-4625 or visit <http://www.fullcircleevents.org/>

August 3 – Hearthstone will host a Lughnasadh Luau from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hearthstone Home in San Jose. For more information, please contact Molly at [molly@hearthstonecircle.org](mailto:molly@hearthstonecircle.org), or visit <http://www.hearthstonecircle.org>.

August 3 - Reclaiming of San Francisco invites you to join them for a Lughnasadh Celebration and Ritual at The Beltane Grove in Golden Gate Park, (or magic meadow, the wedding spot, etc.) San Francisco. Gather at Noon, Ritual at 1PM. Please bring food or drink to share. All Reclaiming rituals are clean and sober! NO drugs or alcohol (including wine), please. No one will ever be turned away for lack of funds. Visit <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html> for more information.

August 3 - Open congregation meetings with Fellowship of the Earth take place the first Saturday of every month at 3 PM at the Universal Life Church in Modesto. For more information please contact [fote@partytown.com](mailto:fote@partytown.com).

August 3 – Community Seed of Santa Cruz sponsors Energy Walks at 9:45am on the first Saturday of each month at various locations in the Santa Cruz area. What better way to start your day, or end your week than a meditative walk through the forest? Each walk includes a guided visualization/meditation to help center and become more aware of our bodies and of the earth. 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. Sorry, no dogs. For more information, contact 831-469-0336 or visit [http://www.communityseed.org/CS - Events/Energy Walks/energy\\_walks.html](http://www.communityseed.org/CS - Events/Energy Walks/energy_walks.html).

August 3, 4 – The Monterey Scottish Games and Celtic Festival will take place at Toro Park in Salinas. For more information, contact 831-647-6311, [brigadoon@redshift.com](mailto:brigadoon@redshift.com), or visit <http://www.montereyscotgames.com/>

August 4 – There will be a Grok Circle in Berkeley beginning at 1pm. Details to be announced. All Grok events are available for free. Donations are accepted. For more information, contact Cougar at 415-235-8985, [quest@cwia.com](mailto:quest@cwia.com), or visit [www.grok-system.org](http://www.grok-system.org).

August 6 - Fellowship of the Spiral Path (SPIRAL) offers ongoing classes and teaching circles, open rituals and clergy services for men and women at the Berkeley Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:30pm. Open gatherings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, and Open Goddess Services are held on the last Sundays. Contact Diana at 510-658-6033 for information.

August 7 - Join Sharon and Jim for an Introduction to Celtic Wicca series of classes from 7:30 - 9:30pm at the San Jose Metaphysical Bookshop, meeting approximately every other Wednesday. This 7-part class introduces the essential beliefs of witches from the British/Celtic tradition, reviews the Cycle of the Wiccan Year and the tools of Wicca, demonstrates circle casting and useful techniques for raising energy, and ends with a ritual of dedication to the study of the Craft. Tonight's class will focus on Techniques of Meditation; Trance states. The instructors are a local High Priestess and an experienced practitioner. Cost: \$10 per evening (\$70 total). For more information, contact 408-446-0590, [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com), or visit [www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com](http://www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com).

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August 8 - Queer Womyn's Spirituality Teaching Circles presents August's Dark Moon – New Moon - Ritual For Change in San Francisco. Lunar Lady Leo's fiery proud heart fills us with warmth and vitality. She fills us with energetic and extroverted energy to inspire our self-confidence and feed our creative appetite. It is time to tend to emotional needs and healing spaces, and what better place to do just that than within sacred circle honoring our process of change. No prior experience with circling is necessary. Spellcrafting for personal and positive outcomes will be taught. Specific tools for manifestation will be acquired. This is not a coven, nor a priestess training - it is an open circle. Cost: \$20-\$35 sliding scale. Donations cover the cost of all materials used and tea. Please bring snacks. It is not necessary to attend every circle, reserve the ones you want. Work trades are always available; no one is turned away. Advanced Registration is required. For more information, contact Jules at 415-695-9066 or [dianic.witch@angelfire.com](mailto:dianic.witch@angelfire.com).

August 9 - Circle of Heart's Delight, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS), offers rituals at 7:45 PM on the second Friday of each month. These are held in the beautiful round sanctuary of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose located at 160 N. 3rd St. For more information, email [tenorfrank@aol.com](mailto:tenorfrank@aol.com) or call the church at 408-292-3858.

August 10 – Herne's Oak will host a NROOGD Lammas celebration at the "Forty Thieves" Picnic Area, De Laveaga Park, Santa Cruz. Come celebrate the harvest with us. Gather at 12PM, ritual at 1PM. Please bring food and drink to share for the potluck following ritual. This is a sober event, no alcohol or drugs. All friendly folk and their families welcome, but please leave your pets at home. We ask for a donation of \$10-\$20 to defray costs for hall rentals during winter sabbats - but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information, please contact 831-425-3419, <http://www.nroogd.org>, or Yasmin at [yasmindove@yahoo.com](mailto:yasmindove@yahoo.com).

August 10 - Geology Walk with Pagan geologist Richard Ely and his pal Macha from 9:30-10:00am. Join us for a leisurely perambulation along San Andreas Fault at Point Reyes in Marin County. Bring lunch and meet at the Bear Valley Visitor Center. We'll walk the earthquake trail, have a picnic lunch and then drive out to the lighthouse where there are some excellent exposures of the Point Reyes Conglomerate. No need to pre-register; just show up. Dress in layers for changeable weather conditions, from fog and wind to balmy sunshine. No charge, but we'll be passing the hat for donations for an environmental cause, probably Marin Open Space. For more information, contact [herself@machanightmare.com](mailto:herself@machanightmare.com).

