

## Daughters of the Goddess Womyn's Temple

### New Moon News

July 21, 2009 ~ New Moon in Cancer

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

Aloha Sisters!

*The New Moon in Cancer asks us to reflect on our family and chosen Ohana. What occasions bring the clan together? How do we do spend our time? Do we share meals? What rituals do we have? How do we celebrate the seasons and each other?*

*Cancer is ruled by the Moon which rules our emotions, feelings and daily habits. Cancer as the nurturer wants emotional warmth and security. Cancer reminds us to speak positively about ourselves and others. Cancer is also connected to the Great Goddess Ceres, our Earth Mother, giver of the grain. How do we nourish our mind, body and spirit? Cancer reminds us of our need to regenerate, taking time for ourselves in order to be able to give more freely to others.*

*This is the perfect time to enjoy the sweet abundance of life with our Ohana! Gather the clan and enjoy time together at a local farmer's market, on a picnic, or camping. Invite the tribe into your home and co-create a nourishing, organic meal. Deepen family ties by creating art, talking story, and sharing life.*

~ by Deeann Bruno

### **Things to Look Forward To...**

#### **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](http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com) or contact Leilani for exchange information.

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

~ **Sunday, September 6, 2009. Celebrate Yemaya, Mother of the Sea with an ocean pilgrimage.** Please note that the ritual is from 11a.m.-4p.m.

**~ Tuesday, September 22, 2009. Celebrate Fall Equinox and Hawaiian Goddess Hi'iaka.** Sun in Libra; Moon in Scorpio.

The next ritual in the **Tita Series** will be on **Friday, August 28, 2009. Celebrate Irish Goddess Ban Naomha.** Moon in Sagittarius. For more information on the Tita Series, please refer to our website [www.daughtersofthegoddess.com](http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.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 the 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](mailto:Anne@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com).

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

### **'Ohana/Family Day 2009**

Please bring your family and join us for 'Ohana/Family Day this year on Saturday, September 19th from 2:00-8:00p.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](mailto:dblc1213@yahoo.com) or by telephone at 925-672-5172.

### **Spiral Dance Excitement is Growing!**

With the days now getting shorter, we are reminded that it will soon be time to come together in ritual space to honor our ancestors! The Daughters of the Goddess Spiral Dance will be on Friday Oct. 30, 2009! This year we are changing the Spiral Program to an Ancestor Keepsake Booklet. This booklet will give our community members a chance to express remembrance and give

honor and thanks to loved ones who have passed on. Contributions can take many forms including poems, stories, lists of names or other creative gifts of words offered to honor those whose shoulders we stand upon. We would like to invite you to help create this Ancestor Keepsake Booklet. We have three different sizes and price ranges to choose from. For more information and to place a memorial in The Daughters of the Goddess Ancestor Keepsake 2009 Booklet, please contact Anne at [Anne@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](mailto:Anne@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com) or call 510-332-5396.

### **Daughters of the Goddess Witch School**

Daughters of the Goddess Witch School, a year of study in the Dianic Aloha Tradition, begins in February 2010, and meets one Sunday each month culminating in initiation as a Dianic Witch in an evening ceremony in January 2011. For more information including meeting dates, syllabus, and exchange rates, please email [Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](mailto:Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com) .

### **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](mailto:Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com) for more information.

### **Other Upcoming Events With Leilani**

#### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's New Moon Retreat**

Join guest presenters Jennifer Berezan and Leilani August 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in Lake Cowichan, British Columbia, Canada for the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Santa Fe, NM. Sacred sites on this pilgrimage include Bandelier National Monument, El Santuario de Chimayó, Toas Pueblo, Chaco Canyon, and Jemez Pueblo. For more information and/or to register, please visit <http://www.yraceburu.org/EarthKeeper.html>.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:Patrice@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com) for more information.

## Ways That You Can Lend Support to DG

### Temple Supply Donations

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!**

### 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](mailto:Anne@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com). Mahalo!

### In Closing

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

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**A Dianic, Womyn-only Goddess Temple dedicated in the Spirit of Aloha to the preservation, perpetuation, and promotion of Goddess culture, public ceremony, ritual, and Womny's Mysteries.**

***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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