



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.



"The Full Moon Folk"

GREETINGS

And it's 2009 already. It seems like the last year both sped and crept by. So many things have changed this last year, but then they always seem to do that. We're lucky; we get a couple of times a year to reflect on the changes we've had: Samhain, the secular New Year, and probably others depending on the tradition.

I'm ready for 2009. Good and bad, it's time to bid the old year goodbye and start anew. Happy New Year to all!

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Hearthstone's December Open Full Moon was celebrated by a large number of attendees at our multiple Drawing Down of the Goddess. Our deepest appreciation goes to Judith Brownlee, Jackie Weller and Alia Denny, the three priestesses who served our community that very special evening. Many wonderful experiences of the Goddess occurred, a number of people were moved to tears, and many emerged from their private consultations to quickly write notes.

Hearthstone also thanks Amy for skillfully priestessing the "waiting" area, and Catherine for offering support and grounding, food, and drink to all after their experiences. We thank as well the "walkers" and others who assisted our priestesses. It was a wonderful evening. We are so grateful to each of the priestesses who gave of themselves throughout this extraordinary evening!

May we live each day of this new year attuned with Deity, dancing upon our sacred paths. Blessed Be!

—Arynn

JANUARY 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, JANUARY 9, 2009.

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 January 9th ritual will be presented by Tree in the Circle. The "tree" in the name has several associations, but the most prominent is the Qabbalistic Tree of Life. Since we will be celebrating the Full Moon in Cancer and the ruler of Cancer is the Moon, Tree in the Circle will be dealing with Moon deities in this Full Moon ritual -- especially the difficult Celtic goddess Arianrhod. According to Qabbala, all the Moon deities are extremely helpful in manifesting that which we desire to accomplish. The officiants will explain just why this is so. Also -- Moon deities -- especially Arianrhod -- can help us find whatever we need to accomplish whatever we want to accomplish. Come join us as we work magick to retrieve that which we need for success in 2009!

—Catherine

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. **We ask that you 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. We will keep Hearthstone Community Church, Inc. running as long as possible, and we 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.

CABALISTIC WICCA CLASS

Starting Sunday, January 11, 10:00 AM, Mary Reeves, Robin Vinehall, and Cynthia LeFevre will be presenting a class at Isis on the basic principles of Qabala and applying them to Wiccan/Pagan belief structures and practices. Qabala is an ancient system for understanding spiritual and magickal energies. It has been developed over the centuries out of a profound understanding of the human spirit and its relation to the natural and supernatural world. It is organized into a central pattern called The Tree of Life, which contains ten powerful energy centers.

This class will focus on understanding and using these energies in order to forward personal goals, deepen mystical experience, intensify ritual, and heighten one's awareness of the possibilities of life.

Each class will conclude with a Qabalistic-Wiccan ritual incorporating the concepts developed in that class.

Mary and Robin ask those who plan to attend this class to first call 303-933-6540. We would like to get an idea of how much people already know about both Wicca and Qabala.

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 2009 dates

January 30th - New Moon/Imbolc

February 27th - New Moon

March 20th - New Moon/Oestara

April 24th - New Moon

Beltane - date and location TBA

May 22nd - New Moon

New Moon/Litha - date and location TBA; this will be a Ritual in the Park on a Saturday

July 17th - New Moon
July 31th - Lammas
August 21st - New Moon
September 18th - New Moon/Mabon
October 16th - New Moon
Samhain - date and location TBA
November 13th - New Moon
December 18th - New Moon/Yule

ELEMENTS OF MAGIC

THREE SATURDAYS

January 10, Jan 17 & Jan 24

Elements of Magic is the first of the core class in the Reclaiming tradition of Witchcraft. In this class, we will explore our personal relationship with the elements of Air, Fire, Water, Earth and Spirit.

Techniques we will use include breathwork, song, visualization, sensing and raising energy, trance work, movement, spellcrafting and creating sacred space. A limited number of spaces for teens and young adults. Please call if questions – 303-618-7702.

Class Schedule:

Saturday, January 10

9:30 am Registration

10:00 am Class begins

1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch Potluck

2:00 – 5:00 pm Class Continues

Saturday, January 17

10:00 am – 5:00pm Class w/Potluck

Saturday, January 24

10:00 am – 5:00pm Class w/Potluck

Note: We start class on time, so please be prompt. The classes are designed to work together, so please commit to attend all.

Prerequisite: 1st 6 chapters of *The Spiral Dance*, by Starhawk (HarperCollins Publishers, November 1999).

Elements of Magic will be drug and alcohol free so safe, nurturing, sacred space is created for all.

Items you may wish to bring: A journal, a water bottle, drums or rattles, a divination tool such as runes or Tarot, a potluck lunch item to share, a compassionate heart and a mirthful and reverent mind.

