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**BAPAN**

\*\*\* Yule 2000 \*\*\*

Bay Area Pagan Activities and News  
*formerly the World's Dullest Pagan Newsletter*

***The President's Pleasure***

Merry meet, greeting and salutations to the BAPA community. For those of you who may not have heard, David "Blue" Fletcher recently stepped down as President of our organization. Since the Board of Directors has selected me to serve in his place, it is now my privilege, as well as my pleasure, to address you in these pages.

Blue took on the presidency back in the spring and did a wonderful job getting BAPA back on course. We all owe a debt of gratitude to him and wish him the best as he takes on new responsibilities with Clan MacLeod. Blue is also leaving the Board, and, although we will miss him at our monthly meetings, we are greatly relieved to learn that he and his lovely spouse, Miriel, have decided not to move out of the area and will remain active members of the South Bay Pagan community.

Perhaps I should take this opportunity to provide a few words of introduction about myself. I am owner of the San Jose Book Shop and I was elected to the BAPA board of directors back in June. I have been associated with other Pagan organizations, such as Full Circle Events, and I previously served on the boards of H.A.N.D. (Helping After Neonatal Death) of Santa Clara County and of Casa di Mir, a local non-profit Montessori elementary school. I have also presented classes on Runes, Celtic Languages and other topics at various locations in the South Bay during the past decade.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in our recent Yule craft fair. We all had a wonderful time and enjoyed the delicious baked goods donated by some of our talented kitchen witches.

Thanks also to those who recently renewed their memberships. Your support makes it possible for us to publish this newsletter and to sponsor events like the craft fair.

Merry Yule to all. The new year promises to be another interesting one!

Michael Dilts  
President  
Bay Area Pagan Assemblies

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

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*If you wish to contribute any articles, opinions, recipes, book/video reviews, letters, or calendar items for the BAPAN, send them via email to nevawrites@bigfoot.com*

**Submission Deadline:**

**Submission and calendar deadline for the Imbolc BAPAN is January 12, 2001. Calendar items should include events through April 2001.**

**BAPA Officers:**

President: Michael Dilts  
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**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:**

**December 2000**

**No Gateway.**

**January 2001**

The Sophianic Order with Argante Comyn, a Sophianic Fire Cleansing

**February 2001**

*presenter not known as of this printing*



**Yule (var. Yul)**

*Norse solstitial festival, the season of the sun's rebirth, assimilated to Christmas in the Middle Ages, along with its pagan trappings: holly, ivy, pine boughs, lighted trees, wassail bowls, suckling pigs, Yule logs, carols, gifts, and feasting.*

*Some said the god of Yule was Kris Kringle, i.e., a Christ of the Orb, a new solar king. But most northern folk remembered the reborn god as Frey.*  
- Barbara G. Walker, *The Woman's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets*



**BAPA Network Services:**

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

**Where To Contact BAPA:**

P. O. Box 4159  
Mountain View, CA. 94040  
408-559-4242

<http://www.batnet.com/bapagan/bapa.html>



*... follow the tradition of keeping the Christmas Tree (without its decorations but with its lights) in the house until Candlemas (Imbolc)...*

- Janet and Stewart Farrar, *The Witches' Bible*



### **Prayer**

Winter's quiet with blowing snows,  
Greets the night and halts all foes,  
Till comes the light and She who knows,  
Touch the stones with crystal veils,  
With lessons learned, the Goddess Hail!  
- from *A Victorian Grimoire* by Patricia Telesco

### **Athena's Archives**

BAPA Library:

The library is a lending and exchange library, therefore any materials such as books, videos, cassettes, or tarot decks circulate, with the inventory being mutable over time. The library is accessible at the Gaia's Gateway each month. What interesting pagan reading or movie watching have you done recently? Send us a review and recommendation.

### **Letter From the Chair**

Merry meet! A joyous and wondrous seasons greetings to you all. I am glad that we are almost through the dark times. The days will be growing longer as we move into the next millennium.

