



November 2021

Hearthstone Rituals

*Hearthstone doesn't expect everyone to enter in
Perfect Love and Perfect Trust,
as you may not know many of the other attendees,
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 confuses or disturbs someone attending an Open Full Moon ritual. It is one of the risks of exploring different traditions. Should anyone be uncomfortable with a ritual presented by Hearthstone, please discuss it with the Ritual Leaders or one of the Board members (Arynne, Vella Rose, Amy, Catherine, and Ziva) so that we may hopefully resolve and heal your concern.

*Hearthstone is a safe and sober environment.
Please respect your fellow participants by not attending ritual under the influence
of drugs or alcohol.*



OPEN FULL MOONS

Join us for In-Person ritual!

Meeting Place: Althea Center 1400 Williams St. Denver CO, 80218

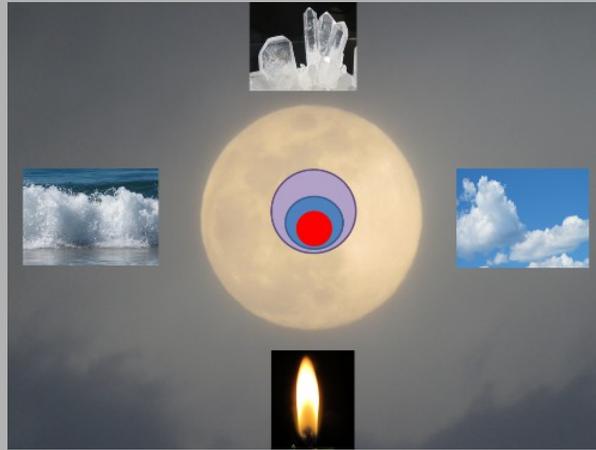
Hearthstone Procedures for In-Person Ritual Updated November 2021

We have returned to in-person ritual, but since the Covid Pandemic is still here, and with the more contagious delta variant, we are taking extra precautions, and following the guidelines of the Althea Center, City of Denver, and State of Colorado.

- 1) We request that if you are not fully vaccinated, or do not feel well, or have recent exposure, that you stay home and not attend Hearthstone's ritual. Thank you.
- 2) Masks are currently required for everyone indoors at the Althea Center.
- 3) Hand sanitizer will be offered to all who enter our meeting room, and bottles of sanitizer and wipes will be available in the room. Bathrooms are also available for washing hands with soap and water.
- 4) We request that all participants give adequate space between themselves and others, and refrain for now from handshakes and hugs. We suggest a slight bow, elbow touch, or some other suitable way to interact with friends and community members.
- 5) For cakes and wine, to reduce physical interaction, we request that you bring your own water for the "wine" in a resealable bottle and either forgo "cakes" or bring a small, mess-free snack.

These "rules" are in place for the time being. Hopefully we will be able to remove some or all of them in the near future and gather as we did pre-pandemic, but for the time being, we wish to keep all of us safe.

November 19th Open Full Moon Ritual



Come join our Open Full Moon celebration on Friday November 19th at the Althea Center – this is one of the few times that our ritual falls on the actual day of the full moon!

We are a few weeks past Samhain, what many call the Dark Time of the wheel, when the days are shorter and the nights are longer. Traditionally, this is a time to go inward, to reflect on how things are going, what needs some additional support, what needs to be nourished as it gestates for a spring planting, and what needs to be cleared away to make room for new. We will explore what we each want to work on during this Dark Time, through the framework of our triple souls and the four elements. If you would like to bring a journal along and something to write with to write down what arises for you, please feel free to do so. There will be opportunities for you to record your thoughts. This ritual is being facilitated by Vella Rose, so there will be singing, but singing is not the main focus of the working; even if you are a reluctant singer, you are encouraged to attend. Welcome!

Thanks and a Tip of the Hat for October 15th Ritual



Hearthstone offers our deep thanks to Mary Ann, assisted by Greg, for leading our Open Full Moon Ritual held during the season of Samhain on October 15. In a ritual highlighting the powers of fire and water, Mary Ann cleansed space with broom and bells (“voice of the Goddess”), then led the Elemental Wheel Chant. The Charge of the Goddess welcomed Amphitrite and her husband Poseidon, Goddess and God of the Sea of ancient Greek mythology. Mary Ann explained and demonstrated the role of raising energy with the Spiral Dance, and we chanted “Wash me, cleanse me, heal me!” to charge sacred space and elemental water for the symbolic Great Rite. We were invited to identify on paper something we wanted to rid ourselves of, and then place the paper in the Caldron of Cerridwen (to be burned offsite after ritual), clearing out the old to make room for the new. Mary Ann provided a small bottle for each participant, and we ladled charged water for personal ritual use. Afterwards, Mary Ann welcomed questions, sparking an engaging discussion with participants.

