

# BAPAN

SAMHAIN 2002

## BAPA NEWS

*Greetings to BAPA!*

1. BAPAN Editor needed! - Anyone interested in putting their editorial skills to work, please send your inquiry to Michael Dilts at bapaprez@yahoo.com. This is a very rewarding volunteer position that enables you to take an active role in the success of networking the pagan community.
2. Next Gaia's Gateway - Spend Samhain with Penumbra on Sunday, October 27! Penumbra will lead a Samhain observance to honor departed ancestors and loved ones. The centerpiece of the ritual will be a sumptuously decorated altar to the ancestors.
3. KTEH Fund Drive - Please join us for a KTEH volunteer fundraiser on Tuesday, December 3 from 6 to 11pm. Email Michael Dilts for more information in participating in this community event.
4. Yuletide Craft Fair! - Sign up now to show your wares at this fun holiday event by calling Michael Dilts at 408-446-0590! Even if you're not the crafty type, reserve December 7, 11 AM to 5 PM to start your quest for the perfect Yule gift. Takes place at the San Jose Book Shop in the De Anza 85 Shopping Center, one block North of Highway 85 at the De Anza Boulevard Exit - FREE ADMISSION

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

*Special thanks to these folks who keep BAPA going!*

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

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## GAIA'S GATEWAY

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

### MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

#### October 27 - Samhain with Penumbra

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

### LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS:

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

### BAPA LIBRARY:

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

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

Submission and calendar deadline for the Yule newsletter is December 5, 2002. If you wish to contribute articles, opinions, recipes, book/video reviews, letters, or calendar items for the BAPAN, send them via E-mail to [BapaMailing@yahoo.com](mailto:BapaMailing@yahoo.com) and type "newsletter contribution" in the subject line. you may also send items to the address below.

#### Where to contact BAPA:

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<http://www.bapa.net>

## GOBLIN MARKET

*Christina Rossetti (1862)*

MORNING and evening	In summer weather--
Maids heard the goblins cry:	Morns that pass by,
"Come buy our orchard	Fair eves that fly;
fruits,	Come buy, come buy;
Come buy, come buy:	Our grapes fresh from the
Apples and quinces,	vine,
Lemons and oranges,	Pomegranates full and fine,
Plump unpecked cherries--	Dates and sharp bullaces,
Melons and raspberries,	Rare pears and greengages,
Bloom-down-cheeked	Damsons and bilberries,
peaches,	Taste them and try:
Swart-headed mulberries,	Currants and gooseberries,
Wild free-born cranberries,	Bright-fire-like barberries,
Crab-apples, dewberries,	Figs to fill your mouth,
Pine-apples, blackberries,	Citrons from the South,
Apricots, strawberries--	Sweet to tongue and sound to
All ripe together	eye,
	Come buy, come buy."

### Do you have a web connection?

You can be environmentally conscious and save us postage and printing costs by receiving the newsletter via E-mail or by viewing it via web. Send mail to [BAPAMailing@yahoo.com](mailto:BAPAMailing@yahoo.com) if you would like to save us \$9-12/year! View the BAPAN online at: [http://www.bapa.net/The\\_BAPAN/](http://www.bapa.net/The_BAPAN/)!

## EDITORIAL ILLUMINATIONS

*Crystal Black, Editor*

Why are we always so hard on ourselves? Day in and day out, most of us tell ourselves why we are horrible or unworthy people. Think about the last 24 hours. Have you thought to yourself "I'm so stupid" when you make a mistake at a computer or made a math error? That's certainly been my most common damaging self evaluation. Why would we do this to ourselves??

Instead, couldn't we use laughter and maybe say, "Well, that was a stupid/silly mistake, I bet I won't do that again today" and maybe chuckle at it? Doctors will tell us that laughter is the best medication. In this day of layoffs and poor returns on our investments, high unemployment rates, poor attitudes from those we encounter in our everyday lives, I think we can see this as an illness. It's contagious and we can help cure it with a little laughter and a lot less psychologically demeaning attitude to those around us and especially to ourselves. Let's not say, "I'm a stupid/unworthy/horrible/undeserving/etc. person" but rather "I'm good/capable/intelligent/worthy." Because we all are.

## WHAT IS SAMHAIN?

*From DenElder's Glossary*

Samhain\* pronounced variously (so ween) (sow wen) (sew wen) (sahm hain), and declared incorrectly by many (sahm ain) (sav en) (sav een) although some dialects indeed use these latter pronunciations. But however you want to say it, it means Summer's End. Thus the time when Winter begins.

.....This is the festival celebrated whenever the Sun reaches 15° of Scorpio; the First Cross Quarter Day. This is why it's the New Year for many Pagans especially those more Celtic; thus one of, if not the most important Sabbat. Its symbol is the eagle.

.....It marks the death of the Sun God into Summerland (Land of the Young), where He awaits His Rebirth. Bid the God a temporary farewell, and reflect over the past year. This then is the Celtic New Year celebrated by Druids and many of the Pagan Folk. Although for myself, my New Year is at Yule, and the Sun God's birth.

.....A time when the gates between Life and Death open to each other; a time of endings. A time to remember those who have passed, remember them but do not disturb them!

.....\*Also called: Nov. Eve, Hallowmas, Halloween, All Hallow's Eve, Feast of Soul's, Feast of the Dead, Feast of Apples. Some will celebrate on November 6th, with a Sabbat called Martimas or Old Hallows. Others use the date but still call it Samhain. I would suggest using the astrological date.

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

## "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)
- Her Land Book Store, Santa Cruz
- Psychic Eye Book Store, Mountain View/San Francisco
- San Jose Metaphysical Book Store, San Jose, 408-446-0590, [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com)

## POPCORN BALLS

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

These are fun to make and fun to give--wrap them in orange tinted cellophane or clear wrap and tie with a ribbon. This makes about 18 three inch balls. Unless you have a really large pot, make these in two batches.

1/2 cup solid margarine  
2-10oz packages of large, white marshmallows  
orange paste food coloring

- Melt margarine in a large pot. Add marshmallows, turning to cover with oil well, and cooking slowly to melt completely. Stir in tiny amounts of food coloring with a toothpick until the color appeals to you. When completely melted, remove from heat. Then:
- 20 cups popped, fresh plain or colored popcorn (don't use microwave corn)
- 1 cup candy corn (optional)...stir in popcorn and candy, covering well with melted marshmallow until marshmallow turns to stringy threads. Let sit a few minutes.
- extra butter...butter all popcorn ball-maker's hands liberally, and begin to pack mixture into balls. Adults mind that the mixture can still be quite hot, so put aside a pan in which to set balls down if children find them too hot. Let balls thoroughly cool, then wrap them up!