The membership renewal went out, as noted in the last issue, and all of you have renewed. Those that haven't will not have received this newsletter. If you know anyone that thought they had renewed and didn't receive this newsletter have them contact us through one of the contact addresses below.

The Yuletide Craft Faire has come and gone. There were a number of vendors there and a variety of interesting and well done crafts. We picked up a few Yule gifts. Most of those who attended, including vendors, seemed to have had a great time. BAPA received contributions from vendor fees and a contribution box. Every little bit helps us to fulfill our mission. Thanks again to Michael Dilts and San Jose Bookstore for putting on this event. Blessed Be,  
Roger Schuelke  
Board Chair

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### **Perfect Love and Perfect Trust**

By Daphne Stephanotis

The phrase "perfect love and perfect trust" comes to us from British traditional witchcraft. It appears in only one place: the password a candidate gives upon requesting entrance to the initiatory circle.

Published discussions of this phrase assume that modern meanings apply. However, there seems reason to believe that older lore persists within traditional practice. This phrase seems likely to be one such survival. But does it mean the same thing it once meant?

Historical definitions provide a reality check.

*Perfect*

Perfect, a. [OE. parfit, OF. parfit, parfet, parfait, F. parfait, L. perfectus, p.p. of perficere to carry to the end, to perform, finish, perfect; per (see Per-) + facere to make, do. See Fact.]

1. Brought to consummation or completeness; completed; not defective nor redundant; having all the properties or qualities requisite to its nature and kind; without flaw, fault, or blemish; without error; mature; whole; pure; sound; right; correct.

Per-, A prefix used to signify through, throughout, by, for, or as an intensive as perhaps, by hap or chance; perennial, that lasts throughout the year; perforce, through or by force; perfoliate, perforate; perspicuous, evident throughout or very evident; perplex, literally, to entangle very much.

Fact, n. [L. factum, fr. facere to make or do.] A doing, making, or preparing.

[Obs.] □, □

When we look at a word, its source language points to the heart of its concept: "to carry [on] to the end." The two Latin roots (Per and Fact) give us "an act carried through." Or, in modern slang, "take it to the limit." The sports term "follow-through" comes to mind rather vividly.

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## Love

Love, n. [OE. love, luve, AS. lufe, lufu; akin to E. lief, believe, L. lubet, libet, it pleases, Skr. lubh to be lustful.]

1. A feeling of strong attachment induced by that which delights or commands admiration; pre-eminent kindness or devotion to another; affection; tenderness; as, the love of brothers and sisters.

2. To regard with passionate and devoted affection, as that of one sex for the other.

The older definition comes first - "brotherly love."

### *Perfect Love Is...*

A feeling of strong attachment, carried through or intensified.

Gardner wrote of his strong attachment to the New Forest Coven folks, which he and they attributed to their feelings that they had shared history in past lives. He also wrote of the strong feelings that individuals working magic together may develop.

This definition also describes the operative force behind magic itself: in the phrase "perfect love," we have encoded how to work magic.

### *Trust*

Trust, n. [OE. trust, trost, Icel. traust confidence, security; akin to Dan. & Sw. tr<sup>st</sup> comfort, consolation, G. trost, Goth. trausti a convention, covenant, and E. true. See True, and cf. Tryst.]

1. Assured resting of the mind on the integrity, veracity, justice, friendship, or other sound principle, of another person; confidence; reliance; reliance.

Trust is an extremely abstract concept. Every term used to define it is abstract - and it takes a lot of them! Note that the definition does not include all the listed "sound principles" into the single definition:

"trust" means "counting on someone for integrity (wholeness) OR veracity (truthfulness) OR justice (even-handedness?) OR friendship" - but not necessarily all of the above.

In simple terms, trust means being able to count on another person for a specific, positive quality or behavior. "See true and tryst?" Let's

check out those definitions; maybe they'll clarify things for us.