August 10 - Daughters of the Goddess Presents: Japanese Bon Ritual, Moon in Virgo from 7:30-10:30pm. Open to all womyn desiring knowledge of and experiential work with, the multi-faceted aspects of the Goddess, in ritual. While these are not drop-in circles, you can confirm with Daughter's of the Goddess on the day of ritual, if you want attend. Please bring a candle for the altar, rattles, drums, blanket, pillow to sit on and food and drink to share. Cost: \$40. Work exchange and senior discount payment plans available. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. For more information, contact Leilani Birelyi at 925-256-8109, [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

August 10 - The Healing Power of Nature: Finding Wellness Through Restoring Our Link with the Earth, with Mara Freeman from 10am-4pm at UCSC, Arboretum, Horticulture Bldg. in Santa Cruz. To learn to live as if everything in Nature is alive and sentient is to rediscover a sense of belonging that is often missing from our over-civilized world and to reclaim our place in the original family of all beings. To seek solace under a tall tree, learn the language of the birds, or simply lie down and surrender to the spaciousness of the sky, is to banish the desperate sense of loneliness and separation that pervades our high-tech society. In a beautiful natural setting, we will learn simple ways to retrain our minds and bodies to connect with nature as our ancestors did for centuries. We will discover how to: Move out of our heads and into our bodies, cultivating direct sensory experience with the natural environment; Receive Nature's wisdom by slowing down, listening, and practicing simple techniques to expand awareness; Deepen our connection with Nature through artwork, poetry, meditation and ritual in order to integrate these experiences into our everyday lives. Clinicians will find these exercises very beneficial in helping to alleviate stress, depression, anxiety and low self-esteem among their clients and patients. For information call 831-427-6695. To enroll, call 831-427-6600 or visit <http://www.ucsc-extension.edu>.

August 10 – Please join a Beach Clean-up sponsored by Community Seed of Santa Cruz on the second Saturday of each month from 10am-1pm at the Bonny Doon Beach located on Highway 1, near Bonny Doon Road. "By cleaning up a beach you are honoring the Lord and Lady and are helping all their children, yourself included!" This beach has ample free parking, and there is the benefit that it is clothing optional. This means if you want you can go sky clad, but of course this is optional. This is a voluntary activity. By attending, each person assumes the responsibility for the risk of injury or death from coming to and participating in the beach clean up. Please be careful. This means we are on our own as far as hauling away the trash and recycling. Bring leather gloves if you have them. We will supply several 10 gallon buckets for nails and glass. Please bring a lunch, your own water supply, and be advised that there are NO BATHROOM FACILITIES. Come prepared. Also be aware that it is a steep hike down to the beach, so wear good hiking shoes. Teamwork may be required in navigating the "trail." For more details and directions, contact 831-515-4480x1479, [community\\_seed@mindspring.com](mailto:community_seed@mindspring.com), or visit <http://www.communityseed.org/CS - Events/Environment/environment.html>.

August 10 - Full Circle Events hosts Pagan Bowling Night at the AMF Saratoga Lanes in Saratoga. Meet at 8:30 so that bowling can begin at 9:00 PM. To reserve a lane and place a deposit, call the Saratoga Lanes 408- 252-2212 at least a week in advance. Tell them that you want to be near the folks at Full Circle and they'll put our lanes side by side. The Saratoga Lanes are located at Saratoga, near Prospect, just opposite the Westgate Mall. For more information, contact Full Circle Events at <http://www.fullcreeventsorg/>.

August 11 – Community seed invites you to an open ritual at the Cayuga Vault in Santa Cruz from 2-4:30pm on the second Sunday of every month. Come all Ye Witches and let us dance, do magic, and make merry! Let's celebrate the turning of the seasons, attune to the cycles of the moon and sun, create music, dance the spiral dance, and heal ourselves and our world. This circle is open to all Pagans, and to those who desire an understanding of how pagans worship. Keep in mind that this is a participatory event, and there will be no "onlookers". So don your favorite robes, your cloaks and pentacles and let us meet together in sacred trust. A \$3.00 to \$9.00 donation is requested to cover costs. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information, contact 831-469-0336, [community\\_seed@mindspring.com](mailto:community_seed@mindspring.com) or visit [http://www.communityseed.org/Events/Open\\_Ritual/open\\_ritual.html](http://www.communityseed.org/Events/Open_Ritual/open_ritual.html).

August 11 - 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 in the east bay beginning at 11 AM. These are regular gatherings held on the second Sunday of every month. Call Mary at 510-526-1008 for more information.

August 11 - A Women's Healing Circle is held every second Sunday in San Francisco. Guided meditation, chanting, toning and drumming are used to call in the spirit healers to assist women in need of healing. Contact Lupa at 510-601-1428 or Nancy at 510-839-5292 for more information. "All healing is self-healing."

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August 11 - Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle every second Sunday from 6-10pm at Britannia Arms, 8017 Soquel Drive in Aptos. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome! For more information, contact Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

August 12 thru 17 - Bringing it Home: Grounding the Work of Chakra Psychology with Anodea Judith, Ph.D. and Selene Vega at Skyote Mountain Retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains. This workshop emphasizes the downward current of consciousness, beginning with the crown chakra and bringing it down through each center in turn, addressing the psychological blocks that keep us from manifesting our vision in the world. Focus will be twofold: 1. Honing therapeutic skills in applying the chakra system to personal and professional healing. 2. Finding and grounding a vision for your life and opening the downward, manifesting current within yourself. Participants must have strong familiarity with the chakra system and with the therapeutic theory put forth in Eastern Body, Western Mind. Previous experience in Sacred Centers workshops is strongly recommended, though on a case-by-case basis, not always required. Be prepared to encounter yourself and others on a deep level. For more information please contact Selene at 831-440-0645 or visit <http://www.spiritmoving.com>.

August 14– Tempest is teaching Mysteries of the Tarot Classes at The Psychic Eye in Mountain View at 7pm. This class will focus on the Minor Arcana ("little mystery"). We will work with various spreads, discuss mythic, elemental, and traditional associations, and compare decks in relation to Cups. Students are welcome to attend any or all of the classes, and are encouraged to bring their decks with them, as well as materials for taking notes. Cost: \$12. For more information, contact 650-964-2220 or Email Tempest at [tempestthewitch@yahoo.com](mailto:tempestthewitch@yahoo.com).

August 14 – The Psychic Eye Bookshop in San Francisco is offering a 3-week Transit Astrology course from 7-8:30pm. A class designed to take your use of basic astrology to another level. Discover how transiting planets can speak of changes and events affecting our lives. This class will be in workshop format with a high degree of class interaction necessary. Pre-requisite: Intro to Astrology (or equivalent). Cost: \$15 per session. For more information, contact 415-863-9997.

