
Bay Area Pagan Activities and News

BAPAN

Yule 2002

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**BAPA NEWS**

*Greetings to BAPA!*

1. January Gateway Description

Sunday, January 26, 2003

**ABCs of Psychic Defense with the Magickal Arts Guild, International**

A brief presentation on the basics of psychic protection will be followed by a hands-on ritual demonstrating how to create a protected space and how to detect and remove unwanted entities in one's energy field. Presented by the M.A.G.I., an educational fellowship dedicated to practical instruction in the Occult Sciences and to the preservation and disciplined transmission of the Western Mystical Tradition.

*See page 2 for time, location and directions.*

2. Membership Renewals

Please mail your renewal payments before the next issue of the BAPAN (Imbolc). See page 2 for BAPA's address.

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STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to these folks who keep BAPA going!

BAPA Officers:

President: Michael Dilts
Vice President: Denise Rogers
Secretary:
Treasurer: Karissa Shaw
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Volunteer Coordinator: Eric Rodas

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Web Master: Johanna MacLead
BAPAN Editor: Rita Farkas



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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**TRIBUTE GIFT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Honoree: Argante Comyn  
Donor: Owain O'rodeigh

A tribute gift was made in honor of Argante Comyn on the occasion of her elevation to the Gardnerian Third Degree by Owain O'rodeigh.

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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 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Fireside Room at the Palo Alto Unitarian Universalist Church (PAUUC).

**MONTHLY SCHEDULE:**

**January 26, 2003 - ABCs of Psychic Defense with the Magickal Arts Guild, International**  
See page 1 for the complete description.

**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 Highway 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 website located at:

[http://www.bapa.net/Gaia\\_s\\_Gateway/](http://www.bapa.net/Gaia_s_Gateway/)

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[http://www.bapa.net/The\\_BAPAN/](http://www.bapa.net/The_BAPAN/)

**Submission deadline:**

Submission and calendar deadline for the Imbolc newsletter is January 22, 2003. 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. [Note: You may also contact the editor directly at message2rita@earthlink.net.] You may also send items to the address below.

**Where to contact BAPA:**

P.O. Box 4159  
Mountain View, CA 94040-0159  
<http://www.bapa.net>

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

It gives me great pleasure and a certain amount of relief to announce that we have a new editor for the BAPAN. Rita Farkas, who has recently become an active participant in a number of BAPA projects, has bravely stepped forward to pick up the editorial baton. Rita holds a B.A. in English from San Jose State University. She currently works as a Media Specialist in San Mateo and is working on a library technology certificate at Foothill College. Just for the record, Rita also makes wonderful molded soaps, some of which she offered for sale at the recent BAPA Craft Fair.

Please submit any contributions you would like to see included in future BAPANs to Rita at: BAPAN Editor, Bay Area Pagan Assemblies, P.O. Box 4159, Mountain View, CA 94040-0159. You can also reach her by email at message2rita@earthlink.net.

If you are still looking for a way to get involved with the BAPA community, don't despair. There will be plenty of fun and interesting jobs available! [See future issues of the BAPAN!]

- Michael Dilts, President

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**A Thank You from KTEH!**

BAPA received this thank you from Emily Juan, Volunteer Coordinator at KTEH. BAPA volunteers lent their aid to the station's fund drive on December 3, 2002.

*Thanks for volunteering for the KTEH membership campaign. With your help, KTEH received 111 pledges and raised \$21,095 on Tuesday night!*

*The dollars raised during pledge drives and other fundraising events help KTEH broadcast television programs that enrich our lives, invigorate our minds, inform and entertain. This revenue also allows us to continue to educate children through our Ready To Learn, First Books, and Real Science! programs which touch the lives of thousands of Bay Area residents.*

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## **“STANDING STONES”**

### ***Bedrock Groups of Bay Area Paganism***

#### **Organizations:**

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

#### **Businesses:**

- “13” Book Store, Santa Cruz, 831-425-1313
  - Ancient Ways Book Store, Oakland, 510-653-3244, [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com)
  - Full Circle Books, Belmont 650-508-9546
  - Her Land Book Store, Santa Cruz, 831-429-6636
  - Inner Journey, Los Gatos, 408-395-2766
  - Psychic Eye Book Store, Mountain View/San Francisco, 650-964-2220/415-863-9997
  - San Jose Metaphysical Book Store, San Jose, 408-446-0590, [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com)
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## **THE WINTER SOLSTICE**

The winter solstice is unique among days of the year – the time of the longest night and the shortest day. The dark triumphs, but only briefly. For the solstice is also a turning point. From now

on (until the summer solstice, at any rate), the nights grow shorter and the days grow longer, the dark wanes and the Sun waxes in power. From the dark womb of night, the light is born.

From Celebrating the Seasonal Holy-Days by Waverly Fitzgerald

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## **SYMBOLISM OF THE SEASON**

Apple: love

Orange: love, luck

Rosemary: love, lust

Pine: fertility

Nuts: fertility, wishes, prosperity, love, luck

Mistletoe: love, hunting, fertility, protection

Gold: abundance

Pinecones: fertility, longevity, comfort

From Kindling the Celtic Spirit by Mara Freeman

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## **RECIPES YULE LOVE!**

### **Wassail**

The traditional, classic Yuletide hot mulled cider drink.

4 litres apple cider or juice (fresh milled organic is excellent!)

