



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"



GREETINGS

Autumn is fast approaching. In fact, it feels as though Nature flicked a switch a couple of weeks ago: Poof! Summer ended and Autumn started. We're still getting our share of hot days, but the 90's seem to have left us for the season.

I looked out my window yesterday. I wonder if my neighbor realizes that he's growing squash in my woodpile? It seems that there will be an abundant harvest this year. These are the quiet thoughts of a witch on an Autumn night. It seems they're growing as wildly as the squash.

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Thanks and a Tip of the Hat to Reclaiming Spirit Colorado for presenting Hearthstone's August Open Full Moon celebration. By way of introduction, Reclaiming Spirit Colorado members shared the reading of the core values of the Reclaiming tradition. Chants and songs were employed for invoking and casting. The intention of the ritual was to raise and direct energy to call for peace in the world, elect ethical leaders, and make environmentally responsible policy. Within the ritual, a walking meditation with accompanying song involved all participants in "walking into the future" that we desire for ourselves and future generations.

Thank you to Kath Morgan, and all the Reclaiming folks who shared roles within the ritual, for your balance of intention and lightness, and for encouraging us all to step forward with focus and hope.

—Arynn

SEPTEMBER OPEN FULL MOON

Hearthstone meets the Friday before or the Friday of the Full Moon at the First Unitarian Church at 14th and Lafayette in Denver. The church doors open at 7, and we like to start at 7:30. (We are NOT big proponents of Pagan Standard Time, but if

there is weather related driving trouble or a problem on the freeway, we've been known to wait a bit longer.) This month's ritual is FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008.

Remember, please, that Hearthstone doesn't expect everyone to enter in Perfect Love and Perfect Trust, as there are people you don't know there, but to enter with a willing heart and an open mind, and leave your differences at the door.

Some traditions are more controversial than others, or may contain a component that disturbs someone attending an Open Full Moon. It is one of the risks of exploring different traditions. Should anyone be uncomfortable, unsettled, or upset about any ritual presented by Hearthstone, please contact Alia or Catherine to discuss -- and hopefully resolve and heal -- the issue.

—Alia

The September 12th Open Full Moon will be presented by Amy. This ritual will be about finding the balance within ourselves to sustain us as we move forward into the dark cold months of the year. As it calls for introspection, smaller children may become bored and distracting, so please bring quiet entertainment for them such as crayons and paper or dolls.

THANK YOU!

Our heartfelt thanks to the board members of the now closed Rocky Mountain Wiccan Temple for their generous donation. We are sorry to see you go, but are most appreciative of your generous parting gesture.

—Alia

ON DONATIONS

Many of our local Pagan organizations run on a shoestring. Your donations do make a difference, and the cost of a movie ticket to one of these organizations from several of their patrons can make the difference between failing and thriving. (Not to mention making the organizers excited and happy that their efforts

are of value to you.) If you'd prefer not to donate to Hearthstone, I encourage you to donate something to the organization of your choice. Your donations can make the difference between an organization thriving and folding.

We appreciate that many of you donate to the church. **Unfortunately, donations have diminished over the years, to the point where Hearthstone is once again losing money. Since Alia can no longer support the church on her own, we ask you to please give what you can to support the work and service of the church to the community. The more you can spare, the longer we will be around, and the more we can help those who need it. While we will keep Hearthstone Community Church, Inc. running as long as possible, we do feel we should let you know that we still need your support to continue to serve the community.**

We aren't going to start collecting at the door, and no one will be turned away for not having a donation. However, we would like to suggest a donation of 5 to 10 dollars per person. (The extra is to cover the pagans that are unable to donate.) If you can't afford it, you are still welcome – if you can afford more, we'd be delighted to accept it.

NOTE: Hearthstone is a church and your donations to Hearthstone are **tax deductible**. If you would like to write a check so you can keep track of your donations, we can certainly handle that as well.

Priestessing: Building Community and Connection to Diety and Each Other

Presented by Reclaiming Spirit Colorado, a Colorado Non-Profit Corporation

This course will include:

- * Creating empowering co-creative rituals.
 - * Developing and leading effective meditations and trances.
 - * Using consensus process to build energy and create inclusive rituals for community members.
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This workshop will be participatory and experiential. We will be opening to magic and transformation.