TEACHERS

SKathACH is a Reclaiming witch cleverly disguised as suburban mother of two. She is a priestess and teacher dedicated to facilitating the exploration of personal and immanent Divinity. Trained in Celtic and Feri Witchcraft, Skathach delights in listening to beauty, creating with passion and singing loudly with loving devotion.

Joy has been an eclectic Wiccan priestess for 18 years and leads the Highlands Ranch Pagan Meetup. She is passionate about being a community organizer, priestess, scientist, seamstress, teacher, baker, mother, nature lover, world traveler, wife, optimist, triathlete-in-training, and artist. She envisions a Front Range Pagan community that shares information, resources, and events. Collaborating with Reclaiming Spirit and participating in projects such as WRAPP.org form part of that vision.

Terpsichore has been a Reclaiming witch for a decade. She delights in all dance, felt and seen (including adorning bodies and shaping spaces). She co-founded Reclaiming's first all-ages Witchcamp.

Registration

Pre-registration is required!

Class size is limited.

Registration Deadline: Jan 5 or until class is filled, subject to availability.

Course information

Tuition: \$45 to \$60 sliding scale paid in full at first session.

Deposit: \$25.00 deposit is nonrefundable unless class is cancelled by the teachers. Deposit is applied toward your tuition.

Phone: Kath at 303-618-7702

EMAIL: morgans_insight@yahoo.com

THE IRON PENTACLE

TWO SUNDAYS – FEB 8 & 15

Reclaim the qualities of Sex, Pride, Self, Power and Passion. Call them back to you and claim them as your birthrights. Our culture has twisted these words: we, as Witches, know that we can use these words, they are sacred. They are the building blocks to becoming more human.

Using our magical skills, moving and shaping energy, transforming ourselves through trance to explore the five points of our inner pentacle: Sex (primal energy), Self, Passion, Pride (self-esteem), and Power (effectiveness in the worlds).

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.

Course information

Cost: \$75 to \$125 sliding scale

Early Bird Registration: Paid in Full by

February 1 - \$60.00

Deposit: \$35 non-refundable deposit unless class cancelled by teaching team. Deposit is applied toward your tuition

Phone: Kath @ 303-618-7702

EMAIL: morgans_insight@yahoo.com

Class Schedule:

Sunday, February 8

9:30 Registration & Settle In

10:00 am – 9:00 pm

Sunday, February 15

9:30 am Gather & Settle In

10:00 am – 9:00 pm

Note: We start class on time, so please be prompt. The classes are designed to work together, so plan to attend all.

Prerequisite: Reclaiming Elements of Magic or equivalent

The Iron Pentacle will be drug and alcohol free so safe, nurturing, sacred space is created for all.

Items you may wish to bring: A journal, water bottle, cup or chalice, drums or rattles, divination tool such as runes or Tarot, potluck lunch, raffle items, a compassionate heart and a mirthful and reverent mind.

TEACHERS

CEDAR is a Wicca shaman living in Albuquerque New Mexico. He is a student and teacher of Reclaiming Wicca. He has also studied the shamanic traditions of core shamanism, Huna and Feri. He teaches classes

in New Mexico, Colorado and other points abroad. Cedar works with allies and the spirits of the land and nature. And teaches Reclaiming classes, shaman classes and Chi Gung. He is the parent of three boys, a Permaculture gardener, and teacher at Central New Mexico Community College.

BILL is trained in an eclectic Celtic Wiccan tradition and is currently training in the Feri Tradition. Bill has taught Reclaiming Core classes without injury to himself or others. Bill was born in Seattle, as a double Aries with a Virgo moon. In spite of popular demand Bill returned to the Seattle area after completing a career in the U.S. Navy. Looking to get as far away from saltwater as he could, Bill relocated in the Denver Metro area in 2001. Flyfishing is his passion and being on the river is his sanctuary.

Registration

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Class size is limited!

Registration Deadline: Feb 1 or until class is filled, subject to availability.

Course information

Cost: \$75 to \$125 sliding scale

Deposit: \$35 non-refundable

Phone: Kath @ 303-618-7702

EMAIL: morgans_insight@yahoo.com

Partial Scholarships or Work Exchange available

The location for this class is:

Spirit Wise

6590 S. Broadway

Centennial, CO 80121

303-730-2974

<http://www.spiritwisegifts.com>

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.

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. We strive to make our public rituals and events accessible and safe. We try to balance the need to be justly compensated for our labor with our commitment to make our work available to people of all economic levels.

Make checks for either class payable to:
Reclaiming Spirit Colorado
3531 S. Logan St. Suite D Unit 167
Englewood, CO 80113

We also accept Paypal at:
morgans_insight@yahoo.com

Reclaiming believes strongly in making classes available to everyone in the community.

WHOM 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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2009 Open Full Moon Dates

January 9, 2009
February 6, 2009
March 13, 2009
April 10, 2009
May 8, 2009
June 5, 2009
July 3, 2009
July 31, 2009
September 4, 2009
October 2, 2009
November 6, 2009
November 27, 2009

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