1 orange, chopped

1 lime, chopped

1 lemon, chopped

4 cinnamon sticks or 1 t. ground cinnamon

1 inch-square piece of fresh ginger or 1/4 t. ground ginger

1 t. cloves, allspice and/or star anise

(Brandy or rum for adults, optional)

Heat all and simmer in an enamel pot (aluminum can impart a metallic flavor) on low for an hour, then serve to cold, caroling folks.

from:

<<http://www.fortunecity.com/greenfield/tigris/567/id76.htm>>

### **Vegnog**

#### **(Vegan "Egg" Nog)**

3 cup almond milk, organic soy milk, or rice milk

1 cup raw macadamia nuts, soaked overnight

9 honey dates, pitted (If dates are dry, soak overnight)  
3 teaspoon vanilla extract  
3 teaspoon maple syrup  
3 teaspoon flax oil  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
4 frozen bananas

Place all ingredients in blender and puree until smooth.

Note: You can add the rest of the soymilk if it is a 1-quart container. This stuff is thick!

from: <<http://homepages.tesco.net/~ash3/vegnog.htm>>

### Cocoa Snowballs

3 eggs  
1 1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup powdered cocoa  
3/4 cup milk  
1/4 cup butter  
1 tsp vanilla  
pinch of salt  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 tsp baking soda  
2 containers of white frosting  
2 3/4 cups flaked coconut

Beat eggs, gradually beat 1/2 cup sugar into the eggs and set aside. Combine remaining sugar, cocoa, milk and butter in a pan and cook on low heat until sugar is dissolved and butter is melted. Remove from heat and add vanilla and salt. Pour egg mixture into that. In a bowl, put remaining dry ingredients and slowly add the cocoa mixture, beating all the while....Fill 30, 2 1/2" muffin cups about 1/2 full and bake 20-25 mins at 325 degrees. Cool completely and frost bottom, top and sides. Then roll them in the coconut. Let them stand at room temperature until the frosting is firm, then serve or store in a container.

from:  
<<http://sacredwell.virtualave.net/html/yule/yulerecipes.html>>

## CRAFT CUPBOARD

by Rita Farkas, Editor

### Easy & Beautiful Sun Welcoming Soap

Melt & pour glycerin soap is easy and fun to make. The resulting soaps are beautiful. Maybe I had the pleasure of meeting some of you when I sold my soaps at the BAPA Yuletide Craft Fair on December 7, 2002.

I devised this project to introduce interested crafters to soapmaking. The round shape of the soap and beautiful golden sparkle color remind me of the rebirth of the Sun that we celebrate at this time of year.

#### Ingredients & Supplies:

Note: All ingredients are available from Jo-Ann stores or <http://www.joann.com>.

3 oz. Soap Expressions Melt & Pour Clear Soap  
(it's sold in 1-lb. blocks)  
1 No-Tip 3-D Soap Mold, Egg & Sphere  
1 tsp. Delta Soap Creations Gold Glitter Sparkling Accents  
10-15 drops Fields Landing Soap Factory Designer Fragrance Oil, Citrus Fantasy scent or your choice  
Baby Oil  
Double boiler (or a small pot or large glass measuring cup resting on a jar lid in a larger pot) Note: the small pot should have a spout.  
Bamboo skewer or small spoon (for stirring)  
Pot Holder  
Old towel

Set water to boil in the bottom part of the double boiler (or the larger pot).

We will be using the "sphere" section of the double mold. Lightly oil each half of the sphere with baby oil. Fit the two halves of the mold together tightly. Note that when fitted together, this mold has a notched section (a hole) where you'll be pouring in the soap. Place the mold on the towel with the pour hole facing up.

Place the soap in the top part of the double boiler (or in the small pot). Allow to melt completely (stir gently with bamboo skewer or spoon for faster melting). When the soap is melted, remove the container from the double boiler and place on pot holder. Add 1 tsp. Gold Glitter. Stir gently (to avoid creating bubbles). Add 10-15 drops of fragrance oil. Stir. Very carefully, pour the soap into the pour hole of the mold. Set container aside and press the mold together to make sure the fit is snug.

Wait several hours to make sure soap has cooled completely. Open mold carefully. Makes one beautiful, round, sparkling soap.

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### Upcoming Local Pagan Events ~ December, 2002 and beyond

*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.*

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Learn to read Hieroglyphs – San Jose

Learn to read Hieroglyphs at the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose from 2-3pm. 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. Information: 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Open Circle – Pacific Grove

Join an Open Pagan Circle every Sunday morning at 11am, for fellowship and chat at the Sacred Branch, next to Bookworks, downtown. Information: [annie490@yahoo.com](mailto:annie490@yahoo.com).

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Magical Workshop Series – 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. Information: Foxglove, aka Stacy, at [foxglove999@hotmail.com](mailto:foxglove999@hotmail.com).

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Seekers' Lunch – Palo Alto

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

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Pagan Support Group – Santa Clara

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

December 5, 12, 19, 26 – Dream Class – Walnut Creek

Thursday Morning Dream Class with Alexandra Robin at Dolphin Dream 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.

December 5, 12, 19, 26 – Open Meetings – 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](mailto:ferne.campbell@att.net), or visit <http://www.covennemorensis.mybravenet.com/cronestea.html>.

December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 - Palmistry Classes – Oakland

Palmistry Classes are being offered at The Palmistry Academy of Ancient Wisdom 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. Information: 510-729-6329 or [PAAW@postmark.net](mailto:PAAW@postmark.net).

December 6, 27 – Women's Group – Berkeley

"Rituals for Life", a women' s group with Z Budapest, meets on the first and last Fridays of the month from 7-9pm. 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. Information: 510-893-3097. Register online at [www.zbudapest.com](http://www.zbudapest.com) via PayPal or E-mail [silverzb@aol.com](mailto:silverzb@aol.com).

