



July 2022

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 (Vella Rose, Amy, Catherine, Ziva, and Arynne) 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 MOON RITUALS

*Join us in person at the Althea Center, 1400 Williams St, Denver
Doors open at 7 pm, Announcements begin at 7:30 pm followed by ritual.
No late entry after 7:30.*

Hearthstone's July 8th, 2022 Ritual is in person! Join us!

GUIDELINES In the interest of maintaining good health for all, Hearthstone Board members will continue to wear masks at our public ritual and we encourage everyone to do the same. If you are sick or not feeling well, please stay home. If you are unvaccinated and want to attend, we ask that you wear a mask. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available. Thank you. we pay homage to the Divine Feminine in a number of world traditions.

Deb Hoffman is a Wiccan High Priestess. She also studies the path of Sufism and is an ordained Cherag, or Interfaith Minister, in the Sufi tradition.

Thanks and a Tip of the Hat for our June Ritual



Photo by Rainah 2013

Our Hearthstone Community is grateful to Rainah for our transformative Open Full Moon Ritual held June 10. Rainah was inspired by three astrological influences to create her ritual:

The moon in Scorpio on the 10th – suggesting deep contemplation.

Mercury trines Pluto on the 10th – bringing together the energies of: communication and thought; with death, rebirth, and deep total change.

Full moon June 14th in Sagittarius – encouraging a fresh perspective.

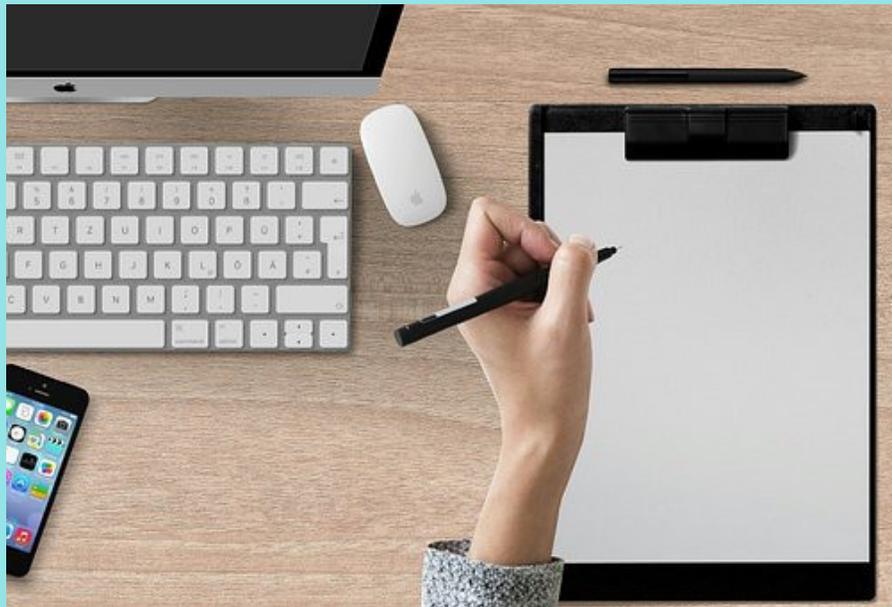
From these concepts, Rainah led us into contemplation on the transformation of caterpillar to butterfly. Within the cocoon a total change occurs, the butterfly emerges with a fresh form and perspective in the world.

We were given caterpillar shaped paper to write what we would like to transform, and butterfly shaped seed paper (seeds in paper) to plant and nourish our desired transformation.

Thank you, Rainah, for providing the ritual structure and opportunity for making the changes we want in our lives. Blessed Be!

---Dann

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 original writing to ArynneD@aol.com Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices. We appreciate our contributors!

Reclaiming our Religion



Religion is any set of actions or texts that express a metaphysical belief. A religion can have a membership of one.

We are facing a democratic crisis in our country. The First Amendment, which allows us as members of the Pagan community to freely follow our own conscience, is under threat by forces of fascism, racism, and Christian supremacy. For too long we have allowed the worst representations of religion to define religion for our culture.

We need to take that back. We have to, or we will be silenced completely.

Many of us have been hurt by institutions of religion, hurt by the institutions that insist on defining religion itself. It is natural for us to push away from something that has done us so much harm, to disavow them on their own terms. Taking on their worldview, consciously or unconsciously, we have declared that "religion" is bad, it is organized, it is dogmatic, it is oppressive, it is disconnected from nature, or from the divine. We have claimed that religion itself is harmful, and called ourselves non-religious, anti-religious, or "spiritual not religious."

