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MABON 2002

BAPA NEWS

Greetings to BAPA!

1. San Francisco Pagan Pride Day - Thank you for all of those who came out to volunteer at the BAPA table and for all of those who came by to visit and lend your support! Also, special thanks to Gary Mattingly, BAPA volunteer and board member for his key organizational role in making this event happen!
2. On-going Volunteer openings available - Due to extenuating circumstances, the current volunteer, Crystal Black, is leaving the area. Please email Michael Dilts at bapaprez@yahoo.com if you are interested in filling these two important community service opportunities.
3. Membership Renewal Time - Your renewal notice and return envelope are provided in this holiday's newsletter. Please continue to help serve your community!
4. Next Gaia's Gateway - Local druid Marix will give a brief introduction to Druidism and will present a ritual demonstrating the use of Sacred Sound on September 29th!
5. Yuletide Craft Fair! - Sign up now to show your wares at this fun holiday event by calling Michael Dilts at 408-446-0590! Even if you're not the crafty type, reserve December 7, 11 AM to 5 PM to start your quest for the perfect Yule gift. Takes place at the San Jose Book Shop in the De Anza 85 Shopping Center, one block North of Highway 85 at the De Anza Boulevard Exit - FREE ADMISSION

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Special thanks to these folks who keep BAPA going!

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

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GAIA'S GATEWAY

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

MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

September 29 - An Introduction to Druidism

Druid, Marix, will give a brief introduction to Druidism and will present a ritual demonstrating the use of Sacred Sound.

October 27 - Samhain with Penumbra

Penumbra will lead us in a Samhain observance honoring our departed ancestors as well as loved ones who have passed over more recently. The centerpiece of the ritual will be a sumptuously decorated altar to the ancestors.

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS:

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

BAPA LIBRARY:

The library is a lending and exchange library; therefore, any materials such as books, videos, cassettes, or tarot decks circulate, with the inventory being mutable over time. The library is accessible at the Gaia's Gateway each month, and the current stock is available online on the new website located at http://bapa.net/Gaia_s_Gateway/. What interesting reading or movie watching have you done recently? Send us a review and a recommendation!

ROMEO AND JULIET, ACT I

Shakespeare (1594-1595)

O! then, I see Queen Mab hath been with you! ...
She is the fairies' midwife, and she comes
In shape no bigger than an agate-stone
On the forefinger of an alderman,
Drawn with a team of little atomies
Athwart men's noses as they lie asleep

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WHAT IS MABON?

From DenElder's Glossary

Mabon* (May bun) meaning Son in Welch, is the Autumnal Equinox, marking the second harvest and change of Autumn toward Winter, when Nature prepares for the time to come. A time of thanks and reflection by many old and new civilizations. A Pagan Thanksgiving Day. A good time to use a natural-made woven basket with fruits, gourds, and other cornucopia-style vegetables. John Barleycorn comes into His own! Sept. 23rd is the start of Zodiacal Sign, Libra.

*Also known as Harvest Home. Old dating occurs September 25th, and is Christianized as Michaelmas.

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

I will also add other names for the holiday since some of them will appear in this issue's word puzzle: Alban Elfed, Winter Finding, Second Harvest, and Continuing Harvest.

Submission Deadline

Submission and calendar deadline for the Samhain newsletter is October 17, 2002. If you wish to contribute articles, opinions, recipes, book/video reviews, letters, or calendar items for the BAPAN, send them via E-mail to BapaMailing@yahoo.com and type "newsletter contribution" in the subject line. you may also send items to the address on the left.

Where to contact BAPA:

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EDITORIAL ILLUMINATIONS

Crystal Black, Editor

I've heard it said that opportunities come once in a lifetime. But I wonder, do they only come once? It seems to me that there is an opportunity in every moment of our life if only we could be aware of them. Isn't every moment we live an opportunity, riddled with decisions to act or not act? Many of these pass us by without a thought, but what happens when we 'take a moment'?

Mabon, as DenElder describes above, is a time for pagans to be thankful, and I want to take a moment to tell you how I'm thankful for every moment because I know I have the power to make choices in each and every moment I live. It is often a scary thing to know that we have so many choices to make and we make them without hardly thinking about what we're doing. On the other hand, how wonderful that we have the chance to make those choices, whether for better or for worse. Imagine what it could be like to raise our awareness to the point that we consciously make decisions. We make decisions about what we say, what we do, and the way we say and do things. Often, we make these decisions with only a fraction of data. What power, and how often do we abuse it?

As we move into fall, take a moment and contemplate all the opportunities that you are faced with at any moment and be thankful that you have the choice to make a difference in every action you take during every moment of your life. In other words, take a moment to "stop and smell the roses," I think you'll be pleasantly surprised at what you find!

"STANDING STONES"

Bedrock Groups of Bay Area Paganism

Organizations:

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

Businesses:

- "13" Book Store, Santa Cruz, 831-425-1313
- Ancient Ways Book Store, Oakland, 510-653-3244, www.ancientways.com
- Her Land Book Store, Santa Cruz
- Psychic Eye Book Store, Mountain View/San Francisco
- San Jose Metaphysical Book Store, San Jose, 408-446-0590, sjbookshop@mindspring.com

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/7039/AshlinCJ.html>

- 3 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and steamed until soft
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 Tablespoons melted butter
- 2 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 Teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 t. nutmeg

Mix juice, eggs, sugar and spices and blend thoroughly with potatoes using an electric mixer. Spread into a greased 9"x13" pan.