December 10, 24 – Drumming Circle – Half Moon Bay

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

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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. Information: [janfreya@mindspring.com](mailto:janfreya@mindspring.com).

### December 11, 25 – Merlin Tarot Class – Aptos

Join an ongoing Merlin Tarot Class, every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:15pm. This class is not about divination as much as about the cosmology of the Western Mystery Tradition and the Celtic Tree of Life. The deck, created by RJ Stewart, both strips the Christian overlay off of Tarot and shows how the Trumps act as paths or fusions of the spheres of the Western Tree. The class will explore the energies and powers of the Trumps through experiential visionary work, enabling personal transformation of consciousness. Cost is \$5 per class. Information: Andrea at 831-426-2439 or [andrea@cruzio.com](mailto:andrea@cruzio.com).

### December 11, 25 – Open Meeting – Santa Cruz

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. Information: 831-423-1949 or [sacredgrove@onebox.com](mailto:sacredgrove@onebox.com).

### December 12, 26 – Women's Spirituality Group – Gilroy/Hollister

A Women's Spirituality Group meets on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. Information: Susan at [orcalove@gte.net](mailto:orcalove@gte.net), 408-838-4704 or visit <http://www.lighthousewoods.com>.

### December 12, 26 - Moms and Babes Celebrate! – Santa Cruz

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. Information: lolani at 831-479-3310 or visit [www.sanctuary-illumination.com](http://www.sanctuary-illumination.com).

### December 14, 28 – Ancient Cosmetics Workshop – San Jose

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. Information: 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

### December 20 – Winter Solstice Celebration – San Francisco

Join Reclaiming for a Winter Solstice celebration at Ocean Beach beginning at 3:00pm; ritual at 4:00pm. Meet between Sloat Blvd. and Taraval Street but be closer to Taraval. Please bring wood for the fire, food and juice to share, and a towel if you plan to plunge. Also, dress warmly; it can get quite cold. Information: <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html>.

### December 20 – Women's Singing Winter Solstice Ritual – East Bay

All women are invited to join Singing Winter Solstice with Daughters of the Goddess in the East Bay at 7:30pm. Bring your favorite Goddess Yule songs to celebrate the return of the light. While this is not a drop-in circle, you can confirm with Daughters 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 a snack to share. Cost: \$40. Work exchange and senior discount payment plans available, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Information: Lellani at 925-256-8109, [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com), or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

### December 20 – Women's Spiritual Journey – Monterey Peninsula

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. Information: Sheree at 831-899-3565, or Phyllis 831-659-4585. Free.

### December 20 – Ecstatic Dance – 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 in Santa Cruz. Ecstatic Dance allows your dance to be your heartfelt prayer. Cost: \$15 offering. Information: lolani at 831-479-3310 or visit [www.sanctuary-illumination.com](http://www.sanctuary-illumination.com).

### December 21 – Yule Celebration – Berkeley

Darkstar Coven invites you to join them for a Yule Celebration at 3:30pm at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists on Cedar and Bonita. Bring something for the gift cauldron. Donation: \$10-25; no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Information: Laurel at [raudhildr@earthlink.net](mailto:raudhildr@earthlink.net).

### December 21 – Winter Solstice Celebration – San Jose

Hearthstone will host a Winter Solstice Celebration from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Hearthstone Home. Information: [molly@hearthstonecircle.org](mailto:molly@hearthstonecircle.org), or visit <http://www.hearthstonecircle.org>.

### December 21 - Winter Solstice Celebration - Boulder Creek

All ages and genders are welcome to come Circle for Winter Solstice at Sunbeam Farms. Gather at 11:30am; Ritual begins Noon (No latecomers, please). Outside, rain or shine, we will dance the wheel of the year another turn and look for meaning in the dark. Come stir the cauldron with Mother Winter and see what visions come to you. Celebrate with us as we welcome back the

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lengthening days. After the ritual we will have a Merry Walk to decorate a Solstice Tree for the animals. Merry Potluck to follow inside. Please bring, an offering of a prepared (cut and washed) vegetable to Mother Winter's Soup Cauldron. Casseroles, breads, spreads and deserts are welcome. Please don't forget your bowl, spoon and fork. Bring drums, etc. Information: Karen at [Karen@risingdragon.org](mailto:Karen@risingdragon.org) or Copper at [CopperPersephone@aol.com](mailto:CopperPersephone@aol.com).

### December 21 – Winter Solstice Celebration – Half Moon Bay

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. Information: [janfrey@mindspring.com](mailto:janfrey@mindspring.com).

### December 21 – Celtic Winter Solstice Celebration – Gilroy

The Sanctuary will host a Celtic Celebration of the Winter Solstice; an evening with Karen Ehrenfeldt at 7:30pm. The Sanctuary is located at 60 5<sup>th</sup> St in Gilroy. Information: 408-847-1890, [lovingkindness5@excite.com](mailto:lovingkindness5@excite.com), or visit [http://www.lighthousewoods.com/calendar\\_sanct.html](http://www.lighthousewoods.com/calendar_sanct.html).

### December 21 – Drumming Circle – Walnut Creek

Every third Saturday, Dolphin Dream 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. Information: 925-933-2342.

### December 21 – Rhythm Circle – 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 location and information: [richard@imagecraft.com](mailto:richard@imagecraft.com).