Thank you, Mary Ann and Greg, for blessing the Hearthstone Community with your energy and magic! Blessed Be!

-----Ziva and Arynne



Celebrate our Pagan Community and
Get information about Upcoming
Community Events!

Sunday, November 14, 2021 - 1-3:30pm

Meet local Teachers, leaders of several Wiccan/Pagan
organizations, including members of WSLA and

other people just like YOU
who are searching for community.

Open to the entire Wiccan/Pagan community.

See old friends and find new ones!

~ Community Announcements ~

Fund-raising Holiday Bazaar –
gift items, mead, jewelry and more!

Get your holiday shopping done early!

Sales support WSLA-sponsored community events like this.

at the fabulous
MERCURY CAFE

2199 California Street Denver, CO 80205

Get there by the Light Rail station at 16th and Stout,
come by bus, or find both free & paid parking all around.

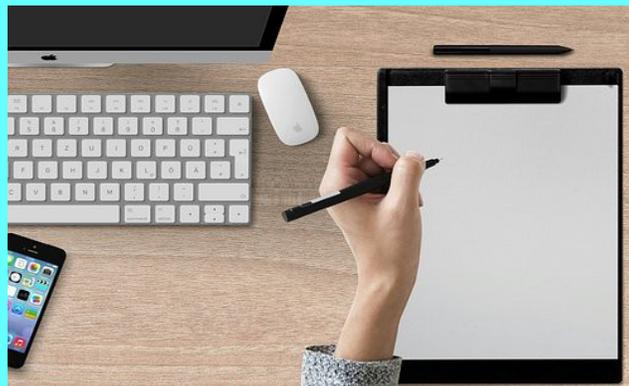
The restaurant and bar will be open downstairs 'til 3pm.

www.wsla-co.org

Women's Spiritual Leadership Alliance

Masks are required, and social distancing is appreciated.

Articles from our community members!

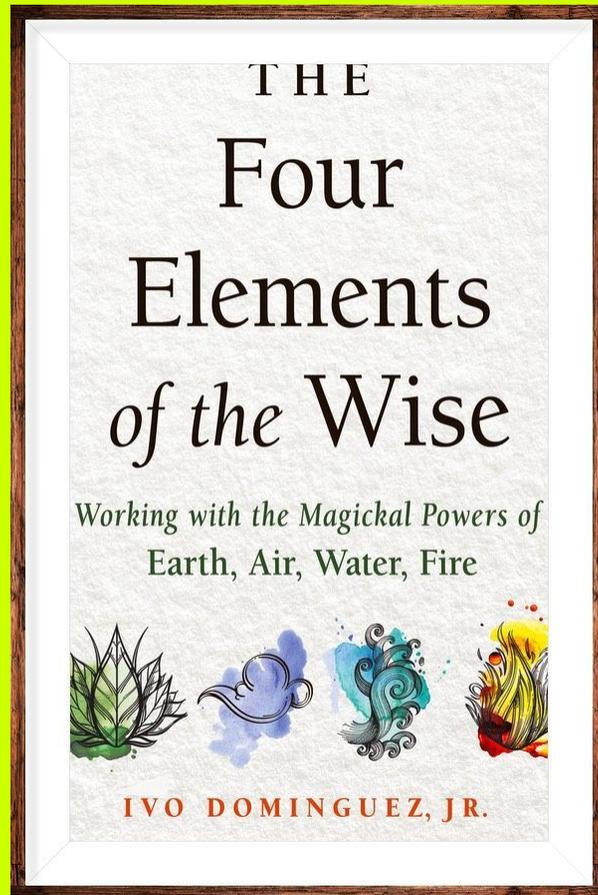


GUEST COLUMNS?

If you have something to say, and are willing to let Arynne edit it slightly, please feel free to submit your writing to ArynneD@aol.com Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices. We appreciate our contributors!