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup plus 2 Tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped butter
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Mix together flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, butter and nuts until crumbly, spread on top of sweet potatoes and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

APPLESEED FORTUNE TELLING

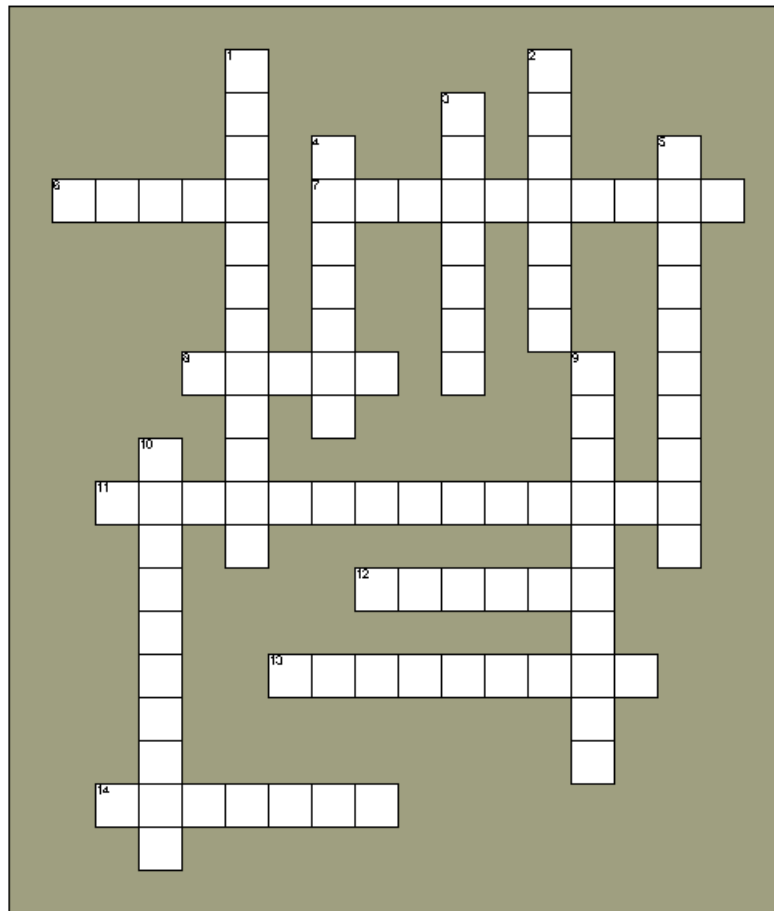
<http://www.fortunecity.com/millennium/sherwood/504/applfort.html>

Give each person in the group an apple. Cut the apples and carefully remove the seeds. Count the seeds. Use the following list to tell your fortune.

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| 1. = A surprise in the near future | 4. = Wealth |
| 2. = Good luck | 5. = An early marriage |
| 3. = Bad luck | 6. = Fame |
| | 7. = Travel |

If you get more than 7 seeds, you should think about going into the apple business!

Mabon Crossword



Across

6. Welsh name meaning "Great Son"
7. September was the time of these mysteries in ancient Greece
8. Sun enters this astrological sign
11. In British folklore, he leads a wild phantom chase through the forest, heralding confusion and change
12. Another name for the fall season
13. BAPA event in December will help you with your holiday shopping
14. Fall Equinox feast celebrating this Christian Saint

Down

1. Mabon is a Pagan _____
2. Tradition covered at next Gaia's Gateway
3. Literally means "equal night"; day and night are equal in length
4. Roman counterpart to Mabon
5. Comes into his own now
9. Also known as the Second or _____ Harvest
10. Needs to be renewed this month

Upcoming Local Pagan Events ~ September, 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.

September 5, 12, 19, 26 - Thursday Morning Dream Class with Alexandra Robin at Dolphin Dream in Walnut Creek from 10:30-noon, suite F. The dreams that we create for ourselves each night are replete with deep meaning. Truly valuing our nightly forays into dreamtime can transform our lives. Learn how to interpret your dreams with the "dream interview process", an essential skill that delves deeply into your dream. Please bring one of your dreams to share and explore. Cost: \$20 per class. Please pre-register with Alexandra at 925-609-8640, or call Dolphin Dream at 925-933-2342.

September 9, 16, 23 – East West Bookshop in Mountain View hosts Experiencing the Awakening of the Chakras, with Pam Peterson. This 3-session class meets on Mondays from 7:30–9:30 pm. The fabric of our body is shaped by the vibrations of the chakras, centers of energy and awareness located in the astral spine. The major spiritual traditions refer to these seven centers as "stars," "lights," or "wheels." By learning to attune ourselves to the vibrations of these centers, we can gain the power to influence our destiny and learn to flow with it, reducing stress and friction. Pam, an Ananda Yoga teacher of meditation and yoga postures, has worked with the chakras for eighteen years. In this class, Pam will lead us in practicing affirmation, visualization, and color and music methods that can open doors to direct experience of these healing spinal centers of light. Cost: \$30 in advance, \$35 day of event. For more information, contact 650-988-9800 800-909-6161, info@eastwest.com or visit <http://www.eastwest.com>.

September 10, 24 - 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.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

September 11, 25 - 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.

September 12, 26 - Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Astrology In-Depth class on Thursdays from 7-9pm at Inner Journey in Los Gatos. Prerequisite: Beginning Astrology or equivalent knowledge of houses, planets, and signs. This is a class for intermediate/advanced students and lay/professional Astrologers who are interested in working on developing synthesis skills and understanding chart interpretation from an evolutionary and psychological perspective. Students are encouraged to bring along example charts for us to work with. No Pre-registration necessary. Cost: \$25. per class. For more information, please contact Lisa at 408-206-2518, astrotarot@earthlink.net, or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>.

September 16, 23, 30 - Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Tarot In-Depth classes on Mondays at Inner Journey in Los Gatos from 7-9pm. Prerequisite: Beginning Tarot or equivalent knowledge of basic card meanings. This ongoing class has evolved into a dynamic learning and sharing environment for intermediate/advanced Tarot students. Though there are many resources for studying the Tarot, most students have trouble finding the right context to practice what they learn. This class combines learning with practice. During the first hour, we work on real-life reading examples that students bring to class. Some topics we cover are in-depth card meanings, new spreads, responsible counseling skills, timing etc. The second hour is devoted to doing Tarot readings. Lisa teaches with the Rider Waite Tarot Deck. No Pre-registration necessary. Cost: \$25.00 per class. For more information, please contact Lisa at 408-206-2518, astrotarot@earthlink.net, or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>.

September 19 – Ancient Ways in Oakland hosts, The Eleusinian Mysteries with Glenn Turner, starting at 7:30pm. Hear about the mystery of the Two-Fold Goddess. We'll discuss Hecate and Baubo as well as Demeter and Persephone/Kore. Cost \$5 to10, sliding scale. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>.

