

# BAPAN

LITHA/MIDSUMMER 2002

## PRESIDENT'S PLEASURE

Greetings to BAPA!

The Summer Solstice is upon us. Call it what you will, Litha, Mid-Summers Day, Alban, Hefin, or Leth! It's all the same. This is the middle of our year, and the modern beginning of summer. The world is in bloom with the bright colors of flowers, the verdant and full leaved trees, and the song of birds everywhere. It is the time when the Oak King has grown, and the Holly King begins His emergence in the cycle of life, death, and rebirth. It is the time of balance in life and the maturing of things to come. The balance of the year is reflected in our times, good things and worrisome events abound around the world. Her glory!

Summer is upon us here in the Bay Area, and a new phase of BAPA is approaching. The last Sunday of the month, on June 30, 2002, we have our Annual General Assembly Meeting at Gaia's Gateway. I urge everyone who can make it to attend. We will be voting in a new Board of Directors to continue the tradition that

BAPA has become. BAPA is in need of new people to come forward to volunteer their time to serve the Pagan Community. There will be new events this summer with the Tapestry in Talent Festival Labor Day weekend, and the Pagan Pride Day in San Francisco on Saturday, September 14, 2002. We will need volunteers to help with these events and to help with various functions that keep BAPA alive. If you are interested in serving your community, please come forward and let us know! Anyone can contact me at [bapaprez@yahoo.com](mailto:bapaprez@yahoo.com).

At this time I wish to announce that I will be retiring as President of BAPA. I have served the BAPA community on and off for three years now, and have a need to go on to other things in my life. It has been my pleasure to serve all of you wonderful folks, and have had the opportunity to serve my Lady and Lord by being there for the BAPA community. My life needs to grow and become what it needs to be. I will endeavor to continue to be part of the BAPA community as a member, and continue to be at service to the Pagan community in the future.

With great love for you all!

Blessed Be!

David "Blue" Fletcher MacLeod  
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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## **BAPA BASICS**

### ***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 Sponsored Circles:***

Gaia's Gateway is a monthly open ritual featuring a different Pagan tradition each month. Each Gateway begins with an informative talk, and both the talk and the ritual are led by practitioners of the religion presented. We request a \$5.00 donation from non-members. Gateways are held on the last Sunday of the month from 6pm-9pm in the Fireside Room at the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church (PAUUC).

## **GAIA'S GATEWAY MONTHLY SCHEDULE**

### **June 30, 2002**

BAPA Members Annual Meeting followed by a Summer Solstice Ritual with Hearthstone Circle, a diverse group of Witches, Pagans, and the like who gather to celebrate the turning of the Wheel and the coming of the Full Moon. Hearthstone practices casual magickal workings with emphasis on seasonal changes and personal growth. Call 408-559-GAIA for more information.

### ***ATHENA'S ARCHIVES (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. What interesting pagan reading or movie watching have you done recently? Send us a review and recommendation!

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

Submission and calendar deadline for the Lammas BAPAN is July 15, 2002. Calendar items should include events through October 31, 2002.

If you wish to contribute any articles, opinions, recipes, book/video reviews, letters, or calendar items for

the BAPAN, send them via email to BapaMailing@yahoo.com and type "newsletter contribution" in the subject line. You may also send items to the address above.

### ***BAPA Network Services:***

To find out about local Pagan events, related to BAPA or not, see Chronos Calendar, and call 408-559-4242 (GAIA) to leave a message requesting specific information.

### *Where to contact BAPA:*

P.O. Box 4159

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### ***BAPA Officers:***

President: David Fletcher-MacLeod

Vice President: Michael Dilts

Secretary: Jim McCann

Treasurer: Karissa Shaw

Board Chair: Eric Rodas

### ***BAPA Volunteers:***

Network Coordinator: Scout Ghost

Gateway Coordinator: Michael Dilts

Volunteer Coordinator: Eric Rodas

Library: Joan Carroll

Membership Coordinator: Gary Mattingly

Web Master: Galen Du Puis (Jordan Avon)

BAPAN Editor: Crystal Black

### ***Have a Web Connection?***

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## **ARGUMENT OF HIS BOOK**

*Hesperides (1648)*

I sing of brooks, of blossoms, birds, and bowers:  
Of April, May, of June, and July flowers.