**Samhain Scramble**

1. SELPAP                    \_\_\_\_\_
2. AAMHINS                 \_\_\_\_\_
3. MBOEVNER VEE         \_\_\_\_\_
4. LCECTI WEN EYRA     \_\_\_\_\_
5. SATRIMAM               \_\_\_\_\_
6. SNU DGO                 \_\_\_\_\_
7. GEALE                   \_\_\_\_\_
8. KETH                     \_\_\_\_\_
9. HLAWLOASM             \_\_\_\_\_
10. IGONLB ATEKRM        \_\_\_\_\_
11. LAL WSOALHL EEV     \_\_\_\_\_
12. CFATR AFRI             \_\_\_\_\_
13. FTESA FO EHT EDAD   \_\_\_\_\_
14. RANMBUPE              \_\_\_\_\_
15. PANAB EDRITO         \_\_\_\_\_

### Upcoming Local Pagan Events

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.

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Thursday Morning Dream Class with Alexandra Robin at Dolphin Dream in Walnut Creek from 10:30-noon, suite F. The dreams that we create for ourselves each night are replete with deep meaning. Truly valuing our nightly forays into dreamtime can transform our lives. Learn how to interpret your dreams with the "dream interview process", an essential skill that delves deeply into your dream. Please bring one of your dreams to share and explore. Cost: \$20 per class. Please pre-register with Alexandra at 925-609-8640, or call Dolphin Dream at 925-933-2342.

October 9, 30 - The Sacred Grove hosts "Linking Circles" on the second and last Wednesdays of every month from 7-9pm in Santa Cruz. This is a space for all groups to meet and organize, and shall not be a recruiting platform controlled by any one group. Meet in a safe and comfortable environment where solitaires can meet groups, groups can meet groups and solitaires can meet solitaires at 924 Soquel Ave. Contact Sacred Grove for more information at 831-423-1949 or [sacredgrove@onebox.com](mailto:sacredgrove@onebox.com).

October 14, 21, 28 - Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Tarot In-Depth classes on Mondays at Inner Journey in Los Gatos from 7-9pm. Prerequisite: Beginning Tarot or equivalent knowledge of basic card meanings. This ongoing class has evolved into a dynamic learning and sharing environment for intermediate/advanced Tarot students. Though there are many resources for studying the Tarot, most students have trouble finding the right context to practice what they learn. This class combines learning with practice. During the first hour, we work on real-life reading examples that students bring to class. Some topics we cover are in-depth card meanings, new spreads, responsible counseling skills, timing etc. The second hour is devoted to doing Tarot readings. Lisa teaches with the Rider Waite Tarot Deck. No Pre-registration necessary. Cost: \$25.00 per class. For more information, please contact Lisa at 408-206-2518, [astrotarot@earthlink.net](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>.

October 26 - The San Jose Book Shop hosts a Psychic Fair from 11:00AM – 6:00PM. There will be Clairvoyants - Tarot Readers - Numerology - Astrology - Reiki – Energy Healers. Admission is free. For more information, call the San Jose Book Shop at 408-446-0590.

October 26 - Magikal Broom Making with Brita Messchaert in Vacaville from 2-5pm. Learn to make a magikal witches broom for Halloween from wild herbs and plants. A variety of woods will be provided for a handle and beads, leather, feathers, paint, etc will be provided as well. Class includes instruction on how to engrave your broom with a dremmel tool. If you have something special to attach, please bring it to class. Cost: \$20.00 + \$8.00 materials fee. For more information, contact the MorningSun Herb Farm at <http://www.morningsunherbfarm.com/>.

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

October 26 - South Bay Circles will host a Samhain Ritual and potluck presented by LunaCirca in Menlo Park. Attendance is by invitation. For more information, please contact Bianca at 408-265-5180, or Bill at 408-730-9622. Write to [wabaldwin@aol.com](mailto:wabaldwin@aol.com), or visit their website at <http://members.aol.com/wabaldwin/sbc>.

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

October 26 - Ancient Cosmetics Workshops are being offered at the Rosicrucian museum on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, from 1:30-2:30pm. "Necessary Luxuries" -- Ancient Egyptian Cosmetics, Perfumes, and Incense is a hands-on and noses-on talk about scents and hygiene in the land of the Nile with our docent Kim Sanders. Ever wonder why Egyptians wore heavy makeup? Or what it was made of? Just what is Frankincense and Myrrh, anyway? Come to Kim Sanders' workshop and find the answers to these questions and more. Free with Museum admission. Donation appreciated. For more information, contact 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

October 27 – 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. The October Gateway will be presented by Penumbra, an eclectic Wiccan coven from Santa Cruz. Penumbra will lead us in a Samhain observance honoring our departed ancestors as well as loved ones who have passed over more recently. The centerpiece of the ritual will be a sumptuously decorated altar to the ancestors. Call 408-559-GAIA for more information, or visit [www.bapa.net](http://www.bapa.net).

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October 27 - Fellowship of the Spiral Path (SPIRAL) invites you to an open Goddess service on the last Sunday of every month at the Berkeley Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:30PM. Contact Diana at 510-658-6033 for more information.

October 27 - 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! For more information, contact Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

October 30 – Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching a 5-part Beginning Astrology class on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm at Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education. This is a serious class on Natal Astrology. An astrological birth chart is a roadmap of the psyche. It provides insight into a person's strengths, weaknesses, and patterns of behavior. It can reveal one's spiritual nature and life direction. Lisa Dale Miller has been teaching astrology for many years and has created a systematic way for adults to learn the basic building blocks of a natal chart. We will begin with the history of astrology and move on to the astrological meanings of the planets, houses, signs, and aspects. Lisa will provide each student with a printout of their chart to use in class. Students must be 17 or older to join these classes. Cost: \$125.00 (for a series of 5 classes). For more information, please contact Lisa at 408-206-2518, [astrotarot@earthlink.net](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>. To enroll, call LGSCE at 408-354-8700.

October 31 - Author Brian Froud will be speaking at Dark Carnival in Berkeley from 5-7:30PM. For more info, contact: Dark Carnival at 510-654-7323.

