

Daughters of the Goddess Womyn's Temple

Aloha Moon News

November 24, 2011 New Moon in Sagittarius Hawaiian Moon Phase: Muku

Hawaiian Word of the November Muku Moon: Mahana.

Meaning: Warmth, heat, warm.

And in Ho'o mahana: to warm, create warmth, create heat and to rest.

Aloha Dear Sisters!

As the days grow shorter, we sit in sacred space together at the altar of the Goddess, drawing in Her mahana/warmth as we pray, sing, and listen to the voices of our Sisters as they share their experiences in love and trust. Tonight under the Muku/New Moon, we embrace the Sisterhood of Daughters of the Goddess and the darkness of this Moon phase. We light candles producing light and mahana/heat. The flicker of the flame, the endurance of fire, reminds us of the Goddess within. Mama Muku Moon strokes our cheeks when we are afraid. She brushes our hair and scratches our backs. She brings us a cup of warm cocoa. She rubs our backs as we fall deeply to sleep. She pulls up the down comforter and takes one last look at us before she turns out the light and guides us into our dreams ~ dreams of mahana/warmth and heat, where the fire in our bellies leads us to do Her good work and to create the changes we wish to see in the world. Mama Muku Moon smiles as she sees what we see and then retires to Her own bedchamber to Ho'o mahana/rest. The world is still.

Happy Birthday to our Sagittarius Sisters!

Come Walk With Us in Paradise

Daughters of the Goddess will embark on our 2nd Temple Pilgrimage to O'ahu from **April 28 - May 3, 2012.** The sacred sites, ceremonies and activities planned for this pilgrimage include: The Queen's Palace, Snorkeling, Lei Day Hula Festival, North Shore - Haleiwa Town, Birthing Stones, and working in the ancient Taro fields. It is difficult to put into words how our lives will change as a result of making this pilgrimage!

Happy O'hana Day Memories

We enjoyed another wonderful O'hana Day this year! It was so great meeting everyone's family and friends. The food was fabulous ~ especially the dessert! There is

nothing better than giant chocolate cakes!! We love the gifts that the musicians share with us every year ~ beginning with the rock band drumming, building to a small gathering of guitarists sharing songs and ending with a crescendo of songs and drumming that rocked the back yard and had us all joining in the fun! How beautiful it was to hear everybody come together in rhythm! In addition, we were blessed by the Goddess herself through dance!! The Goddess of the wind with Her amazing Belly Dancing ~ so powerful that an umbrella was actually lifted from its stand and blown into the pool!!! Then the fire Goddess blessed us with Her sacred movements of love and passion and opened the hearts of us all to the Aloha tradition! It was an amazing night supported by drums and fire torches that carried us well into the night! Mahalo to everybody who attended, shared their families and friends with us, and who shared their mana to make this a very blessed day!

A Blessed and Magickal Spiral Dance

On October 28 under a waxing Sagittarius moon, we gathered to honor our Crones and our beloved ancestors. How precious it was to hear the Crones say their names into the circle and for all of us to repeat their names ~ while we gave them our love and respect ~ for their contributions, their experiences and their wisdom. Blessed are we who walk and worship with these Sisters.

Sweet music to our ears were the names of our beloved dead which were also spoken into the circle on this magickal night. We offer mahalo to those who have made their way and are deeply missed. Our lives are built upon those who have gone before us. We are humble and deeply grateful.

We offer praise and thanks to the elders of our community who shared their mana, their traditions, their stories and their strength with us on this evening when the veil is thin and the spirits of the Dead are with us. Mahalo nui loa, love and respect to you.

Upcoming Open Rituals

Please join us in honoring She of Ten Thousand Names! These rituals are open to all womyn!

Monday, December 5, Celebrate Mary in all Her Forms: Yemaya, Stella Maris, Tonantzin, Guadalupe, and More. Moon in Aries.

Wednesday, December 21, Celebrate Winter Solstice and Hawaiian Snow Goddess Poliahu. Moon in Scorpio.

Sunday, January 8, Celebrate White Buffalo Calf Woman in a Peace Ceremony. Full Moon in Cancer.