I sing of Maypoles, Hock-carts, wassails, wakes,  
Of bridegrooms, brides, and of their bridal cakes.

## WHAT IS MID-SUMMER?

The summer solstice is, at the most basic definition, the time when the sun reaches the Tropic of Cancer thereby creating the longest day of the year. Astrologers know this as the date on which the sun enters the sign of Cancer. Christians adopted this holiday as the Festival of St. John or St. John's Day for the birth of John the Baptist. Today, the celebration is often one of marriage and consummation. Gods of the holiday include Baldur, Mars, and Nergal; and Goddesses of the holiday include Kupala, Astarte, and Vesta. Herbs often associated with Mid-Summer include Heather, St. John's Wort, Mistletoe, Elder, and Mugwort. Other common names for associated holidays are the Summer Solstice, Midsummer, Litha, Alban Hefin, Inti Raymi, Feast of the Sun, and, of course, St. John's Day.

## EDITORIAL ILLUMINATIONS

It's funny how paths crossing can create the most amazing results, even when you aren't looking.

A friend from college visited me last week. We were never very close when we attended college together; we just knew each other from classes and work and around town. When he called to say he was coming for a visit, I looked forward to it, but I didn't think much about it. When he left, he had subtly, yet substantially changed my life. The simple crossing of our paths for 9 days brought about a change in my life I wasn't even looking to make. I wake in the morning and life looks different than it did last month. And what's most amazing is that this man will never know the impact his visit had in my life.

We don't know what affect we'll have when we get up to start our day. A smile to the stranger we pass on the street; a little extra tip to the wait staff at a restaurant; the cussing of the driver that cut us off on our morning commute. I want to thank you for the opportunity for our paths to cross for a time. None of us know what tomorrow will bring, whom we will meet, or what affect we will have on the lives of those we will interact with in just passing. Even more so when we are open to these interactions.

I welcome interacting with you and can be contacted directly at [crblack95054@yahoo.com](mailto:crblack95054@yahoo.com). I welcome comments, suggestions, or newsletter submissions. I would like to see this newsletter continue to be a voice in the community. We are each a voice, a unique and musical tone that is individually beautiful, but bringing our voices together can be the ultimate in harmony. Let your voice be heard by me and others within your community today!

Crystal Black, Editor  
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## "STANDING STONES"

### *Bedrock Groups of Bay Area Paganism*

#### **Organizations:**

- (BAPA) Bay Area Pagan Assemblies, Palo Alto, 408-559-4242
- (COG) Covenant of the Goddess, call Arios at 415-584-2659
- (DD) Dragon Dream, San Francisco, 415-820-1500
- (FCE) Full Circle Events, 615 Malarin Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, 408-224-4625, [www.fullcircleevents.org](http://www.fullcircleevents.org)
- (LI) The Lilith Institute, contact Deborah Grenn-Scott at 650-345-5449, [lilith@best.com](mailto:lilith@best.com), [www.lilithinstitute.com](http://www.lilithinstitute.com)
- (NROOGD) New Reformed Order of the Golden Dawn, Berkeley, 510-521-1040, [www.nroogd.org](http://www.nroogd.org)
- (PH) Phases, San Francisco, 415-468-5466, [lawre@sirius.com](mailto:lawre@sirius.com), [www.phases.org](http://www.phases.org)
- (RE) Reclaiming San Francisco, 415-256-1766
- (SBE) South Bay Circles, Palo Alto, contact Bianca at 408-265-5180

#### **Businesses:**

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

# Word Scramble

1. NTII RYAMI                    -----
2. NIROSBFE                    -----
3. ROTEIDPAH                   -----
4. HORTME ENAURT              -----
5. TS JHONS TORW              -----
6. IHLAT                        -----
7. YUJL                         -----
8. LPAAUK                      -----
9. SAMR                         -----
10. MRMUSE                     -----
11. TS OJNSH YDA              -----
12. SRAEATT                    -----
13. USN DOG                    -----
14. ETVAS                       -----
15. UDARLB                     -----
16. ATNAAH                     -----
17. ETEOMSTIL                 -----
18. NUEJ                         -----
19. SLCTOESI                    -----
20. APBA                        -----
21. ALNBA EHINUR              -----
22. MROTWGU                    -----
23. RCNTEEG--JANI-KEH        -----
24. OKA KGIN                   -----
25. DELRE                      -----
26. LNEGAR                     -----

## Upcoming Local Pagan Events ~ June, 2002

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.