### December 22 – Yule Celebration – San Francisco

Reclaiming of San Francisco will host a Yule celebration at Ocean Beach. Gather at 3pm - ritual at 4pm. Meet between Sloat Blvd. and Taraval Street but will be closer to Taraval. Bring: Wood for the fire, food and juice to share, and a towel if you plan to plunge. All Reclaiming rituals are clean and sober. No drugs or alcohol, including wine. And dress warmly; it can get quite cold. Information: visit <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html>.

### December 22 – Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle – Felton

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

### December 29 – Open Goddess Service – Berkeley

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. Information: Diana at 510-658-6033.

### December 31 – Open Circle – Fremont

You are invited to attend a monthly Open Circle hosted by The Way of the Magi on the last Tuesday of every month from 8-9:30pm at 43687 Mission Blvd. All faiths are welcome in the spirit of Community. During the circle we will join with each other to focus our intent to send energy to people, places and events that are in need of love or healing. Information: Lady Toban at 510-657-8566 or visit <http://www.wayofthemagi.com>.

### January 2003 – Imbolc Celebration – Fairfax (Date TBA as plans progress)

Join the Marin Ritual Planning Cell of Reclaiming for a celebration of Brigid, Lady of the forge, flame and healing waters at Fairfax Community Church, 2398 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Gather at 7:30pm; ritual at 8pm. Please bring Waters of the World, and wear red, white, yellow or gold. Sliding scale donation is \$10-\$20. No one turned away for lack of funds. All Reclaiming rituals are clean and sober. NO drugs or alcohol (including wine), please. Information: Georgie at 415-454-8744 or [gdennison\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:gdennison_@hotmail.com).

### January thru December, 2003 – Bardic Study – Gilroy

The Sanctuary is hosting, "Bardic Grade Study", a year-long class with Karen Ehrenfeldt meeting once a month. This introductory course is for those interested in learning about the practice of Druidry within the support of a group setting. The program is being offered by The Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids (OBOD) and can be reviewed at <http://www.obod.co.uk/intro/default.htm>. Karen has received permission from OBOD to serve as a teacher in California. The Sanctuary is located at 60 5<sup>th</sup> St in Gilroy. Cost: \$335. Information: 408-838-4704 or [karen@xs.com](mailto:karen@xs.com).

### January 3 – Elements of Witchcraft Course – Walnut Creek

Dolphin Dream will host a 5-week course, The Elements of Witchcraft with Storm Faerywolf from 7-9PM. The powers that witches call upon are anything but supernatural. Through training we can learn to see beyond the limits of everyday reality, and begin to

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weave our own threads into the Pattern, to make magick. In this 5 week course we will open ourselves in trance and experience the 5 elemental powers of the ancients: Air, Fire, Water, Earth, and Spirit, and discover how this ancient model can connect us to the land on which we live, and also to the deepest levels of ourselves. We will experience each of the elements in turn and see how they unfold in our lives, bringing us closer to balance, strength, and alignment to our power. Class size is limited. Cost: \$50-\$100 sliding scale for entire course; \$25 non-refundable deposit required to hold your space. Information: 925-933-2342.

January 5, 12, 19, 26 – Learn to read Hieroglyphs – San Jose

Learn to read Hieroglyphs at the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose from 2-3pm. 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. Information: 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

January 7 – Women's Descent of Innana Celebration – East Bay

All women are welcome to celebrate The Descent of Innana with Daughters of the Goddess starting at 7:30pm. Walk the path of the Sumerian Goddess as she descends to the Underworld and re-emerges as Queen of Heaven and Earth. While this is not a drop-in circle, you can confirm with Daughters 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 a snack to share. Cost: \$40. Work exchange and senior discount payment plans available. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Information: Lellani at 925-256-8109, [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com), or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

January 10 – Women's Circle – San Jose

Luna Circa is an eclectic women's circle that has been meeting in the San Jose area since 1987. Every month on the second Friday after the new moon, we gather at 7:30 and circle from 8pm until late, with members taking charge of rituals on a voluntary rotational basis. For location and other information: [lunacirca@yahoo.com](mailto:lunacirca@yahoo.com), or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

January 11, 25 – Ancient Cosmetics Workshop – San Jose

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January 14 - The Heart of Chanting – Mountain View

East West Bookshop hosts The Heart of Chanting with Robert Gass and Friends from 7-9pm. This ecstatic evening will feature chanting from Hindu, Christian, Buddhist, Sufi, Jewish and Native American traditions. You'll quickly understand why the ancient practice of chanting is enjoying such widespread revival. A warm and gifted teacher, Robert Gass, author of Chanting: Discovering Spirit in Sound and the best-selling CD, Om Namaha Shivaya, will show you ways to use chant to bring joy, inner peace, and the presence of the Sacred into your daily life. Cost: \$15. Information: 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com), or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/>.

January 16, 2003 – Women's Blessing of the Animals Ritual – East Bay

Daughters of the Goddess hosts Blessing of the Animals, and The Goddess Artemis, with special guest, Cathy Malkin at 7:30pm. Learn how to communicate with animals. While this is not a drop-in circle, you can confirm with Daughters 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 a snack to share. Cost: \$40. Work exchange and senior discount payment plans available. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Information: Lellani Birelyi at 925- 256-8109, [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

January 26 – Open Ritual – Gaia's Gateway – Palo Alto

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. Each Gateway begins with an informative talk, and both the talk and the ritual are led by the practitioners of the religion presented. Information: 408-559-GAIA (4242), or visit [www.bapa.net](http://www.bapa.net).

February 2, 2003 – Brigit/Imbolc Ritual – Santa Cruz

Community Seed invites you to create and/or participate in our public rituals celebrating the four major sabbats. Our goal is to provide a place in which to celebrate in a sacred environment and connect with our spiritual families by welcoming the Spring. Information: [Michael@communityseed.org](mailto:Michael@communityseed.org).

