

Daughters of the Goddess Womyn's Temple

New Moon News

May 24th, 2009 ~ New Moon in Gemini

Komo mai kau mapuna hoe "Dip your paddle in. Join the effort."

Aloha Sisters!

The New Moon in Gemini is asking us to clear out our mental cobwebs by exploring and communicating about new ideas. Read that book you have been putting off. Have a picnic and journal about your bountiful life, or re-read an old journal to find nuggets of truth to share with someone special. Spend time with someone you have wanted to see. Enjoy a good natured debate over the phone. Gemini calls us to look at duality, finding the yin and yang. How do the differences complete the whole?

What do you need to learn to move toward your life's vision? Do your loved ones know what is important to you? How do you talk about your wishes and goals? Do you speak up when you need help or when you are afraid or hurt?

The world needs your spirit, your creativity, your voice, and your words. If you are communicating in a pono way, it is possible to speak difficult truths and still be heard. Speak in a positive, non violent manner, responsible for yourself and your story with compassion for others. Get your truth out where you can hear it spoken to another.

During this New Moon, Gemini wants you to marry your shadow self, to complete the puzzle of your spirit joined with your ego and your emotions. Like healthy Siamese twins where your mind, heart and body are on the path of a rich life filled with family and friends.

It All Started At Beltane!

We kicked off our new ritual series with a delicious evening of drumming, blessings, performance art, and dancing around a most beautiful and inviting yoni altar! Many thanks to those Sisters, Dancers, Performers, and Craftswomyn who participated in our Goddess Beltane Ritual this year. It was a ritual worthy of ushering in the series to come!

Daughters of the Goddess 13th Anniversary!

Celebrate 13 years of Daughters of the Goddess at our anniversary camp-out! We will be gathering for a two-night camp-out on sacred Mt. Diablo. Mark your calendar for this very special occasion: **Friday, June 12-Sunday, June 14, 2009**. The event is limited to 30 womyn and the date is drawing near! Please let us know if you are planning to attend. The cost for the camp-out is \$95.

Things to Look Forward To...

***13th Anniversary Camp-Out ~ June 12-14, 2009**

Upcoming Rituals ~

Please join us in honoring Her in all Her guises! These rituals are open to all womyn. Please see our website www.daughtersofthegoddess.com or contact Leilani for exchange information.

~ **Friday, June 19, 2009. Celebrate Summer Solstice and Goddess Juno** for whom our temple holds a sacred flame. Moon in Taurus.

~ **Tuesday, July 7, 2009. Celebrate Goddess Columbia, the Goddess of America.** Full moon in Capricorn, Penumbral Lunar Eclipse.

~ **Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Celebrate Lunar Lammas and Irish Earth Goddess Tailtu.** Full moon in Aquarius.

The **Tita Series** for Spring 2009-Fall 2009 begins very soon with a ritual on **Tuesday, May 26, 2009, celebrating Hawaiian Rain Goddess Hinakuluiaiu.** For more information on the Tita Series, please refer to our website www.daughtersofthegoddess.com.

'Ohana/Family Day 2009

Mark your calendars! We will be having 'Ohana/Family Day this year on Saturday, September 19th from 3:00-8:00p.m. at Debi's house in Concord. As our only co-gendered gathering of the year, this is an evening of celebration with our friends and families, including male partners and children! This is our chance to meet each other's extended support systems! There will be swimming, drumming, trampoline, air hockey, an art activity and lots of fun to be had! Bring something to grill and a side dish to share. Please RSVP with how many people will be coming to Debi at dblc1213@yahoo.com..

Open Kokua Meeting

We will be holding the Open Kokua Meeting for this series on the evening of Thursday, August 13, 2009 at Patrice's home in Concord. This is an opportunity for those Sisters who are not involved in Kokua to come and see what we do "behind the scenes" of Daughters of the Goddess. The meeting runs from 7:30 until about 10:30, with gathering time at 7:00.

If you have questions about the meeting, the Kokua group or if you are interested in learning more about Kokua by participating in this open meeting, please contact Anne via e-mail at Anne@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

**Attending this open meeting does not mean that you must join Kokua!
We hope to see you there!**

Hawaii Sacred Sites Tour: Celebrate Lei Day

High Priestess Leilani Birely will be leading womyn on a five day sacred sites tour of Hawaii from Wednesday, April 28-Monday May 3, 2010. During this journey womyn will visit the Queen's Palace as well as other sacred sites of the aina/land. Please contact Leilani via e-mail at Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com for more information.