Book Review

by Vella Rose



I first became aware of Ivo Dominguez Jr's work 20+ years ago through his Panpiper website where he posted a new Pagan Chant every month with the typed lyrics and an audio file. The archive of these chants was a great way to hear and learn many Pagan short songs, often called chants. A few years ago, Ziva mentioned that she was reading a book by Ivo called *Casting Sacred Space* (2012), which I acquired and became an admirer and follower of Ivo on more than just his music. He has also written *Practical Astrology for Witches and Pagans* (2016), and in 2019 released *Keys to Perception: A practical guide to psychic development*, another book I recommend. I now follow Ivo on Facebook and was pleased to read he was releasing a new book this year, *The Four Elements of the Wise* – the book that is the subject of this review.

Ivo Dominguez Jr. has a strong background in several different Pagan/Wiccan paths, and explains ideas and concepts used in magical practices in a way that both beginners and more advanced practioners can easily understand. He includes all of the basics about the

four elements (Air, Fire, Water, Earth) for beginners on this path and much more in depth material for more experienced workers; material that I have not seen elsewhere. This is not just a regurgitation of what so many other authors have written on the subject.

In *The Four Elements of the Wise*, Ivo explains things such as the many triple ways that traditions see the world and ourselves, and a fourfold elemental way of examining things that are going on in your life – something that is incorporated into the working for this month's OFM ritual. This book includes information on the Hindu Tattvas, Hermetic Alchemy, Kabala, Astrology, and many other pagan related traditions that work with the four elements. I loved the chapter about the five Platonic solids, how they have been used since before Plato and how they can be used to represent and hold the energy of the four elements plus the fifth element. The most interesting chapter to me was the one about the fifth element; Ivo discusses it from three perspectives and defines how he uses the term spirit (that which comes from the source), ether (that which fills the voids between the four elements) and quintessence (that space where the four elements meet and connect with each other).

I highly recommend Ivo Dominguez Jr's *The Four Elements of the Wise* for anyone who enjoys reading and reflecting about pagan related topics and the elements. You can find out more about Ivo and his work at his website: <http://ivodominguezjr.com/> . If you like pagan chants, he is part of the Sacred Wheel Assembly which has recorded a two album cd (Awakening The Dream & A Dream Whose Time Is Coming), with many of the songs written by Ivo. Their website is: <https://www.sacredwheel.org/> ; and he is part of the associated New Alexandrian Library: <https://www.newalexandrianlibrary.com/> . Happy reading!

“Darkness Yields to Light” Audacht Morainn



The phrase “Darkness yields to light” comes from an obscure bit of wisdom text, called in English, “The Testimony of Moran.”

I just turned in my extended essay thesis for my master's program, where I propose that the "Testimony of Moran," or the "Audacht Morainn" as it is known in Irish, is a genuine pre-Christian, native Irish cultural artifact that is perfect for a modern Irish Polytheist to study and explore. I propose that it arises from a community of distributed power, where relationships are more important than laws, where there is no single, simple authority or orthodoxy, and that the concepts that held that society together are very useful for the modern, American Pagan.

It was the essay I really wanted to write, and that I became convinced that I would not be able to produce. I had some despair over that, and I worked hard to come to acceptance around it.

But other people were not as accepting and, in the end, I was able to write to the requirements and make a decent submission.

I had a terrible time last year.

I never thought I would have such a hard time.

I am medically more vulnerable to the disease of this pandemic than anyone around me, and I was frightened, and I was isolated, and I ended up very, very much in the darkness. It was both a problem and an asset that I have dealt throughout my life with trauma, depression, and anxiety, because all of those became much worse than I had ever experienced, but I'm an old soldier and I used well worn skills and knowledge to try and get myself the help I needed before I ran out of myself.

The place I reached was beyond my ability to chat myself out of. For months on end I wondered if I would make it to the next week.

I am extremely lucky to have a good job, a reasonable manager, and health insurance. There are people as loved, valuable, and precious as I am to anyone, who do not have those assets, and they very much deserve them just as much as anybody else.

In the end, sometime around August, I found an effective medication for my body and mind and hung on long enough for it to work.

"Darkness yields to light..."

An illness like that takes a bit to recover from; I'm still recovering. My mentor was able to convince me to construct and finish the essay. My boss, in the unlikeliest outcome, worked to give me several days in a row to write and refused to let me return to work when I was "almost done" insisting that I finish one of the most significant goals of my life. And I was

finally able to write.