February 2, 9, 16, 23 – Learn to read Hieroglyphs – San Jose

Learn to read Hieroglyphs at the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose from 2-3pm. 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. Information: 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

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February 6, 2003 – Women's Imbolc/Candlemas Celebration – East Bay

Celebrate Imbolc/Candlemas and the Goddess Brigit with Daughters of the Goddess at 7:30pm. Please confirm with Daughters 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 a snack to share. Cost: \$40. Work exchange and senior discount payment plans available. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Information: Lellani Birelyi at 925- 256-8109, [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

February 8, 22 – Ancient Cosmetics Workshop – San Jose

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February 14 thru16– Medicine for the Earth – Santa Cruz,

Lenore Norrgard hosts Medicine for the Earth: How to Transform Personal & Environmental Toxins -- based on the book by Sandra Ingerman, Friday evening thru Sunday noon at Sunbeam Farms in Boulder Creek. Learn how to embody your own divine nature and collaborate with helping spirits to clear harmful thought-forms within, and thereby cleanse physical toxins from our environment. We will carry out a ceremony to clear polluted water. We will demonstrate that creating harmony within ourselves creates harmony in the world around us. This applies not only to the natural world, but to the human web as well. You will leave the gathering with tools to continue your own transformation. You can become part of a global population transforming our mechanistic, disconnected paradigm into one celebrating the living web of creation. No previous experience is required. Do read "Medicine for the Earth" by Sandra Ingerman prior to the gathering. You may also wish to review Sandra Ingerman' s web site at <http://shamanicvisions.com/ingerman.html>. Residential option: You may bunk on the floor or pitch a tent at no additional cost. Tuition: \$235; add \$25 for simple vegetarian meals. Information: Lenore at 415-820-1655 or visit [www.circlelivingearth.org](http://www.circlelivingearth.org)

February 14-17, 2003 – PantheaCon – San Jose

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. Information: 510-653-3244 or [www.ancientways.com](http://www.ancientways.com).

February 22, 2003 – The Fabric of Egypt – San Jose

Rosicrucian Museum from 3:00-5:00pm.

Prior to the 4th century BCE, Egypt functioned with a highly sophisticated barter system in which linen was one of the primary economic engines, and women were in charge of the households that produced it. This salon workshop will introduce the process of weaving and types of linen, using a replica loom to demonstrate techniques used. We will explore the history and importance of linen, its uses, and finally its vital role in continuing the practice of amulet magic into the Coptic culture of Christian Egypt. Information: 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

February 27 - Apprentice Practitioner Program with Magickal Arts Guild – San Jose

Discover the World of Real Magick at the San Jose Book Shop from 7:30-9:30 pm. This is the first of a 9-week series of classes covering Divination, Natural Magickal Arts and Magickal Techniques. Divination includes Tarot, Runes and Astrology. Natural Arts include Herbology, Stone and Metal Magick, and Magickal Concoctions. Magickal Techniques include Psychic Protection, Wand Making and Spell Casting. Classes meet every other Thursday and include take-home examinations leading up to apprentice-level certification. Cost: \$20 per class (pre-enrollment required). Information: 408-446-0590.

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Learn to read Hieroglyphs – San Jose

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March 9, 2003 – Elf Hill Event – San Francisco

Phases 8th Annual Elf Hill Event will be held at the SOMARTS Gallery. This Event, held as the winter months draw to a close, is to celebrate the hope for new life after the dark time of the sun. We explore the darker mysteries and the more hidden aspects of our human nature. We are curious creatures and we want to help uncover those intricacies through food, fun and festival. The Tarot Card is number IV of the Major Arcana and is the Emperor. In that light we will be having a fashion show of old bridesmaids dresses, so come as you really were, as someone might have wanted you to be (but you were fortunate enough to not know that person, i.e. a thrift store find) or come in drag. Now, we know this is the night of the Oscars. Not wanting you to miss any of the festivities, we will have a TV set up for all to view the pre show and compare their gala apparel with those worn by Hollywood's elite. How will you measure up? There will be a prize for the most spectacular gown. Information: 415-468-9664, [h2owitch@pacbell.net](mailto:h2owitch@pacbell.net), PO Box 884911, San Francisco, CA 94188-4911, or visit <http://www.phases.org/>.

March 20, 2003 – Women's Spring Equinox Celebration – East Bay

Celebrate Spring Equinox, the balance between the light and dark with Daughters of the Goddess at 7:30pm. While this is not a drop-in circle, you can confirm with Daughters 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 a snack to share. Cost: \$40. Work exchange and senior discount payment plans available. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Information: Lellani Birelyi at 925- 256-8109, [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

March 22, 2003 – Egyptian Religion Workshop – San Jose

3:00-5:00pm. Facilitated by Curator and Assistant Director Lisa Schwappach-Shirriff, MA. and Research Associate Steven Armstrong, Ph.D. (Cand). Did Egyptians believe in one Divine force behind all things, or many individual gods? Were the elaborate tombs and mummification absolutely necessary for an afterlife? How did they understand the relationship between religion and science? Through the examination and analysis of artifacts and ancient texts, the Curator and Research Associate will share the latest approaches of Archaeology, Egyptology and Religious Studies in this fascinating realm. Free with Museum admission. Donation encouraged. Information: 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

March 22, 2003 – Eostar, Spring Equinox Celebration – San Francisco

Reclaiming invites you to celebrate the coming of Spring at Beltane Meadows, Golden Gate Park, at noon; ritual at 1:00pm. Bring food or drink to share. Information: <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html>

April 3, 2003 – Women's Kuan Yin Celebration – East Bay

Celebrate Kuan Yin, Buddhist Goddess of compassion and mercy with Daughters of the Goddess at 7:30pm. While this is not a drop-in circle, you can confirm with Daughters 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 a snack to share. Cost: \$40. Work exchange and senior discount payment plans available. All women are welcome, and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Information: Lellani Birelyi at 925- 256-8109, [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com) or visit <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com>.