June 4, 11, 18, 25 - Seekers' Lunch meets weekly on Tuesdays at Hobee's in Palo Alto from 12:30-2:00PM. Curious, new to the Craft, or Pagans new to the area are welcome to gather at 4224 El Camino Real. Ask the hostess for the "duck people". Call 650-813-1816 for information. Reservations not required.

June 4, 11, 18, 25 - A Pagan Support Group meets in Santa Clara on Tuesdays from 7:30-9pm. This group is for adults in the Earth Wise community who are working on their own healing and growth. These include people working on issues of addiction and codependency as well as to people from dysfunctional families. Both men and women are welcome. We work with a Pagan version of the 12 Steps, called the Spiral Steps. These 13 Pagan Steps emphasize reclaiming our power and celebrate our connection to all living things. They focus on balance, health and healing. This is a non-smoking, non-cross talk, anonymous meeting. If you wish to receive an invitation and more information, please contact Dj at [witsend@ix.netcom.com](mailto:witsend@ix.netcom.com). A small facility donation is requested.

June 20, 27 - The Psychic Eye Bookshop in San Francisco is offering The Mystery Houses as part of the Intermediate Astrology Lecture Series from 7-8:30pm. These water houses are often a source of difficulty for professional astrologers in terms of interpreting their complex and subtle natures. For the layperson, a trip through the mystery houses can make for a bumpy ride, both in terms of interpretation and experience. In a three-part question / answer series, Aeion shows you how to explore these important areas of the birth chart. Cost: \$10 per session. For more information, contact 415-863-9997.

June 7, 28 - "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. For more information, contact 510-893-3097. Register online at [www.zbudapest.com](http://www.zbudapest.com) via PayPal or E-mail [silverzb@aol.com](mailto:silverzb@aol.com).

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

June 8, 22 - Learn to Read Hieroglyphs at the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 2:00-3:00pm. This is a single, repeating one-hour workshop will introduce to the novice to symbols and meaning, numbering system, calendar dating system. ancient names, and museum gallery search for hieroglyphs. At the conclusion of the workshop a visit to one of the museum galleries will be available for those who wish to find hieroglyphs relating to workshop material. Free with Museum admission. For more information, contact 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.rosicrucian.org/museum/>.

June 25 - 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).

June 12, 26 - The Sacred Grove hosts "Linking Circles" on the second and last Wednesdays of every month from 7-9pm in Santa Cruz. This is a space for all groups to meet and organize, and shall not be a recruiting platform controlled by any one group. Meet in a safe and comfortable environment where solitaires can meet groups, groups can meet groups and

solitaires can meet solitaires at 924 Soquel Ave. Contact Sacred Grove for more information at 831-423-1949 or [sacredgrove@onebox.com](mailto:sacredgrove@onebox.com).

June 12, 26 - 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.

June 13, 20, 27 – Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching ongoing Astrology In-Depth classes every Thursday night at Inner Journey in Los Gatos from 7-9:30pm. This is an open class for lay and professional Astrologers with a basic knowledge of houses, planets, signs and aspects. These intermediate/advanced classes will work on developing synthesis skills and understanding chart interpretation from an evolutionary and psychological perspective. This should prove to be a very lively learning environment for everyone. Participants are encouraged to bring along example charts to work with, and I always prepare a lesson on a specific area of interest. The cost is \$25 for each class. For more information, please contact Lisa at 408-206-2518, [astrotarot@earthlink.net](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>

June 13, 27 - 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 or visit [www.sanctuary-illumination.com](http://www.sanctuary-illumination.com).

June 14, 28 – You are welcome to attend Pagan Coffee/Tea Night in Fremont on alternating Friday nights from 7:30 ~10:00PM. Come meet and socialize with pagans, artists, musicians, fire dancers, and others in the community at the 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 or visit [fire drum circle@hotmail.com](mailto:fire drum circle@hotmail.com).

June 16 - 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/>.

June 17 – The Psychic Eye Bookshop in San Francisco is offering a Brief History of the Weird class from 7-8:30pm. Hosted by Aeion, this five-part lecture series examines the occult tradition of the West. This evening's class is part 5 of that series. Cost: \$10. For more information, contact 415-863-9997.

