



# Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.



## "The Full Moon Folk"

—Arynn

### GREETINGS

As I write this, we've passed Samhain. In taking stock of the last year for this final harvest of the year, it seems that I've had a lot of changes. Some of them were for the good; some not so much. The things that needed to be shed for the long, dark time of the year have been left behind.

While Samhain is the time that the veil is thinnest and we remember those that have passed (Bruce, I'll miss you), it is also a time to take stock. The lean time of the year is coming and we can't take extra baggage along with us. Sometimes it hurts to shed that baggage. Sometimes it's like a tree dropping the leaves. But unless those things are left behind, there's no room to grow anew in the spring.

—Catherine

### THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Hearthstone offers our Thanks and a Tip of the Hat to Valerie Langston Brettillo, M.Div., priestess of our October OFM celebration of the three phases of the Moon Goddess: Maid, Mother, and Crone. Using our bodies, voices and spirits, all present participated in the Invokings. Then we each chose a group to create with, either a chant group, art group, or dance group. Each group then worked together for a while to develop expressions of Maid, Mother and Crone. Once complete, Valerie brought it all together with the chant group singing, in turn, their newly created Maid, Mother and Crone chants, while the art group shared their respective art pieces around the circle, followed by the scarved and draped dancers circling, dancing their expressions of each of the three aspects. We finished all together, singing the lovely chant-song "I give thanks for unknown blessings already on the way." Thank you, Valerie, for orchestrating this creative, interactive ritual in celebration of our beloved Moon Goddess and the Divine Feminine within. Thanks also to the drummers!

### NOVEMBER 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, NOVEMBER 7, 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 November 7<sup>th</sup> Open Full Moon will be presented by Martin and Carrie of ATUM. Martin and Carrie will do a modified Gardnerian Full Moon ritual with a meditation. They are well-known in the Denver community for their work in the Colorado Corrections system, through their organization ATUM.

--- Catherine

### ON DONATIONS

Many of our local Pagan organizations run on a shoestring. Your donations do make a difference, and the cost of a movie ticket to one of these organizations from several of their patrons can make the difference between failing and thriving. (Not to mention making the organizers excited and happy that their efforts

are of value to you.) If you'd prefer not to donate to Hearthstone, I encourage you to donate something to the organization of your choice. Your donations can make the difference between an organization thriving and folding.

We appreciate that many of you donate to the church. **We ask that you 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. We will keep Hearthstone Community Church, Inc. running as long as possible, and 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.

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## ELEMENTS OF MAGIC

Six Tuesday Evenings

Nov 11, 18, 25, Dec 2, 9 & 16

Elements of Magic is the first of the core class in the Reclaiming tradition of Witchcraft. In this class, we will explore our personal relationship with the elements of Air, Fire, Water, Earth and Spirit.

Techniques we will use include breathwork, song, visualization, sensing and raising energy, trance work, movement, spellcrafting and creating sacred space.

Reclaiming is a community of individuals working to unify spirit and politics. Our vision is rooted in the religion and magic of the Goddess, the Immanent Life Force. We see our work as teaching and making magic; the

art of empowering our selves and each other. This class is open to women and men.

Class Schedule:

Tuesday, Nov 11

6:00 pm to 6:15 pm Registration

6:15 pm Class begins

8:45 pm Class ends

All remaining classes will begin at 6:15 pm and end by 8:45 pm.

**Note:** We start class on time, so please be prompt. The classes are designed to work together, so please commit to attend all.

Prerequisite: 1st 6 chapters of *The Spiral Dance*, by Starhawk (HarperCollins Publishers, November 1999).

Elements of Magic will be drug and alcohol free so safe, nurturing, sacred space is created for all.

Items you may wish to bring: A journal, a water bottle, drums or rattles, a divination tool such as runes or Tarot, a snack to share, a compassionate heart and a mirthful and reverent mind.

Course information:

Tuition: \$9 - \$15 sliding scale per class. OR \$45 to \$60 sliding scale paid in full at first session.

Deposit: You may pay for two sessions as a deposit (\$18 - \$30 sliding scale). Deposit is nonrefundable unless class is cancelled by the teachers. Deposit is applied toward your tuition. Phone: Kath at 303-618-7702

EMAIL: [morgans\\_insight@yahoo.com](mailto:morgans_insight@yahoo.com)

We welcome all genders, all races, all ages and sexual orientations and all those differences of life situation, background and ability that increase our diversity. We strive to make our public rituals and events accessible and safe. We try to balance the need to be justly compensated for our labor with our commitment to make our work available to people of all economic levels.

Registration:

Pre-registration is required!

Class size is limited.

Registration Deadline: Nov 5 or until class is filled, subject to availability.

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The location for this class is:

For Heaven's Sake  
4383 Tennyson Street, #1F  
Corner of 44th & Tennyson  
Denver, CO 80212  
Phone: 303.964.9339  
<http://www.forheavensake.com/>

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## **CAPITOL HILL REIKI CIRCLE**

Capitol Hill Reiki Circle -- Third Wednesday of every month through 2008. For more information contact Jo, 720-255-5132 or [JoMar01@comcast.net](mailto:JoMar01@comcast.net).

[www.myspace.com/reikicircle](http://www.myspace.com/reikicircle)

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## **EARTH TEMPLE**

Earth Temple rituals have moved to a new location: Ye Old Firehouse, 3232 Depew Street, Wheat Ridge. With a few exceptions, all of our rituals will be held at this location. With one exception, all dates are Fridays, with community announcements starting at 7:30 pm, and ritual starting when announcements conclude. Here are the remaining dates of ET's 2008 schedule with the exceptions and locations listed.

### **Earth Temple 2008 dates**

Nov 28 – NM – Ye Old Firehouse  
Dec 19 – Yule – Ye Old Firehouse

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## **NEW MOON CIRCLES AT WITCHES BREW**

Mary Reeves and Robin Vinehall, from Tree in the Circle, will be holding New Moon Esbat rituals at Witches Brew on the Sunday closest to the New Moon. If the New Moon falls on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday the ritual will be the Sunday before. If the New Moon falls on Thursday, Friday or Saturday the ritual will be held on the Sunday after. Mary and Robin will be invoking gods and goddesses from a variety of pantheons, whose energy is consistent with the astrological energies of the particular New Moon. This energy will also be consistent with each sephira of the Qabalistic Tree of Life, taken in the order of the "Downward Striking Lightning Flash". (No previous knowledge of Qabalah or even astrology is necessary.) The rituals will be in traditional Wiccan form, incorporating both Qabalah and astrology into powerful and empowering Wiccan rituals.

Witches Brew Coffee House is at 4900 West 46th Ave.; Call: (303) 997-9571 or online at:

<http://www.myspace.com/witchesbrewdenver>

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## **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](mailto:alia@fnorky.com); Southwynde's is [Southwynde@yahoo.com](mailto:Southwynde@yahoo.com); (it is not frequently checked). Catherine's e-mail address is [catherine@fnorky.com](mailto:catherine@fnorky.com)

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## **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](mailto: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**

**September 12, 2008**

**October 10, 2008**

**November 7, 2008**

**December 12, 2008**

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