August 14 - Hrafnar kindred hosts heathen events and rituals on the second Wednesday of every month in Berkeley, starting at 7:30 PM. This month's gathering will be a Midsummer celebration. 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. For more information, contact Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705, or [greyhavn@earthlink.net](mailto:greyhavn@earthlink.net), or visit [www.hrafnar.org](http://www.hrafnar.org).

August 14 thru 18 - The Fourteenth Annual Elderflower Womenspirit Festival will be held in Mendocino. Relax and enjoy cabin or tent camping in a redwood forest by a creek in the Mendocino Woodlands. Elderflower welcomes all women and girls age 11 or older. Girls younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The focus of the festival is on earth based spirituality and honoring the feminine through the Goddess. Celebrate our spirituality by sharing knowledge, music, arts and ritual. Registration must be submitted before August 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call 510-869-3828, or contact [elderflower@onemain.com](mailto:elderflower@onemain.com), or visit [www.elderflower.org](http://www.elderflower.org), or write to PO Box 72079, Oakland, CA 94612-2079.

August 15 – You're invited to a Pagan Pizza Night hosted by local Pagan groups every third Thursday of the month at the Round Table Pizza located at Sentry Shopping Center in Modesto beginning at 7pm. Join local Pagans / Wiccans / Witches and others for fun and fellowship. No hard-core "meeting" - just pizza and conversation. Fliers and information about upcoming local Pagan events will be available at most times. Each person will be required to buy his or her own food and drink if desired. For more information, contact DragonHawk at 209-549-1727.

August 15 thru 18 - Firedance! Join us for the third annual magical drum and dance celebration in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Drum and dance the fire circle at night until the rising of the sun, connection with the magic of the fire, spirit of each other. Create a sacred place for deep play. Explore ancient and modern mysteries. Workshops on drumming, dance and magic, community rituals, and camping in a beautiful, remote wilderness. For more information, contact 831-515-4480 x3916 or visit [www.firedance.org](http://www.firedance.org).

August 16 - Join us the third Friday of each month from 7-9PM at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula for Women's Spiritual Journeys: A Safe Place to Explore. This is a unique opportunity for women of various faith perspectives, lifestyles, ages, and stages to come together for meaningful dialogue, shared ritual, and the Goddess within. Together we will share our stories, celebrate our lives, and explore our spiritual journeys. For more information, contact Sheree at 831-899-3565, or Phyllis 831-659-4585. Free.

August 16 - Experience oneness with Spirit through sacred dance and soul empowering music of the world every third Friday from 7-10pm at Body & Soul located at 738 Chestnut St in Santa Cruz. Ecstatic Dance allows your dance to be your heartfelt prayer. \$15 offering. For more information, call lolani at 831-479-3310 or visit [www.sanctuary-illumination.com](http://www.sanctuary-illumination.com).

August 17 - Every third Saturday, Dolphin Dream in Walnut Creek hosts a drumming circle from 6:30 – 8PM. Bring your drums and rattles or use theirs to beat away the stresses of the outside world and find that place within where the heartbeat dwells. Attendance is free. Contact 925-933-2342 for more information.

August 18 – Phases presents the seventh annual Vintage Festival at McLaren Park between Visitacion and Mansell, (southeast corner of the park, top of the hill) in San Francisco from 2-5pm. Come celebrate the harvest season with us. Take a moment out of your busy days to thank the Goddess in festival for Her bounty and Her sustenance. It is also a time to reflect on how we can best honor Her and the Earth for the favor of that sustenance. Entertainment and activities featuring the Living Tarot and more. This will be a toga party. There will be simple games of wit and skill, an array of vendors showing their wares and a fabulous feast catered by Lionheart Catering. The event is \$10.00 per person. As always we welcome costumes but do not require them. But a lovely toga of any style, fabric or pattern will beautifully dress the hilltop and will make the event more fun for everyone. While this event is held in the spectacular McLaren Park, top of the hill we respectfully

request that you do not bring your pets. Details to be announced as plans progress. For more information, contact 415-468-9664, [h2owitch@pacbell.net](mailto:h2owitch@pacbell.net), or visit <http://www.phases.org/>.

August 18 – Dragon Dream hosts Women Wisdom Circles in San Francisco from noon-3:30pm. Come celebrate the 4-year birthday of Dragon Dream. Each Women Wisdom Circle is \$25, \$20 sliding fee. No one will be turned away for lack of funds (trade and work-exchange are encouraged). Pre-registration is required for attendance and 48-hrs advanced cancellation highly appreciated. Please bring a pillow to sit on, your journal and flyers/business cards to share during the networking portion of the gathering. The meeting place in San Francisco will be announced to registrants. For registration and information call 415-339-7888.

August 18 - The Radical Fairies of Santa Cruz gather on the third Sunday of the month to celebrate full moons and solstices, our love for the earth our mother, each other, and the spiritual gift which that love is. Join them for a potluck at 6PM, and ritual at 7PM. For more information, phone the events line at 831-335-5861 or call 831-429-1388.

August 18 - WomanSpirit Circle meets on the third Sunday of every month at Marin UU Fellowship located at 240 Channing Way, San Rafael, 94903-2606. For more information, please contact Marina at 415-893-9999 or the church phone at 415-479-4131.

August 18 - You are invited to Stone Soup Social -- A Pagan Potluck Discussion. Every third Sunday evening of the month at 7 PM, Rabbit Warren hosts a potluck discussion and social at a roomy house in the El Cerrito area. People may show up at 6:30 if they like, dinner starts at 7. There will be a facilitated discussion until 9 PM, followed by social time until 11. The discussion topics will be suggested and agreed upon each time by those participating. For information contact 510-559-8580, [dawn\\_atkins@weirdness.org](mailto:dawn_atkins@weirdness.org), or visit <http://www.weirdness.org/stonesoupsocial/>

August 20 – The American Vinland Association hosts a Rune Workshop at Captain Patt's in San Francisco on the third Tuesday of each month from 7-9pm. Please e-mail [runegild@freyafofolk.org](mailto:runegild@freyafofolk.org) for additional information.