June 18 – 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@freyasfolk.org](mailto:runegild@freyasfolk.org) for additional information.

June 19 – Tempest will be teaching Witchcraft as a Solitary Spiritual Path: Getting Started, at The Psychic Eye in Mountain View from 7-9pm. Develop a working understanding of what it means to be a Witch through an exploration of Modern Traditional Witchcraft (as opposed to Wicca), discover the benefits of working as a solitary, and come away from this class prepared to get started on your spiritual quest. Come with questions. Cost: \$12. For more information, contact 650-964-2220 or Email Tempest at [tempest@crescentmagazine.com](mailto:tempest@crescentmagazine.com).

June 19 - Manifestation, Abundance and Prosperity, with Scout Bartlett from 7:30 -9:30pm at the San Jose Metaphysical Bookshop. It's all energy and so are you. Focus your intent and decrease the obstacles and energy blockages that keep you from attaining your goals. Scout will reveal some remarkable focusing techniques along with the concepts that support them. Cost: \$15. For more information, contact 408-446-0590, [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com), or visit [www.sanjosesebookshop.surfmetro.com](http://www.sanjosesebookshop.surfmetro.com).

June 20 – Celebrate Litha with Reclaiming of San Francisco at Ocean Beach (Meet between Sloat Blvd. and Taraval Street, but will be closer to Taraval.), San Francisco. Gather at 6:30PM, Ritual at 7:30PM. Bring wood, old spells to burn, things to make and decorate the Wicker Man, food and drink to share, and a towel if you plan to plunge. 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. See <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html> for more information.

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June 20 – Ancient Ways in Oakland hosts, Money Spells with Glenn Turner at 7:30pm. This class focuses on the use of visualization and personal preparation along with information on ingredients for mojo bags and talismans. A short ritual using the energy of the waxing moon for money and prosperity will follow it. Includes handouts. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com).

June 20 - Daughters of the Goddess Presents: Singing Summer Solstice from 7:30-10:30pm. Plan to chant, sing, and dance. 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 & 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 Lellani Birelyi at 925-256-8109, [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

June 21 – You are invited to a Summer Solstice celebration in Half Moon Bay from 7pm until the party is over. This event takes place on the beach, 1/8th mile south of the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club. The Earth has reached the midpoint on her journey around the Sun. Light is in the ascendant. From this time on, the daylight hours will begin to shorten again. Join us as we joyfully celebrate with body and Spirit in ceremony, dance, and drumming at the ocean. The tradition of a hearty display of fireworks will continue. Summer Solstice is a magical time for wishing. Float a rose with your kiss on it into the waves to carry your prayer home. Ceremonies are open to all and children are encouraged to take part. Weather and tides permitting, ceremonies occur around a bonfire on the beach. Contribution \$10.00, and bring a potluck item. For more information, contact [janfreya@mindspring.com](mailto:janfreya@mindspring.com).

June 21 – Pandemonaeon will be playing at the Summer Solstice Celebration at Club Fab in Guerneville. The celebration is from 9pm to 7am (!!) with Pandemonaeon starting at 10:30pm. Also featured are a midnight drum ritual, full bar, vegan buffet and treats for all the senses. For more information, contact [info@fabpresents.com](mailto:info@fabpresents.com).

June 21 – Join Luna Circa as they celebrate with their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday ritual. This eclectic women's circle 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. For location and other information, please contact [lunacirca@yahoo.com](mailto:lunacirca@yahoo.com) or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

June 21 - 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.

June 21 - 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).

June 21-23 – Come to Pacific Circle 22 for song, dance, storytelling, lectures, workshops and Trader's Row. Pagans from Southern California and from all over Mother's globe will gather to feast and marvel in the beautiful Angeles Crest forest in the Los Angeles area. For more information, visit <http://www.pacificcircle.org/gathering.htm>

June 22 – South Bay Circles will host a Summer Solstice Celebration presented by OpLoi. Attendance is by invitation only. 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>.

