

Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

"The Full Moon Folk"

GREETINGS

It's almost Ostara – one of the two times each year our year hangs in balance. The green of spring is literally creeping across the land. And yet, typically for our beautiful state, it's snowing while I type this.

It's been a cold winter, and we've come through it once again. Once again, the seeds we planted within at Imbolc begin to spring to life with the cycle of the year.

—*Catherine*

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

In thanks for our February Open Full Moon ritual, we tip our hat to our own Board members Alia and Catherine, who presented a ritual focused on the innocence and peace of childhood. At this time just past Imbolc when the year is young and we start anew, we returned to our memories of childhood, recreating the sense of innocence, or creating it if we didn't get to experience it before. Guided meditation, harp, songs, poetry and humor all helped us to reach that place of peace and power within us, and bring it forward to the present. Thank you, Alia and Catherine, for a ritual that was both tender and fun. We also thank Kath Morgan who added spontaneity, songs, and joy.

As Hearthstone begins a new year, we invite all who read our newsletter to come and join us at our friendly, interesting, and never-two-the-same rituals! Bring a friend. Welcome!

---- *Aryne*

MARCH OPEN FULL MOON

Hearthstone meets the Friday before or the Friday of the Full Moon at the First Unitarian Church at 14th and Lafayette in Denver. The church doors open at 7, and we like to start at 7:30. (We are NOT big proponents of Pagan Standard Time, but if

there is weather related driving trouble or a problem on the freeway, we've been known to wait a bit longer.) This month's ritual is FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2008.

Remember, please, that Hearthstone doesn't expect everyone to enter in Perfect Love and Perfect Trust, as there are people you don't know there, 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 disturbs someone attending an Open Full Moon. It is one of the risks of exploring different traditions. Should anyone be uncomfortable, unsettled, or upset about any ritual presented by Hearthstone, please contact Alia or Catherine to discuss -- and hopefully resolve and heal -- the issue.

—*Alia*

The March OFM will be a celebration of the season and community as we celebrate the full moon. .

---*Catherine*

NOTE ON PARKING

From our landlords:

One of the challenges facing us as an urban congregation is a lack of available parking. As our congregation grows, we take up more room and make it increasingly difficult for our neighbors to find places to park. Those using the building are highly encouraged to carpool, walk, bike, or use public transportation whenever possible. If you do drive to evening events or meetings, please make an effort to park in designated parking spaces in the Alta Court parking lot on the northwest end of our block of Lafayette. Spaces marked FUSD E or Visitor are available for our use on evenings. Window decals can be purchased in the office for \$1 (call 303-831-7113 ext.101 for details).

All metered spaces on Colfax are free after 6:00 p.m. Please show concern for our neighbors and consider these spaces before attempting to park on Lafayette.

In addition, please do not park in the spot "Reserved for Minister" in the back of the church.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

—Alia

DRAGONFEST 2008

The Journey of a Thousand Paths begins with one step.

Each year members of our growing and diverse community present rituals that represent the paths they walk as individuals and as covens. It is challenging and inspiring to present a ritual to the Dragonfest community and we hope that this year many of you will share your rituals with the community. Do you have a favorite ritual? Mystery? Or a ritual with a special focus? Or perhaps a ritual from your specific Path you would like to share with the Dragonfest community?

We would love to have you present this year.

Please email rituals@dragonfest.com

ON DONATIONS

We appreciate that many of you donate to the church. Unfortunately, donations have diminished over the years, to the point where **Hearthstone is once again losing money. Since Alia can no longer support the church on her own, we ask you to please give what you can to support the work and service of the church to the community. The more you can spare, the longer we will be around, and the more we can help those who need it. While we will keep **Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.** running as long as possible, we do feel we should let you know that we need**

your support to continue to serve the community.

We aren't going to start collecting at the door, and no one will be turned away for not having a donation. However, we would like to suggest a donation of 5 to 10 dollars per person. (The extra is to cover the pagans that are unable to donate.) If you can't afford it, you are still welcome – if you can afford more, we'd be delighted to accept it.

NOTE: Hearthstone is a church and your donations to Hearthstone are **tax deductible**. If you would like to write a check so you can keep track of your donations, we can certainly handle that as well.

