

Daughters of the Goddess



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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.

"Ho'omoe wai kāhi ke kāo'o."

Let all travel together like water flowing in one direction.

Buffalo Woman is calling, calling to us. Buffalo Woman is calling and many heard Her call. It is said that She will return when the White Buffalo is born, a time of change, a time of peace. That time is now and all present feel the changes; have been drawn together. The circle is cast and we drum and chant. Feeling the energy build, flowing into the rhythm of the sacred drums and song.

Many stand, hearing the call deep within, to hold the place of peacekeepers. Standing in recognition of the need to change, the need to have peace in ourselves, in our community, in our world. Womyn believing in and knowing the possibilities . . . We hold each other in the sacred chant, in our celebration. As each womyn steps forward to send her personal prayers out in the sacred smoke, she is held by her sisters. . . chanting . . . chanting . . . calling out for peace, calling out for love, calling out compassion, calling out for healing. Calling out, calling out . . . And She has heard our call.



Aloha Blessed and Beautiful Daughters of the Goddess,

If this message finds its way to you, it means that you have touched my heart in some way and our paths have crossed. Winter is shaking off Her last bits of work, pouring down Her rains and snows. She is releasing what no longer serves us and allowing the new shoots of ourselves to poke through, I give praise and thanks. I am writing to you after a powerful ritual to Ma'at, Goddess of Truth and Justice who all other deities, queens, priestesses and leaders sit their thrones upon.

She comes to ask that our hearts be light as a feather when we cross into the other world at the end of this life. A heart that is light is filled with truth and joy, one that is unburdened and unencumbered even in the most difficult of times. Taking a path of beauty and gratitude is one of life's biggest challenges. It's always interesting to me how, although, we run from our hardest lessons such as pain, isolation and suffering they are so much more easily embraced than peace, beauty, community, love and aloha.

I come before Her altar once again, writing from my heart, as this message is a piece of Her from me to you. Please know that you are held in my heart with the deepest praise and thanks. For all the lessons that I have learned, not just the easy ones but the challenging ones and those that perhaps I did not really think I wanted! I am standing upon Her platform filled up and overflowing with all that you have offered to me and contributed to this path of beauty and spirit. I am ever so grateful to have the abundant blessings of community prayer with my sisters. I hope you each know how you have touched and lightened my heart, allowed peace to be a part of my world, and allowed me to have a life more abundant than I could have ever imagined. And I imagine BIG! So this series is in Dedication to all of you who have touched my life and made me the woman I am today. Thank you for believing in me and in what we can create in a community of women and sisters. Give yourself a hug from me to you! And if we are both lucky this will happen in one of the wonderful circles given in this newsletter with Aloha. Thank you/mahalo for sharing the beauty of your heart and soul with me.

Blessed be,

Leilani



Daughters of the Goddess Ritual Schedule

Leilani Birely – Hawaiian Kahuna and Dianic High Priestess and Ceremonialist, brings ancient Hawaiian healing and Goddess wisdom to the community. Leilani gives thanks and honor to her teachers: Luisah Teish, Yoruban Chieftess and author of Jambalaya and Kahuna Auntie Pahia. 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. She is a graduate and faculty of the Women's Spirituality Masters Program and Ordained High Priestess of Northern California by Zsuzanna Budapest.

OPEN TO ALL SERIES: These 7 circles are open to all womyn desiring knowledge and experiential work with the multifaceted 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.

Saturday, May 15th, 5:30-9:30 Goddess Beltane & Erzulie Celebration. Partial proceeds to benefit Haitian Relief efforts. Gemini Crescent Moon.

Monday, June 21st, Celebrate Summer Solstice & Goddess of the Sacred Flame Vesta. Waxing Scorpio Moon.

Tuesday, July 13th, Celebrate Cerridwen. Goddess Of the Cauldron of Change. Leo Crescent Moon

Friday, August 13th, Celebrate Egyptian Sky Goddess Nut. Crescent Libra Moon.

Sunday, September 5th, Celebrate African Ocean Mama Yemaya. Pilgrimage to the Sea. Leo Moon. Please note meeting time 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday, September 21st, Celebrate Fall Equinox & Grandmother Spider Woman. Pisces Moon.

Friday, October 29th, Annual Spiral Dance Ancestor Celebration. Leo Moon.

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.

Thursday, May 27th, Celebrate Diana-Artemis. Goddess of the Moon, Hunt & Protectress of women. Full Moon in Sagittarius.

Monday, June 7th, Celebrate Hawaiian Moon Goddess Hina. Moon in Aries.



Thursday, August 26th, Celebrate Isis-Auset. Goddess of Love, Loyalty & Magic. Pisces/Aries Moon.

Monday, October 18th, Celebrate Rhiannon. Goddess of Mares and birds, movement and change. Pisces Moon.

THE SISTERHOOD OF THE DEEPENING 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 magic for this purpose as well as to meet our own personal needs. We create an in-depth experience with the technique and magic 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.** You must meet these requirements and sign-up prior to the first ritual. See below for exchange information.

TEEN WITCH SCHOOL Saturday July 10th, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Teen Maidens between 13 – 19 years old. Learn about the elements of ritual, altar building and ceremonial preparation. \$50 by May 15th; \$55 by July 1st.

SEKHMET RETREAT 2011 Thursday March 3rd – Sunday March 6th, 2011. We are planning our 2nd retreat to the Sekhmet Temple in Las Vegas, NV. Imagine a 4 day retreat spent in sacred ritual space with spiritual sisters. A night time ritual, under the desert sky in an open roofed temple dedicated to Sekhmet; sacred fire holding the center with smoke wafting out on the gentle breeze. Limited to 13 womyn. If you are interested please contact Leilani at Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com. The cost includes a house with a pool & hot tub. All meals are included. \$375 by October 1, 2010; \$450 by January 13, 2011.

Packages:

- *New comer Discount
- *1 Open Ritual
- *All 7 Open Rituals
- *Tita Series+7 Open Rituals
- *Deepening + All Rituals

Exchange:

- 1st ritual \$30 or 3 for \$90
- \$40/please mail check
- \$210/due at first ritual
- \$300/due at first ritual
- \$480/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 on the top of the newsletter.

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