October 31 – **\*\*\*Possibly canceled in October\*\*\*** Luna Circa invites all women to join them and others for Coffee Night on the last Thursday of every month from 7:30-10pm at Willow Glen Coffee Shop on Lincoln Ave between Hamilton and Willow in Willow Glen. For ritual location and other information, please contact [lunacirca@yahoo.com](mailto:lunacirca@yahoo.com) or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

November 1 - Join NROGD for a Samhain Gathering from 7:00-10:00pm at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists located at Cedar and Bonita in Berkeley. Come Dance with the Dead - Come Welcome Winter - Come Greet the New Year From 7:00-8:00 pm: Get in touch with your inner Witchlet-- Attend Cackling 101. Bob for Apples. Tell stories about Jack of the Lantern. Make Punkie lights and sing the Punkie night Carol. From 8:00 to 8:15: Clean up. From 8:15-9:30: Ritual and Dumb Supper. From 9:30 - 10:00 Clean up and head for home. Please bring a donation of \$10-\$25 is requested to defray costs, food and Drink to share in the dumb supper, paper plates, cups, napkins and plastic flatware, items, images, illuminations, incense for the altar of the dead (to be retrieved at the end of the evening), masks, costumes, veils to wear. For more information, contact [tigote@earthlink.net](mailto:tigote@earthlink.net).

November 1 - Rune Classes are being offered on the first Friday of every month with Hammer Oak Kindred at 7:30pm in Berkeley. Two to three runes of the elder futhark will be studied in each class. It's part lecture, part discussion and almost always there is an activity relating to the rune. A donation between \$2-\$5 is requested to pay for the room rental, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Please contact Eric at [eric@iconoclast.net](mailto:eric@iconoclast.net) for more information.

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

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

November 2 - Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching a 4-part Beginning Tarot Class on Saturdays from 11am-1pm at Inner Journey in Los Gatos. This class combines learning with practice, and is specifically designed for beginning students. By the end of the 4 classes you will have studied the meanings of the 78 Tarot cards, learned some basic spreads, and worked on responsible counseling skills for beginners. Since most students have trouble finding the right context to practice what they learn, we will spend class time doing actual readings. Each student will need to have his or her own Tarot deck (about \$15.00) for this class. Lisa teaches with the Rider Waite Tarot Deck. Bring a notebook and either a Rider Waite Deck or Universal Waite Deck. Students must be 17 or older to join this class. Cost: \$100.00 (for a series of 4 classes). For more information, please contact Lisa at 408-206-2518, [astrotarot@earthlink.net](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>.

November 2 - Amber Jayanti offers an introduction to the Qabalists Tarot's history and many faces. Making Friends with the Qabalistic Tarot is a 12-session series of classes that meets every other Saturday from 10:30AM-1:30PM in Santa Cruz. You will become acquainted with the basics of the Major and Minor Arcanas. You will learn about the Card's Hebrew letters, astrological, alchemical and numerological correspondence, plus much, much more. Pre-registration is essential; sliding scale fees. Please call 831-423-9742 or visit <http://www.practical-mystic.com> for more information.

November 2 – The Coalition of Rainbow Pagans will be holding an open ritual for Samhain starting 9pm in San Francisco. The ritual's focus will be on the spirit world (i.e. spirit guides and our ancestors). CORP is a LGBT spirituality/teaching group, exploring various paths and teaching those who wish to learn in a LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered) setting. Contact 415-846-5654 or [hiddenpriest@hotmail.com](mailto:hiddenpriest@hotmail.com) for more information and exact location.

November 2 - Dandelion Circle's Samhain Ritual and Ancestor Feast will be held at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton, 2737 Pacific Ave. at Bristol, Jackson Hall starting at 5:30PM. A potluck and ritual in honor of the neo-pagan festival of Samhain. Choose to honor a particular friend or relative who has died, or your ancestors in general. Bring a dish to share; it should be either a

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favorite food of someone you are choosing to honor, or an ethnic food representing your cultural background/identity. Vegetarian choices are encouraged, but not required. You can also bring photographs and mementos for the memorial altar. Anyone of good intent is welcome. Feel free to bring friends and family. Please don't bring pets, street illegal knives, drugs or alcohol. If you can send us an e-mail ([dandelion@sacred-space.com](mailto:dandelion@sacred-space.com)) letting us know that you are coming, that would be great. Children are welcome, but are expected to behave appropriately to the solemnity of the occasion. What is remembered lives... A donation of \$5 is requested to help cover the cost of hall rental, but everyone is welcome, whether or not they can or choose to pay. See <http://www.dandelioncircle.org/> for more information.

November 2 - Open congregation meetings with Fellowship of the Earth take place the first Saturday of every month at 3 PM at the Universal Life Church in Modesto. For more information please contact [fote@partytown.com](mailto:fote@partytown.com).

November 2 – Community Seed of Santa Cruz sponsors Energy Walks at 9:45am on the first Saturday of each month at various locations in the Santa Cruz area. What better way to start your day, or end your week than a meditative walk through the forest? Each walk includes a guided visualization/meditation to help center and become more aware of our bodies and of the earth. Once we are all fully present, we will begin our journey into the majestic redwood forest, all the while tuning in, listening, and absorbing the energies of the elements, plants, and animals. We will arrive at a pre-selected location to sit in silent meditation and a guided visualization. Please bring drinking water, a small snack, hiking shoes, comfortable clothes, and money for parking. Sorry, no dogs. For more information, contact 831-469-0336 or visit [http://www.communityseed.org/CS\\_-\\_Events/Energy\\_Walks/energy\\_walks.html](http://www.communityseed.org/CS_-_Events/Energy_Walks/energy_walks.html).

November 4 – East West Bookshop in Mountain View hosts *Becoming the Enchanter* at 7:30pm. Lyn Webster Wilde's new book, *Becoming the Enchanter*, is for anyone who treasures the myths and messages left by the Celts and the Neolithic teachings born in the British Isles. Lyn tells the story of her incredible mystical journey and of her experiences within this tradition. *Becoming the Enchanter* will touch, amaze, and inspire anyone who has always suspected that magic and mythology, the unseen and the unknown, can be the keys to one's true power and destiny. Lyn is a graduate of Cambridge University and is a writer, teacher, lecturer and producer for international television and radio. She lives in London with her husband, journalist Colin Wilde. Cost: \$5. For more information, contact 650-988-9800, 800-909-6161, [info@eastwest.com](mailto:info@eastwest.com), or visit <http://www.eastwest.com/>.

November 4 – A 6-part Elements of Magic course is being offered in Mill Valley by Beverly and Suzanne Sterling of Reclaiming from 7:30-9:45pm. With the art of magic, we deepen our vision and focus our will, empowering ourselves to act in the world. In this class we begin the practice of Magic, Witchcraft, and Goddess spirituality by working with the Elements of Magic: Earth, Air, Fire, Water and Spirit. Techniques include: visualization, sensing and projecting energy, chanting, trance, creating magical space, spellcraft, and structuring rituals. Group experience follows feminist consensus process. We hope to provide a fair and nurturing environment for all participants. Beginning six-week course. Prerequisite: Reading of the first six chapters of *The Spiral Dance* by Starhawk. We ask that applicants be committed to attending all six classes. Cost: \$90-\$180, sliding scale. Contact 415-339-8313 for more information.

