



Newsletter --- January 2023

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 your feelings with the Ritual Leaders or one of the Board members (Amy, Catherine, Sarajane, 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.*

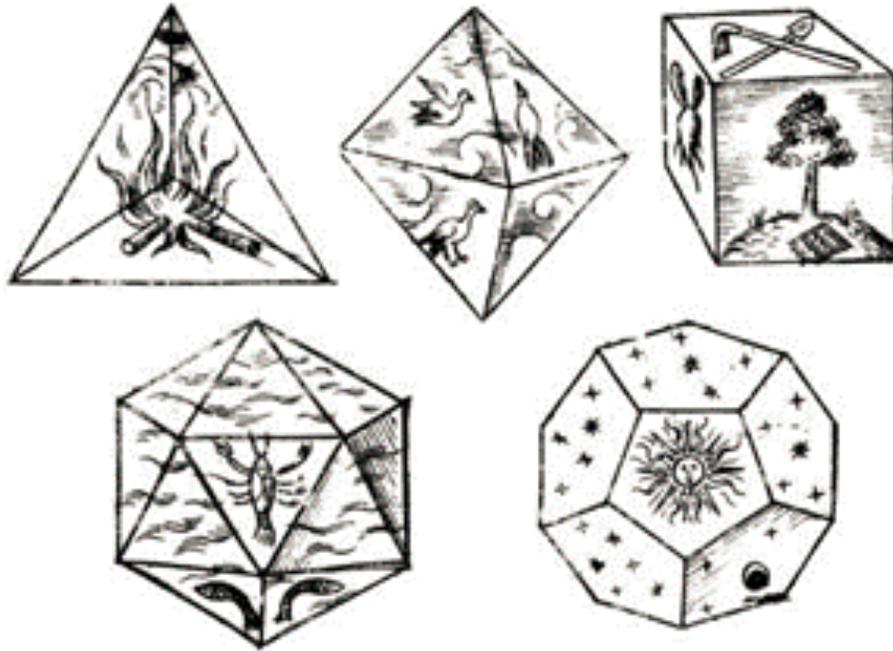
No late entry after 7:30.

Hearthstone's January 6, 2023 Ritual is in person! Join us!

GUIDELINES Hearthstone is concerned about the various viruses active in Colorado at this time, and we respect each individual's assessment of risk/benefit of in-person events. However, if you are sick or not feeling well, please stay home. We encourage, but do not require, masks. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available. Thank you.

UPCOMING OPEN FULL MOON RITUAL

Friday, January 6, 2023



Source: Johannes Kepler (1 Jan 1619) *Harmonice Mundi* (Harmony of the World);
Public Domain

We will gather on Friday, 6 January 2023 to celebrate the first Open Full Moon ritual at Hearthstone Community Church for the year 2023 – and we will be meeting on the actual date of this full moon in Cancer. Vella Rose will lead us in using Platonic Solids to connect with the classical elements (Air, Fire, Water, Earth, and Ether). After learning to identify each solid and its elemental correspondence as written by ancient Greek philosopher Plato (from his work *Timaeus*, ca. 350 BCE), we will attune to each of these five solids and elements, then use the solids as tools of divination to help us bring closure to 2022 and get some information on what we should focus on in 2023. You may wish to bring a journal or paper and pen to record the information you receive from the divination working.

Vella Rose is an eclectic witch, who follows an Earth-based path, which includes flavors from Celtic, Feri, Greenwich, Wicca, Reclaiming, and other traditions. Singing is an important part of her magical practice.

Thanks and a Tip of the Hat for our December 2nd Ritual



Hearthstone heartily thanks Les and Michelle for their wonderful ritual on December 2nd celebrating the Cold Moon in December. Because of the cold and dark at this time, they cast the circle solely with the Element of Earth. We discussed Winter magick and the imbalance that we can feel at this time of the year, cleansing with the dark goddess. They then did a working to help remind us that the cold and dark are an important part of the Wheel, just like warmth and light, leaving us with pieces of obsidian to pour our negative energy into, so we can use it productively.

Thank you, Les and Michelle, for this ritual reminding us that the dark cold time of the year is as powerful and as helpful as the bright warm time.

-----Catherine

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

We've had some changes to the Hearthstone Board recently. Ziva and Vella Rose have resigned from the Board -- and Sarajane has joined us.

Vella Rose served on Hearthstone's Board for the last 3 years. Vella took

on many essential tasks on the Board – from taking minutes at meetings to assembling our newsletter. Recently, she made the decision to reduce the time she spends as a “public pagan.” We are pleased that she is leading Open Full Moon this coming January 6.

Ziva served on the Hearthstone Board from summer 2021 to September 2022. Ziva reluctantly resigned from the Board due to many changes in her life. We will miss her energy and willingness to take on any task we needed.

