



## Newsletter: November 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 November 24, 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 -

**November 24, 2023**

Please join Clyde, Cynthia, and Spiral Moon Coven, as they present the November 24<sup>th</sup> OFM Ritual.

Samhain is past and we are moving into the deepest part of the dark time of the year. This is a time of introspection and inner exploration, but sometimes in the dark we need a guide. This rite will provide a chance to experience a mystery: and all mysteries must be experienced to be understood.

In this ritual, Clyde will be Drawing Down a Dark God of the Underworld, holder of the Cauldron of Rebirth, and Protector of his people. He is a guider of the *soul's wisdom* and supports its path through this world and the Otherworld. Each participant will have the chance to visit with him. Feel free to bring a journal. We look forward to gathering with you under the Frost Moon.



## **THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT for the October 27, 2023 Ritual**

Hearthstone thanks Sarajane, Hawk Shadow, Wellyssa Spellson, D Garrett, Kitteh Museca, Karelsis, Meyowsha, Dawnetta Winters, Lisa Swope, Catherine Mock and Nytroze for their

wonderful Full Moon Samhain Ritual.

Under the powerful full moon energies of Aries and Taurus we made a journey into the Underworld to pay tribute to those who came before us, allowing us to connect deeply with our Ancestors and walk the path of the Old Ones.

Thank you all for this moving experience for the Samhain full moon!

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](mailto:fionnula.harp@gmail.com) Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices. **We appreciate our contributors!**



## **A FAREWELL**

Once again, we must mourn the passing of a friend of Hearthstone. Dave Hare, aka Fireman Dave crossed the veil last Friday. He had been in Rose Hospital for 10 days following stomach surgery related to his ulcers. On Friday, Nov 17th, he had a heart attack and passed.

Our hearts go out to all his friends and family.

Until recently he was an active member of Hearthstone Community Church.

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

With heartfelt sympathy,

The Hearthstone Community Church Board

## **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.

Hearthstone Community Church Website Link:

<http://hearthstonecommunitychurch.org/>



## Earth Temple

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:

December 8

[Earth Temple Facebook Page](#)

Community Vendors and Artists

# Gods<sup>of</sup><sub>the</sub> Mountains



Jo Fontana

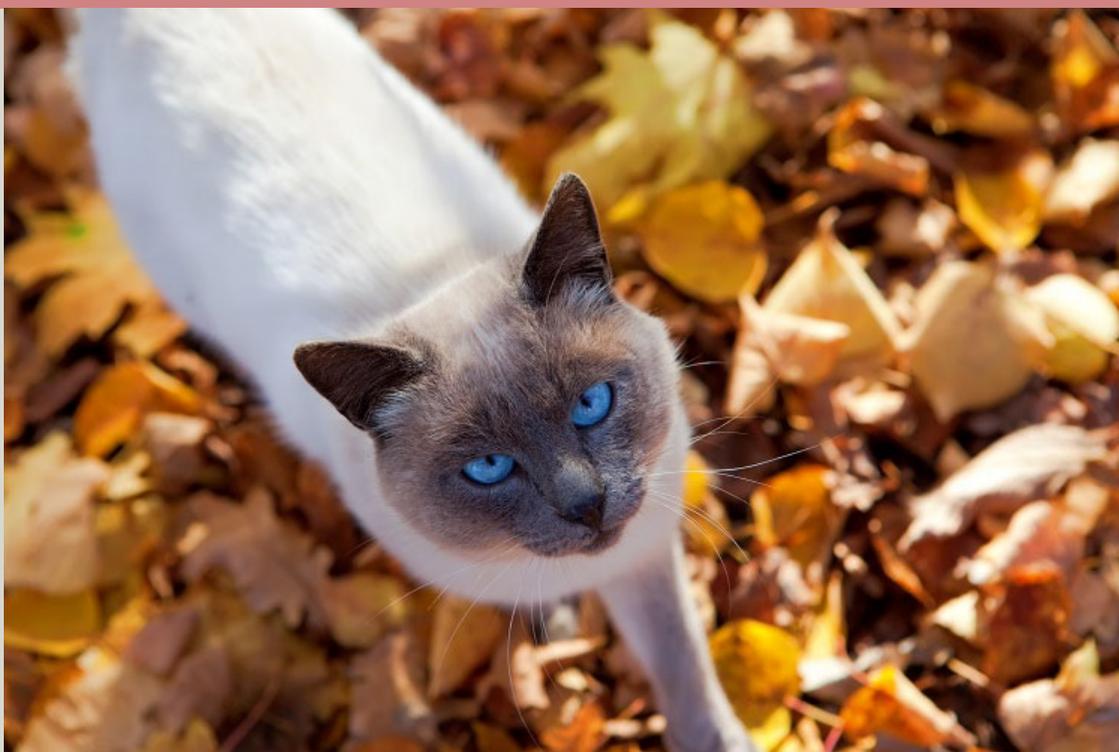
## **Gods of the Mountains**

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](mailto:hearthstonecommunitychurch@gmail.com)

If you would like to lead a future Open Full Moon, please contact the Board at [Hearthstonecommunitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:Hearthstonecommunitychurch@gmail.com)

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!



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## UPCOMING 2023 OPEN FULL MOON RITUALS

November 24

December 22

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