True, a. [Compar. Truer; superl. Truest.] [OE. trewe, AS. Tre<sup>we</sup> faithful, true, from tre<sup>w</sup> fidelity, faith, troth; akin to OFries. triuwe, adj., treuwa, n., OS. triuwi, adj., trewa, n., G. treu, adj., treue, n., Icel. trygg, adj., n., Goth. triggws, adj., triggwa, n., trauan to trust, OPruss druwis faith.]

Conformable to fact; in accordance with the actual state of things; correct; not false, erroneous, inaccurate, or the like; as, a true relation or narration; a true history; a declaration is true when it states the facts.

Tryst, n. [OE. trist, tryst, a variant of trust; cf. Icel. treysta to make trusty, fr. traust confidence, security.]

1. Trust. [Obs.] 2. An appointment to meet; also, an appointed place or time of meeting; as, to keep tryst; to break tryst. [Scot. Or Poetic] To bide tryst, to wait, at the appointed time, for one with whom a tryst or engagement is made; to keep an engagement or appointment.

Aha! a much older and concrete meaning of trust, hidden away under tryst. Now we know what we can count on a trust-worthy person for.

### *Perfect Trust Is...*

"Perfect trust" in a modern definition is "being able to count on someone carrying through on a behavior." In the oldest definition, it means "being able to count on meeting someone at a given time and place," or perhaps both:

speaking only facts

keeping appointments

Perfect Love And Perfect Trust Are?

So, we've arrived:

Perfect love = feelings of strong

attachment, carried through.

Perfect trust = being able to rely on

someone in the extreme.

When you put them together, you combine the familiar ties of relationship and the emotional capability for magic with the reliable opportunity to gather together. The crucial ingredients for a magic-working group - encoded into a pair of passwords.

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In conclusion, three important details little resemble the New-Age expositions on this topic :

- Perfect love and perfect trust apply within a magical circle.
- Perfect love and perfect trust encode within them the essence of magical witchcraft practice.
- Perfect love and perfect trust are goals.

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✓ Don't forget to register:

**PantheaCon 2001**

February 16-19, 2001

**Cathedral Hill Hotel**

**San Francisco, CA.**

Admission \$60 (until 1/15/01), \$70 at the door

contact Ancient Ways

[www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

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*There once was a witch called Hilda,  
Who had a cat sh'de named Gilda.  
They flew out on her broom  
In the middle of June  
Because flying at Yule was too cool-duh!*

**THIS IS A PAGAN SERVICE  
ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!!!!**

Beginning Wednesday NOV 8th at 7PM and then on the 2nd and last Wed of each month thereafter The Sacred Grove will be hosting a networking and organizing event we shall hence call "Linking Circles".

Location: 924 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, CA

Linking Circles will be a time for Pagans to meet each other in a safe comfortable environment in hopes that solitaires can meet groups, groups can meet groups, solitaires can meet solitaires etc.

Working in public Pagan places for a number of years now we have found that the Pagan community in Santa Cruz is much larger than most of us think. It is growing at an incredible rate and still very disconnected. We hope that providing a space to meet and to organize will change that.

Here at the grove we have more class sign ups than our teachers to handle. We are training quite a few people here and we hope that we can present more options to students when they finish training than joining our groups.

Linking Circles will be a space for all groups to meet and organize and shall NOT be a recruiting platform and/or controlled by any one group, especially not our own. We will provide space, coffee, tea, places to sit, and people. We will be contacting everyone on our mailing list and every known (and some unknown) groups, covens and solitaires that our collective wills can come up with.

Your energy and attendance is encouraged and please spread the word...

Blessed Be!!

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Sacred Grove

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(831) 423-1949

***Celebrate Yule with NROOGD***

Welcome the new King  
Saturday, December 16, 7 PM  
Berkeley Unitarian, corner of Cedar and  
Bonita  
Children Welcome  
\$5 - \$20.00 donation requested (The  
Hall price has gone up)  
Bring a small wrapped gift for Red  
Merlin's cauldron

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*Sun, Sun, to south you've run  
The hours of night have almost won  
Turn, turn, by ring and horn  
We conjure light to be reborn*

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***Editor's Illuminations***

I wasn't anticipating having space to chat with readers in this issue. Perhaps, being the season of new beginnings, I shouldn't be surprised by the number of new classes, presentations, and circles that are scheduled in the coming months. I've tried to find space to list everything I received. If you don't find your group's activities listed, it's because the information didn't get through to me by the deadline, or I've made an error (which I've been known to do - horror, gasp!).