Concert & Musical Experience with Brook

April 11, 2008

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

"Brook's versatile and accomplished guitar playing runs a gamut from blues to jazz to folk. The playing and singing is by turns reflective, relaxing, and stirring." Bill Dewey, Reclaiming Quarterly. Brook combines acoustic guitar journeys and vocals that reach for your heart and touch the soul.

Cover charge: \$2 to \$5 recommended donation or FREE with 2 canned or packaged food items to benefit Jeffco Action Center. Please see our website at:

www.reclaimingspirit.org

DRAWING DOWN: ASPECTING AS THE HEART OF THE ART

APRIL 12 & 13, 2008

ISIS BOOKSTORE

2775 S Broadway; Englewood, CO 80113

(303) 321-0867

This workshop will explore the magical art of Drawing Down. Drawing Down involves states from light aspecting to full trance possession, magical states of consciousness that allow a goddess, god, power animal, nature spirit, faerie or other spirit entity to “See through my eyes, hear with my ears, speak with my lips”. Aspecting is an embodiment of our connection with divinity and an important tool that is used to bring divinity into ritual. Learn how to create a conduit for the Divine.

Some priestesses will tell you that aspecting is too dangerous for all but the most experienced practitioner.

We believe that we can connect and communicate with deity directly. We have seen that, with a bit of understanding and practice, most magical practitioners can have this powerful tool in her/his magical tool box. While probably not for everyone, and

certainly not for every magical situation, aspecting is at the “Heart of the Art”.

Prospective participants should be aware that for us, this tool is not a game. We will be opening to magic and transformation. This workshop will be participatory and experiential. There will be information sharing.

And, we will work with the skills that the facilitators have found useful for aspecting.

Participants should come prepared to explore and experiment. The facilitators believe that each of us is her own spiritual authority. No activity at this workshop is mandatory. But we do request participants to commit to attending the whole workshop.

We will collectively explore:

- * Building a safe magical container
- * Where and when to use aspecting
- * Tending and working with those in aspect or possession
- * Various levels and states of aspect and possession

Saturday, April 12, 2008 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday, April 13 Noon – 5:00 PM

This can be advanced work so we highly recommend that individuals attending have magical experience such as coven experience, spiritual practice, Reclaiming Elements of Magic, or Wicca Basics as a prerequisite.

Cost: \$135 to \$175, sliding scale, scholarships available

This experiential workshop is co-facilitated with Reclaiming Priestess Brook Schoenfield. Brook’s material springs from his wonder at the beauty and sacredness of life, from our need for connection with each other and with spirit, and from the challenges of trying to live a life based in vulnerability and emotional honesty. His material ranges from sweet to ironic, from the poetic to strong calls to action.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

****SPACE IS LIMITED!****

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INTUITIVE TAROT

Sunday, April 27th & May 4th, 2008 Noon to 4:30 PM

Do you own a deck of cards, but don't know where to start? Are you overwhelmed by books full of meanings for each card? Perhaps you are familiar with the cards, but want to see them with fresh eyes? Join us as we explore the cards with our intuition.

INFORMATION:

DATES: Sunday, April 27th, 2008 Noon to 4:30PM

Sunday, May 4, 2008 Noon to 4:30 PM

COST: \$35 to \$50, sliding scale.

Reclaiming believes strongly in making classes available to everyone in the community. Scholarship or work exchange is available.

What to bring:

- * A journal or notebook
- * A bottle of water
- * A snack to share
- * Tarot cards –

There will be additional decks available to use during class

PAGAN COFFEE HOUSE

Witches Brew is a new Pagan coffee shop. They sell locally mixed teas, books, jewelry, art and other various and sundry paraphernalia. They are open Tuesday through Sunday Noon to Midnight. In addition to being an excellent place for the traditional post-ritual caffeine binge, they offer space for classes, discussion groups, and ritual. The coffee shop can be reached at witchesbrewdenver@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in their weekly newsletter. Located right off I-70 and Sheridan, they're easily accessible at 4900 W. 46th Ave. and can be reached at (303) 997 9571.