August 21 - Spend an enlightening evening with noted KEST radio psychic and practical mystic, Scout Bartlett, at the San Jose Book Shop from 7:30-9:30pm. Tonight's topic will be Discovering Your Gifts and Letting Yourself Have Them. Scout will do individual "gift readings" on 15 members of the audience to illustrate his discussion of the two edges of a natural gift. Be there and manifest getting yourself a reading. Cost: \$15. For more information, contact 408-446-0590, [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com), or visit [www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com](http://www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com).

August 21 - Goddess Isis and Full Moon Ceremony with Daughters of the Goddess from 7:30-11:00pm. Open to all womyn desiring knowledge of and experiential work with, the multi-faceted aspects of the Goddess, in ritual. While these are not drop-in circles, you can confirm with Daughter's of the Goddess on the day of ritual, if you want attend. Please bring a candle for the altar, rattles, drums, blanket, pillow to sit on and food and drink to share. Cost: \$40. Work exchange and senior discount payment plans available. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. For more information, contact Leilani Birelyi at 925-256-8109, [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

August 22-26 - Join us for the second annual Northern California Reclaiming Family Camp - Reclaiming's Witchlets in the Woods Camp. Join us for five juicy days and four otherworldly nights where we will weave a powerful web of community. Witchlets in the Woods is a weekend of games, crafts, music, and fun in the Mendocino Woodlands. Organized by and for families, Witchlets emerged out of a need to provide sacred space for families to come together and honor the unique needs and gifts of the children in our tradition. It is an opportunity for pagan parents to build community resources and make a connection with each other. Featuring family-led activities interspersed with play and ritual, Witchlets in the Woods offers a sacred space to support our kids whom may not have many playmates of their own religious tradition; nurture the future of our community; renew our relationship with the Earth; explore and celebrate the ancient ways with our children; play with other pagan families; build community within our own spiritual tradition; allow our children to teach us; celebrate our sense of magical wonder. All Reclaiming events are clean and sober! NO drugs or alcohol (including wine), please. For a registration form, or for more information on Witchlets in the woods, contact: Loam Akasha-Bast at 510-465-6217, or [witchlets@kybela.com](mailto:witchlets@kybela.com), or visit <http://www.witchlets.homestead.com/>.

August 24 – Community Seed presents a Mythic Masquerade at the Harvey West Clubhouse in Santa Cruz from 6-11pm. Calling all creatures of Magic & Myth! Come all ye Elves, Fairies, Dragons, and Sylphs! Join us this Summer for a Masquerade Ball. Come in your finest costume Mythical! Dress as your favorite fantastical beast, for there will be dancing, frolic, and feast! Games will be played, and prizes awarded, for the finest costumes. Tickets will be made available soon. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Alternative Family Education (AFE) program in Santa Cruz. More details will be announced as plans progress. For more information or to volunteer, visit [www.communityseed.org](http://www.communityseed.org), or call 831-469-0336.

August 29 - September 2 - PAGAN MEET AT WORLDCON - The World Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention will take place in San Jose in 2002 (<http://www.conjose.org>). Many Sci Fi and Fantasy fans and writers are Pagan, and while a Christian Meet is held at WorldCon every year, there has never been a Pagan Meet. This year, Full Circle Events will host the first ever Pagan Meet at a WorldCon! Watch <http://www.fullciclevents.org> for upcoming information.

August 30 thru September 1 – The Pleasanton Scottish Highland Gathering and Games will take place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. For more information, contact 800-713-3160, [macdonald@home.com](mailto:macdonald@home.com), or visit <http://www.caledonian.org/>

September – The 2002-03 Shamanic Healing Apprenticeship Program begins in the SF/Berkeley area. This intensive training is intended for those who wish to facilitate shamanic healing and empowerment in service to others. We will meet one intensive weekend per month over 10 months, for a total of 150 hours. The curriculum includes power restoration, divination, extraction healing, empowerment counseling,

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creating rituals for positive transformation, death and dying, peacemaking, medicine for the earth, and soul retrieval healing. We will explore the role of the shamanic practitioner, creating effective healing relationships, shamanic ethics, shamanizing in a psychologized culture, and practicing core shamanism in a multiethnic society. Prerequisite: Shamanic Empowerment Circle, or equivalent. For more information or to register, contact Lenore Norrgard, MA, HMSC, Circle of the Living Earth/AIWP at 415-820-1655, [lenorenorrgard@yahoo.com](mailto:lenorenorrgard@yahoo.com), P.O. Box 210453, San Francisco, CA 94121 or visit <http://mail.yahoo.com/config/login?ym/Compose?To=lenorenorrgard@yahoo.com>.

September 4 - Join Sharon and Jim for an Introduction to Celtic Wicca series of classes from 7:30 - 9:30pm at the San Jose Metaphysical Bookshop, meeting approximately every other Wednesday. This 7-part class introduces the essential beliefs of witches from the British/Celtic tradition, reviews the Cycle of the Wiccan Year and the tools of Wicca, demonstrates circle casting and useful techniques for raising energy, and ends with a ritual of dedication to the study of the Craft. Tonight's class will focus on Magic and the Ethics of the Craft. The instructors are a local High Priestess and an experienced practitioner. Cost: \$10 per evening (\$70 total). For more information, contact 408-446-0590, [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com), or visit [www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com](http://www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com).

September 7 - Cybele presents Seven Gates, an eight-part workshop from 10am-5pm in San Francisco. In this series, we will ask the powers of gemstones to help us journey through the gates of the chakras. Explore color and the properties of these stones through trance, meditation, writing, chanting, movement, and laying-on-of-stones. We will work with the energy states of magnetism and radiance; investigate our boundaries at each chakra by playing with projection and merging; and learn each stone's capacity for protection and healing. Prerequisite: Basic familiarity with the chakras. Commitment to all workshops required. Each student will need to bring their own stones to the workshops. Cost: \$75-\$125 per session. For more information, contact 415-541-5650 or 707-525-4992.

September 10 - The American Magic Umbanda House will host a ceremony at Berkeley Federation of Unitarian Universalists (BFUU), at the corner of Cedar and Bonita in Berkeley. Doors open at 7:30pm, the ceremony will begin at 8, and we will be done by 9:30. After the ceremony, we will be invoking other Orixas for a consultation. These Orixas will be coming down onto our Mediums and will be available to answer questions, in the same way as any other oracular or divinatory work. Anyone wishing to join us afterward for a round of beverage nearby at Spats is likewise welcome. For more information, contact [loren@farwalker.com](mailto:loren@farwalker.com).

