

World's Dullest Pagan Newsletter

July/August ☼☼☼ Lammass 2000

President's Pleasure

Merry Meet All!

The Summer Solstice has passed with the continuance of the summer ahead of us. This is the time when the God dances in full maturity of what He and the Goddess have sown. This is the "Time of Light". The sun is strong, the days long. Look around you at the wonderful gifts of life. Give focus to the manifestations of the good things in life: The children, the green things in full bloom, your mate's wonderful eyes, that new job, all the gifts the Goddess has bestowed upon us. Look also at the love of our community as it continues to grow and prosper. Dance with the joy of LIFE! Feel the Spirit! Dance with your Higher Power to the joy of the summer season! And give thanks to your Lord and/or Lady for these gifts that bring us all such joy!

Hazaaaah!

As President of BAPA, continued growth in our community is highly on my mind. We need to get the word out that BAPA is an organization that is a part of the Bay Area Pagan community. If you have a friend or know of a circle or coven, urge them to join BAPA. BAPA is here to help and serve the Pagan community, and we wish to invite all Pagans to join us in bringing this community together. Tell a friend: "Be a part of BAPA!"

I wish to give a hearty welcome to the new faces that showed up at the June "Gaia's Gateway" (and the new Members that have signed up through our Website, and through the BAPA Email). I would also like to say thanks to "Aes Dana" for their joyous Summer Solstice ritual. A wonderful presentation to the Solstice!

The BAPA "General Membership Meeting: 2000" brought changes to the BAPA Board of Directors. I would like to give a warm welcome to our new Board Members: Michael Dilts, who is the owner of San Jose Bookshop; Lisa Pedersen, who is also our current BAPA Secretary; and Mr. Ystradyfodwg (just call him "Mr. Y"), who is also our Gateway Coordinator. We welcome these fine people as they join our current Board Members: Roger Schuelke, Chairman of the Board; David Fletcher, who is also BAPA President; Jim McCann; and Woody Smith.

Mark Iennaco and Walt Main have retired from the Board. Thank you Mark and Walt for the wonderful service you have provided the BAPA community as Board Members. Mark will continue as BAPA Librarian, and Walt has taken over the post of BAPA Treasurer, replacing our beloved Miriel, who has taken up the position as the President of BAPA's wife - a post I am personally pleased she has taken.

Thus, "the wheel" turns! May we all grow with the season and dance the dance of life as we look forward to a fine harvest in the coming months.

Blessings to all!

David Fletcher

(a.k.a. Blue Moondancer)

President, Bay Area Pagan Assemblies

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

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Editor's Note: If you would like to save a tree and postage and receive the newsletter via email, drop a note to BAPAMailing@yahoo.com Or view it on our website. If you wish to contribute any articles, recipes, book/video reviews, letters, or calendar items for the WDPN, send them via email to nevawrites@earthlink.net

Submission Deadline:

Submission and calendar deadline for the Lughnassadh 2000 WDPN is 7/15/00. Calendar items for the Lughnassadh issue should include events through the month of September and into October.

BAPA Basics

Location and Directions:

Regular activities are held at the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church (PAUUC) unless otherwise indicated. The church is located at 505 East Charleston Road. From Hwy 101, take the San Antonio Road exit West, turn right on East Charleston. The building is about a half mile down on the right-hand side of the road.

BAPA Sponsored Circles:

Gaia's Gateway is a monthly open ritual featuring a different Pagan tradition each month. Each Gateway begins with an informative talk, and both the talk and the ritual are led by practitioners of the religion presented. We request a \$5.00 donation from non-members. Gateways are held on the

last Sunday of every month from 6PM-9PM in the Fireside Room at PAUUC.

Gaia's Gateway Monthly Schedule:

July

Hammer Oak Kindred

August

Bridgit's Weaving Coven, an eclectic Wiccan circle.

September

Brendan of Coire ap Sidhe, an English eclectic Wiccan circle.

