



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"



JUNE 1 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. This month's ritual is FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2012.

Paulie Rainbow, representing The Denver Celtic Women's Circle, invites you to join in a celebration of the May flowering Hawthorn tree. The DCWC follows a circle tradition that combines modern Druidic ritual with authentic, translated, ancient Irish mythical text to honor and celebrate the world of nature around us.

The circle celebrated at Hearthstone will be an abbreviated version of the full rite generally celebrated by the DCWC.

For anyone who had the pleasure of attending the Missa Druidica at Beltania, facilitated by Treehenge of Fort Collins, you will find some of the ritual comfortably familiar. We cast circle in much the same way and offer Peace to the quarters and the world following the same practice. As part of a practice in an urban setting, this provides an opportunity for our gathering to project the energy of peace in each of the four directions, to have a real and positive effect on the area for blocks around.

The flowering hawthorn is a significant and magical tree in the Celtic tradition. Its flowers represent the bursting energy of life, pointing to love, union and promise. Its strong, sharp thorns, some extending up to six inches long, indicate a strong warning against trespass while providing shelter and protection for small songbirds. Although never invoked magically, it is honored for its magical presence and when it appears in visions it can be interpreted as a warning similar to the rune Hagalaz, indicating a significant but important disruption. When it is found with oak and ash trees it is a sign welcome to the Fae.

We will honor the 'thorn tree and welcome the magic of summer together.

--Catherine

GREETINGS

Sumer is icumin in. Lhude sing kuku. Did you know that this is the oldest piece of English music known to have been written down? We have heard this tune played lightly as we danced around the Maypole; stumbled through it as a round; or laughed as a marching band played it in a movie. Some of us even continue to try to sing it in Middle English. In any language, it celebrates fertility: birdsong, crops growing, lambs and ewes, bulls and cows, bucks and does, etc. It celebrates life in its infinite variety.

Summer in this area can be difficult – it seems as though it is either terribly hot or raining. Still, after a day spent even partly outside, I can see the song even here: grass is growing, birds are singing and everything is lively. It's summer!

---Catherine

AN OPENING FOR A RITUAL



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Have you ever wanted to officiate at a public ritual? We need an officiant for the July 27th Ritual. We welcome all traditions. Contact Alia or Catherine if you are interested. We would be happy to help you or provide feedback if you would like guidance.

---Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Our thanks to Carridwen Brennan and Martin Anthony, of ATUM, who officiated at the May Open Full Moon. They are the only Pagan or Wiccan prison ministry in Colorado, and they presented a ritual the way it would be done for a group in prison. The tools were very simple, using stick incense, a wand, and paper cups. Cakes and ale was purchased from a grocery store and unopened until used in ritual, and had to be completely consumed before they left. Martin led us through a breathing exercise to help people in a chaotic environment calm down and focus on the sacred, then Carrie led us on a guided meditation where we could meet with the Goddess and God and work on how we wanted to move forward. After the meditation, Carrie Drew Down the Goddess, She spoke to the group, and a few of us were able to speak to Her individually.

Thank you, Carrie and Martin, for sharing your ritual with us, and for the work you do in the prison system. Their ministry is entirely self-funded. If you would like to donate books for any alternative religion, please bring them to the Open Full Moon and Alia will make sure the books reach ATUM for their ministry.

—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**



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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.

WICCAN BASICS CLASS

Sacred Stone Circle <http://sacredstonecircle.org/> is once again providing Wicca Basics classes! For those interested, please go to the website and fill out the New Student form at: http://sacredstonecircle.org/?page_id=1063. We will contact you with the particulars. Check out our other offerings as well. There is lots of information on the site.

Also, we are hosting the first of what we anticipate to be an annual event on the Front Range:

FIRST ANNUAL DRUMMING DOWN THE SUN - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2012, 6 pm - 10 pm, Addenbrook Park, Shelters #1 and #2, Kipling @ Exposition. Bring your drums, rattles, pentagram tambourines and yourselves and help celebrate the Summer Solstice and the change from the Light (Goddess) half of the year to the Dark (God) half of the year. We offer this celebration as a way to bring balance and celebration for flip side of Drumming Up The Sun on the Winter Solstice. Come honor the changes that this solar event marks. We have more information available on our website: www.sacredstonecircle.org.

