



## Newsletter: August 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 August 25, 2023 Ritual is in person! Join us!

GUIDELINES What a relief that Covid is abating! However, if you are sick or not feeling well, please stay home. Thank you.



**UPCOMING HEARTHSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
OPEN FULL MOON RITUAL -**

**August 25, 2023, 7:30 PM**

The August 25, 2023, OFM will be presented by Mary and the Gaia Ritual Circle.

Please join us as we learn about the Blue Moon. We will also have a guided meditation in which we will listen for messages from the divine – as well as charge a stone that will be provided.

-- Catherine



## **THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT for the July 28, 2023 Ritual**

**Hearthstone heartily thanks D for her ritual on July 28, 2023. With D's help, we combined energies, intention, and some "old school" spellcraft – in the form of a Witches Ladder (or Witches Garland) to manifest our will under the full moon in Leo.**

**D gave us a brief history of the Witches Ladder in Europe and the British Isles, then taught us to make our own ladders.**

**Using this chant, we each braided our intentions into the Ladders:**

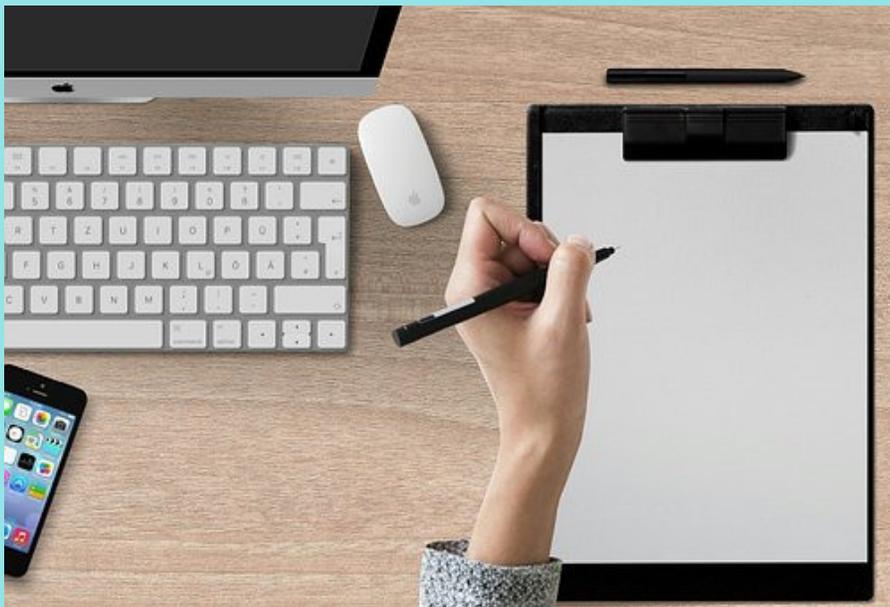
**Here are the words to the Witches Ladder 9-knot spell:**

**By the knot of one, the spell has begun.  
By the knot of two, by my will it cometh true.  
By the knot of three, so mote it be.  
By the knot of four, this power I store.  
By the knot of five, my will shall drive.  
By the knot of six, this spell I fix.  
By the knot of seven, this spell I'll leaven  
By the knot of eight, it is fate.  
By the knot of nine, I will it so with this intention of mine, in complete accord with the  
divine.**

**Thank you so much for your ritual, D!**

**-- Catherine**

## 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](mailto:ArynneD@aol.com) Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices. We appreciate our contributors!

## Articles from our community members!

## Upcoming Community Events

## The Althea Center for Engaged Spirituality



Hearthstone meets the Friday before or the Friday of the Full Moon. We meet in the Historic Library Room 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



Earth Temple hosts Wiccan rituals each month around the time of the New Moon. All our rituals are open to the public and are held at Full Moon Books in Lakewood. For all the most current information about Earth Temple, visit our Meetup Group: [www.meetup.com/EarthTemple](http://www.meetup.com/EarthTemple) or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EarthTempleColorado>.

Our 2023 ritual dates:

September 15

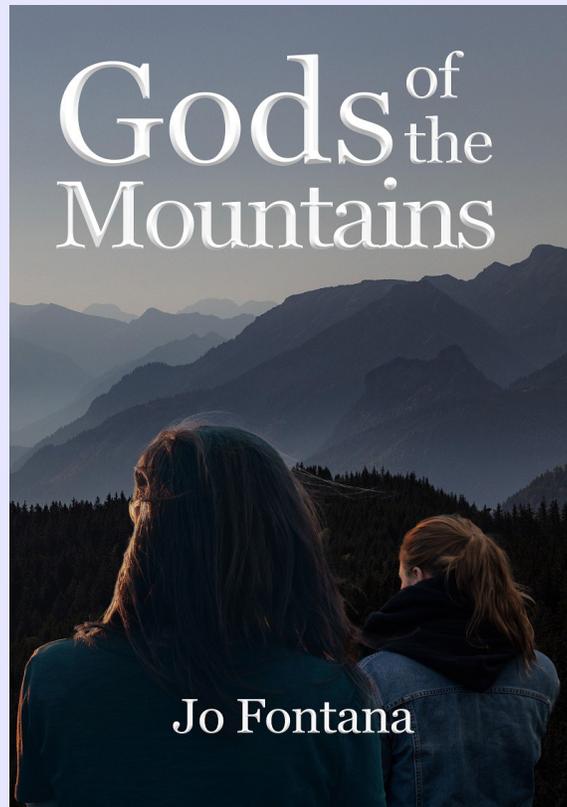
October 13

November 10

December 8

[Earth Temple Facebook Page](#)

## Community Vendors and Artists



### **Gods of the Mountains**

The highly anticipated second installment of the Gods series follows Katie through the second phase of her life as she is thrust onto the front lines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Her role as a school nurse in Colorado begins to evolve through the responsibility of safeguarding the well-being of her students and staff in the face of a relentless and novel virus. She immerses herself in her work as she navigates shifting regulations and protocols, where the line between safety and uncertainty blurs with every passing day. Because she was also on the disease reporting hotline, Katie began to eat, drink, and sleep COVID.

Amidst the chaos and unrelenting pressure, threats to Katie and her family's mental well-being emerge. She longs to visit her hometown but is unable to make the trip during the first year of the pandemic. To combat the mental fatigue, Katie and her family make trips into the Rocky Mountains. Katie makes a plea to their mysterious gods, asking for their help in fighting the anxiety and fear that is threatening to overwhelm her. Through nature, Katie and her family strive to emerge unscathed from the clutches of the virus.

## 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](mailto:hearthstonecommunitychurch@gmail.com)

If you would like to lead a future Open Full Moon, please contact Arynne at [ArynneD@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:hearthstonecommunitychurch@gmail.com)** We suggest a donation of \$10-20/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!



**zelle**



*UPCOMING 2023 OPEN FULL MOON RITUALS*

August 25

September 29

October 27

November 24

December 22

*BLESSINGS from HEARTHSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH!*

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