November 5 - Fellowship of the Spiral Path (SPIRAL) offers ongoing classes and teaching circles, open rituals and clergy services for men and women at the Berkeley Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:30pm. Open gatherings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, and Open Goddess Services are held on the last Sundays. Contact Diana at 510-658-6033 for information.

November 7 - Pronaos Ritual Work, with Artisans of Light, on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm in Aptos. Pronaos is a unique and powerful opportunity to participate in ritual, the language of the Soul. Pronaos awakens our consciousness to a variety of meanings for the symbols we study and helps us apply universal principles in our daily lives. The ritual brings to our awareness the poignant bond we enjoy with the Inner School, with each other, and with our own Inner Self. This heightened awareness, in turn, results in receiving more help when studying by ourselves. It provides us with a support system. For more information, please contact [artisan@thegrid.net](mailto:artisan@thegrid.net).

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

November 8 - Circle of Heart's Delight, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS), offers rituals at 7:45 PM on the second Friday of each month. These are held in the beautiful round sanctuary of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose located at 160 N. 3rd St. For more information, email [tenorfrank@aol.com](mailto:tenorfrank@aol.com) or call the church at 408-292-3858.

November 9 - Ancient Cosmetics Workshops are being offered at the Rosicrucian museum on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, from 1:30-2:30pm. "Necessary Luxuries" -- Ancient Egyptian Cosmetics, Perfumes, and Incense is a hands-on and noses-on talk about scents and hygiene in the land of the Nile with our docent Kim Sanders. Ever wonder why Egyptians wore heavy makeup? Or what it was made of? Just what is Frankincense and Myrrh, anyway? Come to Kim Sanders' workshop and find the answers to these questions and more. Free with Museum admission. Donation encouraged. For more information, contact 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

November 9 - You are invited to the annual celebration of Samhain in the view of the Buddha-dharma beginning at 7pm in Richmond. We will visit the otherworld in this time when the veils are thin and make an offering to the Dead of a long recitation (chant) of the Heart Sutra, one of the core texts of Mahayana Buddhism. Call or email to RVSP and for particulars. Contact: [Sam@TwilightGathering.org](mailto:Sam@TwilightGathering.org).

November 9 – The Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose is offering a temple dance workshop from 3:30-4:40pm in the Museum Workshop. The dance called belyadi, or "belly dancing", in modern Egypt is believed by some to have its origins in the temple dance of ancient

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Egypt. Join this physical workshop to help recreate and perform a temple dance based on modern belyadi and ancient art. Sometimes, the only way to know how something was done is to try it yourself. Facilitated by Kim Sanders and Farima Berenji. Free with paid museum admission. Dancers and non-dancers welcome. For more information, contact 408-947-3632, or visit <http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/calendar/index.html>.

November 10 - Community seed invites you to an open ritual at The Pacific Cultural Center located at 1307 Seabright Ave in Santa Cruz from 2-4:30pm on the second Sunday of every month. Come all Ye Witches and let us dance, do magic, and make merry! Let's celebrate the turning of the seasons, attune to the cycles of the moon and sun, create music, dance the spiral dance, and heal ourselves and our world. This circle is open to all Pagans, and to those who desire an understanding of how pagans worship. Keep in mind that this is a participatory event, and there will be no "onlookers". So don your favorite robes, your cloaks and pentacles and let us meet together in sacred trust. A \$4.00 to \$10.00 donation is requested to cover costs. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information, contact 831-469-0336, [community\\_seed@mindspring.com](mailto:community_seed@mindspring.com) or visit [http://www.communityseed.org/Events/Open\\_Ritual/open\\_ritual.html](http://www.communityseed.org/Events/Open_Ritual/open_ritual.html).

November 10 - Scarlet Cord (A member of the Fellowship of the Spiral Path) hosts a brief ritual followed by a potluck and social for families with young children in the east bay beginning at 11 AM. These are regular gatherings held on the second Sunday of every month. Call Mary at 510-526-1008 for more information.

November 10 - 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."

November 10 - Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle every second Sunday from 6-10pm at Britannia Arms, 8017 Soquel Drive in Aptos. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome! For more information, contact Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

November 11, 25 - Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Tarot In-Depth classes on Mondays at Inner Journey in Los Gatos from 7-9pm. Prerequisite: Beginning Tarot or equivalent knowledge of basic card meanings. This ongoing class has evolved into a dynamic learning and sharing environment for intermediate/advanced Tarot students. Though there are many resources for studying the Tarot, most students have trouble finding the right context to practice what they learn. This class combines learning with practice. During the first hour, we work on real-life reading examples that students bring to class. Some topics we cover are in-depth card meanings, new spreads, responsible counseling skills, timing etc. The second hour is devoted to doing Tarot readings. Lisa teaches with the Rider Waite Tarot Deck. No Pre-registration necessary. Cost: \$25.00 per class. For more information, please contact Lisa at 408-206-2518, [astrotarot@earthlink.net](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>.

November 13 - Hrafnar kindred hosts heathen events and rituals on the second Wednesday of every month in Berkeley, starting at 7:30 PM. Open to both men and women, this is a potluck, and contributions of food and drink are welcome. Most meetings are open, but newcomers should contact Hrafnar Circle first to confirm the topic and location. For more information, contact Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705, or [greyhavn@earthlink.net](mailto:greyhavn@earthlink.net), or visit [www.hrafnar.org](http://www.hrafnar.org).

November 14, 21 - Lisa Dale Miller will be teaching Ongoing Astrology In-Depth classes on Thursdays from 7-9pm at Inner Journey in Los Gatos. Prerequisite: Beginning Astrology or equivalent knowledge of houses, planets, and signs. This is a class for intermediate/advanced students and lay/professional Astrologers who are interested in working on developing synthesis skills and understanding chart interpretation from an evolutionary and psychological perspective. Students are encouraged to bring along example charts for us to work with. No Pre-registration necessary. Cost: \$25. per class. For more information, please contact Lisa at 408-206-2518, [astrotarot@earthlink.net](mailto:astrotarot@earthlink.net), or visit <http://home.earthlink.net/~astrotarot/index.htm>.

November 15 - Luna Circa is an eclectic women's circle that has been meeting in the San Jose, CA area since 1987. Every month on the second Friday after the new moon, we gather at 7:30 and circle from 8pm until late, with members taking charge of rituals on a voluntary rotational basis. For location and other information, please contact [lunacirca@yahoo.com](mailto:lunacirca@yahoo.com) or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

November 15 - Join us the third Friday of each month from 7-9PM at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula for Women's Spiritual Journeys: A Safe Place to Explore. This is a unique opportunity for women of various faith perspectives, lifestyles, ages, and stages to come together for meaningful dialogue, shared ritual, and the Goddess within. Together we will share our stories, celebrate our lives, and explore our spiritual journeys. For more information, contact Sheree at 831-899-3565, or Phyllis 831-659-4585. Free.