In service to the Goddess and God,

---Sage and HavenWood

High Priestess and High Priest of Sacred Stone Circle

MODERN PAGAN TV

Denver is host to Modern Pagan TV, a weekly, live interactive webcast on Tuesday nights at 7PM, MST. Modern Pagan TV covers a great variety of topics including different Pagan religions, different Pagan holiday celebrations, Pagan parenting, authors and books, ritual tools, drum making, metaphysics, Pagan cooking and crafts, mini music concerts, Pagan sexuality and more! Go to the MPTV website at www.modernpagan.tv for more information, to view archived programs, or to watch the program live -- you'll find links to YouTube and several other streaming sites.

You may contact MPTV with comments, or if you wish to appear on the program, at info@modernpagan.tv.

---Jackie

CALLING UPON STRANGE AND FORGOTTEN GODS

The Ancient Egyptians had thousands of gods and goddesses. Besides the major ones, such as Isis and Osiris, there were numerous minor gods and goddesses who are largely forgotten today.



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Some of these minor deities had very narrow powers, and perhaps were only known by a small number of people, therefore their names were never recorded; these deities are completely unknown today. It is hard to be remembered when no one writes down your name.

The same phenomena occurred in all the polytheistic civilizations. The major gods and their stories got recorded, and the rest being unwritten ended up disappearing from history. It was not just deities that fell afoul of this trend; countless numbers of fairies, angels and other spirits effectively do not exist because no one ever jotted down their name on a napkin.

Inside Jewish kabbalah, on the pragmatic end occupied by those who we would refer to as ceremonial magicians, it is said that every blade of grass has its own individual angel. As one can expect, most of the names of these angels go unrecorded. But every once in a while, one really needs the name of an angel to accomplish something, and the Kabbalists have a way to call upon an angel which name they do not know.

The procedure to call upon an unknown angel is simple. One takes the name of the area that one is trying to influence, such as Denver, and adds either the suffix "-el" or "-ah" to it; this gives you a "suffix name." In our example here, Denverel or Denverah. Natural phenomena, such as rain and snow, also have their suffix angels. Once you have created the suffix name, one proceeds to use it the same way one uses one of the better known names. Ok, maybe the procedure is not that simple, but at least we now we have a name for the entity we would like to contact.

Living in modern times, we need the names of a lot of spirits that our ancestors never needed to be concerned with. For instance, I have a lot of dealings with the angel Ratadel. He deals with public transportation, making the buses and light rail run on time. Despite the fact there are human beings in charge of such matters, sometimes one just needs to complain to their angelic overseer. And who among us have not called upon the angel Spasiel? After the third time around a packed parking lot looking for an empty spot, we are all praying to this particular suffix angel.

Being a pagan, it may sound strange that I call upon angels, even of the suffix variety. But remember I know the truth about suffix angels; they are gods and goddesses, fairies and spirits, clothed in the garb of another religion and philosophy. I know that Ratadel is the god of RTD, and that Spasiel is the goddess of empty parking spaces. Sadly, if they have other names, odds are they will be forgotten by history...for no one has seen fit to write them down.

Morgan Drake Eckstein

(Why Morgan, the goddess of parking in my tradition is Squat, and she requires a sacrifice of a pun to find you a space. The quality of the pun determines the quality of the space, and since many puns are terrible, it's best for getting a distant parking spot. --Alia)

Morgan Drake Eckstein writes about Golden Dawn, Wicca and other mystery traditions on his blog at: <http://gleamingsfromthedawn.blogspot.com/>

EARTH TEMPLE

Earth Temple celebrates New Moons and Sabbats. With the exceptions noted below, our rituals are held at our NEW location: Full Moon Books and Event Center, 9106 W. 6th Ave. in Lakewood.

We start announcements at 7:30, and then start ritual when announcements end. Our dates are all Saturdays. Hope you can join us!



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Event	ET date
New Moon/Litha	Jun 16
New Moon	Jul 21
Lughnasagh	Aug 4
New Moon	Aug 18
New Moon	Sep 15
Mabon	Sep 22
New Moon	Oct 13
Samhain	Nov 3**Location TBA
New Moon	Nov 17
New Moon/Yule	Dec 15

WHOM TO CONTACT

Alia's phone number is 303-680-1741. 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; 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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2012 Open Full Moon Dates

June 1
 June 29
 July 27
 August 31



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