September 19 - Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching a 5-part Beginning Tarot Class on Thursdays at Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education from 10am-12pm. This class combines learning with practice, and is specifically designed for beginning students. By the end of the 5 classes you will have studied the meanings of the 78 Tarot cards, learned some basic spreads, and worked on responsible counseling skills for beginners. Since most students have trouble finding the right context to practice what they learn, we will spend class time doing actual readings. Each student will need to have his or her own Tarot deck (about \$15.00) for this class. Lisa teaches with the Rider Waite Tarot Deck. Bring a notebook and either a Rider Waite Deck or Universal Waite Deck. Students must be 17 or older to join this class. Cost: \$125.00 (for a series of 5 classes). For more information, please contact Lisa at 408-206-2518, astrotarot@earthlink.net, or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>. To enroll, call LGSCCE at 408-354-8700.

September 19 – You're invited to a Pagan Pizza Night hosted by local Pagan groups every third Thursday of the month at the Round Table Pizza located at Sentry Shopping Center in Modesto beginning at 7pm. Join local Pagans / Wiccans / Witches and others for fun and fellowship. No hard-core "meeting" - just pizza and conversation. Fliers and information about upcoming local Pagan events will be available at most times. Each person will be required to buy his or her own food and drink if desired. For more information, contact DragonHawk at 209-549-1727.

September 20 - 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 Iolani at 831-479-3310 or visit www.sanctuary-illumination.com.

September 20 – Ancient Ways in Oakland hosts, Harvest Moon with Manna and Stephen – Harvest Moon \ that which transforms, starting at 7:30pm. The Temple of the Sacred Moons presents Full Moon Mandalas. Ceremonies begin at 8 pm sharp. Experience the ways of traditional people and share the magic within your heart. Cost \$5 to10, sliding scale. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>.

September 20 - Blue Moon Gathering and Ceremony for Women with Karen Ehrenfeldt, Druid, at The Sanctuary located at 60 5th St in Gilroy at 7:30pm. A Blue Moon can be a magical time for those who open themselves to its creative nature. This night we will gather as the moon is in its final waxing toward full, to open ourselves up to the wonder beyond the veil as the moonlight expands. We'll speak to life and potential, collect moonlight, enjoy our own magical circle, and share its beauty with the world. Bring a Blue Moon talisman; something to collect the moonlight in. Wear something special and blue. This event happens once in a Blue Moon. Cost \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. RSVP required. For more information, contact 408-838-4704, karen@xs.com, or visit http://www.lighthousewoods.com/druid_karen.html.

September 20-22 – The 2002-03 Shamanic Healing Apprenticeship Program begins in the SF/Berkeley area. This intensive training is intended for those who wish to facilitate shamanic healing and empowerment in service to others. We will meet one intensive weekend per month over 10 months, for a total of 150 hours. The curriculum includes power restoration, divination, extraction healing, empowerment counseling, creating rituals for positive transformation, death and dying, peacemaking, medicine for the earth, and soul retrieval healing. We will explore the role of the shamanic practitioner, creating effective healing relationships, shamanic ethics, shamanizing in a psychologized culture, and practicing core shamanism in a multiethnic society. Prerequisite: Shamanic Empowerment Circle, or equivalent. For more information or to register, contact Lenore Norrgard, MA, HMSC, Circle of the Living Earth/AIWP at 415-820-1655, lenorenorrgard@yahoo.com, P.O. Box 210453, San Francisco, CA 94121 or visit <http://mail.yahoo.com/config/login?/ym/Compose?To=lenorenorrgard@yahoo.com>.

September 21 – Join the Beach Cleanup Finale sponsored by Community Seed of Santa Cruz from 9am-1pm at the Bonny Doon Beach located on Highway 1, near Bonny Doon Road. "By cleaning up a beach you are honoring the Lord and Lady and are helping all their children, yourself included!" This beach has ample free parking, and there is the benefit that it is clothing optional. This means if you want you can go sky clad, but of course this is optional. This is a voluntary activity. By attending, each person assumes the responsibility for the risk of injury or death from coming to and participating in the beach clean up. Please be careful. This means we are on our own as far as hauling away the trash and recycling. Bring leather gloves if you have them. We will supply several 10 gallon buckets for nails and glass. Please bring a lunch, your own water supply, and be advised that there are NO BATHROOM FACILITIES. Come prepared. Also be aware that it is a steep hike down to the beach, so wear good hiking shoes. Teamwork may be required in navigating the "trail." For more details and directions, contact 831-515-4480x1479, community_seed@mindspring.com, or visit <http://www.communityseed.org/CS - Events/Environment/environment.html>.

September 21 - Celebrate the Mysteries of Demeter and Persephone with NROOGD at Kirby Cove Campground in the Marin Headlands. Gather between 5:30 and 6:00 PM. Ritual begins at 6:30 PM with a potluck afterwards. Dress warmly in layers. Temperature will drop after sunset. Ritual is outdoors. Wear walking shoes. Fasting beforehand is traditional, but not required. Bring food or drink to share after (beer & wine ok). A donation of \$10-\$20 per adult is requested. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Donations of firewood are welcome; pets are not. If you want to spend the night, bring drinking water, camping gear, and earplugs for the foghorn. For more information, contact Deborah at 415-285-5669 or dbendr@aol.com.

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

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

September 21 - South Bay Circles will host a Mabon Celebration and potluck presented by Wyrddwyn in Palo Alto. 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, or visit their website at <http://members.aol.com/wabaldwin/sbc>.

September 21 - Rhythm Circle usually meets on the third Saturday of each month from 6:30-7pm, followed by a potluck, and then a Bardic Circle into the night. For the Bardic Circle, we sit around in a circle and take turns "pick, pass, or play ". You can pick someone to do something, pass your turn, or play by singing, reciting stories or poetry, drumming etc. We usually have a few guitar players, fiddlers, drummers, and at least one didjeridu player. Most people sing a cappella. It's a really friendly environment. Most people that

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show up for the bardic circle come during the potluck period. If you are only interested in the rhythm circle, feel free to stay for the potluck if you want. Bring drums, didjes, and other rhythmic instruments. If you are interested in attending, request to be put on the announcement list. For meeting place and other information, contact richard@imagecraft.com.

