



Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.



"The Full Moon Folk"

GREETINGS

May has certainly brought out her flowers this year. And the summer rains seem to have started. As I write this, we've just had yet another thunderstorm. Fortunately, they are coming at an opportune time – I planted some more not-grass in my front yard Friday.

I've started planting other-than-grass ground cover lately. I'm not sure if it will cover all the bare spots in the yard, but it certainly changes the need for mowing. And thanks to the weather, I haven't had to water them much.

—Catherine

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT

Powerful. Evocative. Stimulating. Eye-opening.

May's ritual was all these things and more.

During casting, we had a seeming reversal of East & West, and demonstrated that we can still take a joke during ritual.

Maelyn, our guide and facilitator, included a "Fractured Fairy Tale." Each (voluntary) participant spoke up and contributed a snippet to what became a collaborative story. Though they were short, they varied from silly to evocative, which made the overall short story thought-provoking.

Maelyn also did an "aura-scan" of all who gave their permission (which was pretty close to 100%) while still in circle. After circle, she discussed the results with each individual while the rest of us watched and listened. As part of the discussion, she offered an awareness-raising procedure. (In my case, it was something analagous to opening an astral cocoon.) Apparently, several of us found it to be similar in effect to -- but far more powerful than -- a good chakra-opening process.

That explains my emotional bond with dragons!

Thank you, Maelyn.

—Southwynde

APRIL 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, JUNE 5, 2009.

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 June 5th 2009 Open Full Moon, "The Egyptian God Paper Doll Hour", is going to be led by two of the members of Bast Temple, one of the local Golden Dawn lodges.

Golden Dawn is an esoteric tradition formed in 1888. It was one of the first Orders to use actual Egyptian lore in its system, rather than the myths that the Hermetic tradition created after the ability to read the Egyptian hieroglyphs was lost. Despite being cutting edge at the time of its creation, as a lodge system, a society with secrets, the lore that they continue to use to this day is sadly out of date, an issue that many modern students of Egyptian lore have with Golden Dawn.

This ritual will address how an outdated system of lore can still produce results when

used in a magical setting. There will be paper dolls of Egyptian deities involved in this ritual.

—Morgan

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.

THOUGHTS ON FEAR AND ANGER

Lately I've been thinking about how to deal with this or that person in our lives who doesn't approve of the path we've taken,

whether it's our life path, our religious path, or any other path.

When someone in our lives is angry or upset about a path we've chosen or a choice we've made in our lives, whether it has to do with religion or with life choices, we need to remember that anger generally comes from fear. We fear what we don't fully understand. And even after one has explained a decision or path to someone there are still things unsaid – we can't say everything. Remember the things we always want to say after someone has left the room?

And then we become afraid. We may project our feelings on to our loved ones. "Well if I were him/her, I would feel this way, so she/he must feel this way." Or, "I would do this, so he/she would do this." We may even attribute motives to that person that they never thought of because of those projected feelings. All because of that fear.

From that fear comes more anger and more misunderstandings. When we deal from fear, we can hurt people deeply without realizing it. We turn inward, feeling only our own pain, forgetting that they are in pain too.

I guess I'd like people to remember that, when you discuss your choices with your spouse/parent/family, be gentle. Remember that they may fear for you. You may have to be patient with them. Don't give in to the cycle of fear.

Change can be frightening to us and to others. The key is to try not to let that fear turn to anger – and to understand when it does.

-- Catherine

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. Also with a few exceptions, 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 2009 schedule with the exceptions and locations listed.

Earth Temple 2009 dates

New Moon/Litha – June 20 (Saturday); start time TBA but will be a mid-day ritual; location TBA but will probably start at The Firehouse
July 17th - New Moon
July 31th - Lammas
August 21st - New Moon
September 18th - New Moon/Mabon
October 16th - New Moon
Samhain - date and location TBA
November 13th - New Moon
December 18th - New Moon/Yule

WHOM 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>.

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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2009 Open Full Moon Dates

June 5, 2009

July 3, 2009

July 31, 2009

September 4, 2009

October 2, 2009

November 6, 2009

November 27, 2009

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