June 22 – Celebrate Litha with NROOGD at Guadalupe Park and Gardens, Discovery Meadow in San Jose, starting at 1:30pm. Dance with the Goddess to the Prayer of the Feet. Flow with the rhythm of the Call of the God. Witness the duel of the Green Man and the Hunt Lord. Help us turn the Wheel of the Year. Ritual begins promptly at 2:00 pm. Please be on time. A potluck picnic will follow, so please feel free to bring snacks to share. Cost: \$10-20 donation to cover expenses, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information, contact Stefon at 408-241-3169.

June 22 - SF Pagan Pride Day Fund-raiser. Please join us in Alameda at 7PM to celebrate summer, meet new friends and build our community. As many of you may know, Pagan Pride Day for the Bay Area is on September 14th. This fund-

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raiser will assist with various fees and permits, which are needed for the event. We will have snacks and beverages, music and readings, Tarot and tea, an Altar or two, and of course a raffle. Some of the raffle prizes include gift baskets, massage, candles, and wine. All money raised from donations at the door and from the raffle will be used for San Francisco Bay Area Pagan Pride Day. Bring your friends and spread the word. (RSVP requested). For information, contact 510-331-4262 or visit <http://www.evite.com/gypsycamp@peoplepc.com/ppdfund> or <http://www.sfbayareapaganpride.org>

June 22 – Lenore Norrgard will teach a Shamanic Journey class in Berkeley from 1-4pm. In the shamanic view, our bodies reside in ordinary reality, while our spirits live mostly here, but are capable of journeying to a parallel realm where power animals and spirit teachers reside. This introductory class is half informational and half experimental, giving students an opportunity to make an exploratory journey to meet their power animals. For more information, contact 415-820-1655, or [lenorenorrgard@yahoo.com](mailto:lenorenorrgard@yahoo.com).

June 22 - The Pagan Interest Circle (CUUPS chapter) hosts moon rituals at 7:00pm 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. For more information, contact Carlowe at 415-864-2858, or Sally at 510-595-1341, [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.

June 22, 23 – Mara Freeman hosts, Celtic Solstice: A Midsummer Retreat in the Sacred Grove in Ben Lomond. Join Mara in an experiential weekend of Celtic wisdom and grace, both playful and grounded. Journey outward to the greenwood to explore Druidic Mysteries of earth, stone and tree, and inward to explore the Faery kingdom of the Otherworld on wings of story, movement and music. Learn simple sacred circle dances from Celtic countries, take part in Druid ceremony and ritual, and bring more light and more joy into our lives. Plus, Celtic song and music by Gerry Smida Celtic harp, bagpipes, flutes, accordion, guitar, Irish drums, vocals and more. Place: "Expressions of Amity," Ben Lomond, near Santa Cruz: in a secluded redwood grove on land resonant with ancient spiritual energies. Cost: \$198.00 per person. Includes 4 vegetarian meals, camping facilities or yurt space. For more information or to register, contact [events@celticspirit.org](mailto:events@celticspirit.org), 800-694-1957, or visit [www.celticspirit.org](http://www.celticspirit.org).

June 23 – Dragon Dream will host a Summer Solstice Ritual for Women in San Francisco from noon-3:30pm. Ritual, potluck, and networking. 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.

June 23 – Fire Drum Circle invites you to Summer Solstice Potluck and Drum Circle from 3:00 ~7:00PM at Central Park in Fremont. Please bring a food dish for potluck and your own cups and utensils. Drinks (non alcoholic) will be provided. Also make sure you have something to sit on and a jacket in case it's chilly. Feel free to bring some good energy, your friends, your kids, your pets (on a leash), any chants or stories you would like to share, firedancing toys (unlit), and especially your drums or other percussion instruments. 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).

June 23 – 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. This Circle is held at a private residence, so please call ahead for directions. 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).

June 26 – Join Sharon and Jim for an Introduction to Wicca series of classes from 7:30 - 9:00pm at the San Jose Metaphysical Bookshop, meeting approximately every other Wednesday. Tonight's class reviews the holidays and festivals of the Wiccan year. 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.surfmeter.com](http://www.sanjosebookshop.surfmeter.com).

June 26 – Tempest will be teaching Witchcraft as a Solitary Spiritual Path: A Foot On the Path at The Psychic Eye in Mountain View from 7-9pm. In this intensive session, we will discuss personal dedication rituals, using heritage as a framework, personal codes, tools, and deities. If you're searching to define your path and enhance your personal

experience, this is a step in the right direction. Cost: \$12. For more information, contact 650-964-2220 or Email Tempest at [tempest@crestmagazine.com](mailto:tempest@crestmagazine.com).

