



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"



THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Hearthstone "tips our hat" to Amy Harper/Nytshade in thanks for the Wiccaning ritual she offered at our April Open Full Moon celebration. We thank also the many volunteers who participated, embodying the three ages of God/Goddess pairs (Youths, Parents, Wise Ones), and the four Elements. Four young children participated in this ritual and were formally introduced to the concepts of Wicca through interaction with the Gods and Goddesses and the Elements, from whom the children received keepsakes. The children were asked to promise to care for all life, and to honor and respect themselves and others -- good lessons for them, and good reminders for the "child" within each of us.

Thank you, Amy, for this touching ritual expressing the Springtime spirit of new beginnings!

—Arynn

MAY 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, MAY 8, 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

Spring has sprung, green is everywhere, and our long time protectors, friends, and playmates are ready to come out and rejoice with us! If you know where to look, you can see them peeking at us, watching for when we will stop our busy day-to-day hubbub and call to Them to join us. This month's OFM is dedicated to honoring The Fae in all Their forms, to invite them to come out of Their hidey holes to renew our friendships with each other. Please join us for a unique Fae experience combining the aspects of Lady Day, La Bel Taine and The Calling forth of The Fae!

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.

FULL MOON ESBAT

The next Full Moon Esbat at Witches Brew will be the Full Moon in Scorpio, just after Beltane -- and it will be a little more intense than some of the others in this series of Full Moon Esbats from Tree in the Circle. Remember, Beltane is the other "hinge" Sabbat, besides Samhain, when the veil between the worlds is thin. And, of course, Scorpio is the most intense of all the zodiac signs! Unfortunately, this Esbat observance at Witches' Brew comes on May 10 -- at the end of Beltania! (Robin and Mary are resolved to have enough energy left for a good ritual!) But think about coming, especially if you aren't attending Beltania, just to see what the Full Moon in Scorpio has to say to you!

Notice new location!

Witches Brew Coffee House is at 5300 West 44th Avenue

Call: (303) 997-9571 or go online at:

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

We will assemble at 7:00 PM and ritual will begin at 7:30 PM

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. Also with a few exceptions, 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

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

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

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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