September 21 - Every third Saturday, Dolphin Dream in Walnut Creek hosts a drumming circle from 6:30 – 8PM. Bring your drums and rattles or use theirs to beat away the stresses of the outside world and find that place within where the heartbeat dwells. Attendance is free. Contact 925-933-2342 for more information.

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

September 22 – Firedrum Circle is hosting a Fall Potluck and Drum Circle at the Swim Lagoon at Lake Elizabeth in Central Park, Fremont from 3:00-7:00pm. Please bring a food dish for the potluck and your own cups and utensils. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Also bring something to sit on and a jacket, just in case it gets chilly. Of course bring some good energy, your friends, your kids, pets (on a leash), any chants or stories you would like to share (especially any pertaining to the changing season), firedancing toys (unlit), and *especially* your drums and other percussion instruments. Let's drum up a storm and be heard all the way to the hills. If you get there and you do not see us, please call us at 510-468-5139. For more information, contact firedrumcircle@hotmail.com, 510-366-5067, or visit www.firedrumcircle.com.

September 22 - Autumnal Equinox Gathering, Ceremony and Potluck Dinner with Karen Ehrenfeldt, Druid, at The Sanctuary located at 60 5th St in Gilroy at 5:00pm. Come celebrate with the Druids by being part of a Sacred Circle in this Season of Completion and Change we call "Alban Elued". Align yourself with the Harmony of the Season through joyful expression and heartfelt intention. Wear clothing in fall colors, or a Druid robe if you have one. Optional: Bring a poem, story, song or artwork. Contact Karen for details. Free. For more information, contact 408-838-4704, karen@xs.com, or visit http://www.lighthousewoods.com/druid_karen.html.

September 22 – East West Bookshop in Mountain View hosts an Energy Medicine and Practical Magic workshop from 1–6 pm. Master Taekwondo instructor and national gold medallist Timothy Dunphy will assist us in discovering the simple, powerful healing processes within us. We all have hidden healing resources, which we can share with others. We will practice using sound, light, and shamanic elements to attune ourselves to these higher healing vibrations. We'll also unite our energies in deep healing work. Bring a clear intention, as this work can be powerful and transformational. Divine assistance is always available to us, when we are deeply and sincerely willing. Cost: \$59 in advance; \$65 day of event. For more information, contact 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, info@eastwest.com, or visit <http://www.eastwest.com>.

September 24 – Ancient Ways in Oakland hosts, Fire from a Feri Perspective with Willow Moon, starting at 7:30pm. This class includes discussion, a specific Chinese energetic exercise, visualization and chanting. Cost \$5 to10, sliding scale. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>.

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

September 25 – East West Bookshop in Mountain View hosts Animal Guides at 7:30pm. An animal book written by a UC Berkeley professor of psychiatry? What next? Dr. Neil Russack's new book, Animal Guides in Life, Myth and Dreams: An Analyst's Notebook, blends his simple affection for animals with historical lore and discussions of the symbolic role that animals play in the human psyche. Animals are embodiments of various forms of energy. They serve as models of natural integrity, and as guardians and healers. Dr. Russack will entertain and enlighten us with his stories and psychological commentary. He'll also awaken us to the normalizing power of animals as totems of nature's balance and sweet sanity. Cost: \$5. For more information, contact 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, info@eastwest.com, or visit <http://www.eastwest.com>.

September 26 – East West Bookshop in Mountain View hosts Radical Nature: Celebrating the Unity of Body and Spirit at 7:30pm. Are rocks conscious? Do animals and plants have souls? Do worms and insects feel pain and pleasure? Dr. Christian de Quincey invites us to discover our deep kinship with the natural world. Join us for a remarkable encounter with science in search of the soul. Dr. de Quincey is the managing editor of IONS Review, and a professor of Consciousness Studies at John F. Kennedy University. His books include Radical Nature: Rediscovering the Soul of Matter and a novel, Deep Spirit. Cost: \$8. For more information, contact 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, info@eastwest.com, or visit <http://www.eastwest.com>.

September 26 thru 30 – The Crescent Hellions invite you to come to their third annual Twilight Gathering in the Mendocino Woodlands. All traditions of magick and witchcraft are invited to a weekend of transformative ritual, intimate sharing of lore and art, and fine company. This year's theme will be Conspiring in Initiation, as we face this challenging aspect of our Way, seeking to understand how we participate in initiation and how we may use it to shape our lives. Let us conspire, let us work together, and explore the nature of power, evolution and initiation. Cabins - All Meals Provided – Workshops – Music. With sufficient children present we will have

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children's programming. Cost: \$145 to \$200 sliding scale. With four registrations the 5th is Free. For more information, contact
Tara@TwilightGathering.org, or visit www.TwilightGathering.org.

September 27 – Ancient Ways in Oakland hosts, Star Stories with Glenn Turner, starting at 7:30pm. We'll look at star maps and talk about the myths of the constellations and stars from the Greek, Mesopotamian, Egyptian and Celtic cultures. Cost \$5 to10, sliding scale. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>.

September 27 – East West Bookshop in Mountain View hosts Barefoot on Holy Ground at 7:30pm. Gloria Karpinski's latest book, Barefoot on Holy Ground, is based on twelve core lessons in spiritual craftsmanship. These are the practices that create the basis of an expansive, increasingly fine-tuned life. Gloria will share with us these tools for recognizing our mission, practicing strong discipleship, and bringing our journey to fruition through creation, transformation, endurance, and service. Her talk will be rich with spiritual examples, exercises, and insights. Gloria's practical approach reminds us that wherever we are can be sacred, and that we have the inner tools to craft happiness from everyday life. Cost: \$8. For more information, contact 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, info@eastwest.com, or visit <http://www.eastwest.com>.

September 27 thru 29 – Sebastopol Celtic Festival will be held at the Sebastopol Community Center on Morris St. For more information, contact 707-829-7067, cloud@monitor.net, or visit <http://www.monitor.net/celtic/default.html>.

September 27 thru October 5 – The Magical Arts Ritual Theater presents Persephone Reborn at the Oakland Black Box on Telegraph Ave. For more information, or to buy tickets, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or visit <http://www.ancientways.com>.