October

A hospice presentation followed by Woodhart Weald, an English eclectic Samhain ritual

November

Open

December

No Gateway this month

BAPA Officers

President: David C. Fletcher
Vice President: Yvonne Knebel
Secretary: Lisa Pedersen
Treasurer: Walt Main
Board Chair: Roger Schuelke

BAPA Volunteers

Network Coord: Yvonne Knebel
Gateway Coord: Ystradyfodwg/Mr. Y
Comm. Coord: Jim McCann
Library: Mark Iennaco
Web Master: Jordan Avon
WDPN Editor: Neva Schuelke

BAPA Network Services

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

What Can You Do For BAPA?

- Volunteer to help out at the BAPA booth for Tapestry in Talent on Labor Day weekend.
- Renew your BAPA membership early and ask a Pagan friend to join BAPA.

Where To Contact BAPA:

Post Office Box 4159
Mountain View, CA 94040
408-559-4242
<http://www.batnet.com/bapagan/bapa.html>

Clan of Oak Moon:

Oak Moon is a social group that gets together twice a month for discussion group and ritual. Our meetings are held at various locations in Silicon Valley (South Bay Area near San Jose, California). We are not a coven and welcome people from all backgrounds (traditions and non-traditions). For more information, please send us an email at oakmoonclan@yahoo.com.

Athena's Archives

BAPA Library:

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

Book Review:

According to Riane Eisler in The Chalice and The Blade, there was only one heresy greater than the idea of men and women as spiritual equals in the early Holy Roman church, and that heresy was the idea of the divine as female. Heretical documents, thought to have been destroyed, reveal that early Christians prayed to the Mother as the "mystical and eternal Silence" and as "Grace, she who is before all things". The establishment of patriarchy and hierarchy in the early Christian church came from Paul's, not Jesus' ideas. The Goddess lives in the *truly* Christian heart. (submitted by Neva Schuelke)



Thoughts on the role of healing. We are reaching the end of the eighth moon in the current lunar cycle. In some Native

American traditions, the eighth moon is the moon of healing. In the agrarian wheel of the year, it is the time of first harvest. Fruit trees and vegetable plants are heavy with fragrant, ripe fruit. Many herbs and flowers are in full bloom.

With so many plants in full production, it is easy to see why this time of year would be associated with health and healing. It is important to remember that healing is much more than the coupling of the correct medicine with the presenting ailment. There are many factors that affect our health:

Is the person who asks for the healing really willing to receive the healing? Do they trust the Healer? Have they let go of hopelessness?

Does the Healer realize that she is a conduit for the healing, not the Source of it? Successful healing comes from a pure heart.

Finally, no healing is ever a failure. The only failure is in using the healing to increase one's self importance, or in refusing to receive healing in order to punish oneself or another.

- by Neva Schuelke with inspiration from Jamie Sams in Earth Medicine.

Future Goings On

These are activities that, due to length of description or advance notice were not listed on Chronos Calendar.

M.U.S.E. Camp, August 11-13, 2000 a Pagan camp-out to enjoy peace, fun, and ritual. Workshops for children and adults. Camping spaces are still available, and the cost is: Adult-\$60.00, Child-\$30.00; Meal -\$50.00/ \$30.00 Parking-\$15.00 (These are early bird prices.)

Instructors email Denise via witsend@ix.netcom.com

General information is at:
<http://www.fullcircleevents.org>
or call San Jose Metaphysical Books at 408-446-0590.



The Thaumaturgical College is an organization dedicated to the education of people interested in magic. We are dedicated to providing quality classes that educate and enrich and we strive to serve the magickal community by providing information and education in a responsible manner.

If you are interested in taking courses our web site is at: www.magick.edu
If you have questions or comments please e-mail us at: admin@magick.edu or by post at:

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San Jose CA 95108-1151

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(408) 557-9212

Jay Langlois is presenting various classes in the Santa Cruz area. For information call 831-335-2368 or email Greenman@5-Points.com.