We will collectively explore:

- * Building a safe magical container
- * Creating consensus in community rituals
- * Using and moving energy in responsible, safe ways
- * Tending and leading trances and group meditations
- * Collaborating and co-creating ritual intent, meditations, trances and chants
- * Leadership and collaboration within the community in diverse groups

The location for our workshop is:

ISIS BOOKS & GIFTS; 2775 South Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113; Phone: 303-761-8627

Participants should come prepared to explore and experiment. The facilitators believe that each of us is his or her own spiritual authority. We request participants to commit to attending the whole workshop.

****Saturday, October 4, 2008 – 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM****

This can be advanced work; we recommend that participants have magical experience such as coven experience, Reclaiming Elements of Magic, Wicca Basics or equivalent as a prerequisite.

Tuition: \$50 to \$95, sliding scale, scholarships available

Co-facilitator: Brook Schoenfield, a Priestess in the Reclaiming and Feri Traditions of Witchcraft. Brook's material springs from his wonder at the beauty and sacredness of life, from our need for connection with each other and with spirit, and from the challenges of trying to live a life based in vulnerability and emotional honesty. Brook has worked with many groups internationally as a facilitator and consensus trainer.

Registration & Questions: Call Kath at 303-618-7702 or email morgans.insight@yahoo.com www.reclaimingspirit.org

We welcome all genders, all races, all ages and sexual orientations and all those differences of life situation, background, and ability that

increase our diversity. Reclaiming is a community of individuals working to unify spirit and politics. Our vision is rooted in the religion and magic of the Goddess, the Immanent Life Force. We see our work as teaching and making magic; the art of empowering ourselves and each other.

CAPITOL HILL REIKI CIRCLE

Capitol Hill Reiki Circle -- Third Wednesday of every month through 2008. For more information contact Jo, 720-255-5132 or JoMar01@comcast.net.

www.myspace.com/reikicircle

EARTH TEMPLE

Earth Temple rituals have moved to a new location: Ye Old Firehouse, 3232 Depew Street, Wheat Ridge. With a few exceptions, all of our rituals will be held at this location. With one exception, all dates are Fridays, with community announcements starting at 7:30 pm, and ritual starting when announcements conclude. Here are the remaining dates of ET's 2008 schedule with the exceptions and locations listed.

Earth Temple 2008 dates

Sep 19 – Mabon – Ye Old Firehouse
Oct 3 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse
Oct 24 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse
Samhain – November 1 (Saturday) from 5:30 - 9:30 pm at the Wheat Ridge Senior Center.
Nov 28 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse
Dec 19 – Yule – Ye Old Firehouse

NEW MOON CIRCLES AT WITCHES BREW

Mary Reeves and Robin Vinehall, from Tree in the Circle, will be holding New Moon Esbat rituals at Witches Brew on the Sunday closest to the New Moon. If the New Moon falls on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday the ritual will be the Sunday before. If the New Moon falls on Thursday, Friday or Saturday the ritual will be held on the Sunday after. Mary and Robin will be invoking gods and goddesses from a variety of pantheons, whose energy is consistent with the astrological energies of the particular New Moon. This energy will also be consistent with each sephira of the Qabalistic Tree of Life, taken in the order of the "Downward Striking Lightning Flash". (No previous knowledge of Qabalah or even astrology is necessary.) The rituals will be in traditional Wiccan form, incorporating both Qabalah and astrology into powerful and empowering Wiccan rituals.

Witches Brew Coffee House is at 4900 West 46th Ave.; Call: (303) 997-9571 or online at:

<http://www.myspace.com/witchesbrewdenver>

WHO TO CONTACT

Alia's phone number is 303-680-1741. Southwynde's is 303-698-1066. Catherine's is 303-534-5264. If you would like to officiate at a future Open Full Moon, for Pagan or Wiccan clergy, or for any other Hearthstone business, please contact either Alia or Catherine.

Hearthstone Community Church has a website at <http://hearthstone.fnorky.com> It's kept current, so anything you miss here should be there.

Alia's e-mail address is alia@fnorky.com; Southwynde's is Southwynde@yahoo.com; (it is not frequently checked). Catherine's e-mail address is catherine@fnorky.com

GUEST COLUMNS?

If you have something to say, and are willing to let Alia or Catherine edit it slightly, (generally for grammar – Alia has the soul of an English teacher and Catherine wants to be one) please feel free to submit your writing to catherine@fnorky.com. Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices.

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2008 Open Full Moon Dates

September 12, 2008

October 10, 2008

November 7, 2008

December 12, 2008

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