June 27 - Apprentice Practitioner Program with Magickal Arts Guild from 7:30 -9:30pm at The San Jose Metaphysical Bookshop. Discover the world of real magick. This is the third of a 9-part series of classes covering Divination, Natural Magickal Arts and Magickal Techniques. Tonight's Lecture: Astrology Fundamentals. Cost: \$20 per class (Pre-enrollment and pre-payment required). 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).

June 27 – Glenn Turner hosts, Deities of the Month Club: The Pantheon of Greece at Ancient Ways in Oakland starting at 7:30pm. Explore the ancient polytheistic religion of Greece. We will look at these gods and goddesses, how they related to each other and how they may relate to Crete, Mesopotamia and Egypt. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com).

June 28, 29 – The Summer Solstice Dance/Theater presents the Tenth Annual Living Goddess, at the San Anselmo Playhouse at 7:30pm. For more information, contact 415-383-3467, 415-383-4167, [goddess@dhyanis.com](mailto:goddess@dhyanis.com) or visit <http://dhyanis.com/living10.html>.

June 29 – Thalassa will host a Tarot Tea Party from 1-5pm at Ancient Ways in Oakland. Sip tea, munch bikkies and take in a lecture by Madama Thalassa on the glamour, mystery and uses of the Tarot, followed by hands-on work. All levels of interest and experience are welcome. Hat and gloves are optional, but a sense of humour is mandatory. Bring your favorite deck to work with.

June 29-30 - Lenore Norrgard is hosting a Shamanic Empowerment Weekend Intensive from 10am-5pm in Berkeley. Strengthen your relationship with life and the planet through learning to communicate with the spirit world. This beginning weekend intensive will provide in-depth instruction in fundamental shamanic journey skills. Learn how to journey outside of time and space to reach the unseen world; build relationships with your personal power animals and spirit teachers; and learn how to elicit useful counsel and personal healing. For more information, contact 415-820-1655, or [lenorenorrgard@yahoo.com](mailto:lenorenorrgard@yahoo.com).

June 30 – BAPA Members' Annual Meeting will precede our monthly Gaia's Gateway, an open public ritual featuring a different Pagan tradition each month. Gateways are held from 6-8pm at the Palo Alto Unitarian Church located at 505 E. Charleston Rd. This month's Gateway will be a Summer Solstice ritual hosted by Hearthstone Circle, a diverse group of Witches, Wiccans, Pagans and the like who gather to celebrate the Turning of the Wheel and the Full Moon. Hearthstone practices casual magickal working with emphasis on seasonal changes and personal growth. Call 408-559-GAIA for more information or visit <http://www.batnet.com/bapagan/bapa.html>.

June 30 – Full Circle presents their third annual Solstice Celebration Picnic at the wild and lovely Sanborn Park in Saratoga from 11am until dusk. Sanborn Park has picnic spots and a big open meadow for kite flying and frisbee chasing. Dogs are welcome if they are on a leash. This park has wonderful hiking areas, redwood forests, a lake, lots of bird and animal life and great places to play and relax. Bring a picnic lunch, your friends, your kids, blankets, drums, sun block, toys and beach chairs. This is not a ritual or an open circle; it's just a chance to relax with some nice people in a beautiful, natural setting and enjoy the turning of the wheel into Summer. For more information, visit <http://www.fullcircleevents.org>, or call 408-224-4625.

June 30 - 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.

June 30 - 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 2 - 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.

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July 3 thru 7 - Art and Spirit: A Workshop with Selene Vega and Jennifer Alexander will take place at Skyote Mountain Retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Moving and dancing, alone and together, we will journey inwards and reach outwards to connect with ourselves, with each other, and with the earth. Finding center in the body, allowing the flow of life energy to move through us, returning again to center. Following guided imagery, attending to the breath, allowing movement to emerge from a deep source within as well as responding to relationships around us, we find a place for all that we are, from wildly energetic dances to the stillness of quiet breath, coming to sacred ground in the body. No previous dance experience is necessary and all levels of physical ability are welcome. For more information please contact Selene at 831-440-0645 or visit <http://www.spiritmoving.com>.

July 5 - 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. 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.

July 6 - 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).