September 28 – East West Bookshop in Mountain View hosts The Psychic Pathway for New Beginnings and Joy from 11am –5pm. Psychic and healer Sonia Choquette invites us to say good-bye to a life that is frustrating and unfulfilling, and begin anew. Sonia's psychic gifts will help you uncover your personal mission and purpose in life and show you how to get there. She will ask her guides to answer personal questions from the audience, and introduce simple exercises and visualization techniques for gaining freedom from vicious cycles, karmic blocks, and dead ends so that you can begin to live your true purpose and find your joy today. Sonia is the author of The Psychic Pathway, Your Heart's Desire, and two new books: Your Psychic Pathway to New Beginnings and Your Psychic Pathway to Joy. Cost: \$89 in advance; \$99 day of event. For more information, contact 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, info@eastwest.com, or visit <http://www.eastwest.com>.

September 29 – BAPA sponsors 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. Hosting this month's Gateway is a local Druid, Merrick, who will give a brief introduction to Druidism and will present a ritual demonstrating the use of Sacred Sound. Call 408-559-GAIA for more information, or visit www.bapa.net.

September 29 - 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.

September 29 - There will be a Grok Circle in Berkeley beginning at 1pm. This will be a chakra workshop on the uses and the feeding of the heart chakra. This Circle is held at a private residence, so please call ahead for directions. All Grok events are available for free. Donations are accepted. For more information, contact Cougar at 415-235-8985, quest@cwia.com, or visit www.grok-system.org.

October 1 - 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.

October 2 - Pronaos Ritual Work, with Artisans of Light, on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm in Aptos. Pronaos is a unique and powerful opportunity to participate in ritual, the language of the Soul. Pronaos awakens our consciousness to a variety of meanings for the symbols we study and helps us apply universal principles in our daily lives. The ritual brings to our awareness the poignant bond we enjoy with the Inner School, with each other, and with our own Inner Self. This heightened awareness, in turn, results in receiving more help when studying by ourselves. It provides us with a support system. For more information, please contact artisan@thegrid.net.

October 3, 17 - Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Astrology In-Depth classes on Thursdays from 7-9pm at Inner Journey in Los Gatos. Prerequisite: Beginning Astrology or equivalent knowledge of houses, planets, and signs. This is a class for intermediate/advanced students and lay/professional Astrologers who are interested in working on developing synthesis skills and understanding chart interpretation from an evolutionary and psychological perspective. Students are encouraged to bring along example charts for us to work with. No Pre-registration necessary. Cost: \$25. per class. For more information, please contact Lisa at 408-206-2518, astrotarot@earthlink.net, or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>.

October 4 – The Psychic Eye Bookshop in San Francisco is offering a 4-week Halloween course from 7-8:30pm. Join the fabulous fun while learning all aspects of All Hallow's Eve from history to black cats. Also included, learn how to communicate with the spirit world. Cost: \$15 per session. For more information, contact 415-863-9997.

October 4 - Rune Classes are being offered on the first Friday of every month with Hammer Oak Kindred at 7:30pm in Berkeley. Two to three runes of the elder futhark will be studied in each class. It's part lecture, part discussion and almost always there is an activity

Bay Area Pagan Assemblies, PO Box 4159 Mountain View, CA 94040-0159, 408-559-4242, <http://www.bapa.net> 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 for more information.

October 5 – The Loch Lomond Highland Games will take place at Highland Parks in Ben Lomond. For more information, contact 831-457-6716, llcs95@lochlomondceltic.org, or visit <http://www.lochlomondceltic.org>.

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October 5 - Willow Fire presents a Baba Yaga Mystery Apprenticeship in Boulder Creek. Make a nine-month journey into the house of Baba Yaga, Grandmother of Time, and like Her Priestess Vasilisa, seek the source fire that renews, strengthens, and feeds your soul. In good company, we'll share community, companionship, and wonderful food as we work to develop our practical magical skills. We will focus on (yet not limit ourselves to) energetic skills, aspecting, herbalism, healing, trance work, devotional practice, discernment, divination, tarot, and the arts and crafts of magical home making. Participation requires a pre requisite familiarity with core energetic skills, willingness to commit to personal practice, and monthly overnight meetings for regional residents. Camping or dorm sleeping is included. A distance learning option is available for participants who live too far away to attend monthly meetings. Monthly meetings will run Saturday noon to Sunday noon. Sliding scale cost: \$450 - \$1350. For registration and application information please contact Willow Fire at mawilow@aol.com or 415-970-0816.

October 5 - 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.

October 5 – Community Seed of Santa Cruz sponsors Energy Walks at 9:45am on the first Saturday of each month at various locations in the Santa Cruz area. What better way to start your day, or end your week than a meditative walk through the forest? Each walk includes a guided visualization/meditation to help center and become more aware of our bodies and of the earth. Once we are all fully present, we will begin our journey into the majestic redwood forest, all the while tuning in, listening, and absorbing the energies of the elements, plants, and animals. We will arrive at a pre-selected location to sit in silent meditation and a guided visualization. Please bring drinking water, a small snack, hiking shoes, comfortable clothes, and money for parking. Sorry, no dogs. For more information, contact 831-469-0336 or visit http://www.communityseed.org/CS_-_Events/Energy_Walks/energy_walks.html.

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

October 9 - Hrafnar kindred hosts heathen events and rituals on the second Wednesday of every month in Berkeley, starting at 7:30 PM. This month's gathering will be a feast for male ancestors and Gods. Open to both men and women, this is a potluck, and contributions of food and drink are welcome. Most meetings are open, but newcomers should contact Hrafnar Circle first to confirm the topic and location. For more information, contact Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705, or greyhavn@earthlink.net, or visit www.hrafnar.org.

October 10, 24 – *Beginning in October* - A new Women's Spirituality Group is forming in the Gilroy and Hollister areas, meeting on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. For more information, contact Susan at orcalove@gte.net, 408-838-4704 or visit <http://www.lighthousewoods.com>.

October 11 - Circle of Heart's Delight, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS), offers rituals at 7:45 PM on the second Friday of each month. These are held in the beautiful round sanctuary of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose located at 160 N. 3rd St. For more information, email tenorfrank@aol.com or call the church at 408-292-3858.

