



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"



GREETINGS

Ostara is here and as if to say she will not be bound by calendar or the rotation of the earth, Herself has presented us with a major snowstorm of the very eve of the Sabbat. Nevertheless, bits of green are poking their heads up through the drifts and the snow is nourishing them.

Like Mabon, Ostara is a time of balance between Winter and Summer; between the shortest and longest days. It is a time to choose a path for the coming fertile season. What seeds will you plant for this year's harvest? What choices will be made to bring to fruition? The Wheel will continue to turn, even if the gods themselves fight it. As it turns, then we should work to make it fruitful.

—*Catherine*

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Thanks, and a Tip of Hearthstone's Hat, to the Living Earth community for their gracious leadership of our February Open Full Moon ritual. Through chant, spiral dance, sharing, and gentle laughter, together we wove the fabric of spiritual community. Participants shared aloud our needs and joys, knowing our needs are met and our joys celebrated. We shared the energy of Spirit, and released the energy outward to benefit our community and our world. Our warm appreciation to Joy, Walden, and Living Earth members for bringing your light to share with Hearthstone!

—*Arynne*

FEBRUARY 26 OPEN FULL MOON

Hearthstone meets the Friday before or the Friday of the Full Moon in the upstairs chapel 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, March 26, 2010.

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*

At the March 26th OFM, the ritual will give participants the experience of exercising their own will, through the use of words, to create the Circle, call the Quarters, invoke the Gods and manifest their will in magical circle using Words of Power. The ritual was created in response to the inspiring article on "The Use of Positive Statements in Ritual" in Hearthstone's January newsletter. Cynthia Lefevre and Arynne welcome you to join them in empowering ourselves and honoring the seed moon of March.

—*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.

WHAT ARE YOU REALLY SAYING?

Often when we start to listen to what we are saying, we are shocked at what comes out of our mouths. It does not matter whether we say it in our ordinary lives or in circle; saying it out loud or silently to ourselves makes no difference; the mind hears and places the statement in the tally of what we think is possible and what is not. The mind is an accountant who does not care about the outcome as long as he knows the final tally.

The worst type of self-talk we can do is “I can't...” The example that is often used at motivational seminars is “I can't remember names.” If you tell yourself that you simply cannot remember names of the people you meet often enough, then your brain will obey that statement. While this is the worst type of statement you can make about yourself, it is obvious once you start to listen to yourself.

It is the not-so-obvious statements that you need to spend some time working with. These statements run rampant in our culture.

Most of them pose a real danger to getting your life in order, simply because the human mind will consider them incomplete. And like an evil editor, they will finish the sentence for you. Often, you did not intend the second half of the revised sentence.

Take for instance, the statement “I really need to make more money.” The little evil editor likes to put a “because” into the sentence for you. So you will end up with a statement that reads “I really need to make more money... because I am poor.” Guess what part of the sentence affects you more---yeah, that is right; it is the second half of it.

The evil editor also likes to ignore the word “not.” “I am not angry” becomes “I am angry.” Just trying to change a negative statement by putting the word “not” in it does not fool the internal editor. The reason for this is simple: humans are not designed to think that way. As an exercise, try not to think of pink elephants. The result is the same when you try not to think about being poor, or unloved, or unhealthy.

It is for this reason that conscious designers of positive affirmations like to use the positive “I am” statements. Instead of “I am not poor,” they will use “I am rich” or “I am wealthy.” Not only does this remove the ignored “not,” it also creates a situation where the inserted “because” has to be answered in a positive manner. This forces the internal editor to have to say, “I am wealthy...because I am hard-working...or I am successful...or I am lucky.” It is hard for the internal editor, no matter how evil and demoniac they are, to twist this statement into something undesirable.

In fact, “I am” statements can lead to mystical revelations. Sometimes the internal imp is forced to come to the conclusion that you are wealthy simply because the universe is generous and provides for you. Think about the possibilities of that particular conclusion for the next couple of days in your spare time.

Morgan Drake Eckstein

Morgan Drake Eckstein writes about Golden Dawn, Wicca and other mystery

traditions on his blog at:
<http://gleamingsfromthedawn.blogspot.com/>

A YEAR AND A DAY IN FERİ

A Year and A Day in Feri

Begins April 17 & 18

The Feri path might be, as the Faerie Queen says to Thomas the Rhymer, "that bonny, bonny road" that is the third way from the crossroads winding across the "ferny" moors. Most certainly the Feri path does not run in a straight line to a known destination. It doesn't often run in a predictable time period or at a predictable speed.

A Year and a Day in Feri will be a five session, year long intensive that will introduce participants to basic Feri practice: ritual, mythic, personal. Participants will meet once per quarter year, until a year and a day have passed. Each workshop session will take place over a weekend, Saturday and Sunday in Denver.

Each session will focus on one aspect of Feri Witchcraft. These weekends are designed to be an Intensive Apprenticeship, please commit to attending all five weekends.

TEACHER -----

Brook is a Feri initiate of Anne Hill, Gwydion, and Rose May Dance. He puts a distinctly Reclaiming <http://www.reclaiming.org> spin into his Feri teaching.

Course information

Tuition: \$95 to \$135 per weekend sliding scale paid in full each weekend.

Deposit: \$95 deposit to hold your space in class, which will be credited toward your tuition at the end of the Year and a Day.

Contacts: Kath at 303-618-7702 or Sherri at 520-560-1084

EMAIL: morgans_insight@yahoo.com or beckoning_earth_whispers@yahoo.com

Pre-registration is required!

Class size is limited. To ensure your space in this amazing training, we will accept registration until April 3 (or until space is filled).

Mail: Reclaiming Spirit Colorado

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Paypal accepted at:

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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 with work study 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.

EARTH TEMPLE

Earth Temple rituals are held at 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 Saturdays, with community announcements starting at 7:30 pm, and ritual starting when announcements conclude.

Earth Temple 2010 dates

Event	ET Date SATURDAY
New Moon	Apr 17
Beltaine	May 1
New Moon	May 15
New Moon	Jun 12
Midsummer	Jun 19
Lammas/NM	July 31
New Moon	Sep 11
Mabon	Sep 25
New Moon	Oct 9
Samhain/NM	Nov 6
Yule	Dec 18

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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2010 Open Full Moon Dates

March 26, 2010

April 23, 2010

May 21, 2010

June 25, 2010

July 23, 2010

August 20, 2010

September 17, 2010

October 22, 2010

November 19, 2010

December 17, 2010

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