May 3, 2003 – Beltane Ritual – Santa Cruz

Community Seed invites you to create and/or participate in our public rituals celebrating the four major sabbats. Our goal is to provide a place in which to celebrate in a sacred environment and connect with our spiritual families by celebrating the First Harvest. Information: [Michael@communityseed.org](mailto:Michael@communityseed.org).

May 3, 2003 – Beltane Celebration – San Francisco

Reclaiming invites you to celebrate Beltane at Beltane Meadows, Golden Gate Park, at noon; ritual at 1:00pm. Bring food or drink to share. Information: <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html>.

June 4-8, 2003 – Festival at Harbin Hot Springs

Ancient Ways celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Festival at Harbin Hot Springs. More details to be announced as plans progress. Information: 510-653-3244 or visit <http://www.ancientways.com/html/events.html>.

June 20, 2003 – Litha Celebration – San Francisco

Reclaiming invites you to celebrate the Summer Solstice with them at Ocean Beach near Taraval Street (between Sloat and Taraval). Gather at 7:00pm; Ritual at 8:00pm. Bring wood, old spells to burn, things to make and decorate the Wicker Man, food and drink to share, and a towel if you plan to plunge. Information: <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html>.

August 2, 2003 – Lughnasadh Celebration – San Francisco

Reclaiming invites you to celebrate Lammass with them at Beltane Meadows, Golden Gate Park. Gather at Noon; Ritual at 1:00pm. Bring food or drink to share. Information: <http://reclaiming.org/rituals/sf.html>.

August 3, 2003 - Lammass/Lughnasadh Ritual – Santa Cruz

Community Seed invites you to create and/or participate in our public rituals celebrating the four major sabbats. Our goal is to provide a place in which to celebrate in a sacred environment and connect with our spiritual families by lighting the Beltane Fire. Information: [Michael@communityseed.org](mailto:Michael@communityseed.org).

August 14-18, 2003 – Elderflower Womenspirit Festival – Mendocino

The 15th Annual Elderflower Womenspirit Festival is a festival for women and girls with a focus on earth based spirituality and honoring the feminine through the Goddess. We celebrate our spirituality by sharing knowledge, music, arts and ritual. Elderflower is committed to providing a safe, welcoming and empowering environment for all women, including older women, women from all

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cultures, women of all sexual orientations, differently abled women, women in recovery, and limited income women. The festival will be held at the Mendocino Woodlands, outside Mendocino. Information: 510-433-7410, [info@elderflower.org](mailto:info@elderflower.org), or Elderflower, PO Box 7153, Redwood City CA 94063-7153,.

September 6, 2003 – Pagan Pride Day Harvest Festival – Modesto

AMG and Modesto Area Pagans present the Modesto Pagan Pride Day Harvest Festival from 10:00am-8:00pm at the American Legion Hall and Park, 1021 South Santa Cruz Ave. There will be authors, entertainers, vendors, rituals, drum circles, lectures, raffles, radio remotes, games, bands, and more lined up for your enjoyment. Cost: free with your canned food donation. The Modesto Pagan Pride Event is a Not-For-Profit event. Monies raised over and above the cost of the event are donated to local charities. Information: Kim or Chris at 209-549-1727 or visit <http://www.AUPagans.com> or <http://www.whisperedprayers.com/ModestoPPD.html>.

September 20, 21, 2003 – Pagan Pride Day Harvest Festival – Sacramento

The 5th Annual Sacramento Pagan Pride Day Harvest Festival, presented by Pagan Pride International, from 10am-8pm on Saturday and 11am-5pm on Sunday. Pagans unite for a weekend of festivities, education and dignity. Celebrate the autumnal equinox, nature's bounty and the unity of Earth-based faith at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall and Property at 8990 Kruithof Way in Fair Oaks. Admission to the event is free, although non-perishable food and monetary contributions are encouraged. There will be entertainment, workshops, vendors, and author lectures. Information: visit <http://www.sacpaganpride.org>.

November 1, 2003 – Samhain Ritual – Santa Cruz

Community Seed invites you to create and/or participate in our public rituals celebrating the four major sabbats. Our goal is to provide a place in which to celebrate in a sacred environment and connect with our spiritual families in the Solemn rites of Samhain. Information: [Michael@communityseed.org](mailto:Michael@communityseed.org).

If you notice inaccuracies in this list, please notify [ScoutGhst@aol.com](mailto:ScoutGhst@aol.com), BAPA networking coordinator.

### Contacts and Ongoing Events ~~

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. Information: Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

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. Information: Diana at 510-658-6033.

\*Berkeley - Rune Classes are being offered on the first Friday of every month with Hammer Oak Kindred. 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. Information: Eric at [eric@iconoclast.net](mailto:eric@iconoclast.net).

Berkeley - Jordan King will be facilitating Mastery of Awareness: Living the Four Agreements at the Toltec Center for Creative Intent. 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. Information: 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.

Berkeley - Free introductory Reiki sessions are being offered to women monthly during the 3 days of the full moon. 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. Information: 415-789-8066 or 510-601-1428.