October 12 - *****CANCELED for the Witches' Ball***** 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/>.

October 12 – The third annual Witches' Ball will take place at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. The theme for this year's ball will be Bohemia and the Moulin Rouge. This is a costume ball, and attendees are encouraged to be wonderful. There will be vendors on site, and as always, a portion of all proceeds will go to benefit the Humane Society. For more information, contact Full Circle Events at 408-224-4625, or visit <http://www.fullciclevents.org>.

October 12 - Learn to Read Hieroglyphs at the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose from 3-4pm. This is a single, repeating one-hour workshop that will introduce the novice to symbols and meaning, numbering system, calendar-dating system ancient names, and museum gallery search for hieroglyphs. At the conclusion of the workshop a visit to one of the museum galleries will be available for those who wish to find hieroglyphs relating to workshop material. Free with Museum admission. For more information, contact 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

October 12 – The Sanctuary in Gilroy will host a Buddhism and Meditation 101 workshop with Benjamin Young from 1:00-4:30pm. Benjamin has been a monk with the Lokuttara Monastic community for the last three years. He has been practicing meditation for nearly 30 years and has been leading spiritual retreats and teaching meditation for more than 20 years. The Sanctuary is located at 60 Fifth St in Gilroy. Cost: \$15. For more information, contact 408-374-0679, benjamin@lokuttara.org, or visit http://www.lighthousewoods.com/buddhist_lokuttara.html.

October 12, 13 - Faery Healing, a weekend workshop with R J Stewart, will be held at the Amity Cottage Retreat Center in Santa Cruz. This is the first in new series. During this weekend workshop we will explore some of the principles and practices of Faery Healing, and discover how we can apply and develop the techniques today. This new workshop is based on material in R J's forthcoming book and CD Faery Healing, to be published Spring 2003. Methods taught will include: Working with water and prayers working with stones - Working with allies and co-walkers - Working with plants and herbs as medicines and as living beings - Healing through touch and removal of influences - Working with spiritual Signatures. Tuition cost is \$180.00 for both days, or \$100 for Saturday only. No Sunday only attendance. For more information, visit www.dreampower.com.

October 12, 26 - 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.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

October 13 - The Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum of San José has just opened a new exhibit on the ancient Egyptian Afterlife. Museum Curator Lisa Schwappach-Shirriff, MA, curates the exhibit from 1:00-2:30pm in the Museum Gallery Salon. This Gallery Walk will explore ancient Egyptian beliefs about the Afterlife and how they changed over time. New displays incorporate mummies, coffins, and personal possessions arranged chronologically and with context to fully describe ancient Egyptian beliefs about death, family responsibility, and the Afterlife. Open to the general public with museum entrance. For more information, contact 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

October 13 - 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 or visit http://www.communityseed.org/Events/Open_Ritual/open_ritual.html.

October 13 - Scarlet Cord (A member of the Fellowship of the Spiral Path) hosts a brief ritual followed by a potluck and social for families with young children in the east bay beginning at 11 AM. These are regular gatherings held on the second Sunday of every month. Call Mary at 510-526-1008 for more information.

October 13 - A Women's Healing Circle is held every second Sunday in San Francisco. Guided meditation, chanting, toning and drumming are used to call in the spirit healers to assist women in need of healing. Contact Lupa at 510-601-1428 or Nancy at 510-839-5292 for more information. "All healing is self-healing."

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October 17 - The Experiencing the Qabalistic Tree of Life course with Amber Jayanti in Santa Cruz, offers an in-depth and living exploration of the Qabalistic Tree of Life and its links with tarot, astrology, sacred geometry, alchemy, angelology mythology AKA the Hermetic arts and sciences. Focus is on experiencing the Tree of Life and its relevance to your daily life and spiritual development. 6:30-9:30pm for 22 wks. Pre-registration is essential, sliding scale fees. Please call 831-423-9742 or visit <http://www.practical-mystic.com> for more information.

October 19 – Thalassa, in association with Daughters of Divination, presents The San Francisco Bay Area Tarot Symposium (SFBATS) at the Unitarian Universalist Center from 10am-4:30pm. Lectures, exhibitions and presentation on all aspects of Tarot, plus readings and the Tarot Bazaar. For more information, contact 415-753-5041, airndarkness@yahoo.com or visit www.daughtersofdivination.com or www.thalassaland.com.

October 20 - WomanSpirit Circle meets on the third Sunday of every month at Marin UU Fellowship. For more information, please contact Marina at 415-893-9999 or the church phone at 415-479-4131.

October 21- Amber Jayanti, offers an exploration of the often most elusive and mysterious aspect of the tarot, the court, or royalty cards. Demystifying the Court Cards is a 16-week series of classes that take place in Santa Cruz from 6:30-9:30pm. Focus is on each cards connection with the Tree of Life as well as its placement on the zodiacal wheel. You will be shown how to figure out personal court cards for ones self and others. Tarot spreads will assist integration as needed. Pre-registration is essential; sliding scale fees. Please call 831-423-9742 or visit <http://www.practical-mystic.com> for more information.

October 22 - Amber Jayanti offers an in-depth and living exploration of the symbols of the Major Arcana. Transforming the Mundane into the Mystical is a 22-week series of classes that take place in Santa Cruz from 6:30-9:30pm. Focus is on gaining a spiritual-mystical perspective of your daily life via the tarot's potent symbolism. Pre-registration is essential; sliding scale fees. Please call 831-423-9742 or visit <http://www.practical-mystic.com> for more information.

October 25 – Daughters of the Goddess hosts a Spiral Dance Celebration of the Ancestors at 6:30pm. 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 & 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 at 925-256-8109, Leimermaid@aol.com or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

October 26 – Reclaiming presents Spiral Dance at the Herbst Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, in San Francisco. Come Celebrate Samhain, the Witches' New Year, a ritual with music and trance. Join in community to honor our Beloved Dead and dance the Spiral of Rebirth. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Come early and view the Altars. Requested donation: \$50 - \$16, sliding scale. Kids 12 and under are free. Tickets will be available at Fort Mason Herbst Pavilion from 2:00 p.m. the day of the ritual. For more information, visit <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/samhain.html>.