September 10 - The Psychic Eye Bookshop in San Francisco is offering an 8-week Post-Modern Occultism course from 7-8:30pm. Chaos Magic has been called the "new wave" of practical occultism. Drawing on all previous systems of attainment, as well as modern movements such as Dada, Deconstruction, and Modern Psychology, chaos magicians learn to participate actively in the structure of their beliefs, and ultimately, reality itself. In this class, Sean Anomie discusses the basic principles and techniques of chaos magic, including personality deconstruction, Gnostic and transcendent states, sigils, and supernatural entities. Cost: \$10 per session. For more information, contact 415-863-9997.

September 11 - Join Sharon and Jim for an Introduction to Celtic Wicca series of classes from 7:30 - 9:30pm at the San Jose Metaphysical Bookshop, meeting approximately every other Wednesday. This 7-part class introduces the essential beliefs of witches from the British/Celtic tradition, reviews the Cycle of the Wiccan Year and the tools of Wicca, demonstrates circle casting and useful techniques for raising energy, and ends with a ritual of dedication to the study of the Craft. Tonight's class will focus on How to Cast the Circle. The instructors are a local High Priestess and an experienced practitioner. Cost: \$10 per evening (\$70 total). For more information, contact 408-446-0590, [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com), or visit [www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com](http://www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com).

September 11 - The Psychic Eye Bookshop in San Francisco is offering an 8-week Practical Astrology course from 7-8:30pm. This introductory class provides tools for greater self-awareness as well as insight into others. The goal of this course is not only to build a foundation of astrological knowledge, but also to enable the student to continue on the path of astrological interpretation. Marion and Regina offer a unique opportunity to learn astrology in a fun and interactive atmosphere. Be prepared to hold no secrets. Please bring your birth data (date, time, and place) to the first class. Cost: \$15 per session. For more information, contact 415-863-9997.

September 11 - Hrafnar kindred hosts heathen events and rituals on the second Wednesday of every month in Berkeley, starting at 7:30 PM. This month's gathering will be a celebration of Freyr and the Harvest Mare. 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. For more information, contact Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705, or [greyhavn@earthlink.net](mailto:greyhavn@earthlink.net), or visit [www.hrafnar.org](http://www.hrafnar.org).

September 12-15 - The Goddess 3k in '02 International Women's Festival will be held in La Honda. Presented by Z Budapest and the Women's Spirituality Forum, this Bi-annual International Goddess Festival features Ubaka Hill, Vicki Noble, Susan Weed, Jennifer Berezan, and many others. Four fun filled goddess honoring days - the time of your life celebrating this special time in your life - honoring the Fates. Come sing, dance, learn, and celebrate with your Sisters in the Heart of California's Redwood Forest. Also offering full Maiden's Program for two different age groups, one for the younger girls and one for the teens. Festival fees (if registered by March 31, 2002) \$300 for Women and \$175 for Maidens. (Accommodations - cabin with beds - toilets & showers - all meals catered) For more information, contact [bendis@prodigy.net](mailto:bendis@prodigy.net) or visit <http://www.zbudapest.com>.

September 14 - The San Francisco Bay Area Pagan Pride Day celebration will take place from 10am-6pm at Golden Gate Park's Speedway Meadow. Guest speakers will be Don Frew and M. Macha NightMare. Entertainment by Pandemonaeon, Anne Hill, Celeste Alayne, Goat Hill Morris Dancers, The Painted Fan, and Luna - Gypsy Bellydancer. There will be a community ritual, drumming circle, children's area, information booths, and vendors, as well as a food drive to benefit PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) and San Francisco Food Bank. More details TBA as plans progress. Help bring awareness about Pagan religions to the general public. For more information, visit <http://www.sfbayareapaganpride.org>. Volunteers are still needed. Tax deductible donations also needed to pay for park permits.

September 18 - Spend an enlightening evening with noted KEST radio psychic and practical mystic, Scout Bartlett, at the San Jose Book Shop from 7:30-9:30pm. Tonight's topic will be Re-Opening the Heart - The 5 basic rules of love and relationships. Learn 'em and live beyond 'em. Cost: \$15. For more information, contact 408-446-0590, [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com), or visit [www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com](http://www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com).

September 21 – Hearthstone will host a Fall Equinox Feast from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Hearthstone Home in San Jose. For more information, please contact Molly at [molly@hearthstonecircle.org](mailto:molly@hearthstonecircle.org) or visit <http://www.hearthstonecircle.org>.

September 21 – You are invited to an Autumnal Equinox Celebration at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club from 7-10pm. One again the Earth establishes balance between the light and the dark as the Sun enters the astrological sign of Libra. This is a time to create, prosper and give thanks for all the gifts we enjoy in our lives. It is a time to be humbly grateful for all our teachings, especially those that cause us pain. From now until Winter Solstice, the daylight hours continue to shorten and nights get longer. We begin our descent into the underworld, the world of darkness. Please join us as we collectively honor this passage. Ceremonies are open to all and children are encouraged to take part. Weather and tides permitting, ceremonies occur around a bonfire on the beach. This Equinox marks the Harvest Full Moon, which will be honored by traditional Tarahumara Pipe Ceremony from Mexico. Contribution \$10.00, and bring a potluck item. RSVP requested. For more information, contact [janfrey@mindspring.com](mailto:janfrey@mindspring.com).

September 21, 22 – Come join the Fourth Annual Sacramento Pagan Pride Harvest Festival. There'll be vendors, food, entertainment, workshops, authors, rituals, dancing, kids korner, games and more. For information on this charity event sponsored by Pagan Pride International Inc and Sacramento Grove of the Oak, contact Michael at 916-443-2866 or visit [www.SacPaganPride.org](http://www.SacPaganPride.org).

