



September 2022

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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.



*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 September 9, 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.

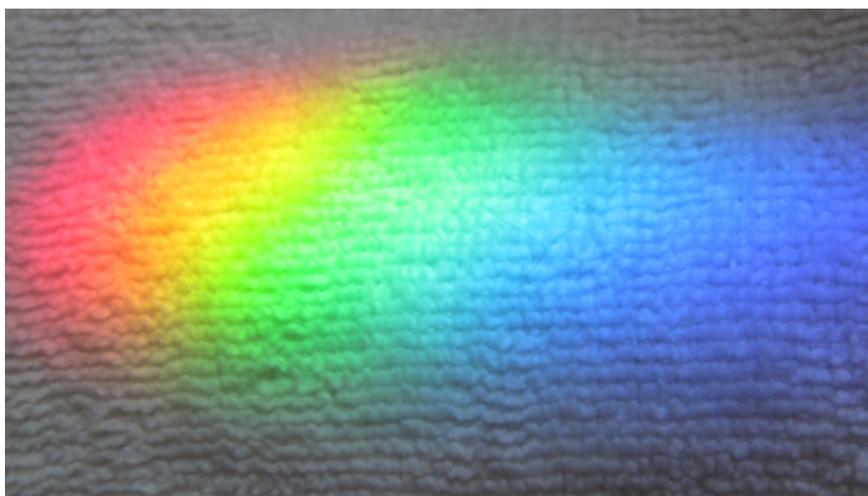
UPCOMING OPEN FULL MOON RITUAL

Friday, September 9th



Join Mary and Ziva with Gaia Ritual Circle for September's Harvest Open Full Moon, celebrating the Wheel of the Year turning towards Mabon, the second harvest in Wiccan tradition and the autumnal equinox. Every growing season has an ending. There is no harvest without loss. Together in sacred space, pause and turn inward to do the important inner work of reflection on personal endings or losses you have harvested this cycle.

Thanks and a Tip of the Hat for our August 5th Ritual



The Hearthstone Board heartily thanks Vella Rose for her ritual exploring color at our August 5th gathering! After Circle was cast, we started with meditative work on our own personal meanings for various colors in the light spectrum.

For the actual working, we made personal prayer flags using 100% cotton rectangles of various colors and cotton cord to tie them together, which Vella provided. We each infused those flags with the meanings we associated with each color to fulfil our magickal intention.

Vella Rose led us in song for the various sections of the ritual. Thank you, Vella Rose, for a joyous evening of ritual and community!

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!**

Preserving and Raising Truth



In lines 6 & 7 of the Audacht Morainn it says:

6. Let him preserve Truth, it shall preserve him

7. Let him raise Truth, it will raise him.

Truth is a long game. A commitment to truth only works as a long game, a lifetime strategy, a way to influence the odds.

We live in a time more significant and chaotic than any I have lived through. I see people posting about our "post-truth" world. I see the immense influence of power and celebrity. I see in the history of humanity how heartbreaking the consequences of our whims and weaknesses can be. We're a funny old species, so very human after all, time and time again. We are mostly short-sighted but so incredibly powerful.

Business, art, and politics have tempted me to push aside or ignore the requirements of truth. Love and fear seem so much more important in the moment than the seemingly needless short-term risks of truth. The desire to be admired, or accepted, always seems to press a finger to my lips and urge me to not contradict a pretty lie about myself that someone else makes.

But these build weakness into the structure made of time and decisions, little hidden flaws that undermine the journey of life and spirit.

On the other hand, as the Druid advised the king, truth strengthens, it preserves, and it raises.

It doesn't flow like the perfect line at a bar at closing time. It rarely aligns with impulse or hunger. It is frequently awkward, interrupting, inconvenient, even difficult to express. Sometimes it means turning aside much desired praise, or putting us in conflict with someone we admire, need, or want to impress. Sometimes truth seems deeply unfair.

Sometimes the outcomes of truth can only be seen as unjust, a universe out of balance.

That is why truth is a long game.

Truth has required me to have boundaries when I wanted to not need them, when needing them made me face fear and weakness. Truth has required me to see myself when that was uncomfortable. Truth has taken its sweet time to offer me the happiness that could only come from radical self-honesty, in doses small enough for me to handle. Truth created opportunities I didn't want to have, to speak about ugly things, to accept broken things. There were times when truth made me feel like I was naked in a snowstorm. Truth made me give up on dreams that didn't belong to me and didn't serve me and it broke my heart to pieces to do it.

But it was true.

Truth has a feeling to it, like fine wood, trimmed and finished by a master carpenter, like my Dad. Truth has a wholeness and a wholesomeness that reveals itself over time.

I have been naked and alone in the snowstorm, crying and lonely, and disconnected from my dreams, only to find out that I was not ever alone, that I was surrounded by people who took my worst moments and gained strength for themselves. They witnessed my damning grief and saw a depth of love that they valued. They listened to my unmasking and heard the possibilities of freedom.

People have seen me choose truth and it gave them strength. While I felt disconnected, they experienced empathy. When the time came and I needed to see myself more clearly, I found myself in a community that reflected back to me those strengths, depths, and possibilities.

What we do matters. And we are always in community. Individualism is a lie.

Let me preserve Truth, it will preserve me.

Let me raise Truth, it will raise me.

And let me always be a part of this fragile web of humanity, of Pagan community, and chose love.

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

Sep 23

Oct 28

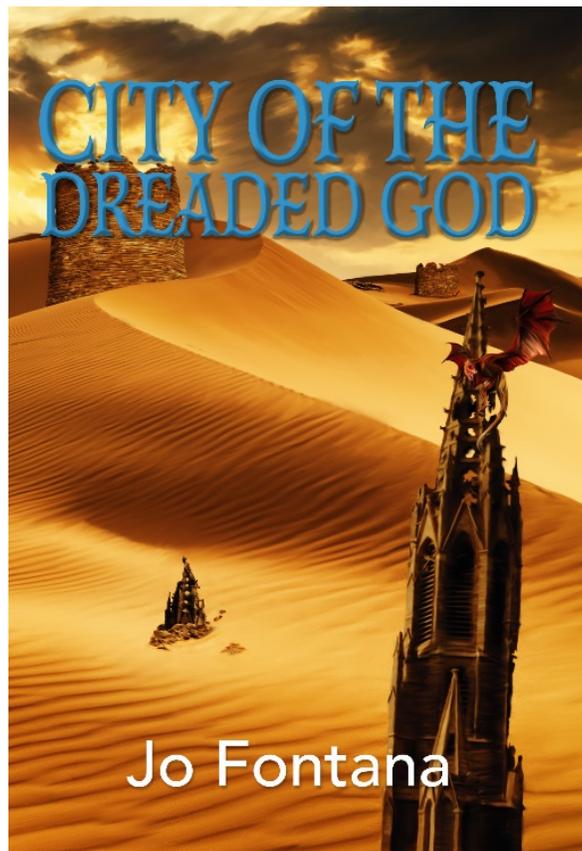
Nov 25

Dec 23

Earth Temple Facebook Page

Community Vendors and Artists

Coming Soon



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 \(ddfl.org\)](http://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 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!



UPCOMING 2022 OPEN FULL MOON RITUALS

SEPTEMBER 9

OCTOBER 7

NOVEMBER 4

DECEMBER 2

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