October 26 - South Bay Circles will host a Samhain Ritual and potluck presented by LunaCirca in Palo Alto. 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, or visit their website at <http://members.aol.com/wabaldwin/sbc>.

October 26 – The Sanctuary in Gilroy will host a Dare to Dream Workshop presented by Suzanne Fensin of Magical Aspirations from 9am-12noon. We will focus on realizing our dreams by setting goals and developing action plans to attain those goals successfully. No dream or goal too large. We will discover new and creative ways of looking at ourselves and our world, which will aid in our empowerment. Everyone will leave with a definite action plan. The Sanctuary is located at 60 5th St in Gilroy. Space is limited to 10 participants. Cost: \$20. For more information, contact 408-838-4704, orcalove@verizon.net, or visit http://www.lighthousewoods.com/calendar_sanct.html.

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October 31 – *****Possibly canceled in October***** Luna Circa invites all women to 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 or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

November 2 – Hearthstone will host a Samhain Celebration from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Hearthstone Home in San Jose. For more information, please contact Molly at molly@hearthstonecircle.org or visit <http://www.hearthstonecircle.org>.

November 2 - Join Reclaiming as they celebrate Samhain, the Witches' New Year at the Sebastopol Community Center. This is a clean and sober event. Please call the Events Line for more details at 707-793-2183, or contact Pegasus at 707-433-3133, or pegasus@saber.net.

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November 8 – Heather Alexander, bard extraordinaire, will be performing at the Palo Alto Unitarian Church located at 505 E. Charleston Rd. Excerpts from this concert will be included on her new album. For more information or to order tickets, contact philo@heatherlands.com or visit <http://www.heatherlands.com/pages/pre-festival.html>. (Heather is excellent! - SG, a Heathen)

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November 9 – The Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose is offering a dance class from 3:30-4:40pm in the Museum Workshop. The dance called belyadi, or "belly dancing", in modern Egypt is believed by some to have its origins in the temple dance of ancient Egypt. Join this physical workshop to help recreate and perform a temple dance based on modern belyadi and ancient art. Sometimes, the only way to know how something was done is to try it yourself. Facilitated by Kim Sanders and Farima Berenji. Free with paid museum admission. Dancers and non-dancers welcome. For more information, contact 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

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understanding chart interpretation from an evolutionary and psychological perspective. Students are encouraged to bring along example charts for us to work with. No Pre-registration necessary. Cost: \$25. per class. For more information, please contact Lisa at 408-206-2518, astrotarot@earthlink.net, or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>.

November 15 thru 17 - Wilowfire Zachubi will teach an Elements of Magic workshop in the Santa Cruz Mountains of Boulder Creek. With the art of magic, we deepen our vision and focus our will, empowering ourselves to act in the world. This class will practice the art of Magic, Witchcraft, and Goddess spirituality by working with the Elements of Magic: Earth, Air, Fire, Water and Spirit. This class is for those who might be beginners, those wanting to deepen their connection to the elements or experienced pagans wishing to learn more of the Reclaiming tradition. Cost: \$60 \$180, sliding scale (camping or dorm style sleeping included). Contact Karen at 831-338-7673 or karen@risingdragon.org.

November 22 - RJ Stewart will be at Ancient Ways in Oakland. Details to be announced as plans progress. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or visit www.ancientways.com. For information about RJ Stewart, visit www.dreampower.com <<http://www.dreampower.com>>, or Email awenneson@vom.com.

November 23, 24 - R J Stewart presents The Faery Cord Workshop in Berkeley as part of his ongoing Faery Ritual Magic series. The Faery Cord is a powerful magical aid, companion, and embodies a tradition with origins in the ancestral past, presented now with unique methods taught only by R J Stewart. The Faery Cord stands for, and replaces "implements of magic", enabling an almost invisible method of creating power patterns, that you can take anywhere. Bring a cord of approximately your own height. Any color. May be braided or woven (Great Cord). You can pay for your workshop by Pay Pal direct from <http://www.imagik.net/Dreampower/>. Readings with RJ using the Merlin Tarot or Dreampower Tarot may be booked in advance to fit with workshop scheduling. For more information, visit www.dreampower.com, or Email awenneson@vom.com.

December 8 - Phases invites you to join them for their 7th Annual Medieval Manor Yule Feast at the SOMARTS Gallery at 934 Brannan in San Francisco from 4-8pm. Tickets for this event are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 5-12 and seniors. Price includes the feast and all entertainment. As always, we welcome costumes and festive dress. Reservations are required. Advance ticket purchase with check or money order can be made before November 26, 2002 at Phases, P.O.Box 884911, San Francisco, CA 94188-4911. For more information, contact 415-468-9664, h2owitch@pacbell.net, or visit <http://www.phases.org/>.

December 11 - Hrafnar kindred hosts heathen events and rituals on the second Wednesday of every month in Berkeley, starting at 7:30 PM. This month's gathering will be a Yule celebration. Open to both men and women, this is a potluck, and contributions of food and drink are welcome. Most meetings are open, but newcomers should contact Hrafnar Circle first to confirm the topic and location. For more information, contact Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705, or greyhavn@earthlink.net, or visit www.hrafnar.org.

December 21 – Hearthstone will host a Winter Solstice Celebration from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Hearthstone Home in San Jose. For more information, please contact Molly at molly@hearthstonecircle.org or visit <http://www.hearthstonecircle.org>.

December 21 – You are invited to a Winter Solstice celebration at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club from 6-9am. We will greet the birth of the Sun in ceremony with singing, drumming and sunbirth stories from around the world. This is the time of our rebirth from the darkness. We are reborn - we are new. Come join us on the beach around a warming fire when we welcome the return of the light to the world. Be open to a cleansing and rebirth in the great Mother Ocean. 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. RSVP requested. For more information, contact janfrey@mindspring.com.

February 14-17, 2003 - Once again, Ancient Ways bookstore is sponsoring PantheaCon, a Pagan gathering of workshops, lectures rituals and vendors. This event will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in San Jose. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or www.ancientways.com.

June 4-8, 2003 – Ancient Ways celebrates its 20th anniversary Festival at Harbin Hot Springs. More details to be announced as plans progress. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>.

