



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.



"The Full Moon Folk"

GREETINGS

The long winter shows signs of ending. The days are getting longer – although they are still shorter than the nights.

I've been thinking a lot about music lately. Especially about the way two different people can perform the same song and express totally different emotions – and yet they are both beautiful and right. It seems to me that pagans are much the same.

Right now, those who practice Wiccan or Neo-Wiccan traditions have just celebrated Imbolc. Those who practice Asatru have just finished Thorrablot and will shortly be celebrating Disting. The Hindus have just celebrated Vasant Panchami, in honor of Saraswati. There are many other groups and many other holidays about which I have no idea. The main things these holidays and their celebrants have in common is that they celebrate the gods. And that is beautiful.

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Our January Open Full Moon ritual was led by Mary and Robin of Tree in the Circle. The ritual offered insight as to how they are working with a blend of Wicca and Qabbala; in this ritual, they incorporated Qabbalistic principles within a Wiccan moon ritual. This full moon was in Cancer, and associated with Yesod, the Sphere of Foundation on the Tree of Life.

Volunteers called the Quarters, then participants learned about moon deities from various pantheons. The focus then turned to the story of Arianrhod, the Celtic moon goddess, and her two sons. The lesson was about bringing together our conscious and unconscious minds to focus on our goals. In the magickal working we sought the help of the moon deities for finding that which we need, in order to manifest that which we desire in the new year.

Thank you, Robin and Mary, for sharing your energy and insights, and for contributing to the Hearthstone community with the gift of this ritual. Blessed Be!

—Arynnne

FEBRUARY 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, FEBRUARY 6, 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

Erin Ashurst and Joy Phelan, co-coordinators of the JUC CUUPS Chapter, will be leading the February 6th OFM in a family-friendly celebration of Imbolc and the Full Moon. This is the time of year to rejoice at the small signs that the wheel is turning.

We will consider what seeds we wish to plant in our lives, both literally and figuratively, as signs of Spring approach.

JUC CUUPS welcomes everyone regardless of affiliation, including people who are committed to other groups.

—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.

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

2009 schedule with the exceptions and locations listed.

Earth Temple 2009 dates

February 27th - New Moon

March 20th - New Moon/Oestara

April 24th - New Moon

Beltane - May 2 (Saturday) 5:30 pm at Wheat Ridge Senior Center

May 22nd - New Moon

New Moon/Litha – June 20 (Saturday); start time TBA but will be a mid-day ritual; location TBA but will probably start at The Firehouse

July 17th - New Moon

July 31st - 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

EVENTS PRESENTED BY RECLAIMING SPIRIT

Reclaiming Spirit Colorado is a Colorado Non-Profit Corporation and a Church. Reclaiming believes strongly in making classes available to everyone in the community. Partial scholarships are available. 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.

Concert & Musical Experience with Brook

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 - 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Jefferson Unitarian Church, 14350 W 32nd Ave, Golden, CO 80401

"Brook's versatile and accomplished guitar playing runs a gamut from blues to jazz to folk. The playing and singing is by turns reflective, relaxing, and stirring." Bill Dewey, Reclaiming Quarterly. Brook combines acoustic guitar

journeys and vocals that reach for your heart and touch the soul.

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. His material ranges from sweet to ironic, from the poetic to strong calls to action.

Brook's music reflects his activism: among his original material are songs about social justice, grass-roots action, peace and environmental awareness.

\$2 - \$3 cover charge or the donation of two canned food items are suggested; no one turned away for lack of funds.

The Dream Journey

Saturday, February 28, 2009 - 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

This one day workshop will open your mind to explore your dreams magically. Based in part on the work of Robert Moss, author of *Conscious Dreaming*, we will open and explore our nightly journeys and our dreaming consciousness.

Entering your dream through trance, story and ritual learn how to interact with dream images, symbols and guides. Return to your dreams and work through blocks, unravel mysteries and work with your dream allies.

We will meet either Friday, Feb 20 or Friday, Feb 27 to induce a dream incubation. For those who feel called we can sleep at the workshop premises the evening of February 27 joining together as we journey to our nighttime world. For those wishing to embark on their Dream Journey at home, we will set several psychic parameters to link those at home with the Dream Circle at Spirit Wise.

We will meet Saturday, February 28 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM for our magical dream work.

Location: Spirit Wise, 6590 S. Broadway, Centennial, CO 80121

This workshop will cost \$25 to \$40 sliding scale, to pay for rent and expenses. No one turned away for lack of funds.

Co-teachers:

Brook. "Helping people seek their empowerment through nature based spirituality, through taking political action, and through group and inter-personal process makes my heart sing. I find deep magic in the unfolding miracle of daily life." Brook first worked with the Reclaiming community in 1982, and moved to San Francisco to join the community a year later. The focus of Brook's teaching is direct experience and reflection, empowerment of the participants, co-teaching, emotional safety, and decision making through consensus. Through his drumming and chanting, Brook brings a high level of energy to his experiential workshops. Brook teaches classes on magic and mythology that not only present the magic and myth, but bring them into our daily lives. He presents workshops on singing and drumming for healing, for ritual and as an act of devotion, on personal shadow stalking, on consensus process and facilitation, the core classes of the Reclaiming tradition, classes on non-violence and magical activism, on developing psychic skills, and on working with the tarot. He is continuously teaching at Reclaiming witchcamps and workshops in the U.S. and internationally.

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.

For more information about this workshop please email Skathach at morgans_insight@yahoo.com or call 303-618-7702.

Devotee of the Black Heart of Innocence:

An intensive of Feri personal work Saturday, March 7 & Sunday, March 8, 2009

"The Guardian of the Gates", "The Keeper of the Black Heart". Described through poetry and myth, this Feri Mystery of the Center calls our original lusty energy to manifest

in all of its beauty. Explore the inheritance of the original orgasm that gave birth to the universe and that runs through each living being.

The Feri prayer says, “I would know myself in all of my parts.” Using shadow work techniques we will delve into patterns and beliefs about who we think are and who we cannot or must not be. We will experiment with some of our many modes: our essential, wild nature, our relationship to others as social animals, and our relationship with our divine self, the Black Heart that lies within each of us: Core Worth, Authentic Self. For, “My Law is Love unto all Beings”

Saturday, March 7 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 8 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Spirit Wise, 6590 S. Broadway, Centennial, CO 80121

Tuition: \$95 to \$145 sliding scale, scholarships and work trade.

For more information: Contact Kath at 303-618-7702 or morgans_insight@yahoo.com

Pre-registration is required!

Class size is limited.

Registration Deadline: Feb 27 or until class is filled, subject to availability.

We expect this class to fill up quickly!

Please register in advance at

<http://www.meetup.com/registration/>

If you would like to secure your place in class, you may send in a \$35.00 deposit to:

Make checks payable to:

Reclaiming Spirit Colorado

3531 S. Logan St. Suite D Unit 167
Englewood, CO 80113

Or paypal at: morgans_insight@yahoo.com

Register on-line at:

<http://www.meetup.com/registration/>

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>.

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

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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