July 6 – Community Seed of Santa Cruz sponsors Energy Walks 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).

July 7 - Marin Womanspirit meets on the first Sunday of every month at Marin UU Fellowship. For information, write to Marin Fellowship, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael, CA 94903-2606. Church phone: 415-479-4131.

July 10 - Queer Womyn's Spirituality Teaching Circles presents June's Dark Moon – New Moon - Ritual For Change in San Francisco. The Moon is in Her own royalty in Cancer. So hold your own, as She pours Her watery self down upon us. Sensitivity rises to the surface. It's ole' Mothering Moon reminding us we have large doses of both strength and vulnerability. Right now we may have a love for inclusiveness and nurturance and She is waiting to tend to our emotional needs and our healing places. Center yourself take a long soaking bath, think about the best way of taking care of yourself and come join us in circle. 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).

July 11 thru August 1 – Rabbi Steven Fisdell is teaching a course on Metaphysics of the Tarot at Foothill College from 7-10pm on Thursdays. This is a multi-leveled approach to understanding the structure, principles and practical use of Tarot cards. Focusing on the practical application of the Tarot, better understanding is sought of the deeper levels of meaning, both personal and universal. The class objective is to introduce the student to the use of Tarot and is suitable both for those with no previous experience, as well as seasoned practitioners. Bring a Tarot deck. Class #6406. For more information or to register, contact 408-864-8817, or visit [www.communityeducation.fdh.edu](http://www.communityeducation.fdh.edu).

July 13 - 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. Tonight's movie will be The Mexican. For more information please contact Kristen at 415-425-4847.

July 13 – 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

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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](http://www.communityseed.org/CS_-_Events/Environment/environment.html).

July 13 - 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.fullcIRCLEEVENTS.org/>.

July 14 – 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).

July 17 - 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 Sex Beyond the Normal - Merging the energy patterns that are the foundations of intimacy, connection and "chemistry." If you have a partner, invite them. For those hoping for a better connection with their next partner, this is the information you need. 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).

July 17 thru 20 - \*\*\*\*Canceled\*\*\*\* Kids between the ages of 8-12 yrs, who love to read and write, are invited to attend GrannyZ's Witches and Wizards Camp--A literary/fantasy/art camp. Z Budapest, noted author with the Women's Spirituality Forum, is launching a family witches camp with a strong Harry Potter fantasy track. Hidden in the redwoods of La Honda on the California coastline, at a wonderful camp, witches and wizards can train, play, learn about animals in the wild, magical stones, climb towers, partake in the archery competition, swim in a pool, role play/read Harry Potter scenes/games with each other. Children under 8, or over 12 must register with parents. For more information, visit [www.zbudapest.com](http://www.zbudapest.com).

July 19-21 – Community Seed invites you to a Solaris Festival in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains in Los Gatos. Arrive anytime after 11:00am on Friday, and stay for two nights at Lupin Lodge. Enjoy hiking trails winding along the mountainside through groves of sacred oak trees that cover the 110 acres of Lupin Lodge. Relax in a large cozy yurt with your friends. There are four group camping areas, with plenty of shade in this clothing optional environment. There are also hot tubs, spas, and a large swimming pool. We will start out activities on Friday evening with an 'orientation' and circle casting around the festival site. Later that evening, there will be a ritual and a 'bardic' where we can share songs, make story, etc. Saturday will be a filled with opportunities to attend workshops and classes or just hang out at the pool. There will be live entertainment in the restaurant during the dinner hour, and ritual after dark. Sunday morning will begin with body painting and a drum circle / ceremony to greet the sun. The rest of the day is open to enjoy in whatever way suits you. Closing ritual will be at 3:00 pm. Lupin has a wonderful restaurant that caters to vegetarians and omnivores alike. You can also opt to bring your own food and prepare it in the community kitchen area. Pre-registry for this event is a must. For more details about activities, what to bring, and what not to bring, contact 831-469-0336, [witchway@mindspring.com](mailto:witchway@mindspring.com) or visit [http://www.communityseed.org/CS\\_-\\_Events/Solaris/solaris.html](http://www.communityseed.org/CS_-_Events/Solaris/solaris.html).