I was able to write.

You might only know me through my writing. I love to write. It was shocking to me to lose that ability, and it is a gift to have it back.

All around us people are struggling and we may not even know it, but our community matters. Our faith matters.

We aren't like the monotheists, with a single point of orthodoxy to aim at and systems set up to cater to a majority view point. We are very much a diverse, distributed community, with a wide range of beliefs and approaches. But our faith matters.

We have to work differently to support each other, to keep people from slipping through the cracks while still respecting the eclectic and independent nature of our members. But it's an effort worth making.

For every single person who has done anything to keep the community going during this crazy two years of disruption and uncertainty, you are amazing and your contribution has been vital. However great or small, your effort mattered.

For every single person who is struggling, you are not exaggerating, you are not abnormal, you are not alone. This period of our history is surreal. We'll take it one day at a time, one struggle at a time. Please, let someone, some people know. If you don't have the resources you need to meet your challenges it is not about your value. You matter. If you feel completely overwhelmed it is not because of your imperfections, you are amazing. We don't want to lose you.

My first drumming up of the Winter Solstice Sun, I was really surprised at how long the dawn lasted before the sun finally appeared. This is like that. We're in it for the long haul. We matter.

If you are struggling with depression or thoughts of self-harm or suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

If you are struggling with alcohol or drug dependency, overeating, or relationships with alcoholics or drug addicts, there are now daily online meetings of Pagans in Recovery, a google search or Facebook search will get you connected. There are meetings specific to alcoholism, addiction, overeating, and also AIA non topic meetings.

We will continue, together, to look for new solutions, forge new connections and pathways.

Every day something, somewhere is going right. And that matters.

Darkness yields to light.

Peace of the mountains to you.

Paulie Rainbow

founder: Denver Celtic Women's Circle, a Druidry centered practice.

author: Colorado Celtic Weekly Planner

Lessons Of A Young Black Mystic

Hello Everyone,

I never would have imagined that this would be a year where my older brother would die and leave this world.

That said, I sincerely thank the Hearthstone Community for their condolences and donations in my family's time of need.

The following poetic work was inspired one day at work in a fit of rage. As I've recently learned writing is a spiritual aspect of my life. Writing helps me release and let go of emotions that are too intense. This is a very important tool for an Empath. If I can't let go of certain emotions it's debilitating.

Thus, this poem, while born out of rage, proved to be a therapeutic reflection on Sacred Masculinity.

I hope you enjoy.

The Truth of Transient Men

(Working Title)

By: BroomHill Bran

Strong men cry inside.

The depths of their soul swelling full.

Quenching flames of rage.

Yet, inner sorrow.

Cannot heal the scars and flesh wounds.

Strength is not aloe.

The fire of truth.
Can be a light of compassion,
Or fuel for anger.

Some strong men you see.
Cannot direct their true feelings.
Ease their injured hearts.

Yet still, They...

Refuse to abuse.
Neither themselves nor innocent.
Despite feeling caged.

No savior in sight.
From the constant plight of every night.
Enslaved to survive.

Strong men burn to ash.
Scorched by a world of circumstance.
Beyond their control.

Remembered as kind.
Their fear unseen that kept them keen.
Compassions pyre.

If only you knew.
The agony of war within.
Mercy would bend you.

Not all men are strong.
A cruel chill consumes them within.
Beware their malice.

These are the weak men.
A torrential rain froze their hearts.
Numb and indifferent.

Feelings, an echo.
Only power can reach their souls.

Bodies shelled in ice.

Please, pity these men.
Empathy has abandoned them.
A faint memory.

These men of action.
Never flinch in the eye of fact.
Opinion they lack.

The world may praise them.
But they were not born this nature.
Life left them this way.

Some men we call soft.
Often called mild in manner.
Childishly sweet.

They emote gently.
Well meaning to all around them.
Often plagued by loss.

Not sure of themselves.
Uneasy to be seen or heard.
Tip of an iceberg.

Galvanized to feel.
Behind masks of humor and grace.
Beacons of delight.

See their tragic world.
Thrust to the shore and turned to mud.
Made dry and brittle.

Can we never see?
Neglect in our society.
The fall of our men.

Robbed our sacredness.
Because one time or another.
I have been these men.

I have been a man.
Defined by my internal strength.
Beaten not broken.

