

Daughters of the Goddess Newsletter



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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 Womyn's Mysteries.

"Kulia i ka nu'u"

Strive for the summit. (Motto of Queen Kapi'olani)

She beckons to us. The Golden Throne awaits, empty and inviting. AuSet/Isis is calling your name, asking you to serve. Will you accept Her offer? Will you crown yourself as the Queen you are? Are you ready and willing to allow your own Power to fill your body, mind and spirit?

One by one each womyn approaches the Throne of Isis, some dancing, some stepping purposefully, some on bended knee. Each womyn speaks words from her heart from the Throne to her Sisters as she crowns herself Queen and accepts her own personal power into her life. "I am Queen," she says. "Hail Queen!" her Sisters answer. She lights a candle, signifying that her own light is shining, adding its beauty and brilliance to the Universe. Jesamyn Angelica



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

At this time of the changing of the seasons, the turning of the leaves, and the entering in to the Dark Time of the year, I greet you with my Aloha. This year has been very profound for me with many celebrations, including the happy marriage of my younger brother Phil. As many of you know, I was part of raising Phil after my mom's death from cancer when he was 9. I felt the energies coming full circle at his sacred wedding ceremony in Taos with a woman who is of Native American Spirituality, and was blessed by the Pueblo dancers doing a wedding dance. I am gifted with the knowledge that I have contributed a loving and spiritual male to the Goddess. I feel a sense of completion and release with this and also as both of my daughters have entered high school. My life is changing in huge ways and I call on your support and Aloha.

The Temple is growing and continuing to be a place for women to enter in to the Grace of the Goddess in a community setting. I would like to ask for your support in manifesting the Temple as a thriving entity for Her Daughters to circle, celebrate and learn from. I know many of you are receiving this newsletter and are unable to participate in person at our rituals. I would like you to ask your heart how you can serve/take care of/*malama pono* this community even in your absence. *Malama pono* is the act of taking care of and giving to those things we believe in--our culture, our land, our Elders. I invite you to gift back and *malama pono* this community. Many of the women here are volunteers who spend hours of time and devotion keeping our events going. We create 35+ ceremonies a year as well as Witch School and Retreats. Your energetic and heart contributions of money-energy will help to keep us growing and meeting the needs of the multitudes of women we serve.

Our next series will be dedicated to abundance and prosperity and the releasing of scarcity mentality. Please think about how you can be a part of this next series, whether you are able to be here in person or not. Every time we spend money there is an exchange of energy and a spell cast. I would ask that this be done with as much mindfulness and Aloha as possible. Please consider Daughters of the Goddess in your money magic as the more we grow and can support our mission, the more we can offer Her Daughters and the world, and the larger the transformation.

Blessings to you and all that you hold Sacred.

Aloha,



Daughters of the Goddess Ritual Schedule

Leilani Birely, Hawaiian Dianic Priestess and ceremonialist, brings ancient Hawaiian healing and Goddess wisdom to the community. She is graduate and faculty of the Women's Spirituality Masters Program at New College, San Francisco and ordained High Priestess of Northern California by Zsuzsanna Budapest. Leilani gives thanks and honor to her teachers: Luisah Teish, Yoruban Chieftess and author of *Jambalaya*; Zsuzsanna Budapest, author of *The Holy Book of Women's Mysteries* and *Grandmother of Time*; Vicki Noble, author and co-creator of the Motherpeace Tarot; Starhawk, author and founder of the Reclaiming Collective, and Kumu Hula Patrick Makuakane and Mahea Uchiyama.

OPEN TO ALL SERIES: These 8 circles are open to all womyn desiring knowledge and experiential work with the multi-faceted aspects of Goddess in ritual. These are NOT drop-in circles; please let us know in advance if you are planning to participate, before the day of the ritual. **Gathering time is 7:30 p.m for all rituals unless otherwise noted.** Please see below for exchange and contact information.