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

November 15 thru 17 - Wilowfire Zachubi will teach an Elements of Magic workshop in the Santa Cruz Mountains of Boulder Creek. With the art of magic, we deepen our vision and focus our will, empowering ourselves to act in the world. This class will practice the art of Magic, Witchcraft, and Goddess spirituality by working with the Elements of Magic: Earth, Air, Fire, Water and Spirit. This class is for those who might be beginners, those wanting to deepen their connection to the elements or experienced pagans wishing to learn more

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of the Reclaiming tradition. Cost: \$60 \$180, sliding scale (camping or dorm style sleeping included). Contact Karen at 831-338-7673 or [karen@risingdragon.org](mailto:karen@risingdragon.org).

November 17 – Free Seminar – “Create the Life You Want Now”, presented by Patricia Diane Cota-Robles at the Santa Clara Marriott from 10am-3:30pm. That statement is not just wishful thinking; it is a profound truth. You are powerful beyond your knowing. During this seminar you will learn practical, tangible tools that will help you to reconnect with your unmanifest Divine Potential. We are living in challenging but very powerful times. Our lives reflect what we are thinking and feeling about ourselves, our money, our relationships, our jobs, our health and our planet. These thoughts and feelings have been programmed into us from the time we were born, and we just accepted them without realizing that we have a choice. Pre-registration is not required. If you need further information, contact 520-885-7909, [Eraofpeace@aol.com](mailto:Eraofpeace@aol.com) or visit [www.1spirit.com/eraofpeace](http://www.1spirit.com/eraofpeace).

November 19 – The American Vinland Association hosts a Rune Workshop at Captain Patt's in San Francisco on the third Tuesday of each month from 7-9pm. Please e-mail [runegild@freyasfolk.org](mailto:runegild@freyasfolk.org) for additional information.

November 20 - Spend an enlightening evening with noted KEST radio psychic and practical mystic, Scout Bartlett, at the San Jose Book Shop from 7:30-9:30pm. Tonight's topic will be, Thanks-Give-Ness - An evening of reconnection with family and with humanity at a soul level. Allow your joy to flow as you forgive your self, your life and your surroundings in Thanks-Giving. Cost: \$15. For more information, contact 408-446-0590, [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com), or visit [www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com](http://www.sanjosebookshop.surfmetro.com).

November 21 – You're invited to a Pagan Pizza Night hosted by local Pagan groups every third Thursday of the month at the Round Table Pizza located at Sentry Shopping Center in Modesto beginning at 7pm. Join local Pagans / Wiccans / Witches and others for fun and fellowship. No hard-core "meeting" - just pizza and conversation. Fliers and information about upcoming local Pagan events will be available at most times. Each person will be required to buy his or her own food and drink if desired. For more information, contact DragonHawk at 209-549-1727.

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

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

November 28 – **\*\*\*Canceled, see you next month\*\*\*** Luna Circa invites all women to join them and others for Coffee Night on the last Thursday of every month from 7:30-10pm at Willow Glen Coffee Shop on Lincoln Ave between Hamilton and Willow in Willow Glen. For ritual location and other information, please contact [lunacirca@yahoo.com](mailto:lunacirca@yahoo.com) or visit <http://pagan.drak.net/lunacirca>.

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

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

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

December 21 – You are invited to a Winter Solstice celebration at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club from 6-9am. We will greet the birth of the Sun in ceremony with singing, drumming and sunbirth stories from around the world. This is the time of our rebirth from the darkness. We are reborn - we are new. Come join us on the beach around a warming fire when we welcome the return of the light to the world. Be open to a cleansing and rebirth in the great Mother Ocean. Ceremonies are open to all and children are encouraged to take part. Weather and tides permitting, ceremonies occur around a bonfire on the beach. Contribution \$10.00, and bring a potluck item. RSVP requested. For more information, contact [janfrey@mindspring.com](mailto:janfrey@mindspring.com).

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

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

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

#### **Contacts and Ongoing Events ~~**

Palo Alto - BAPA sponsors Gaia's Gateway, an open public ritual featuring a different Pagan tradition each month. Each Gateway begins with an informative talk, and the practitioners of the religion presented lead both the talk and the ritual. Gateways are held on the last Sunday of every month from 6 - 8 PM at the Palo Alto Unitarian Church located at 505 E. Charleston Rd. (Except December) Call 408-559-GAIA for more information or <http://bapa.net>.

Santa Cruz - The Sacred Grove hosts networking and organizing events and classes at 924 Soquel Ave in Santa Cruz. "Linking Circles" takes place on the second and last Wednesdays of each month at 7PM. Brought to you by "A Bunch O' Random Witches", this is a space for all groups to meet and organize, and shall not be a recruiting platform controlled by any one group. Meet in a safe and comfortable environment where solitaires can meet groups, groups can meet groups and solitaires can meet solitaires. Classes in Witchcraft and Wicca at levels ranging from intro, to level 2, as well as classes for minors (parental approval required) are also offered. For more information, contact 831-423-1949, [sacredgrove@onebox.com](mailto:sacredgrove@onebox.com) or visit [www.the-sacredgrove.com](http://www.the-sacredgrove.com).

San Jose - The San Jose Metaphysical Book Shop offers classes and workshops throughout the year on various topics of interest to Pagans. Please contact [sjbookshop@mindspring.com](mailto:sjbookshop@mindspring.com), visit [www.sanjosebookshop.surfmeter.com](http://www.sanjosebookshop.surfmeter.com) or call the bookshop at 408-446-0590 for information on upcoming events.

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

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

South Bay - South Bay Circles is an umbrella organization of local circles and covens, presenting eclectic sabbats in the South Bay. Attendance is by invitation. For more information, please contact Bianca at 408-265-5180, or Bill at 408-730-9622. Write to [wabaldwin@aol.com](mailto:wabaldwin@aol.com), or visit their website at <http://members.aol.com/wabaldwin/sbc>.

Santa Cruz - Community Seed is a non-profit organization that supports Pagans and other Earth-Centered spiritualists through monthly Open Circles, Coastal Cleanup days and Nature Walks, our Quarterly Magazine that is written by members of our local community, a Free Calendar of events, as well as our Web Site and online Bulletin Board. It is our mission to organize, host, and promote events that will enrich and better our lives, our world, and our community here in the Santa Cruz region, and beyond. We welcome all to take part in our events, and encourage volunteers. For more information contact [community\\_seed@mindspring.com](mailto:community_seed@mindspring.com) or call 831-469-0336, or visit <http://www.communityseed.org>.