I have been a man.
Consumed by a cruel biting frost.
Stinging to the touch.

I have been a man.
Turbulent as a silent storm.
Shrouded in a fog.

Choking on bile,
And blissful banes through my hard veins.
Feigning a smile.

Then grimace in pain.
So weathered it's almost insane.
Damned to my own grave.

(Perhaps, I'm a mad man?)

For no finite act,
Invoked by rage or bitterness.
Can soothe an endless ache.

I am a Black man.
No better nor no worse a man.
Born proud and worthy.

Ancestors my strength.
Blood of my blood, bone of my bone.
Roots that keep me tall.

To all the young boys.
Let your feelings be a teacher.
This world will test you.

To pass or to fail.
To be wise when others are threats.
Become a fine man.

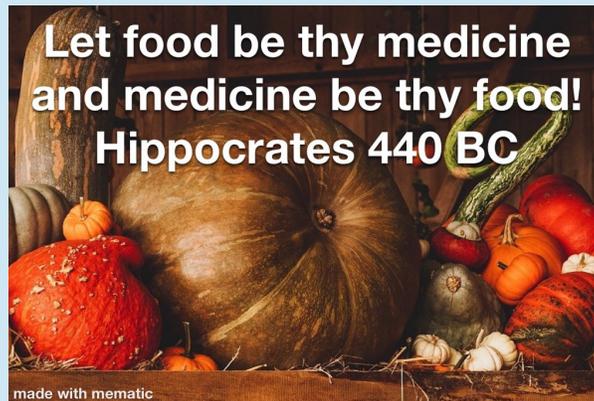
Winter Stew

By Cynthia Killingbeck CH, CN, FEP



Along with many other contributing factors there is a plethora of evidence that confirms the ability to create fire and cook food allowed the human brain to grow and the digestive tract to shrink, giving rise to our ancestor *Homo erectus* some 1.8 million years ago. Cooking makes eating easier, it makes the food easier to digest, and draws more caloric benefit from the food. Fire brings us closer together, warming us and enabling us to cook our food with an attention on hearth and home. As we move into the shorter days and colder months, we want something warm and nourishing; soups, stews, and warm dishes tend to be how we are drawn to eat. The diversity of our diet is also very important to our health. It is believed the diet of hunter gatherers was more diverse than what we eat today. Our ancestors ate over 100 separate species a year. People on a Standard American Diet consume below twenty. Try writing down the names of all the species you eat for one whole month (this includes plants, animals, and fungi). Aim for 15 or more species per day. Herbs, spices, and supplements count too! Many people eat the same things every day. How habitual are you in your habits and routines? It is the diversity of our foods that aid in getting the full nutrient make up that our bodies need. Soups and stews make this even more possible, as we put

many different species of foods in them.



'We are what we eat', is not just a cliché. Our diets give us the very nutrients broken down into cellular molecules by our guts that our bodies need to function and thrive. When on a poor diet, changing what we eat can help us to heal. I am sharing a stew that is rich, tasty, and a medicinal extraction of tonic mushrooms combined with some nourishing roots. It is a great winter tonic to build immunity and feed the friendly microbes that help ensure optimal utilization of nutrients and overall health.

This will be a decoction of the Reishi, Astragalus, and Burdock and the decoction will be used in the stew.

Ingredients (makes about 5-7 servings)

For decoction:

- 30 g (1 oz.) dried Astragalus root slices
- 30 g (1 oz.) dried Reishi mushroom slices
- 30 g (1 oz.) dried Burdock root (cut and sifted)
- 2 quarts water spring or filtered

Dried Herbs:

- 15 g (1/2 oz.) of dried Nettles leaf cut and sifted
- 7 g (1/4 oz.) of dried Parsley leaf cut and sifted (added last)
- 7 g (1/4 oz.) of dried Kelp, or Nori broken up as desired, small is best because it expands (added last and this is optional)

To Sauté:

- 1 lb. Grass-fed Stew Beef cubed
- 1 medium chopped Red Onion (opt. 1 ½ Tablespoon powdered)
- 6 cloves of Garlic (opt. 1 ½ tsp. of powdered)
- ½ oz Ginger Fresh cut in small pieces

4 Tablespoon Coconut oil (optional Olive oil)
3-4 stalks of Celery sliced
3-4 Carrots medium sliced
1-2 Beets peeled and chopped (optional this will turn stew red)
1 Celery root peeled and chopped (optional)
6-8 oz. Shiitake mushrooms sliced (fresh)