September 25 - Join Sharon and Jim for an Introduction to Celtic Wicca series of classes from 7:30 - 9:30pm at the San Jose Metaphysical Bookshop, meeting approximately every other Wednesday. This 7-part class introduces the essential beliefs of witches from the British/Celtic tradition, reviews the Cycle of the Wiccan Year and the tools of Wicca, demonstrates circle casting and useful techniques for raising energy, and ends with a ritual of dedication to the study of the Craft. Tonight's class will focus on Ritual of Dedication to the Study of the Craft. The instructors are a local High Priestess and an experienced practitioner. Cost: \$10 per evening (\$70 total). For more information, contact 408-446-0590, [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com), or visit [www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com](http://www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com).

September 26 thru 30 – The Crescent Hellions invite you to come to their third annual Twilight Gathering in the Mendocino Woodlands. All traditions of magick and witchcraft are invited to a weekend of transformative ritual, intimate sharing of lore and art, and fine company. This year's theme will be Conspiring in Initiation, as we face this challenging aspect of our Way, seeking to understand how we participate in initiation and how we may use it to shape our lives. Let us conspire, let us work together, and explore the nature of power, evolution and initiation. Cabins - All Meals Provided – Workshops – Music. With sufficient children present we will have children's programming. Cost: \$145 to \$200 sliding scale. With four registrations the 5th is Free. For more information, contact [Tara@TwilightGathering.org](mailto:Tara@TwilightGathering.org), or visit [www.TwilightGathering.org](http://www.TwilightGathering.org).

October 5 – The Loch Lomond Highland Games will take place at Highland Parks in Ben Lomond. For more information, contact 831-457-6716, [lcs95@lochlomondceltic.org](mailto:lcs95@lochlomondceltic.org), or visit <http://www.lochlomondceltic.org>.

October 6 – Coven Nemorensis hosts The First Annual Crone's Tea from 4-6pm near Cotati. This will be a gathering of women elders to combine wisdom and magick for the community and personal growth. Many women are disheartened by the approach of Croning or become mired in depression, confusion and misdirection when they achieve Cronehood. As the archetype of the Triple Goddess teaches us, the Crone is as an integral and awesome aspect, not to be dismissed or trifled with. Let us explore embracing this power and ways to channel it to enrich not only our personal lives but also our community. To be invited to the First Annual Crone's Tea you must be at least forty-five years old, or have had early onset or surgical menopause. You must be Female, Transgendered or a Gay Male Crone. Naturally, you must be Pagan of any tradition. Attendance is by invitation only. If you wish to attend, it is necessary that you meet with either Coven Nemorensis at one of our open meetings, or Sonoma County Pagans if none of the members of these two groups are not familiar with you. For more information, contact [ferne.campbell@att.net](mailto:ferne.campbell@att.net), or visit <http://www.covennemorensis.mybravenet.com/cronestea.html>.

October 9 - Hrafnar kindred hosts heathen events and rituals on the second Wednesday of every month in Berkeley, starting at 7:30 PM. This month's gathering will be a feast for male ancestors and Gods. 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. For more information, contact Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705, or [greyhavn@earthlink.net](mailto:greyhavn@earthlink.net), or visit [www.hrafnar.org](http://www.hrafnar.org).

#### Ongoing Events and Contacts ~~~

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

Santa Cruz - The Sacred Grove hosts networking and organizing events and classes at 924 Soquel Ave in Santa Cruz. "Linking Circles" takes place on the second and last Wednesdays of each month at 7PM. Brought to you by "A Bunch O' Random Witches", this is a space for all groups to meet and organize, and shall not be a recruiting platform controlled by any one group. Meet in a safe and comfortable environment where solitaires can meet groups, groups can meet groups and solitaires can meet solitaires. Classes in Witchcraft and Wicca at levels ranging from intro, to level 2, as well as classes for minors (parental approval required) are also offered. For more information, contact 831-423-1949, [sacredgrove@onebox.com](mailto:sacredgrove@onebox.com) or visit [www.the-sacredgrove.com](http://www.the-sacredgrove.com).

\*San Jose - The San Jose Metaphysical Book Shop offers classes and workshops throughout the year on various topics of interest to Pagans. Please contact [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com), visit [www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com](http://www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com) or call the bookshop at 408-446-0590 for information on upcoming events.

Saratoga - Full Circle Events hosts Pagan Bowling Night on the second Saturday of every month at the AMF Saratoga Lanes in Saratoga. Meet at 8:30 so that bowling can begin at 9:00 PM. To reserve a lane and place a deposit, call the Saratoga Lanes 408- 252-2212 and ask for Arlene Perrin. Tell her that you want to be near the folks at Full Circle and they'll put our lanes side by side. The Saratoga Lanes are located at Saratoga, near Prospect, just opposite the Westgate Mall. For more information, contact Full Circle Events at [Info@fullciclevents.org](mailto:Info@fullciclevents.org) or visit <http://www.fullciclevents.org/>

\*San Jose - Luna Circa is an eclectic women's circle that has been meeting in the San Jose, CA area since 1987. Every month on the second Friday after the new moon, we gather at 7:30 and circle from 8pm until late, with members taking charge of rituals on a voluntary rotational basis. Also, join them and others for Coffee Night on the last Thursday of every month from 7:30-10pm at Willow Glen Coffee Shop on Lincoln Ave between Hamilton and Willow in Willow Glen. For ritual location and other information, please contact [lunacirca@yahoo.com](mailto:lunacirca@yahoo.com) or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

\*South Bay - South Bay Circles is an umbrella organization of local circles and covens, presenting eclectic sabbats in the South Bay. Attendance is by invitation. For more information, please contact Bianca at 408-265-5180, or Bill at 408-730-9622. Write to [wabaldwin@aol.com](mailto:wabaldwin@aol.com), or visit their website at <http://members.aol.com/wabaldwin/sbc>.

\*Santa Cruz - Community Seed is a non-profit organization that supports Pagans and other Earth-Centered spiritualists through monthly Open Circles, Coastal Cleanup days and Nature Walks, our Quarterly Magazine that is written by members of our local community, a Free Calendar of events, as well as our Web Site and online Bulletin Board. It is our mission to organize, host, and promote events that will enrich and better our lives, our world, and our community here in the Santa Cruz region, and beyond. We welcome all to take part in our events, and encourage volunteers. For more information contact [community\\_seed@mindspring.com](mailto:community_seed@mindspring.com) or call 831-469-0336, or visit <http://www.communityseed.org>.