Other Events With Leilani

15th Annual Women's New Moon Retreat

Join guest presenters Jennifer Berezan and Leilani August 17th-22nd in Lake Cowichan, British Columbia, Canada for the 15th Annual Women's New Moon Retreat! This week of celebration will feature dance, songs, ceremony, drumming, workshops, and circle. This six-day summer camp brings women together each year in a sustainable community with a deep connection to Spirit. Camp promotes the full emergence of women's potential for personal and planetary healing. For more information and/ or to register, please visit www.pwcacamp.org.

Leilani presents at the Orange County Goddess Temple:

On Sunday, September 27, 2009 Leilani will be the Guest Priestess of the *Main Sunday Goddess Service* at the Orange County Goddess Temple. The service will take place from 11:00 a.m. -12:30p.m.. The theme of the service will be security, wealth, prosperity and tithing. At 1:00p.m. Leilani will lead a workshop titled, "One Priestess' Journey: From the Daughter of Pele to the Road of Service and Devotion to the Goddess. Living a Life of Spiritual

Abundance The temple asks that you bring a love offering in exchange for attendance. For further information please call (949) 651-0564 or contact the temple via e-mail at info@goddess temple of orange county.com.

In the Greater Community:

Places of Vision: Initiation of Innocence

A Sisters of Honua Project ~ EarthKeeper Rites

Join Maria and Lynda Yraceburu, and tentative presenters Flo and Sal Yepa, Phil Chavez and Happy Pahia for Teaching Among the Ruins, July 28th-August 2nd in Santa Fe, NM. Sacred sites on this pilgrimage include Bandelier National Monument, El Santuario de Chimay, Toas Pueblo, Chaco Canyon, and Jemez Pueblo. For more information and/or to register, please visit <http://www.yraceburu.org/EarthKeeper.html>.

Spiral Dance Program Update

Mark your calendars! The Daughters of the Goddess Spiral Dance will be on Friday Oct. 30, 2009! We will be transitioning our Spiral Dance Program into an Ancestor Reverence and Mahalo publication this year, while keeping with the theme of Halloween and our sacred annual ritual. Opportunities will be offered for Sisters to purchase space to honor their sacred ancestors and to give thanks. More information about this will be forthcoming this summer.

Daughters of the Goddess Wish List

We can always use your support in running our Temple. We are currently in need of office supplies such as printer paper, copying paper (colored and white), printer cartridges, and stamps. We could also use gift cards from office supply stores. **Mahalo nui loa to all of you who have donated to our Temple!**

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.

Please Help!

Volunteer Opportunities

As always, we need extra hands and hearts to do Her work in this world. **We are especially looking for Sisters to hang fliers in their local neighborhoods.** Can you help us in this way? If so, please contact Anne via e-mail at Anne@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com. Mahalo!

From the Daughters of the Goddess Shop...

The Daughters of the Goddess Shop has **books**, Daughters of the Goddess logo merchandise such as **t-shirts, magnets, jewelry, and Hawaii/Aloha themed items**. We also have **beautiful and exotic items from Thailand and Africa** brought home by our Temple Sister Tanya.

Green Temple!

We are a Green Temple, which means we have composting and recycling available at all of our events. We ask all ritual attendees to bring a washable plate, cup, and eating utensils to all of our circles and events. Please support our effort to reduce waste at our post-ritual potluck feasts!

***Another way you can help us in our greening efforts is by receiving our newsletter via e-mail instead of post. Please contact Patrice via e-mail at Patrice@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com if you are willing to make the switch!**

PayPal Reminder

Daughters of the Goddess reminds you of our partnership with PayPal. You can pay for rituals and other events, including making donations to the Temple, by logging into your PayPal account and sending payment to Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

Newsletter

Our latest newsletter was released on the Spring Equinox. This includes our complete ritual schedule through October. If you have not yet received your copy, please contact Leilani via e-mail at Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com

The newsletter can also be downloaded and printed from our website:

<http://www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com>.

Our next newsletter will be published on the Fall Equinox.

In Closing...

If you are interested in learning more about Kokua, the behind the scenes work group that helps our Temple run smoothly, and/or volunteering to help at our events, please contact Leilani at Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com, Patrice at Patrice@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com, or Anne at Anne@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

You can also learn more by going to our website:

<http://www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com> and clicking on “Kokua” in the menu on the left side of the page.

Mahalo nui loa ~ Thank you all for all of your mana and support!

We look forward to seeing you in circle! Blessed Be!

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

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