Simmer:

1 quart decoction liquid
1-2 quart vegetable broth, chicken broth, or bone broth (adjust liquid as needed for a good balance of liquid to vegetables as desired)
1 Tablespoon Thyme dried leaf or powder
1 tsp. Marjoram dried leaf
2-3 Bay Leaves

Add at the end:

Salt (Himalayan or Celtic Sea) and Black Pepper to taste 1-3 tsp of each
1-3 Tablespoon Arrow root to thicken (optional oat, or cassava flour)

Directions:

1. Decoction: Bring 2 quarts of water to a boil, add the Astragalus root, Burdock root, and Reishi mushrooms. Lower to a simmer for about 1 to 4 (or more) hours reducing water by half to 1 quart.
2. In a cast iron pan braze stew meat on each side in 1 Tablespoon of coconut oil. Set meat aside.
3. In the same pan sauté the shiitake mushrooms in 1 Tablespoon coconut oil until they have released their water and the water has cooked down and they are soft. Set aside.
4. In the same pan add a couple Tablespoons. coconut oil, cut and chop to desired size the onion, garlic, carrot, and celery sauté them until the onion is translucent 10-15 min.
5. In a 4-5 quart stew pot add all ingredients together; the decoction liquid, broth, sautéed vegetables, brazed meat, sautéed mushrooms, Nettles, Thyme, Marjoram, Bay leaves and any other vegetables you wish to add. Bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat to a simmer and cook for 1 hour. (See Note below for creamy option).
6. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add dried Parsley and Seaweed at this time. Simmer covered an additional 10-15 min.
7. If you desire a thicker stew, take some broth from the stew, place in a small bowl, and add

a Tablespoon of Arrowroot and whisk until smooth, then add it back to the stew pot, stirring until mixed; simmer until it thickens. Repeat this process if a thicker stew is desired.

Note:

If you wish to make this a creamy stew, during the simmer phase of step 5 add a can or two of full fat coconut milk. The Coconut milk adds some delicious, high-quality fat to sustain energy and to aid absorption of fat-soluble nutrients and vitamins. (Like vitamin A in the carrots.)



Astragalus supports the immune system, relieves general fatigue, supports lung, and heart health. Reishi mushrooms are antiviral, antibacterial, protective to the liver, strengthens the heart and the immune system. Burdock is a blood builder, nourishing to the liver, detoxifying, and contains inulin that feeds our healthy gut microbiome. Shiitake mushrooms are antiviral, antibacterial, support the heart, liver, kidneys, and immune system. Garlic and Onions add beneficial sulfur compounds for immunity and detoxification; Ginger warms the stew with anti-inflammatory constituents that stoke the digestive fires; Parsley, Nettles and Kelp contribute a rich supply of minerals and antioxidant flavonoids. Vegetable stock and bone broth adds flavor and healing nutrients. The beets are full of powerful antioxidants. Celery contains many minerals and vitamins and support liver detoxification. The herbs we are using to support taste also have benefits to the body thyme is an expectorant, antispasmodic, and anti-inflammatory. Marjoram is antibacterial, antiviral, and is stimulating to the stomach. Bay is an expectorant, antimicrobial, and relieves gas and bloating. Never take your 'spice cabinet' for granted all those herbs and spices have healing value.

May your winter creations be healing ones!

Enjoy and Blessed Be!

Cynthia

Places where you can get the ingredients: Online: Mountain Rose Herbals, Monterey Bay Spice Company. In town, Apothecary Tinctura, Herbs and Arts, Natural Grocers, Whole Foods, Asian Markets.

I am a certified Clinical Herbalist (CH), Clinical Nutritionist (CN) and Flower Essence Practitioner (FEP) in the Bach Flower Essences. If you are looking for a personal health coach or would like a personal consultation, protocol, and formulation or Flower Essence session for emotional support, please visit my Facebook page

at <https://www.facebook.com/vitalblossomllc/> and message me privately, or email me at Cynthia.Killingbeck@clinicalherbalism.com

I also sell products on my Etsy page at VitalBlossomHerbals and at SpiritWays Metaphysical Shop in Denver.