Friday, November 16th, Celebrate Laksmi, Goddess of Prosperity and Abundance, with our annual Money Pouring ritual. **Tuesday, January 22nd, Celebrate Nike**, Greek Goddess of Victory. Full Moon in Leo.

Tuesday, November 27th, Celebrate Sappho and The Muses. A night of singing, dancing and poetry. Waning Moon in Cancer. **Thursday, February 21st, Full Moon in Virgo Total Lunar Eclipse, Celebrate Ma'at**, Goddess of Truth, Justice and Order.

Tuesday, December 11th, Celebrate Tonantzin/Guadalupe, Goddess of Love, Compassion and Mercy. Moon in Capricorn. **Tuesday, March 18th, Celebrate the Spring Equinox and Vila**, Shape-Shifting Eastern European Goddess.

Friday, December 21st, Celebrate Winter Solstice and Sophia, Goddess of Wisdom. Sun in Capricorn, Moon in Gemini. **Monday, April 7th, Celebrate Haumea/Papa**, Hawaiian Earth Mother, with a Money Pouring ritual. Waxing Moon in Taurus.



THE DEDICANT SERIES is for womyn who are Kokua or Witch School Sisters, and/or Temple Dedicants. This series is for womyn who wish a deeper ritual practice with Sisters who have experience with the ritual structure and traditions of our Temple. **Full sign-up in the Open Series is required; you must sign up for the entire Dedicant Series to participate.** Please see below for exchange information.

Thursday, February 7th, , Dedication ritual and Honoring of Brigit. Dedicate to our Temple for a year and a day. New Moon in Aquarius. **Monday, April 21st, Celebrate Selket**, Egyptian Scorpion Goddess. Full Moon in Scorpio.

Friday, March 7th, Celebrate Sedna, Inuit Goddess of the Ocean. New Moon in Pisces.



THE DEEPENING SERIES is for womyn who are core members of Daughters of the Goddess, who are dedicated to the work of promoting the mission of the Temple, and who have the Temple as a primary focus in their lives. This series is for womyn who desire to be a part of sustaining the Temple, working magick for this purpose as well as to meet our own personal needs. We create an in-depth experience with the technique and magick of ritual in conjunction with the Open Series. **Attendance in the Open Series, participation in Kokua, and prior circling with Daughters of the Goddess for at least one year is required.** You must sign up for the entire series to participate; this group is limited to 13 womyn. This is not a drop-in circle and you must qualify and sign-up prior to the first ritual. See below for exchange information.

DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS WITCH SCHOOL Daughters of the Goddess announces our 2008-2009 cycle of Dianic Witch School, a year and a day in the Dianic Aloha Tradition, beginning on Sunday, February 10th, 2008 and held one Sunday a month. A \$275 deposit received by January 1, 2008 holds your space. Last year we filled up quickly so please let us know your of your intention to join soon. Please email Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com to receive more information, or see our website: www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

BAST CREATIVITY HUA! Our Bast Creativity Hua was created to serve the needs of womyn interested in exploring all the arts. We'd love for you join us! For more information and scheduled Bast Hua gathering dates, please see our website.

Malama Pono ~ Take care, be right.

Packages	Exchange
Newcomer Discount	First ritual \$30 or 3 rituals for \$90
1 Open Ritual	\$40/please mail check to us
All 8 Open Rituals	\$264/due at first ritual attended
Dedicant + 8 Open Rituals	\$324/due at first ritual attended
Deepening + All Series Rituals	\$525/due at first Deepening ritual

Please note... We offer significant **package discounts** to encourage regular circling. We offer a **Newcomer Discount** to any womyn who has never attended a Daughters of the Goddess ritual. Partial work exchange, payment plans, student and crone discounts are available. **No one is turned away due to lack of funds.** Sorry—no refunds. Individual consultations, healings, Rites of Passage, and Temple Priestess training available upon request. Please call or email Leilani; contact information is listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Please bring a candle for the altar, rattles, drums, something to sit on & food to share to each circle