If you notice inaccuracies in this list, please notify ScoutGhst@aol.com, BAPA networking coordinator.

Contacts and Ongoing Events ~~

*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://bapa.net>.

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 or visit www.the-sacredgrove.com.

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*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, visit www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com or call the bookshop at 408-446-0590 for information on upcoming events.

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

*San Jose - Luna Circa is an eclectic women's circle that has been meeting in the San Jose, CA area since 1987. Every month on the second Friday after the new moon, we gather at 7:30 and circle from 8pm until late, with members taking charge of rituals on a voluntary rotational basis. Also, join them and others for Coffee Night on the last Thursday of every month from 7:30-10pm at Willow Glen Coffee Shop on Lincoln Ave between Hamilton and Willow in Willow Glen. For ritual location and other information, please contact lunacirca@yahoo.com 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, 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 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 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 contact 510-559-8580, rabbitwarren@therabbitwarren.org, or visit <http://www.therabbitwarren.org/stonesoupsocial/index.htm>

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

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 3rd 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, or Email 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 Hobee's in Palo Alto. Curious, new to the Craft, or Pagans new to the area are welcome to gather on Tuesdays, 12:30 to 2:00 at 4224 El Camino Real. Ask the hostess for the "duck people". Call 650-813-1816 for information. Reservations not required.

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

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

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

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 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, or visit <http://www.hearthstonecircle.org>.

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

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

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

*Berkeley - Rune Classes are being offered on the first Friday of every month with Hammer Oak Kindred in Berkeley. Two to three runes of the elder futhark will be studied in each class. Its part lecture, part discussion and almost always there is an activity relating to

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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 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 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

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, 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

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, 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, or visit 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

*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 or subscribe to our announcement list, amuh-events@yahoo.com (send a blank email to amuh-events-subscribe@yahoo.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

*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.

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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, or visit 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 third Sunday of the month to celebrate full moons and solstices, our love for the earth our mother, each other, and the spiritual gift which that love is. Potluck at 6PM, and ritual at 7PM. For more information, phone the events line at 831-335-5861 or call 831-429-1388.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 worshipping the God. The template of ritual is Earth-Centered and Celtic influenced, and is expected to be expanded upon by new members. Within the Lodge of Herne exists a framework that has been built, but other hands and minds will also build this Lodge with time. If you are a Pagan man living in the greater San Francisco Bay Area who wants to work hard to bring forth a positive, joyous men's group that follows the path of the God, contact blackthorne6@hotmail.com, 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

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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.

Marin - Spirit Sister Circle meets on the third Sunday of every month at the Marin Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin located at 240 Channing Way, San Rafael, 94903-2606 at 5:00pm. A light to heavy potluck will follow, depending on participation. This is a circle open to all women, whether interested in UUism or not. Volunteers provide a safe space for sharing, healing, community in a Pagan, or earth centered spirituality. We are flexible, loving and fun. We honor many traditions, including, but not limited to pagan, wicca, bellydance, nativism, shamanism, Inanna, Celtic, Quan Yin, feminine spirit, mother/daughter and above all goddess respect. For info contact Marina at 415-893-9999 or songster@cmc.net; or Wendy at 415-892-6983 or foxglove@slip.net. The UUCM is located at 240 Channing Way, San Rafael, website: <http://www.mindspring.com/~uucm/>, 415-479-4131.

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

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, 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.

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.

*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.

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*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.

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.

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 via PayPal or E-mail silverzb@aol.com.

Santa Cruz - Temple of All Gods is forming, focusing on multi-dimensional spiritual expression of the God/Goddess within each person through dancing trance and induced altered states, erasing the veil between the physical/spiritual through art and music, Tantric intoxication of the flesh, and spirit possession in order to reach a state of pure ecstatic bliss. Example rites: Bacchanalia, Orixá Bembe, and Urban Sigil Magik. Seeking qualified persons to form and participate in an ecstasy-focused working magickal group, Temple of All Gods (aka: TAG). We are looking for people that are interested in building a deeper and more profound connection to the spirit realm by exploring the limits of consciousness in a focused and safe environment. For more information, contact Velda at 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 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, or P. O. Box 81, Millbrae, CA 94030.

Palo Alto - Rhythm Circle usually meets on the third Saturday of each month from 6:30-7pm, followed by a potluck, and then a Bardic Circle into the night. For the Bardic Circle, we sit around in a circle and take turns "pick, pass, or play ". You can pick someone to do something, pass your turn, or play by singing, reciting stories or poetry, drumming etc. We usually have a few guitar players, fiddlers, drummers, and at least one didjeridu player. Most people sing a cappella. It's a really friendly environment. Most people that show up for the bardic circle come during the potluck period. If you are only interested in the rhythm circle, feel free to stay for the potluck if you want. Bring drums, didjes, and other rhythmic instruments. If you are interested in attending, request to be put on the announcement list. For meeting place and other information, contact richard@imagecraft.com.

South Bay/Peninsula – There is a circle forming for women and men who are in college. The purpose of the circle will be to celebrate Sabbats and possibly full and new moons, to learn from each other, and to meet new Pagan friends. The circle will not be based on any one tradition; members will contribute their own ideas and participate in creating rituals. We will most likely take turns hosting our meetings. If you are a student and have been on a Pagan path for at least a year, and are interested in joining the circle or have questions about it, please contact 650-968-3843 or oceanpine9@yahoo.com and share a little bit about yourself.

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

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

San Francisco - LunaDea is an intimate (read: small, tight-knit) women-only group that practices goddess-focused spirituality/witchcraft, is dedicated to honoring the goddess within, and supports and learns from its members. We are somewhat traditionally structured in

Bay Area Pagan Assemblies, PO Box 4159 Mountain View, CA 94040-0159, 408-559-4242, <http://www.bapa.net> that we have a high priestess and the rest of the practitioners are priestesses, but we are also very open. The structure is egalitarian and supportive of personal growth. We've decided to open up to a few new members. We have varying degrees of experience, but as a group work very well together. We're looking to add some new energy and ideas to the group. We meet at least once a month on the fourth Saturday. We will be meeting in Sebastopol once every few months, so we are open to members in Marin or other places in between. For more information, contact erin@lunadea.com.

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

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

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