East Bay - Daughters of the Goddess is a Goddess Temple, dedicated in the Spirit of Aloha to the preservation and perpetuation of Goddess culture, public ceremony, and Womyn's Mysteries. We meet twice a month in the East Bay for all Wheel of the Year celebrations, and for other Goddess celebrations. Please call Leilani at 925-256-8109 or [Leimermaid@aol.com](mailto:Leimermaid@aol.com) for more information.

El Cerrito - You are invited to Stone Soup Social -- A Pagan Potluck Discussion every third Sunday evening of the month at 7 PM, we host a potluck discussion and social at our roomy house in the El Cerrito area. People may show up at 6:30 if they like, dinner starts at 7. There will be a facilitated discussion until 9 PM, followed by social time until 11. The discussion topics will be suggested and agreed upon each time by those participating. For information contact 510-559-8580, [rabbitwarren@therabbitwarren.org](mailto:rabbitwarren@therabbitwarren.org), or visit <http://www.therabbitwarren.org/stonesoupsocial/index.htm>.

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

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San Francisco - Dragon Dream offers a forum for women to share wisdom and put spirituality to practical use through ongoing workshops, monthly circle gatherings and astrology classes. Meet once a month on a Sunday from Noon to 2:30PM in San Francisco. In a quarterly rhythm, celebrate the Solstices and Equinoxes, followed in the next month by something practical like arts and crafts, wisdom circles or presentations from other healers, completing the quarterly cycle journey within through guided visualizations in the 3<sup>rd</sup> month. Part of each gathering is a networking circle, where everyone is invited to share resources and/or professional/personal services with the group. Call 415-820-1500, visit [www.dragondream.com](http://www.dragondream.com), or Email [lilith@dragondream.com](mailto:lilith@dragondream.com) for more information.

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

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

Oakland - "Creativi-tea" art and tea parties for women are hosted in North Oakland on a TBA basis. Projects such as candle making and magic fairy wands are created while sipping tea and nibbling cookies. Call 415-601-2488 for information and registration.

Berkeley - Fellowship of the Spiral Path (SPIRAL) offers ongoing classes and teaching circles, open rituals and clergy services for men and women at the Berkeley Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:30PM. Open gatherings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, and Open Goddess Services are held on the last Sundays. Contact Diana at 510-658-6033 for information.

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

San Francisco/Marin County/Sebastopol - Sabbat celebrations and classes are being offered by Reclaiming. Call their events line at 415-339-8150 for more information, or visit <http://www.reclaiming.org/>.

San Francisco - The Third Road is a school of Celtic shamanism and center for spiritual healing, founded by Franchesca De Grandis. Classes and workshops and long term shamanic training are available. Call 415-750-1205 or contact <http://www.well.com/user/zthirdrd/francescadbrchr.html>.

East Bay - Scarlet Cord (A member of the Fellowship of the Spiral Path) offers open circles for families with young children the second Sunday of every month, beginning at 11AM. A brief ritual will be followed by potluck and social. Call Mary at 510-526-1008 for more information.

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

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

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

San Jose - Circle of Heart's Delight, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS), offers rituals at 7:45 PM on the 2nd Friday of each month. These are held in the beautiful round sanctuary of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose located at 160 N. 3rd St. No meetings in July or August. For more information, email [tenorfrank@aol.com](mailto:tenorfrank@aol.com) or call the church at 408-292-3858.

Walnut Creek - Drumming Circle - Every Third Saturday evening at Dolphin Dream. Bring your drums and rattles or use ours as we beat away the stresses of the outside world and find that place within ourselves where the heartbeat dwells. Call 925-933-2342 for information.

Modesto - Open congregation meetings with Fellowship of the Earth take place the first Saturday of every month at 3PM at the Universal Life Church in Modesto. For more information please contact [fote@partytown.com](mailto:fote@partytown.com).

San Jose - Hearthstone Circle is a diverse group of Witches, Wiccans, Pagans, and the like who gather in San Jose to celebrate the turning of the Wheel and the coming of the Full Moon. These are casual yet magickal workings with emphasis on seasonal changes and personal growth. We have a warm family atmosphere; singles, couples, and families are all equally welcome. Please feel free to contact Molly at [molly@hearthstonecircle.org](mailto:molly@hearthstonecircle.org), or visit <http://www.hearthstonecircle.org>.

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

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

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

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

Berkeley - Jordan King will be facilitating Mastery of Awareness: Living the Four Agreements at the Toltec Center for Creative Intent in Berkeley. Classes will be held every other Wednesday from 7-8:30 PM. The Mastery of Awareness is the first mastery of the Toltec. The Toltec path is a way of life that supports people in recovering the vast power that is available to us, so that we can re-create our lives as divine beings--connected with ourselves and all living beings around us. In this course, Jordan will share powerful tools such as recapitulation and stalking the mind, which will help you to gain more energy. The first class is free, and the following classes will be \$15 each. For more information, please call Jordan at 510- 428-2826. \*Please note that a Four Agreements class led by Heather Ash is held on alternating Wednesdays at the same time and location. Both classes are open to drop-in attendees.

Santa Clara - Circle of The Goddess (COTG) meets in Santa Clara, offering community support, legal clergy, in person teaching available and public circles. This is a national not-for-profit spiritual organization that focuses on earth spirituality, study and celebration of the Goddess, and self-realization through working in small Circle communities. The Inner Circle tradition incorporates Qabalistic and astrological practice, including rite timing. Shadow work, supporting each other and counseling are all integral parts of COTG's foundation, and are part of the Wheel of the Year. Public as well as private Circle work goes on throughout the year as well. For more information, visit <http://www.dragonflycreative.com/cotgindex.html> or Email [astarte@dragonflycreative.com](mailto:astarte@dragonflycreative.com).

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

Berkeley - Free introductory Reiki sessions are being offered to women monthly during the 3 days of the full moon in Berkeley. Nancy Lupa is a Priestess of the Goddess and a Reiki Master, whose focus is empowering women dealing with depression, childhood trauma, chronic pain and cancer. For more information, please call 415-789-8066 or 510-601-1428.

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

Concord - Witchy Wednesdays is an open forum on Paganism, Witch Craft and Wicca that meets at 7 PM in Concord on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. Meet with other like-minded people on pagan paths to share ideas, opinions, information, and ask questions. This is a great place for people new or old to pagan ways to meet and learn from each other. For more information, contact Elayne at [amethystrose@juno.com](mailto:amethystrose@juno.com), or call 925-676-8560.