\*Berkeley - Hrafnar kindred celebrates Walpurgisnacht on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 7:30pm. 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. [Information: Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705, greghavn@earthlink.net](mailto:Information:Diana.L.Paxson.Box.5521.Berkeley.CA.94705.greghavn@earthlink.net), or visit [www.hrafnar.org](http://www.hrafnar.org).

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

\*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

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

Concord - Witchy Wednesdays is an open forum on Paganism, Witch Craft and Wicca that meets at 7pm 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. Information: Elayne at 925-676-8560, or [amethystrose@juno.com](mailto:amethystrose@juno.com).

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. Information: [ferne.campbell@att.net](mailto:ferne.campbell@att.net), or visit <http://www.covennemorensis.mybravenet.com/cronestea.html>.

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 for all Wheel of the Year celebrations, and for other Goddess celebrations. Information: Leilani at 925-256-8109, or [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com).

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

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. Information: Mary at 510-526-1008.

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

El Cerrito - The Rabbit Warren invites you to a Rabbit Village Social on the third Sunday of every month from 5-10pm. We will begin with socializing and a potluck dinner, then we will have a village discussion from around 7-9pm, with social time again after ending at 10pm. Since a village is made up of all ages, we would also like to include childcare during the discussion part so that everyone can participate. We want to encourage children to be able to connect with their village peers as well. So if you have children and will be bringing them, please let us know ahead of time. Please bring food and/or drinks to share for the potluck. Please contribute to the community by bringing something of value to share. We ask that each person contribute \$3-5 to help with expenses. RSVP required. Information: [rabbitwarren@therabbitwarren.org](mailto:rabbitwarren@therabbitwarren.org) or visit [www.therabbitwarren.org/rwwweb/index.htm](http://www.therabbitwarren.org/rwwweb/index.htm).

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. Movement or meditation ideas are welcome. Information: 831-426-7784.

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. Information: Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

\*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 Niles Café located at 121 First St in Niles. 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. Information: 510-366-5067, [firecircle@hotmail.com](mailto:firecircle@hotmail.com), or visit [www.firecircle.com](http://www.firecircle.com).

\*Fremont - You are invited to an ongoing drum circle one Sunday of every month from 4:00 ~7:00PM at Central Park. 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 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. Information: 510-366-5067, [firecircle@hotmail.com](mailto:firecircle@hotmail.com), or visit [www.firecircle.com](http://www.firecircle.com).

Gilroy – A Celtic and Druid group meets approximately every 4 to 6 weeks. Events are open to the public. Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids (OBOD). Information: Karen Ehrenfeldt at [karen@xs.com](mailto:karen@xs.com) or [http://www.lighthousewoods.com/druid\\_karen.html](http://www.lighthousewoods.com/druid_karen.html).

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,

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joyous men' s group that follows the path of the God, contactblackthorne6@hotmail.com, or PO Box 1504 Benicia, Ca 94510, or visit <http://members.tripod.com/~deanjones/paganplace.html>.

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. Information: blackthorne6@hotmail.com, or PO Box 1504 Benicia, Ca 94510, or visit <http://members.tripod.com/~deanjones/paganplace.html>.

Greater 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. Information: Argante Comyn at [argantecomyn@yahoo.com](mailto:argantecomyn@yahoo.com), or P. O. Box 81, Millbrae, CA 94030.

\*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. Information: [Trinity\\_COTG@hotmail.com](mailto:Trinity_COTG@hotmail.com).

Modesto - Open congregation meetings with Fellowship of the Earth take place the first Saturday of every month at 3PM at the Universal Life Church. Information: [fote@partytown.com](mailto:fote@partytown.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. Information: Sheree at 831-899-3565, or Phyllis 831-659-4585. Free.

\*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. Information: [janfreya@mindspring.com](mailto:janfreya@mindspring.com).

Oakland - Palmistry Classes are being offered at The Palmistry Academy of Ancient Wisdom 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. Information: 510-729-6329 or [PAAW@postmark.net](mailto:PAAW@postmark.net).

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. Information: 415-601-2488.

Oakland - Moonweavers - An open women' s circle affiliated with Spiral, meets monthly. Information: Hawk at 510-601-6753.

Pacific Grove - 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. Information: [annie490@yahoo.com](mailto:annie490@yahoo.com).

\*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) Information: 408-559-GAIA (4242) or visit <http://bapa.net>.

Palo Alto - Curious, new to the Craft, or Pagans new to the area are welcome to gather for a Seekers' Lunch, meeting every Tuesdays at Hobe's, 4224 El Camino Real, from 12:30-2:00pm. Ask the hostess for the "duck people". Reservations not required. Information: 650-813-1816.

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 information: [richard@imagecraft.com](mailto:richard@imagecraft.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. Information: Sam Webster at [sam@twilightgathering.org](mailto:sam@twilightgathering.org).

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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. Information: [Tara@MoonMagick.org](mailto:Tara@MoonMagick.org).

\*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. Information: [Sam@TwilightGathering.org](mailto:Sam@TwilightGathering.org).

\*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. Information: Kathryn at 415-469 0858, or [Shadowdancers369@cs.com](mailto:Shadowdancers369@cs.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 a quarterly rhythm, celebrate the Solstices and Equinoxes, followed in the next month by something practical like arts and crafts, wisdom circles or presentations from other healers, completing the quarterly cycle journey within through guided visualizations in the 3<sup>rd</sup> month. Part of each gathering is a networking circle, where everyone is invited to share resources and/or professional/personal services with the group. Information: 415-820-1500, [lilith@dragondream.com](mailto:lilith@dragondream.com) or visit [www.dragondream.com](http://www.dragondream.com).