Upcoming Community Events

The Althea Center for Engaged Spirituality



Hearthstone meets the Friday before or the Friday of the Full Moon in the Historic Library at the Althea Center for Engaged Spirituality, 1400 Williams St., Denver, CO. There are two small parking lots: to the north (next to the building) and to the east of the building (across the alley), each with spaces for 20 cars.

Enter through the Main Door at the corner of Williams St. and 14th Ave. The door opens at 7:00 pm, and we lock the door at 7:30 to secure the building. Please be prompt as we don't want you to be locked out!

We are happy to return our Open Full Moon rituals to Althea's lovely building!

MASK NOTICE from Althea Center:

"Based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Althea Center will require masks to be worn at all times while indoors.

While each Althean may have opinions about the current state of the pandemic, let us do our very best to keep our thoughts, feelings, and prayers focused positively and with love and compassion for each other, the ill and their families, and those working tirelessly day after day to care for people who are sick.

The Board made these decisions with the safety of everyone's Health utmost in our minds, and we will continue to modify our policies based on regional and national recommendations.

With Sincere Gratitude and Love,
The Althea Board"



Earth Temple

Earth Temple is back to open rituals in person at Full Moon Books. For the time being, we'll also be streaming those rituals via Zoom, to help in the transition back to face-to-face. For all the most current information about Earth Temple and our New/Dark/Waning moon rituals, visit our Meetup Group: www.meetup.com/EarthTemple or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EarthTempleColorado>.

Upcoming Earth Temple 2021 Upcoming ritual: December 3

Earth Temple Facebook Page

First Degree Wicca Course

Join Circle of Light and Shadow (COLS), an eclectic wiccan coven focused on creating and shifting energy for positive, personal and global transformation. COLS's *Wiccan Fundamentals* Course is an 18 month long, structured intensive culminating in 1st degree initiation upon successful completion.

This course includes: meditation practice, history of neo-paganism, comparative religious study, all parts of Wiccan practice and student research projects. You will learn to cast and hold a strong circle, to know and call in the elements, how to construct and present powerful ritual, and how to raise the cone of power! We work with different pantheons to broaden your knowledge and experience of Deity while creating a deep connection to Deity. Magick and spell working is emphasized using a variety of techniques.

It is the nature of first degree study to present deep challenges and provide profound change. If you are ready to step fully into your power as a spell-working witch, to claim full responsibility for your life and your power, then please join COLS for our *Wiccan Fundamentals* course, beginning NOVEMBER 20. You may PM Wellyssa or email me at wellyssaspellsong@gmail.com to get further information and to set up an interview. Interview period ends 11/17.



Briefly, the class includes: 18 classes, 8 hours each, one Saturday/month; 18 rituals, these will be Friday night, or on a Saturday or Sunday (dark moon, new moon and full moon - but not all in the same month); and 8 Sabbats/year Homework, research, writing assignments, meditation, and ritual skills practice.



Please Note: This course is NOT for curiosity seekers, or those trying to figure out if they're pagan or not. This is an intensive and demanding course. Only serious students need apply



Come join us for Conversations in Witchcraft, a lightly facilitated discussion group. We talk about a variety of topics related to Wicca, witchcraft, and Western magickal traditions. Are you curious about the what-why-how of our practices? Let's discuss the many ways we connect with our deities, work magick, pursue spiritual development, and how we interact within and beyond our own spiritual community.

We welcome practitioners at all points on the path. Are you newly curious? Join us! Are you an advanced practitioner? Come on over!

Monthly topics are listed on our MEETUP GROUP; please join us on MEETUP. There is no charge to attend. We appreciate cash donations to help defray costs.

Second Saturday of every month, 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm on Zoom
Conversations in Witchcraft is facilitated by Priestesses from the Women's Spiritual Leadership Alliance (WSLA).



*We Rise Again with
12th Night with Orpheus: A Yule Concert and Viking Feast!
All the Joy! All the Camaraderie! All the Feasting!
What better way to rise out of isolation and dissonance and into
Harmony! Community! Joy!*

Saturday, January 8th, 2022
Doors and Silent Auction open at 5:00 PM
The Concert is at 6:00 PM - The Feast follows the Concert
1st Baptist Church of Denver - & The "Speakeasy Under the Spire"
[1373 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1373+Grant+Street,+Denver,+CO+80203)

Free onsite parking available.

Tickets go on sale on Halloween!

Tickets: \$55 per person. \$395 for a party table of 8. Concert-Only Tickets: \$20
Proof of vaccination or a recent negative Covid-19 test required.

