

# 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.*

**“A `ohe pu`u ki`eki`e ke ho`ā`o `ia e pi`i.”**

**No cliff is so tall it cannot be climbed.**

Ma`at calls us to celebrate Truth and to honor Justice. Each womyn approaches the flag of our country, and adds her mana to the Red, White and Blue Spell, the spell that calls for truth and justice within our government and our world. *From now on, when I see our flag I will remember the beautiful womyn here...I will remember the freedom that drew my Ancestors to this land...I will see our flag waving, spreading justice to all.*

One by one each womyn steps onto the sacred platform of Ma`at and stands over the Fire of Sacred Truth, using a sword to cut from her life those things that hold her back, then looks at her own face in the mirror, acknowledging herself as Goddess and as the Creatrix of her own life.

*America, America, Goddess shed thy grace on thee...and crown thy good with Sisterhood, from sea to shining sea!*      ♫Jesamyn Angelica♫



Dear Sisters,

The Wheel turns once again and I journey into the coming months ahead to set a ritual course that will meet our needs and serve Our Mother. This letter that you are reading now begins to brew in the Wintertime, along with the new ritual schedule. We held a powerful Dedication Ceremony at Imbolc time, and one of the themes that has emerged for this year is for women to embody the Daughters of the Goddess Temple as their spiritual home and to help with the maintenance of this spiritual entity. As in the past, I now invite all of you to embrace this concept. If you are receiving this letter I ask that you respond and let me know how the Temple can better meet your needs. I, along with the other Priestesses and women that have devoted themselves to the Temple's Mission, would like to know how we can support you in participating more in the community and in our rituals.

My last letter to you was a call to place your resources where they count: a spell cast each time you contribute or spend your dollars. Several of you heard this call and answered. I send my Mahalo Nui Loa out to you along with a big energetic hug.

For those of you who have not had chance to connect with us in the last year, please make some space to do so now. I know life is full and busy and even with the best of intentions we can get caught up in all its demands. As we move into our 12<sup>th</sup> year as a community, and I enter into a new part of my journey as my children begin to get older and prepare to leave the nest, I am in deep exploration with myself as to where this path leads me next and how the Temple is part of that. I invite you to use your voice to reach out—I feel that the decision-making processes we enter into together and in community are those that serve all of us and Our Mother best.

At our last ritual we spoke with Ma'at, Mother of Truth and Justice. I invite all of you to share your authentic truth with me and join in spiritual prayer and community together. Please take a moment to breathe, reach out and connect, as I am now doing, that you may feel the deeper meaning of this letter on an energetic and cellular level. Take a moment to hold this letter to your heart and feel deep within. I look forward to hearing from each and every woman that reads and feels these heartfelt words.

In Her Name,



# Daughters of the Goddess Ritual Schedule

Leilani Birely, Hawaiian Dianic High 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 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 9 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, May 9th, Celebrate Ariadne with a Labyrinth walk.** Waxing Moon in Cancer. **Please note: This ritual is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 17th, Women's Beltane Ritual.** A night of singing, dancing and drumming. **Please note: This ritual is from 4:30-9 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 5th, Celebrate Vesta,** Roman Goddess of the Hearth and Flame, sacred to our Temple. New Moon Ceremony.

**Friday, June 20th, Celebrate Summer Solstice and our Temple's 12th Anniversary,** Sun in Cancer, Moon in Capricorn.

**Thursday, July 17th, Celebrate Greek Moon Goddess Artemis,** Protectress of Women and our Temple. Full Moon in Capricorn.

**Saturday August 2nd, Celebrate Lammas and Arianrhod,** Goddess of the Silver Wheel, the Moon and the Stars. New Moon in Leo, Total Solar Eclipse in Leo Ceremony.

**Sunday, August 31st, Celebrate Yemaya,** Mother of the Sea, with an Ocean Pilgrimage. **Please note: This ritual is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Monday, September 22nd, Celebrate Fall Equinox and Grandmother Spider Woman,** divine Spinner and Connector of All Things. Waning Moon in Cancer.

**Friday, October 24th, Join us at our 25th annual Spiral Dance** celebrating Halloween and the Ancestors.



**THE TITA SERIES** is for womyn who have already experienced Daughters of the Goddess ritual. Womyn who are Kokua or Witch School Sisters, and/or Temple Dedicants are especially encouraged to attend. **Full sign-up in the Open Series is required; you must sign up for the entire Tita Series to participate.** Please see below for exchange information.

**Saturday, August 16th, Celebrate Jahi the Whore,** Persian Menstruation Goddess. Full Moon in Aquarius, partial Lunar Eclipse.

**Thursday, October 9th, Celebrate Baubo,** Greek Goddess of Laughter and Humor. Waxing Moon in Aquarius.

**Tuesday, September 9th, Celebrate Hikuleo,** Hawaiian Goddess of the Underworld. Waxing Moon in Capricorn.



**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.

**JOIN US AT OUR WOMEN'S BELTANE RITUAL!** Daughters of the Goddess announces our Women's Beltane Ritual, to be held on Saturday, May 17th in Alameda, CA. Please mark your calendars now! Join us for an evening of celebration through sacred song, dance, drumming and ritual. More information forthcoming: Please watch your email box, or check our website: [www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](http://www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com).

**JOIN US AT OUR 25th ANNUAL WOMYN'S SPIRAL DANCE!** Daughters of the Goddess announces our 25th Annual Womyn's Spiral Dance, to be held on Friday, October 24th in Orinda, CA in honor of Halloween and the Ancestors. Please mark your calendars for this sacred annual ceremony now! For more information, including advertising and vending opportunities, please watch your email box and check our website as we get closer to the date: [www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](http://www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com).

Malama Pono ~ Take great care, be right.

**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.

## Packages

Newcomer Discount  
1 Open Ritual  
All 9 Open Rituals  
Tita Series + 9 Open Rituals  
Deepening + All Series Rituals

## Exchange

First ritual \$30 or 3 rituals for \$90  
\$40/please mail check to us  
\$284/due at first ritual attended  
\$344/due at first ritual attended  
\$525/due at first Deepening ritual

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