Among Jay's offerings is *Sex and Spirituality*, a series of five facilitated discussions on aspects of sexuality and how they relate to our spiritual nature:

The last two discussions in the series are ...7/12 *Sexual Orientation/Preference*—What happens when we 'own' our sexual identity, ...8/9 *Golden Sex*—Discussing sexual expression as we age, Each night is at 7pm and may be attended separately. A donation of \$3-6 is requested.



For those interested in Sacred Circle Dance, a group meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Starr King Church in Hayward. Contact Maureen Atkins at 510-351-4312 for more information.

Circle of the Goddess

public Lammass celebration and potluch

July 29, 2000

San Leandro, CA - 2 P.M.

contact Foxglove at foxglove999@hotmail.com

or Astarte at astarte@dragonflycreative.com

for more information about COTG go to their website:

www.dragonflycreative.com

BAPA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE "TAPESTRY IN TALENT" BOOTH!!!

Help support BAPA and the Pagan Community! We only have a handful of people at this time, and we need volunteers to wo/man the "Tapestry in Talent" BAPA booth, Saturday Sunday and Monday, September 5,6 and/or 7. Volunteer 3 hours of your time to answer questions and pass out brochures to those that stop by the BAPA booth.

If you can spare 3 hours during the Tapestry in Talent event, please contact "Blue" at: bapaprez@yahoo.com or call: (650) 965-3619.

“Standing Stones” - Bedrock Groups of Bay Area Paganism

Organizations:

(BAPA) Bay Area Pagan Assemblies: in Palo Alto call 408-559-4242

(COG)Covenant of the Goddess: Call Arios at 415-584-2659

(DD) Dragon Dream: in San Francisco call 415-820-1500

(LI) The Lilith Institute: contact Deborah Grenn-Scott at 650-345-5449 or lilith@best.com or <http://www.lilithinstitute.com>

(NROOGD) New Reformed Order of the Golden Dawn: in Berkeley call 510-521-1040 or <http://www.nroogd.org>

(Ph) Phases: in San Francisco call 415-468-5466 or <http://www.phases.org> or lawre@sirius.com

(RE) Reclaiming San Francisco (many areas) 415-256-1766

(RWC) Redwood Circles: in Santa Cruz call 831-335-1501 or <http://www.5-points.com/RWC/>

(SBC) South Bay Circles: in Palo Alto contact Bianca at 408-265-5180

(WWC) Wyrld Weavers Collective: in Campbell/Los Gatos at “The Nexus” use the web at

<http://www.wyrdweavers.org/wwc.html>

or email at

wyrdweavers@wyrdweavers.org

Businesses:

(13) “13” Book Store: in Santa Cruz, 831-425-1313

(AW) Ancient Ways Book Store: Oakland, 510-653-3244 or <http://www.ancientways.com>

(HL) Her Land Book Store: in Santa Cruz

(LD) Lavender Dragon: in Menlo Park call 650-323-4778; on the web www.lavenderdragon.com

(PE) Psychic Eye Book Store: in Mountain View, San Francisco

(SJ) San Jose Metaphysical Book Store: in San Jose call 408-446-0590

Chronos Calendar

July

- 12 (SJ) Discussion: The Pagan Path
- 13 Oak Moon Discussion Group
- 17 (SJ) Life Insights
- 21 (LD) Claiming Our Crone Power, 1 of 4
- 26 (SJ) Sacred Spaces/Universal Connection
- 28 (LD) Claiming Our Crone Power, 2 of 4
- 29 Circle of the Goddess Lammas
- 30 (BAPA) Gaia’s Gateway

August

- 1 Lughnassadh/Lammas
- 4 (LD) Claiming Our Crone Power, 3 of 4
- 6 (LD) Claiming Our Crone Power, 4 of 4
- 9 (RWC) Sacred Sexuality, Golden Sex
- 11-13 (SJ) M.U.S.E. Camp