For complete info and tickets:

www.orpheuspcc.org

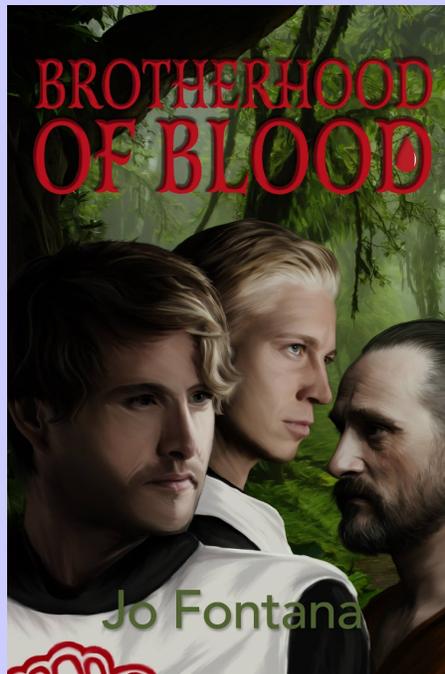


Hearthstone Community Church Website Link:
<http://hearthstone.fnorky.com/home/>

Community Vendors and Artists

Brotherhood of Blood

A new book by Jo Fontana



Imagine a world where a blood sacrifice is required for the simplest cure. The mysterious Brotherhood has this power. Jericho Brightbrook came to the temple as a child after losing his parents and is the most promising acolyte the Brotherhood has ever encountered. So great is his power, the temple leader makes exceptions for him even when Jericho's actions don't align with the temple ideals.

Tired of the waste of human life, Jericho begins to experiment with alternative forms of healing. Disillusioned by the temple and the failure of his efforts, Jericho looks to break away. Once his deeds catch up with him, he is forced to flee into the land north of the mountains to evade his former master.

For more information visit www.jofontana.com

General Community Information

Community Assistance Spotlight - November

Mile High United Way's 2-1-1 (<https://search.211colorado.org/>)

Helping people of all ages and in all stages of their lives. Search for particular resources in your area by zip code or dial 2-1-1, a multilingual service available 24 hours a day.



Low-Cost Pet Cat Spay/Neuter & Vaccines Free Spay/Neuter & Vaccines for Feral Cats

[Spay/Neuter | Denver, CO | Dumb Friends League \(ddfl.org\)](https://www.ddfl.org/)

The Dumb Friends League offers affordable spay/neuter services to all owned pet cats and feral/community cats. The details, locations, and qualifications are at their web site above. They are able to offer these services thanks to the generosity of donors. They recommend that tame, friendly cats without owners be taken to an animal shelter for adoption.

At this time DDFL is not able to provide spay/neuter services to dogs, for-profit breeders, or rescue groups.

It takes ALL of us to reduce the overpopulation problem and move toward a world where all pets are loved and cared for. Thank you!



Priestess Support, Services, and Potential Presenters

For Pagan or Wiccan clergy or for any other Hearthstone business, email us at

hearthstonecommunitychurch@gmail.com

If you would like to lead a future Open Full Moon, please contact Arynne at ArynneD@aol.com. At this point we have ritual leaders scheduled for all of 2021. Thank you for volunteering your talents!



Donations --- in person or through Zelle!

Thank you for supporting the work and service of
Hearthstone Community Church.

We meet our expenses through the generosity of our participants and supporters. We accept donations at our in-person rituals, or if you prefer, you may contribute through **Zelle** instead. Zelle is a direct funds transfer method offered by most banks. It is super easy to use online and no fees are charged or withheld. Hearthstone is registered in Zelle by our **email**

address: HearthstoneCommunityChurch@gmail.com

We suggest a donation of \$5-10. If you can't afford it, you are still welcome to participate. If you can afford more, we'll be delighted to accept it.

Hearthstone's primary expense is the rent for the room at the Althea Center. We appreciate any and all support from our community to help meet our obligations. Thank you!

[Hearthstone Community Church Website Link](#)



Open Full Moon Dates 2021

Althea Center 1400 Williams St. Denver CO, 80218

November 19

December 17

Upcoming Dates in 2022:

January 14th

February 11th

March 18th

April 15th

May 15th

June 14th

July 13th

August 11th

September 10th

October 9th

November 8th

December 7th

Blessings from all of us at Hearthstone!

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