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

El Cerrito - You are invited to Stone Soup Social -- A Pagan Potluck Discussion every third Sunday evening of the month at 7 PM, we host a potluck discussion and social at our roomy house in the El Cerrito area. People may show up at 6:30 if they like, dinner starts at 7. There will be a facilitated discussion until 9 PM, followed by social time until 11. The discussion topics will be suggested and agreed upon each time by those participating. For information call 408-559-8580, e-mail [dawn\\_atkins@weirdness.org](mailto:dawn_atkins@weirdness.org), or visit <http://www.weirdness.org/stonesoupsocial/>

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

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

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

San Francisco - Moon-Ways offers classes, workshops and full moon circles to women in San Francisco. Call 510-601-1428 for event updates and information.

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

Berkeley - Fellowship of the Spiral Path (SPIRAL) offers ongoing classes and teaching circles, open rituals and clergy services for men and women at the Berkeley Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:30PM. Open gatherings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, and Open Goddess Services are held on the last Sundays. Contact Diana at 510-658-6033 for information.

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

San Francisco/Marin County/Sebastopol - Sabbat celebrations and classes are being offered by Reclaiming. Call their events line at 415-339-8150 for more information, or visit <http://www.reclaiming.org/>

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

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

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

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

\*San Francisco - There are two CUUPS chapters established in the Bay Area. The Pagan Interest Circle hosts moon rituals at 7:00 PM on the Saturday closest to the full moon at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in San Francisco, located at Franklin and Geary. Each rite is unique and open to all generations. A Yule and summer Solstice rite is held each year. For more information, contact Carlowe at 415-864-2858, or Sally at 510-595-1341 or [sallyam@pacbell.net](mailto:sallyam@pacbell.net), or write to PICt 1446 46th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122-2903. SFUU church phone 415-242-1608. Dark Moon Movies on witchy topics are hosted at the church as well. For film and date information please contact Kristen at 415-425-4847.

\*San Jose - Circle of Heart's Delight, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS), offers rituals at 7:45 PM on the 2nd Friday of each month. These are held in the beautiful round sanctuary of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose located at 160 N. 3rd St. No meetings in July or August. For more information, email [tenorfrank@aol.com](mailto:tenorfrank@aol.com) or call the church at 408-292-3858.

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

Modesto - Open congregation meetings with Fellowship of the Earth take place the first Saturday of every month at 3PM at the Universal Life Church in Modesto. For more information please contact [fote@partytown.com](mailto:fote@partytown.com)

Berkeley - Grok Circles is dedicated to honoring the Paths of All Worlds, and encouraging the growth of Grok Consciousness, as first described in *Stranger in a Strange Land*, the book that inspired Church of All Worlds. Meetings are held on two Sundays a month at 1pm. The Grok Energy and Healing Group focuses on practices that use and transmit chi or prana energy. Sometimes, these focus on physical or emotional healing, and sometimes they focus on psychic development. All Grok events are available by donation only. For more information about dates and locations, contact Cougar at [quest@cwia.com](mailto:quest@cwia.com) or 415-235-8985.

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

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

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

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

\*Berkeley - Rune Classes are being offered on the first Friday of every month with Hammer Oak Kindred in Berkeley. Two to three runes of the elder futhark will be studied in each class. Its part lecture, part discussion and almost always there is an activity relating to the rune. A donation between \$2-\$5 is requested to pay for the room rental, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Please contact Eric at [eric@iconoclast.net](mailto:eric@iconoclast.net) for more information.

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

Santa Clara - Circle of The Goddess (COTG) meets in Santa Clara, offering community support, legal clergy, in person teaching available and public circles. This is a national not-for-profit spiritual organization that focuses on earth spirituality, study and celebration of the Goddess, and self-realization through working in small Circle communities. The Inner Circle tradition incorporates Qabalistic and astrological practice, including rite timing. Shadow work, supporting each other and counseling are all integral parts of COTG's foundation, and are part of the Wheel of the Year. Public as well as private Circle work goes on throughout the year as well. For more information, visit <http://www.dragonflycreative.com/cotgindex.html> or Email [astarte@dragonflycreative.com](mailto:astarte@dragonflycreative.com)

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

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

East Bay - A Dianic Wimmin's Circle meets once a month in the East Bay. This circle is open to all Wimmin and is intended to create a spiritual and magical space. For more information, please call Rowan at 510-595-3458 or Email [rowan1@jps.net](mailto:rowan1@jps.net)

Concord - Witchy Wednesdays is an open forum on Paganism, Witch Craft and Wicca that meets at 7 PM in Concord on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. Meet with other like-minded people on pagan paths to share ideas, opinions, information, and ask questions. This is a great place for people new or old to pagan ways to meet and learn from each other. For more information, contact Elayne at [amethystrose@juno.com](mailto:amethystrose@juno.com), or call 925-676-8560.

\*Berkeley - Hrafnar kindred celebrates Walpurgisnacht on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 7:30pm in Berkeley. This event is open to both men and women, and contributions of food and drink are welcome. Most meetings are open, but newcomers should contact Hrafnar Circle first to confirm the topic and location. For more information, contact Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705, or [greyhavn@earthlink.net](mailto:greyhavn@earthlink.net), or visit [www.hrafnar.org](http://www.hrafnar.org).

San Francisco - A gathering to invoke and experience the powers of gods and goddesses that brandish the power of the veiled moon is held each month in San Francisco. Discussion begins at 8 PM and a Dark Moon ritual at 9 PM. Attune to the moon aligned with the sun. For more information contact Llyris, [gabidaz@yahoo.com](mailto:gabidaz@yahoo.com)

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

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

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

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

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Santa Cruz - Radical Fairies of Santa Cruz are "Queer Hippies" & "Pagans", "Social Servants" & "Playful Revolutionaries," "Gender Queens" & "Sensitive New Age GuyGirls". Gather on the third Sunday of the month to celebrate full moons and solstices, our love for the earth our mother, each other, and the spiritual gift which that love is. Potluck at 6PM, and ritual at 7PM. For more information, phone the events line at 831-335-5861 or call 831-429-1388.