Notably missing are the seasonal recipes and the lists of holiday does and don'ts. And I am saddened that I didn't receive a couple of promised book reviews. I really do enjoy hearing and reading about how others in the BAPA community view various pagan issues and resources. I don't necessarily want to get political, but personal views on various topics are welcome.

I've been warned against doing this. They say you will overwhelm me with your response. But, I can't help it. This is your newsletter. The blank space left on this page belongs to you. I confess - I'm getting a little tired of simply updating the calendar and copy editing the letters from the president and Board chair. I suppose that I could try to find time to write my own reviews and articles - and I would like to do that

(find the time) occasionally. But the newsletter's not about me, it's about us. What are we doing? What are we interested in?

If you have some good ideas for articles, or questions you'd like answers to on pagan related topics, send me an email or a note via the BAPA PO Box. I'd be overjoyed (envison it) to hear from you.

With Bright Blessings and in Joyful  
Anticipation of the Return of the Sun,  
Neva Schuelke  
Editor, The BAPAN

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

### 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](http://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***

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### **December**

- 16 - NROOGD Yule, 7PM, Berkeley Unitarian  
**21 - (SJ) Solstice Drumming Circle, 7:30 PM**  
**24 - (SJ) Vision Quest, Charles “Crow Man” Hawkins, 7:30 PM**  
**27 - “Linking Circles”, Santa Cruz, contact Sacred Grove (see Ongoing Events)**

### **January**

- 5 - Rune class, Hammer Oak Kindred, Berkeley, contact Lori at [lori@webbnet.com](mailto:lori@webbnet.com).  
7 - Drumming Circle, 4-6 PM, potluck, for directions contact [karissa@prodigy.net](mailto:karissa@prodigy.net).  
17 - (SJ) Insights for the New Year, Scout Bartlett, 7:30 PM  
18 - (SJ) Wicca 101, Brendan and Lady Sharon, 1st of 6 sessions, every other week.  
24 - (SJ) Vision Quest, Charles “Crow Man” Hawkins, 7:30 PM  
28 - BAPA’s Gaia’s Gateway, presenters Sophianic Order, fire cleansing ritual.  
31 - (SJ) BAPA Discussion Group, 7:30 PM

### **February**

- 16-19 - (AW) PantheaCon, Cathedral Hill Hotel, San Francisco, info. above.

## *New and Upcoming ~~*

Drumming Circle every third Saturday at Dolphin Dream in Walnut Creek. The next gathering will be on December 30th. 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.

The Drumming Circle's first meeting is set for Sunday, January 7, 2001 from 4 to 6 p.m. Please bring something to share with the group, i.e. snacks, beverages, napkins, etc. For directions to the practice site please contact Robin Griffith at robin\_griffith@hp.com or Karissa at karissa@prodigy.net. I hope to see many of you there!

Wicca 101 classes will be taught by Brendan and Sharon starting Thursday, January 17th at the San Jose Book Shop. This is a 6-part class meeting every other week at 7:30 PM. The cost is \$10 per meeting. For more information, call the San Jose Book Shop at 408-446-0590.

Once again, Ancient Ways bookstore is sponsoring PantheaCon, a Pagan gathering of workshops, lectures rituals and vendors. This event will be held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel at Van Ness and Geary in San Francisco from February 16 thru 19, 2001. For more information, contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

The Ancient Ways Festival at Harbin Hot Springs is scheduled to take place May 16 - 20, 2001. The "What if?" (we moved it to Big Sur) poll was tallied, and the vote was to keep the festival at Harbin Springs. More information to follow as May approaches, but if you would like more information contact Ancient Ways at 510-653-3244 or [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)

