



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"



SEPTEMBER 17 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, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010.

Amy will be presenting the September ritual, which will be centered around reflections of personal experiences over the past year, expectations of the upcoming year, and changes that happen during this season. We have also had a short-notice request for a Wiccaning, and will be introducing a newborn to the Elements, God, and Goddess as well as the community.

—Catherine

GREETINGS

September has definitely begun. Sunset is coming noticeably earlier and the evenings are cooler. I can sit under the lilac bushes in the evening without fear of a sunburn and feel refreshed rather than drained from the heat.

To be honest, Autumn is one of my favorite times of the year. The colors are slowly beginning to change from green to gold; it's neither too warm nor too hot.

Someone recently suggested that I use this season to reclaim things that I may have lost over the years. Balance is not just letting go of the things that weigh us down, but grabbing on to things that may allow us to float. We need to look at both sides during this time of balance and choose carefully.

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Thanks and a Tip of the Hat to Shen-Tat and Tala of the Covenant of the Witches (<http://cotw.us>) for presenting our August Open Full Moon ritual. Everyone who wanted was anointed with scented oil. Invocations were called, conjuring many thoughts and images, holding the focus of all participants. We breathed into, and expanded, the immovable center of ourselves, the inner strength and stillness at our individual core. Shen-Tat reminded us how each of us, in our earlier lives and likely now as well, create ourselves partly by pushing against what was/is immovable in our lives. It may have been, or currently be, a parent, a disease, an expectation, an unattainable ideal, or maybe a situation that we loathe. The more immovable, the stronger we push and the stronger we may become. Yet, what we push against may become, to a degree, part of us, and there is strength in acknowledging that as well. Our work within ritual was intended to explore the immovable outside us, and access and expand the immovable, firm foundation within each of us.

This was a very introspective ritual, prompting further introspection and long discussions afterwards. While we all heard the same words, individuals "heard" different ideas. I can imagine folks who participated in this ritual reading this summary, saying "That's not quite what I think we did!" And so it goes with rituals that stimulate introspection!

Thank you, Shen-Tat and Tala, for sharing from your Centers, and bringing us into stronger contact with our own Centers. Bright Blessings!

—Arynne

CHANGES IN THE NEWSLETTER

This newsletter has remained virtually unchanged for the past 19 years. The board has decided to make the newsletter more interesting to read and easier to manage.

One step we will be taking is eliminating the paper newsletter and going to e-mail only. If you do not have an email address or computer, computers are available at your local library to set up an online e-mail account

We will also be redesigning the newsletter for HTML email delivery. This means that if you have a text-only email reader, you will need to upgrade to an account that can handle HTML. If you don't wish to change your primary e-mail address, you can get an online e-mail address and receive the newsletter there.

We believe these changes will make the newsletter more interesting and will make it easier for you to get the information you need from it.

As always, if you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Catherine or me.

—*Alia*

HEARTHSTONE RITUALS

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*

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 IS LINEAGE ANYWAY?

Another complaint that many modern seekers of the mysteries have is the emphasis laid upon lineage by the initiated traditions. In order to be considered an initiate in most mystery traditions, one must be able to trace back one's lineage back to the founder of the tradition. Many seekers believe that this idea somehow violates the principles of the initiated traditions. It doesn't. Outsiders often cry "Foull!" because the initiated traditions chose to restrict access to certain information to only those that they consider to be full members of the tradition: full members being those who have undergone initiation under the control of those with a proper lineage.

This fact leads to the question of what lineage is in the first place. One of the

difficulties about talking about lineage is the fact that the term “lineage” actually describes three different things. Often students of the mysteries will use the term without clarifying what type of lineage they are discussing; this leads to problems as one type of lineage is confused for another. While the three types of lineages interlock and support one another, the three types are not perfectly interchangeable.

It is most common to think about lineage as being the history of which initiator initiated which initiate. Person A initiated person B, who in turn initiated person C. This type of initiation is based on the experience of the initiation ritual being passed from one initiate to another; this is done the only way that an initiation can be experienced---by actually undergoing the rituals themselves. If an energetic component is part of an initiated tradition, this is almost the only way that it can be transmitted. This first type of lineage is “initiatory.”