Berkeley - Hrafnar kindred celebrates Walpurgisnacht on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 7:30pm in Berkeley. This event is open to both men and women, and contributions of food and drink are welcome. Most meetings are open, but newcomers should contact Hrafnar Circle first to confirm the topic and location. For more information, contact Diana L. Paxson, Box 5521, Berkeley, CA 94705, or [greyhavn@earthlink.net](mailto:greyhavn@earthlink.net), or visit [www.hrafnar.org](http://www.hrafnar.org).

San Francisco - A gathering to invoke and experience the powers of gods and goddesses that brandish the power of the veiled moon is held each month in San Francisco. Discussion begins at 8 PM and a Dark Moon ritual at 9 PM. Attune to the moon aligned with the sun. For more information contact Llyris, [gabidaz@yahoo.com](mailto:gabidaz@yahoo.com)

Berkeley - The American Magic Umbanda House holds a Devotional and Consultation Ceremony on the second Tuesday of most months at the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists. Doors open at 7:30, ceremony begins promptly at 8:00 PM, lasting until 9:30 PM when we usually go out for a round of social beverage together at a nearby establishment, and you are welcome to join us for

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this as well. (No ceremonies will be held in May, August, or November in 2002.) Share the living presence of the African Powers with our community, in faith and charity. Umbanda is always free. For information, contact [loren@farwalker.com](mailto:loren@farwalker.com) or subscribe to our announcement list, [amuh-events@yahoogroups](mailto:amuh-events@yahoogroups) (send a blank email to [amuh-events-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:amuh-events-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)).

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

Internet - Redwood Grove is an e-mail discussion and study group for all, no matter where you are on the Pagan Path, with honour and respect for all in a supportive learning environment. Redwood Grove is a safe and sacred place where one can grow with like-minded brothers and sisters. This is a sister group of Circle of The Goddess, and is presently located in Martinez. Here you will be encouraged to further your development and spiritual growth, sending your roots deep into the Goddess. This group is open to all members of COTG and those interested in joining COTG. For more information on Redwood Grove or Circle of The Goddess, please contact [Trinity\\_COTG@hotmail.com](mailto:Trinity_COTG@hotmail.com).

Various - Sacred Journeys for Women hosts pilgrimages and weekend retreats for women. Journey to places like Crete, Ireland, England (Glastonbury), and Hawaii to visit sacred sites and explore your own spirituality in these mystical surroundings. For more information, contact 1-888-779-6696, or [alaura@wco.com](mailto:alaura@wco.com) or visit [www.sacredjourneys.com](http://www.sacredjourneys.com)

Santa Cruz - Radical Fairies of Santa Cruz are "Queer Hippies" & "Pagans", "Social Servants" & "Playful Revolutionaries," "Gender Queens" & "Sensitive New Age GuyGirls". Gather on the third Sunday of the month to celebrate full moons and solstices, our love for the earth our mother, each other, and the spiritual gift which that love is. Potluck at 6PM, and ritual at 7PM. For more information, phone the events line at 831-335-5861 or call 831-429-1388.

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

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

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

Fremont - Pagan Coffee/Tea Night on alternating Friday nights from 7:30 ~ 10:00PM. Come meet and socialize with pagans, artists, musicians, 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. For more information, contact 510-366-5067, [fire drumcircle@hotmail.com](mailto:fire drumcircle@hotmail.com), or visit [www.fire drumcircle.com](http://www.fire drumcircle.com).

Fremont - You are invited to an ongoing drum circle one Sunday of every month from 4:00 ~7:00PM at Central Park in Fremont. Come learn new drumming techniques, practice your drumming skills, and hang out and have a good time. This is a combined effort of Fire Drum Circle and local drummers trying to get more people to come out and drum. For more information, contact [fire drumcircle@hotmail.com](mailto:fire drumcircle@hotmail.com). For directions please call Central Park at 510-791-4356 and ask how to get to the Swim Lagoon. If you get there and you do not see us, please call us at 510-366-5067. For more information, contact [fire drumcircle@hotmail.com](mailto:fire drumcircle@hotmail.com), 510-366-5067, or visit [www.fire drumcircle.com](http://www.fire drumcircle.com).

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

Pacific Grove - Please join an Open Pagan Circle every Sunday morning, for fellowship and chat at the Sacred Branch, next to Bookworks, in downtown Pacific Grove at 11AM. For more information, please contact [annie490@yahoo.com](mailto:annie490@yahoo.com).

Monterey - Join us the third Friday of each month from 7-9PM at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula for Women's Spiritual Journeys: A Safe Place to Explore. This is a unique opportunity for women of various faith perspectives, lifestyles, ages, and stages to come together for meaningful dialogue, shared ritual, and the Goddess within. Together we will share our stories, celebrate our lives, and explore our spiritual journeys. For more information, contact Sheree at 831-899-3565, or Phyllis 831-659-4585. Free.

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San Francisco - Shadow Dancers is New Albion Tradition (American style British Tradition) with a large influence from the Feri Tradition (Victor Anderson). We offer beginning classes with a training circle once a year around late fall. Classes are usually twice a month, meeting in San Francisco. We also have an open house once a year to discuss training, our tradition, and to meet others in the community. For more information please contact Kathryn at [Shadowdancers369@cs.com](mailto:Shadowdancers369@cs.com) or 415-469 0858.

Greater Bay Area - The Lodge of Herne is a Men's Pagan Group that is developing a tradition of earth based spirituality honoring the divine male. All Pagan men seeking other Pagan men to share celebration and ritual are welcome to a place of fellowship and honor within a group that loves the Goddess and honors her, but is experiencing and living in the joy and the celebration of worshipping the God. The template of ritual is Earth-Centered and Celtic influenced, and is expected to be expanded upon by new members. Within the Lodge of Herne exists a framework that has been built, but other hands and minds will also build this Lodge with time. If you are a Pagan man living in the greater San Francisco Bay Area who wants to work hard to bring forth a positive, joyous men's group that follows the path of the God, contact [blackthorne6@hotmail.com](mailto:blackthorne6@hotmail.com), or PO Box 1504 Benicia, Ca 94510, or visit <http://members.tripod.com/~deanjones/paganplace.html>

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

Oakland - Moonweavers - An open women's circle affiliated with Spiral, meets monthly in Oakland. Call Hawk at 510-601-6753 for more information.

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

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

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

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

Aptos - Irish Music Session and Traditional Song Circle every second Sunday from 6-10pm at Britannia Arms, 8017 Soquel Drive. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome! For more information, contact Jessica at 831-335-7696, or Sheila at 831-464-2128. Sponsored by the Celtic Society of Monterey Bay.