Peace and Brightness Bast Hua

Come create with us for our 7th annual Daughters of the Goddess Candle Decorating Bast Hua on **Thursday, December 15th, 2011** at 7:30pm in Concord.

We will adorn candles with bright light for our peace candle exchange during our Winter Solstice Ritual on Wednesday, December 21st, 2011. You will have time to decorate 2 to 3 candles. The extra candles make great gifts or can be used for your own personal magical work.

Please bring glass novena candles, a snack to share, and any supplies you wish to use or contribute. An example of some of the supplies we use are: paper, pictures, magazine cut outs, fabric, glitter, beads, stickers...anything your creative heart desires to decorate with.

There is a \$10-\$15 sliding scale and feel free to bring a friend! Please contact Kealoha with any questions, as well as to let us know if you would like to join us @ Kealohamoon@gmail.com, (510)332-5396. Concord locale directions will be given upon RSVP. It is a night of great fun, laughter and creativity. We look forward to creating beautiful brightness for Peace with our sisters.

Temple Dedication Ritual

On Thursday **February 2nd, 2012** we will be celebrating our 10th Annual Daughters of the Goddess Temple Dedication Ceremony. The Dedication Ritual is about holding the intention to spend a year and a day dedicated to learning more about the Goddess, Daughters of the Goddess magical tradition, and the Temple mission. If you have never attended the Dedication Ceremony it is a great way to deepen your spiritual life for the year and make a commitment to yourself, the Goddess, and the Temple. We look forward to Dedicating with you and witnessing your journey!

She Calls You to Learn: A Year of Study in the Dianic Aloha Tradition!

We are delighted to announce that we will begin a new Witch School Year beginning in **February 2012 and ending in January 2013** ~ with a new class of Witches being Initiated at the culmination! Witch School is an amazing educational setting where womyn gather once a month on Sunday to learn self-empowerment, spell

work, candle magic, altar building, herbal medicine making, and much more! We cannot speak highly enough about the personal and spiritual growth that results from this year and a day of study. Bless yourself with the experience and you will bless the world with many miracles!

Save the Date for Beltane

Get out your 2012 calendars and save the date for Beltane! Our ritual will be **Saturday, May 12, 2012!** There will be much more information to come!

Goddess Treasures!

The Daughters of the Goddess Shop is open before and after most open rituals! This is a fun place to shop for Goddess related items such books, jewelry and candles (some even made by Temple Sisters). Stop by and see if a treasure speaks to you! Some items are also available on our developing on-line shop!

Daughters of the Goddess Newsletter

The Daughters of the Goddess Newsletter contains a letter from Leilani, as well as our ritual schedule for the coming series. It is published and mailed via regular U.S. mail twice a year in September and March on the Equinoxes. The newsletter is also available on our website! If you have not received a copy and would like to, please contact us and we will send you one right away! In addition, if you receive a paper copy and would prefer to “go paperless” in an effort to save paper, please let us know.

Offerings from our Priestesses:

Readings and Consultations

High Priestess Leilani is available for private readings and consultations. If you feel that you would like to supplement your ritual experience with more insight, a reading with Leilani is highly recommended. Please contact her at Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

Website Design

Temple Priestess Patrice, in partnership with Daughters of the Goddess, is now offering website creation and maintenance services, specializing in Spiritual sites. If you are interested in having your own website, or have one that you need maintained or updated, please contact Patrice@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com for more information.

Praise and Thanks

We would like to offer continued praise and thanks to Mary Kawena Pukui for the Hawaiian Dictionary, to the Hawaiian Civic Club for their production of the Ancient Hawaiian Moon Calendar, and to various websites on the Internet including InstantHawaii.com for their Hawaiian lunar information page. Together these resources allow us to learn and better understand ancient Hawaiian traditions.

In Closing

May Mama Muku Moon comfort you and hold you in this dark time of the year. May your dreams be vivid and inspiring. May the quiet of night feed your soul!
We look forward to seeing you in circle!
Blessed Be!

For more information about anything that you have read here, please contact us!

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