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

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

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

\*Fremont - Pagan Coffee/Tea Night on alternating Friday nights from 7:30 ~ 10:00PM. Come meet and socialize with pagans, artists, musicians, fire dancers, and others in the community at the Mission Valley Coffee Roasting located at 40059 Mission Blvd, 510-440-0321. Look for a Chinese girl (Eileen) with short reddish hair and a White girl (Laurie) with really long hair! If you cannot find us, give us a call on our cell phone at 510-468-5139. For more information, contact 510-366-5067, [fire drum circle@hotmail.com](mailto:fire drum circle@hotmail.com), or visit [www.fire drum circle.com](http://www.fire drum circle.com).

\*Fremont - You are invited to an ongoing drum circle one Sunday of every month from 4:00 ~7:00PM at Central Park in Fremont. Come learn new drumming techniques, practice your drumming skills, and hang out and have a good time. This is a combined effort of Fire Drum Circle and local drummers trying to get more people to come out and drum. For more information, contact [fire drum circle@hotmail.com](mailto:fire drum circle@hotmail.com). For directions please call Central Park at 510-791-4356 and ask how to get to the Swim Lagoon. If you get there and you do not see us, please call us at 510-366-5067. For more information, contact [fire drum circle@hotmail.com](mailto:fire drum circle@hotmail.com), 510-366-5067, or visit [www.fire drum circle.com](http://www.fire drum circle.com).

\*Richmond - Academy Arkadia is offering classes in the magickal arts. This year they are expanding their faculty with local leaders in their fields. Those who would dedicate their energies to acquiring deep skill in the western magickal tradition are invited to participate. For more information or to register, contact Sam Webster at [sam@twilightgathering.org](mailto:sam@twilightgathering.org).

Pacific Grove - Please join an Open Pagan Circle every Sunday morning, for fellowship and chat at the Sacred Branch, next to Bookworks, in downtown Pacific Grove at 11AM. For more information, please contact [annie490@yahoo.com](mailto:annie490@yahoo.com)

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

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

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

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

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Oakland - Moonweavers - An open women's circle affiliated with Spiral, meets monthly in Oakland. Call Hawk at 510-601-6753 for more information.

San Rafael - WomanSpirit Circle meets on the third Sunday of every month at Marin UU Fellowship located at 240 Channing Way, San Rafael, 94903-2606. For more information, please contact Marina at 415-893-9999 or the church phone at 415-479-4131.

Santa Cruz - Moms and Babes Celebrate! Body & Soul hosts ceremonial classes encompassing prayer and meditation, song and sound, breath and movement, ritual and dance beginning at 11:15am on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. Body & Soul is located at 738 Chestnut St. \$8 offering. For more information, contact lolani at 831-479-3310, [info@sanctuary-illumination.com](mailto:info@sanctuary-illumination.com) or visit [www.sanctuary-illumination.com](http://www.sanctuary-illumination.com).

Santa Cruz - Experience oneness with Spirit through sacred dance and soul empowering music of the world every third Friday from 7-10pm at Body & Soul located at 738 Chestnut St. Ecstatic Dance allows your dance to be your heartfelt prayer. \$15 offering. For more information, call lolani at 831-479-3310 [info@sanctuary-illumination.com](mailto:info@sanctuary-illumination.com) or visit [www.sanctuary-illumination.com](http://www.sanctuary-illumination.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\*San Francisco - The Pagan Interest Circle (CUUPS chapter) hosts Dark Moon Movies on witchy topics at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in San Francisco, located at Franklin and Geary. Movies are shown in the school starting at 7:00 pm. For film and date information please contact Kristen at 415-425-4847.

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

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

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five. Camp runs every week of summer break, Mon-Fri, starting at 9am and ending at 3pm. For more information, contact 650-988-9048 or visit [www.grand-adventure.com](http://www.grand-adventure.com).

Berkeley - "Rituals for Life", a new women's group with Z Budapest, meets on the first and last Fridays of the months from 7-9pm in Berkeley. We focus on our lives, we listen to each other, we don't judge. Z then will lead then lead appropriate and powerful rituals to support our goals. Group meets at the 1901 North Berkeley Senior Center (corner of Martin Luther King and Hurst St) second floor room C. Cost is a hundred dollars a month. Z Budapest is an internationally known author of seven books on the Goddess and her rituals. She is returning to lead groups for the first time in the 21st century. Register online at [www.zbudapest.com](http://www.zbudapest.com) via PayPal or E-mail [silverzb@aol.com](mailto:silverzb@aol.com).

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

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

Bay Area - The Sophianic Order is a brand-new Pagan tradition combining Greek, Egyptian, Gnostic, and Frankish theology and practices in service to Divine Sophia. For more information, contact Argante Comyn at [argantecomyn@yahoo.com](mailto:argantecomyn@yahoo.com), or P. O. Box 81, Millbrae, CA 94030.

Palo Alto - Rhythm Circle usually meets on the third Saturday of each month from 5:30-7pm, followed by a potluck from 7-8pm, and then a Bardic Circle into the night. For the Bardic Circle, we sit around in a circle and take turns "pick, pass, or play ". You can pick someone to do something, pass your turn, or play by singing, reciting stories or poetry, drumming etc. We usually have a few guitar players, fiddlers, drummers, and at least one didjeridu player. Most people sing a cappella. It's a really friendly environment. Most people that show up for the bardic circle come during the potluck period. If you are only interested in the rhythm circle, feel free to stay for the potluck if you want. Bring drums, didjes, and other rhythmic instruments. If you are interested in attending, request to be put on the announcement list. For more information, contact [richard@imagecraft.com](mailto:richard@imagecraft.com).

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

Cotati – Coven Nemorensis invites you to join them and others for open meetings at The Redwood Cafe, Old Redwood Highway, on alternating Thursday nights at 7pm. For updates and information regarding this or other Coven Nemorensis events / services, contact [ferne.campbell@att.net](mailto:ferne.campbell@att.net), or visit <http://www.covennemorensis.mybravenet.com/cronestea.html>.

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

Visit <http://www.cyprian.org/Index> for additional bay area events and listings. For more events, groups and organizations, and contacts, visit Witches Voice at <http://www.witchvox.net/wotw/home/california.html>

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