July 20 – The San Jose Metaphysical Bookstore will host a Magickal Arts Faire from 12:00-5:00pm. No time to attend Hogwarts during the regular school year? Need to brush up on your transmogrification skills? This is your chance to try your hand at some real wizarding. Make your own wand - Stir up a brew of magickal oils - Learn how to do some simple spellwork - Create an herbal talisman for good luck - Cast a Rune or three - Discover some fantastic beasts that were left out of Prof. Scamander's classic guide. Come join us at this weekend summer camp for aspiring wizards of all ages. (Kids: bring your parents along) Free admission. 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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July 21 - Full Circle will again offer their very popular Pagan High Tea with Victorian Divination from 1-3pm in a delightful Victorian Tea Shop in Campbell. This event is limited to 13 persons and it sells out quickly, so first come, first served. For more information, contact 408-224-4625, [lustyteawench@aol.com](mailto:lustyteawench@aol.com) or visit <http://www.fullciclevents.org>. To purchase tickets, visit the Full Circle website.

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July 24 - Daughters of the Goddess Presents: Celebrate Goddess Athena and Full Moon in Aquarius 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 Lellani Birelyi at 925-256-8109, [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

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, [motherbearscott@mindspring.com](mailto:motherbearscott@mindspring.com), or visit [www.isisoasis.org](http://www.isisoasis.org).

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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, 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 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).

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August 10 – Herne's Oak will host Lammas with NROOGD in 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. Families are welcome. 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. Location and further details TBA. For more information, please contact: [yasmindove@yahoo.com](mailto:yasmindove@yahoo.com).

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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 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 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 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 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

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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, visit [www.phases.org](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 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 Lellani 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. 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 24 - The Pagan Interest Circle (CUUPS chapter) hosts moon rituals at 7:00pm 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. For more information, contact Carlowe at 415-864-2858, or Sally at 510-595-1341, [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.

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/>.

### 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.surfmeter.com](http://www.sanjosebookshop.surfmeter.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@fullcicleevents.org](mailto:Info@fullcicleevents.org) or visit <http://www.fullcicleevents.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/>

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

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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>.

Marin - Marin Womanspirit meets on the first Sundays of every month at Marin UU Fellowship. For info call Lucille Foppiano at 415-479-9169 or write to Marin Fellowship, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael, CA 94903-2606. Church phone: 415-479-4131.

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 starting 6/27/2000 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.

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

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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.com) (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).

Santa Cruz - Radical Fairies of Santa Cruz are "Queer Hippies" & "Pagans", "Social Servants" & "Playful Revolutionaries," "Gender Queens" & "Sensitive New Age GuyGirls". Gather on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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, firedancers, 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, [firedrumcircle@hotmail.com](mailto:firedrumcircle@hotmail.com), or visit [www.firedrumcircle.com](http://www.firedrumcircle.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 [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 510-366-5067. For more information, contact [firedrumcircle@hotmail.com](mailto:firedrumcircle@hotmail.com), 510-366-5067, or visit [www.firedrumcircle.com](http://www.firedrumcircle.com).

\*Richmond - Academy Arkadia is entering its fifth year, and in a continuing effort to serve and support the local community, 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).

Cotati - Open meetings will be held at The Redwood Cafe, Old Redwood Highway on Thursday nights at 7PM. These meetings are open to the public. For updates and information regarding other Coven Nemorensis events and services, visit <http://www.dreamwater.net/nemorensis>.

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).

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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 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, 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.

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 3rd Sunday of every month at Marin UU Fellowship located at 240 Channing Way, San Rafael, 94903-2606. Church phone, 415-479-4131. For more information, please contact Marina at 415-883-4065, or [songster@cmc.net](mailto:songster@cmc.net).

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 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, Orixa Bembe, and Urban Sigil Magik. Seeking qualified persons to form and participate in an ecstasy-focused working magickal group, Temple of All Gods (aka: TAG). We are looking for people that are interested in building a deeper and more profound connection to the spirit realm by exploring the limits of consciousness in a focused and safe

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environment. For more information, contact Veleda 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, Esbbats and things in between for open, non-judgmental, open Tradition, Ritual Events. Most events are held within the Gilroy, Hollister, San Juan, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Bay Area, and are open to men and women. Children are welcome depending on the event. Monthly adventures such as camping, picnics, discussions, training, and kitchen witchery are held regularly. 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 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).

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

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

### Publications ~

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

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