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

San Francisco - Moon~Ways offers classes, workshops and full moon circles to women. Information: 510-601-1428.

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

San Francisco/Marin County/Sebastopol - Sabbat celebrations and classes are being offered by Reclaiming. Information: 415-339-8150, 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. Information: 415-750-1205 or visit <http://www.well.com/user/zthirdd/francescadbrchr.html>.

\*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. Information: Carlowe at 415-864-2858, or Sally at 510-595-1341, [sallyam@pacbell.net](mailto:sallyam@pacbell.net), or write to PICt 1446 46th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122-2903. SFUU church phone 415-242-1608.

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. Discussion begins at 8pm and a Dark Moon ritual at 9pm. Attune to the moon aligned with the sun. Information: [Llyris@gabidaz@yahoo.com](mailto:Llyris@gabidaz@yahoo.com).

San Francisco - Queer Womyn' s Spirituality Teaching Circles offers classes to lesbian women. 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. Information: Jules at 415-695-9066, or [dianic.witch@angelfire.com](mailto:dianic.witch@angelfire.com).

\*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. Information: Kristen at 415-425-4847. SFUU church phone 415-242-1608.

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. Information: 650-988-9048 or visit [www.grand-adventure.com](http://www.grand-adventure.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 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. Information: [aniseh@earthlink.net](mailto:aniseh@earthlink.net) or [Aniseh@dragonflycreative.com](mailto:Aniseh@dragonflycreative.com).

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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 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. Information: [erin@lunadea.com](mailto:erin@lunadea.com).

San Francisco - Coalition of Rainbow Pagans is a LGBT spirituality/teaching group, exploring various paths and teaching those who wish to learn in a LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered) setting. Information: 415-846-5654 or [hiddenpriest@hotmail.com](mailto:hiddenpriest@hotmail.com).

\*San Jose - Circle of Heart's Delight, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS), offers rituals at 7:45pm 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. Information: [moonlet@dslidesigns.net](mailto:moonlet@dslidesigns.net). Church: 408-292-3858.

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

\*San Jose - Luna Circa is an eclectic women's circle that has been meeting in the San Jose area since 1987. Every month on the second Friday after the new moon, we gather at 7:30pm 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. Information: [lunacirca@yahoo.com](mailto:lunacirca@yahoo.com) or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

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

\*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 magical workings with emphasis on seasonal changes and personal growth. We have a warm family atmosphere; singles, couples, and families are all equally welcome. Information: [molly@hearthstonecircle.org](mailto:molly@hearthstonecircle.org), or visit <http://www.hearthstonecircle.org>.

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. Information: Foxglove, aka Stacy, at [foxglove999@hotmail.com](mailto:foxglove999@hotmail.com).

San Rafael - 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. Information: Marina at 415-893-9999 or [songster@cmc.net](mailto:songster@cmc.net); or Wendy at 415-892-6983 or [foxglove@slip.net](mailto:foxglove@slip.net) or visit <http://www.mindspring.com/~uucm/>, Church: 415-479-4131.

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. Information: [astarte@dragonflycreative.com](mailto:astarte@dragonflycreative.com) or visit <http://www.dragonflycreative.com/cotgindex.html>.

Santa Clara - A Pagan Support Group is meeting in Santa Clara on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00pm. 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. A small facility donation is requested. Information: Dj at [witsend@ix.netcom.com](mailto:witsend@ix.netcom.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. Information: 831-335-5861 or 831-429-1388.

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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. Information: 831-464-2381, 831-461-1979 or 831-466-3056.

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. Information: Velede at [templeofallgods@yahoo.com](mailto:templeofallgods@yahoo.com) or visit <http://www.geocities.com/templeofallgods/>.

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

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

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. Information: Paulette at 831-469-0245.

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. Information: 831-423-1949, [sacredgrove@onebox.com](mailto:sacredgrove@onebox.com) or visit [www.the-sacredgrove.com](http://www.the-sacredgrove.com).

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. Information: lolani at 831-479-3310, [info@sanctuary-illumination.com](mailto:info@sanctuary-illumination.com) or visit [www.sanctuary-illumination.com](http://www.sanctuary-illumination.com).

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

\*Santa Cruz - 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. Information: 831-469-0336, [community\\_seed@mindspring.com](mailto:community_seed@mindspring.com), or visit <http://www.communityseed.org>.

Saratoga - Full Circle Events hosts Pagan Bowling Night on the second Saturday of every month at the AMF Saratoga Lanes. Meet at 8:30pm so that bowling can begin at 9:00pm. 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. Information: [Info@fullciclevents.org](mailto:Info@fullciclevents.org) or visit <http://www.fullciclevents.org/>.

Soquel - An open Shamanic Drumming Circle meets once a month in a yurt. 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. Information: Marianne at 831-477-2818 or [LaMarianna@aol.com](mailto:LaMarianna@aol.com).

\*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. Information: Bianca at 408-265-5180, or Bill at 408-730-9622, [wabaldwin@aol.com](mailto:wabaldwin@aol.com), or visit <http://members.aol.com/wabaldwin/sbc>.

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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](mailto:oceanpine9@yahoo.com) and share a little bit about yourself.

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. Information: 1-888-779-6696, [alaura@wco.com](mailto:alaura@wco.com), or visit [www.sacredjourneys.com](http://www.sacredjourneys.com).

Walnut Creek – Every Third Saturday evening, there is a Drumming Circle 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. Information: 925-933-2342.

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

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

Publications ~~

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

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