San Lorenzo - A Magical Workshop series will be held on Monday nights from 8-10pm. The first series of workshops will focus on the chakras, and future topics will be announced. These workshops tend to be experiential in nature and very hands on, working with energy and creating meditation symbols or tools. The workshops are open to any experience level, there is no fee, and you are not required to attend the whole series. Children are welcome. For more information contact Foxglove, aka Stacy, at [foxglove999@hotmail.com](mailto:foxglove999@hotmail.com).

Greater Bay Area - Pagan parents who would like to gather for public events and crafting are welcome to join and help network Family Gatherings based upon the template of the Spiral Scouts. The current group is basically following the seasons via the Circle Round book by Starhawk and others. For more information, contact [blackthorne6@hotmail.com](mailto:blackthorne6@hotmail.com), or PO Box 1504 Benicia, Ca 94510, or visit <http://members.tripod.com/~deanjones/paganplace.html>.

Moss Beach - The Moss Beach Drumming Collective, a core shamanic drum circle, meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Half Moon Bay Yacht Club in Half Moon Bay. It is not mandatory to attend every drum circle, but regular participants will benefit greatly from the consecutive teachings provided by JanFreya. This will provide an excellent opportunity to develop shamanic journey skills. Cost: \$10.00 per session. For more information, contact [janfreya@mindspring.com](mailto:janfreya@mindspring.com).

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Oakland - Palmistry Classes are being offered at The Palmistry Academy of Ancient Wisdom in Oakland on Fridays from 7:30-9:30pm, and Saturdays from 9:30am -noon. Instructor J. Owen Shift will be teaching intuitive and psychic methods of exercises, allowing students to develop channels for interpreting glyphs and other metaphysical signs that are otherwise unnoticed to the ordinary conscious individual. The wisdom of the ancients herein explored also includes I-Ching-Tarot revelations using fingerprints and numerology coordination. All classes are open-ended; meaning new and advanced may attend. No classes are repeated. No two classes are the same. \$25 a week for two and a half hours of class, and tuition after one year is \$15 a week. For more information, contact 510-729-6329 or PAAW@postmark.net.

Richmond - A Lodge of the Golden Dawn is seeking new membership at this time. The Lodge was founded one year ago in March, and is dedicated to working the Lodge rites of the GD while recognizing the impact of Thelema and over 100 years of development since the Order's founding. It takes the 'open source' view that the rites can and should be changed to meet that new understanding. The result is a vibrant contemporary practice of true Ceremonial Magick. Anyone seeking to learn the GD system or take advantage of its initiatory current is invited to participate. It is also possible to receive the initiations without becoming a member, so long as the grade requirements are met. For more information, contact Sam@TwilightGathering.org.

San Francisco - The Pagan Interest Circle (CUUPS chapter) hosts Dark Moon Movies on witchy topics at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in San Francisco, located at Franklin and Geary. Movies are shown in the school starting at 7:00 pm. For film and date information please contact Kristen at 415-425-4847.

Richmond - For the last 10 years at every Dark of the Moon (Moon conjunct Sun) Tara and Sam Webster have made offerings to Hermes and Hekate as did the Ancient Greeks. This ritual is now being opened to the Community. If you would care to join in worship or to ask for boons of this wise Pair you are invited to email to see if there is space in the circle that month. Check your ephemeris for dates. Contact: Tara@MoonMagick.org.

San Francisco/Berkeley/Mountain View – Summer adventure camp for kids from 7-14 yrs! These weeklong fantasy adventure camps are limited to 30 children each week, which are divided into three groups of ten. Each group has its own dedicated adult staff person from a pool of professional teachers and educators. In addition, each group has at least one teen assistant giving a staff to day camper ratio of one to five. Camp runs every week of summer break, Mon-Fri, starting at 9am and ending at 3pm. For more information, contact 650-988-9048 or visit [www.grand-adventure.com](http://www.grand-adventure.com).

Berkeley - "Rituals for Life", a new women's group with Z Budapest, meets on the first and last Fridays of the months from 7-9pm in Berkeley. We focus on our lives, we listen to each other, we don't judge. Z then will lead then lead appropriate and powerful rituals to support our goals. Group meets at the 1901 North Berkeley Senior Center (corner of Martin Luther King and Hurst St) second floor room C. Cost is a hundred dollars a month. Z Budapest is an internationally known author of seven books on the Goddess and her rituals. She is returning to lead groups for the first time in the 21st century. Register online at [www.zbudapest.com](http://www.zbudapest.com) via PayPal or E-mail [silverzb@aol.com](mailto:silverzb@aol.com).

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

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. Please contact Roe Griffith at [sacredfeathers@yahoo.com](mailto:sacredfeathers@yahoo.com) for more information regarding monthly dates and times.

Bay Area - The Sophianic Order is a brand-new Pagan tradition combining Greek, Egyptian, Gnostic, and Frankish theology and practices in service to Divine Sophia. For more information, contact Argante Comyn at [argantecomyn@yahoo.com](mailto:argantecomyn@yahoo.com), or P. O. Box 81, Millbrae, CA 94030.

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

South Bay/Peninsula – There is a circle forming for women and men who are in college. The purpose of the circle will be to celebrate Sabbats and possibly full and new moons, to learn from each other, and to meet new Pagan friends. The circle will not be based on any one tradition; members will contribute their own ideas and participate in creating rituals. We will most likely take turns hosting our

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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.

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>.

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

San Francisco - LunaDea is an intimate (read: small, tight-knit) women-only group that practices goddess-focused spirituality/witchcraft, is dedicated to honoring the goddess within, and supports and learns from its members. We are somewhat traditionally structured in that we have a high priestess and the rest of the practitioners are priestesses, but we are also very open. The structure is egalitarian and supportive of personal growth. We've decided to open up to a few new members. We have varying degrees of experience, but as a group work very well together. We're looking to add some new energy and ideas to the group. We meet at least once a month on the fourth Saturday. We will be meeting in Sebastopol once every few months, so we are open to members in Marin or other places in between. For more information, contact [erin@lunadea.com](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. Contact 415-846-5654 or [hiddenpriest@hotmail.com](mailto:hiddenpriest@hotmail.com) for more information.

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

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

### **Publications ~~**

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

The Greymalkin Gazette is a Pagan and Magickal publication that comes out eight times per year. Original poetry, articles from 300 to 1000 words, and short fiction of the same length range are always well received. To subscribe or submit original work, contact [tezra@earthlink.net](mailto:tezra@earthlink.net), or The Pythoness, The Greymalkin Gazette, P.O. Box 6775, San Jose, CA 95150-6775.

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