Thank you, Vella Rose and Ziva, for your significant help during the past few years! Hearthstone will miss your energy and breadth of knowledge.

On another note, the Board is delighted to welcome Sarajane onto our Board. Sarajane is an active figure in the Denver community and brings a new energy and fresh perspective to our Board. Welcome Sarajane!

-- Arynne, Catherine, and NyteRose

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!**

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://hearthstonecommunitychurch.org/>

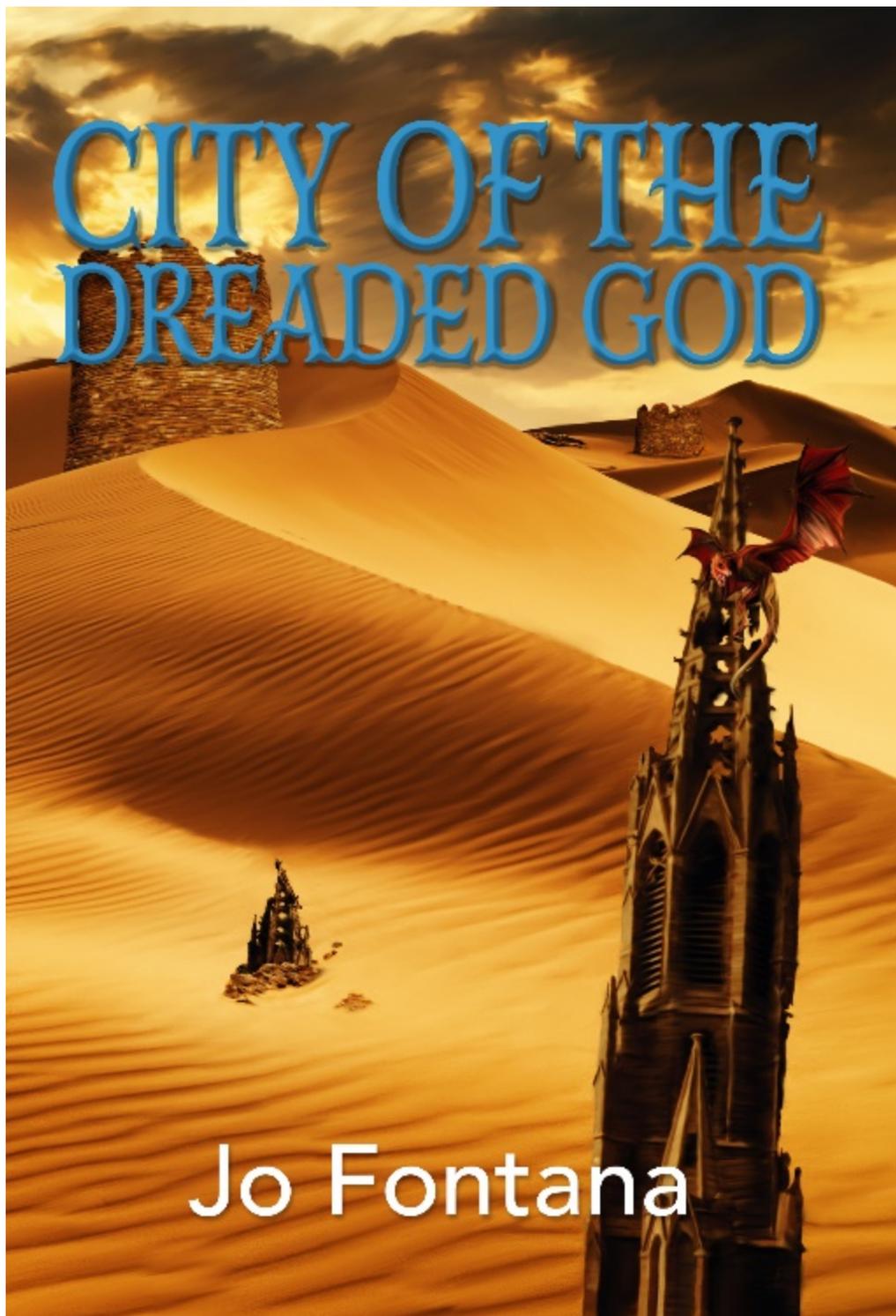


Earth Temple is back to open rituals in person at Full Moon Books. For all the most current information about Earth Temple and our New/Dark /Waning moon rituals, visit our Meetup Group: www.meetup.com/EarthTemple or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EarthTempleColorado>.

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 \(ddfl.org\)](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 2023.

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 2023 OPEN FULL MOON RITUALS

January 6
February 3
March 3
March 31
May 5
June 2
June 30
July 28
August 25
September 29
October 27
November 24
December 22

BLESSINGS from HEARTHSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH!

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