College of Wicca and Old Lore - Established in 1999, the College of Wicca and Old Lore has as its mission to teach Wicca and the Old Ways, to teach teachers of Wicca and to build community. To apply to either of the programs listed below, please go to our website: www.collegeofwicca.org.

Wicca Basics Classes

Wicca Basics is one of the ways that the College teaches Wicca and builds community. It is an eight-week course covering essential topics of the Craft, including: Esbats, Sabbats, history, traditions, grounding and centering, altars and tools, deities, energies and Craft ethics and etiquette. Wicca Basics classes are taught by experienced College of Wicca and Old Lore Faculty.

Upcoming classes:

Check our website! www.collegeofwicca.org for a schedule of upcoming Wicca Basics classes

Tuition:

\$50 for entire eight-week course.

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Year and a Day Program

Our Year and a Day Program is a one-year program set up on the quarter system with classes on Sundays. It covers in-depth topics of the Craft, including Esbats, Sabbats, tools and energies, herbs, divination, ritual construction and ethics. Students are required to complete a Wicca Basics class or equivalent study before admission to the Year and a Day Program. Year and a Day classes are taught

by experienced College of Wicca and Old Lore Faculty.

2008 Fire Quarter Schedule:

Sundays, April 6, 2008 through June 29, 2008

Orientation: April 6 2008

Morning classes 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon classes 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuition:

Sliding scale from \$7-\$15 per required class (10 classes during each Quarter are required for dedication); elective classes are \$3 each.

Tuition payments are arranged on Orientation.

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EARTH TEMPLE

"At our new moon ritual on March 7th, we learned that the space we have been using for the last 3 years has been leased out to another organization. Our next ritual, Ostara, on March 21, will still be at that space at 66th and Wadsworth. By that time, we will have at least figured out where we'll hold the rituals we have scheduled through June. And, that will give us time to figure out where we'll hold rituals for the winter. We'll post ritual locations on the Earth Temple, ColoWiccan, and ColoPagan Yahoo Groups, and in this newsletter as well, thanks to the kindness of those who run Hearthstone Community Church.

If you know of a place that would be suitable for 40-80 people, please send an email to EarthTemple-owner@yahogroups.com.

In the meantime, we'll remember that dedication to the Gods is the important thing, and the Gods will be with us no matter where we hold our rites."

These are the 2008 dates for Earth Temple rituals. Earth Temple meets on Fridays at Small Gatherings, 66th and Wadsworth.

Look for the Starbucks and Golden Europe Restaurant; our space is in the strip mall behind those two businesses.

Announcements start at 7:30 pm, and ritual begins right after announcements conclude.

If you have suggestions or questions about Earth Temple activities, please write to us at earthtemple-owner@yahogroups.com.

Earth Temple 2008 dates

Mar 21 -- Ostara

Apr 4 -- New Moon

May 2 -- New Moon/Beltaine

May 30 -- New Moon

June 14 SATURDAY -- Litha

Aug 1 -- New Moon/Lammas

Aug 29 -- New Moon

Sep 19 -- Mabon

Oct 3 -- New Moon

Oct 24 -- New Moon

Nov 7 -- Samhain

Nov 28 -- New Moon

Dec 19 -- Yule

WHO TO CONTACT

Alia's phone number is 303-680-1741. Southwynde's is 303-698-1066. Catherine's is 303-534-5264. If you would like to officiate at a future Open Full Moon, for Pagan or Wiccan clergy, or for any other Hearthstone business, please contact either Alia or Catherine.

Hearthstone Community Church has a website at <http://hearthstone.fnorky.com>. It's kept current, so anything you miss here should be there.

Alia's e-mail address is alia@fnorky.com; Southwynde's is southwynde@yahoo.com; (it is not frequently checked). Catherine's e-mail address is catherine@fnorky.com.

GUEST COLUMNS?

If you have something to say, and are willing to let Alia or Catherine edit it slightly, (generally for grammar – Alia has the soul of an English teacher and Catherine wants to be one) please feel free to submit your writing to catherine@fnorky.com. Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices.

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2008 Open Full Moon Dates

February 15, 2008

March 21, 2008

April 18, 2008

May 16, 2008

June 13, 2008

July 18, 2008

August 22, 2008

September 12, 2008

October 10, 2008

November 7, 2008

December 12, 2008

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