How foolish that is! Ask any member of our community what they do for one of our holidays, how they honor the dead or bless and cleanse their houses, and they will provide you with an answer without delay. We each have a coherent set of actions and responses that beautifully express our own metaphysical beliefs. When we gather together for celebration we blend beautifully, having many shared concepts of practice, many shared and memorized invocations and songs.

Some of us have declared or avowed group memberships, but just as many or more do not, and we still recognize our commonalities. We find like-minded others, and frequently we evolve and become part of different groups or practices, but differences in practice are accepted as normal, as interesting, as vital.

So, why do we not honor what we are living? We are faced with a force that wants to codify their definitions into law and erase any other practice of religion. Now is not the time to be shy. Now is not the time to suppress our lived religious truths and allow vengeful bullies to monopolize the dialog.

We are a deeply religious people. Our religious practices embrace freedom of choice, diversity of belief and expression, validity without institutionalism. Our religious culture rejects conformity, especially enforced conformity. Our religious practice supports the individual conscience and personal gnosis as valid.

For many in our community religious practice is woven into every part of our lives, from magic in the kitchen, to salt across the doorways, to lighting candles and conducting rituals for health and well being on a regular basis. It permeates the way we view the months and the seasons, the way we respond to birth and death.

There are organized groups that would be more than happy to say that we do not have a coherent or recognizable religious practice; they want to define religion and religious freedom only in accordance with their orthodoxy. They want their dominance to be complete and enshrined in the law.

Our survival may depend on rejecting their monopoly on the definition of religion and being willing to embrace, honor, and declare our own. If we succeed, we will have saved religious freedom, not only for ourselves, but for everyone, including those who would deny that freedom to us.

Peace of the mountains to you,

Paulie Rainbow

founder: Druidry Centered Women's Circle

<https://dcwc.earth>

Upcoming Community Events

The Althea Center for Engaged Spirituality



Hearthstone meets the Friday before or the Friday of the Full Moon. When we have in person rituals, we meet 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 pm to secure the building. There are no late admissions.

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



Earth Temple

Earth Temple is back to open rituals in person at Full Moon Books. 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>.

ET Calendar for 2022

July 29

Aug 26

Sep 23

Oct 28

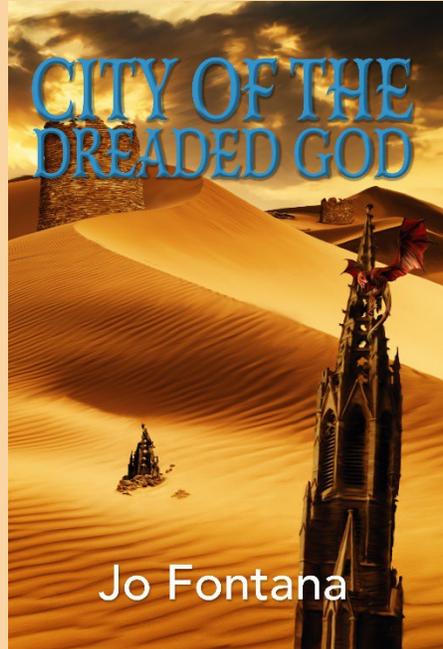
Nov 25

Dec 23

[Earth Temple Facebook Page](#)

Community Vendors and Artists

COMING SOON
City of the Dreaded God
From Jo Fontana



It's almost been a full turn of the seasons since Jericho Brightbrook and his companions separated, each hoping to find clues that would lead to the downfall of their dreaded former master. After the companions reunite, they are compelled to travel into the heart of the desert where the elves of legend once ruled and magic flourished.

Meanwhile, the Brotherhood have not forgotten Jericho and are determined to force his return to the temple to take his rightful place. Though Jericho would rather die than accept his fate, problems continue to arise in the form of the mercurial guardian of the library, demands from the green lady, his emerging powers, and growing tensions with Balan. It will take every ounce of focus Jericho has to stay one step ahead of the Brotherhood.

For more information visit www.jofontana.com

General Community Information



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

[Spay/Neuter | Denver, CO | Dumb Friends League \(dffl.org\)](#)

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 2022.
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 \$5-15/OFM. 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](#)



UPCOMING 2022 OPEN FULL MOON RITUALS

JULY 8
AUGUST 5
SEPTEMBER 9
OCTOBER 7
NOVEMBER 4
DECEMBER 2

BLESSINGS from HEARTHSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH!

**Subscribe to receive our
Newsletter**



Copyright © Hearthstone Community Church 2022, All rights reserved.

Please note that information and opinions contained in the articles in this newsletter are the responsibility of the authors only.

No endorsement by Hearthstone Community Church, Inc. is implied.

All writings are copyright to their respective authors. Please obtain permission before reprinting anything here, with the exception of the Open Full Moon Dates. Those may be copied and transmitted as needed.