Alongside initiatory lineage is “memeonic lineage.” This type of lineage is the tracing of lessons and ideas through a system — who taught or gave which idea to whom. It is important to note that you can have one form of lineage without automatically having one or both of the other forms of lineage. You can be placed through the initiation rituals without receiving any lessons; you can receive some of the lessons and documents of a system without undergoing the initiation rituals. This is especially important to keep in mind when considering the last type of lineage.

The most important type of lineage to most initiated traditions is the last type, the “administrative” lineage. This type of lineage is the history of who had the authority to rule a tradition; it is also the history of who had the authority to initiate other people into the tradition. Without being initiated by someone with administrative authority, often one is not considered a full member of a tradition. Ironically, to the practicing witch and magician, the administrative lineage is considered the least important, given that both the initiatory

and memeoric lineages are more useful when practicing the magical systems behind the initiated traditions.

Morgan Drake Eckstein

Morgan Drake Eckstein writes about Golden Dawn, Wicca and other mystery traditions on his blog at:

<http://gleamingsfromthedawn.blogspot.com/>

ELEMENTS OF MAGIC

THREE SUNDAYS

Sept 26, Oct 3 & 10, 2010

Elements of Magic is the first of the core classes 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.

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. This class is open to women and men.

A limited number of spaces are available for teens and young adults. Please call if questions – 303-618-7702.

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.

Scarlet (Leni Hester) has been a self-identified Witch since age 5, and has been consciously following the path of Transformational Magick for 25 years. She's trained in Alexandrian (Bluestar) and Gardnerian Wicca, the Western Mystery Tradition, as well as AfroCuban Santeria

(Lucumi) and yoga. She raises 2 lil girls in Aurora with her dear husband.

Terpsichore has been a Reclaiming witch since 1998. In 1986 she committed to the Craft thanks to the serendipity of stumbling on a feminist course about Women, Myths and Fairytales. Terpsichore delights in all dance, felt and seen (including adorning bodies and shaping spaces). She co-founded Reclaiming's first all-ages Witchcamp.

Class Schedule:

Sunday, September 26

11:30 am Registration

12:00pm – 5:00pm Class w/Potluck Lunch

Sunday, October 3

12:00 pm – 5:00pm Class w/Potluck Lunch

Sunday, October 10

12:00 am – 5:00pm Class w/Potluck Lunch

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.

Course information

Tuition: \$60 to \$90 sliding scale paid in full at first session.

Early Bird: \$45 paid by Deadline of September 19, 2010

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

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.

Registration

Pre-registration is required!

Class size is limited.

Registration Deadline: Sept 19 or until class is filled, subject to availability.

The location for this class is:

Spirit Wise

6590 S Broadway

Centennial, CO 80121

303-730-2974

For Registration please mail to:

Reclaiming Spirit Colorado

P.O. Box 270172

Littleton, CO 80127

Paypal accepted at:

morgans_insight@yahoo.com

Reclaiming Spirit Colorado is a Colorado Non-Profit Corporation and a Church.

The Nineteenth Annual Samhain

Witches' Ball

and free midnight Samhain ritual

**Saturday, October 23rd,
2010**

Doors Open at 6:30PM
Highlands Masonic Temple
3550 Federal Blvd., Denver

\$15. for Adults and \$5. Children 12 and Under

Live Music by Tuatha
Costume Contest
Drumming and Dancing

Beer and Wine
Café Serving Dinner and Snacks

Psychic Fair and Magickal Marketplace
Community Organization Fair and Fundraiser

Tickets for Sale Online, at Stores
and at the Door

Check Out Our New Website at

denverwitchesball.com

303-935-6700

EARTH TEMPLE

Earth Temple rituals are generally 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.

Note: The Beltaine ritual will be held on May 1, 2010, at the Wheat Ridge Senior Center 6363 W. 35th Avenue. Start time 7:30 pm.

Earth Temple 2010 dates

Event	ET Date SATURDAY
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

September 17, 2010

October 22, 2010

November 19, 2010

December 17, 2010

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