A core Shamanic drum circle meets every Wednesday from 7-9PM at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club in Princeton-by-the-Sea, 25 miles south of San Francisco, CA and 7 miles north of Half Moon Bay. December's meetings will be held on the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th of the month. The Moss Beach Drumming Collective is an open community of drummers, percussionists, and journeyers. All are welcome! Potluck after circle. A donation of \$5-\$10 requested for space. For more information, please contact [janfrey@mindspring.com](mailto:janfrey@mindspring.com)

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

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. The next meeting is on January 6th. For more information please contact [fote@partytown.com](mailto:fote@partytown.com)

Marin Womanspirit meets on the 1st Sundays of every month at Marin UU Fellowship. Then next meeting is on January 7th. For info call Lucille Foppiano at 415-479-9169 or write to Marin Fellowship, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael, CA 94903-2606. Church phone: 415-479-4131

### *Ongoing Events ~~*

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Wicca classes for women begin every six weeks at Lavender Dragon in Menlo Park. Learn to create sacred space by casting a circle and calling the elemental energies of air, fire, water and earth. Learn to know the Goddess within you. The classes are taught by Owl Blossom, owner of Two Sisters Bookshop, and healer, and teacher who has been practicing witchcraft for 17 years. Call the Bookshop at 650-323-4778 for more information or [www.lavenderdragon.com](http://www.lavenderdragon.com)

There are open Sabbat celebrations in the Bay Area by invitation only. In the Palo Alto area, please contact Bianca of South Bay Circles at 408-265-5180. And in the San Francisco area, contact Phases at 415-468-5466, or <http://www.phases.org> for upcoming dates and locations, and details on how to obtain an invitation.

The Solitaires' Organization for Local Outreach (SOLO) is a San Mateo County Coastside-based, non-profit organization aimed specifically at assisting solitary practitioners of nature-centered/earth-based spirituality - some of whom occasionally practice with groups. SOLO provides forums and resources to enlighten, educate and expand the paths of solitaires. For more information, please e-mail [solitairesunite@excite.com](mailto:solitairesunite@excite.com) or check our web site at <http://www.owensplace.net/solo.html>

Stone Soup Social -- A Pagan Potluck Discussion every third Thursday evening of the month in the El Cerrito area. People may show up at 6:30 if they like, dinner starts at 7. Moderated discussion until 9 PM, followed by social time until 11. The discussion topics will be suggested and agreed upon each time by those participating. A donation of \$2-5 is requested, although no one will be turned away for lack of funds. For

information, call 408-559-8580 or Email:StoneSoupSocial-subscribe@onelist.com  
<http://www.onelist.com/subscribe/StoneSoupSocial>

Dragon Dream offers ongoing workshops, monthly circle gatherings and astrology classes for women. Call 415-820-1500 for more information or visit [www.dragondream.com](http://www.dragondream.com)

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."

Drumming Circle every third Saturday at Dolphin Dream in Walnut Creek. 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.

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

"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.

Fellowship of the Spiral Path (SPIRAL) offers ongoing classes and teaching circles, open rituals and clergy services in the Berkeley area. Phone Diana at 510-658-6033 for information.

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

Sabbat celebrations and classes are being offered by Reclaiming in San Francisco, Marin County and Sebastopol. Call their events line at 415-339-8150 for more information.

The 3rd 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>

Monthly open circles for families with young children are being offered by Scarlet Cord in the East Bay area. Call Mary at 510-526-1008 for more information.

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.

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.

There are two CUUPS chapters established in the Bay Area. Official contact information is: Pagan Interest Group (San Francisco) Meets every Sunday morning and full moons at First Unitarian Society in San Francisco. For info contact Sally Amsbury, at (510) 595-1341 or email [sally@lionslair.com](mailto:sally@lionslair.com), or write to FUS at 1446 46th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122-2903, church phone (415) 242-1608.

Circle of Heart's Delight (San Jose) Meets at First Unitarian Church of San Jose, 160 N. 3rd St. For more information contact Jo Balzer at (408) 274-6288, or email [sestes@scu.edu](mailto:sestes@scu.edu)

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

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