



Newsletter: October 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 October 27, 2023 Ritual is in person! Join us!

GUIDELINES Covid is still among us and flu season is beginning! If you are sick or not feeling well, please stay home. Thank you.



UPCOMING HEARTHSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH
OPEN FULL MOON RITUAL -

October 27, 2023

A Samhain Ancestral Journey

Come join Sarajane, Hawk Shadow, Wellyssa Spellson, D Garrett, Kitteh Museca, Karelsis, Meyowsha, Dawnetta Winters, Lisa Swope, Catherine Mock and Nytroze for a Full Moon Samhain Ritual.

Friday, October 27, 2023

Gather at 7 p.m.; Ritual begins at 7:30.

Location: Althea Center - 1400 Williams Street Denver, CO

Under the powerful full moon energies of Aries and Taurus we will create a sacred altar, descend into the Underworld, and pay tribute to those who have come before us. This intimate and profound experience will invite us to connect deeply with our Ancestors and walk the path of the Old Ones.

Feel free to invite others of like mind and kindred spirit. Let us prepare to connect with our Ancestors and fellow seekers in a meaningful and spiritually enriching experience.

This Samhain Ritual will include moments of stillness, a period of walking or standing, and times of profound silence. While children are welcome, we kindly ask participants to consider whether the ritual's intensity is suitable for young participants. For those who are mobility-challenged, we will make every effort to accommodate your needs while still having the ability to fully engage in the rite.

We look forward to seeing you under the radiant glow of the Full Moon!



THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT for the September 29, 2023 Ritual

Hearthstone thanks Hawk Shadow and Oak Haven for their thoughtful and moving ritual on Friday, September 29th.

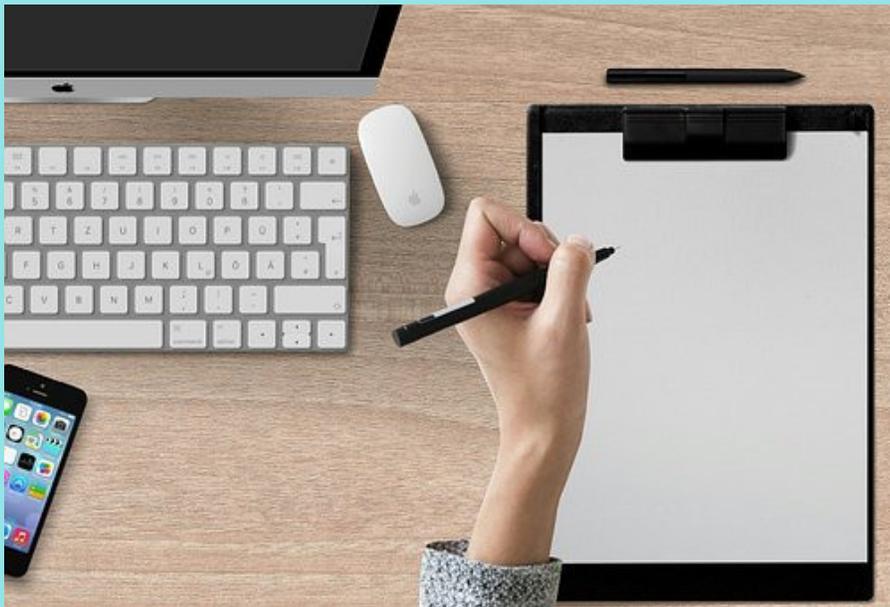
Hawk Shadow began with a tribute to Will Anderson, who crossed the veil in August.

She then reminded us that wheel has turned again, bringing the glory that is autumn. We then were encouraged to take a lesson from the trees around us, the way they change – and how they surrender to the inevitable.

Thank you, Hawk Shadow, for showing us how to fall successfully – and when to surrender entirely.

-- Catherine

Articles from our community members!



GUEST COLUMNS?

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



A FAREWELL

It is with heavy hearts that we bid hail and farewell to a dear member of our community, Will Anderson, who passed through the veil into Summerland. Willie was a cherished presence at Hearthstone Community Church, where he attended regularly. He brought warmth and kindness to all who knew him. Willie's legacy within our community will be remembered for the love and goodwill he shared with us all. His presence brightened our gatherings, and his gentle spirit will continue to inspire us. Although he may no longer be with us in person, his memory and positive impact in our lives will forever remain. Let us come together in spirit to honor Will Anderson and the light he brought into our lives. As we reflect on moments we shared with him, may we find comfort in our memories with him.

We extend our deepest condolences to Will's family and friends during this difficult time.

With heartfelt sympathy,

The Hearthstone Community Church Board



A Teaching Song

--- William Halstead.

(Verse 1)

Mystic lore, truths we hold dear,
Threefold Return, let's make it clear,
Sow and reap, three times it be,
Energy, returns to see.

(Chorus)

Teaching song, explore and learn,
Threefold Return, candles burn,
Magic weave, love we share,
Threefold abundance, that's only fair.

(Verse 2)

Every spell, every charm, every act,
Intentions, they interact,
Send out, spirals, weaves its way,
Threefold return, each day, they say.

(Chorus)

Teaching song, explore and learn,
Threefold Return, candles burn,
Magic weave, love we share,
Threefold abundance, that's only fair.

(Bridge)

Dance of energy, wheel turns around,
Tread with love, sacred ground,
Give, receive, threefold it conceives,
Believe and believe.

(Verse 3)

Mindful, energy you send,
Circle of life, kindness ascend,
Ancient law, universe does play,
Threefold returns, heart's stay, they say.

(Chorus)

Teaching song, explore and learn,
Threefold Return, candles burn,
Magic weave, love we share,
Threefold abundance, that's only fair.

(Outro)

Journey through the craft, lesson guide,
Threefold Return, intentions coincide,
Love and light, tread the path so free,
Give returns, blessed be.

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 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.



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 or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EarthTempleColorado>.

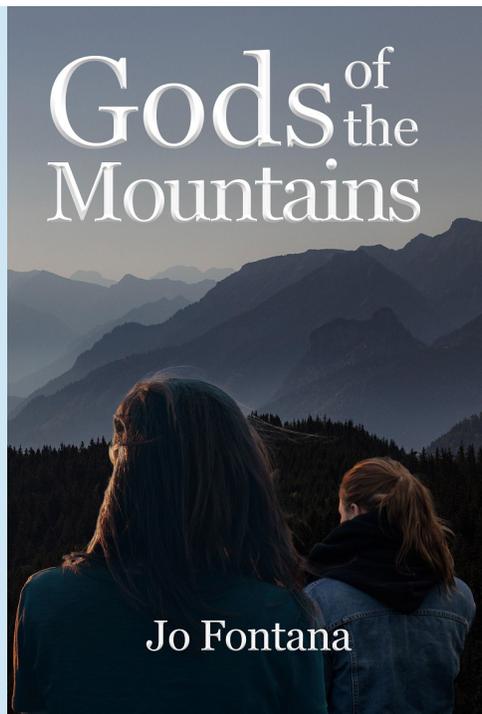
Our 2023 ritual dates:

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 \(ddfl.org\)](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 \$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!



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UPCOMING 2023 OPEN FULL MOON RITUALS

September 29

October 27

November 24

December 22

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