

# 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 ‘ole e ‘ōlelo mai ana ke ahi ua ana ia.”**

**Fire will never say that it has had enough. Use your infinite energy to create the life you want.**

Artemis comes to stand at our shoulders, supporting us as we fill our pebbles with the energies that are holding us back from our goals. We take turns tossing the small stones into the trees, grass and grove—I release the past! I release my fear! I release my anger! After we are rid of these things, we each take an “arrow” from the center of the altar, pinning it to our clothes, calling those qualities that we desire to us, into us. *I am courage! I am strength! I am personal power! I am health! I am abundance!*

Singing, we begin our procession to Her statue, bearing flowers, fruits and candles. We make our wishes for protection in our quests to meet our goals. We wish for the health and strength of Artemis, and for the Earth. We adorn Her with flowers and love. *♪ Lesanyn Angelica ♪*



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

Blessings to you, my Ohana and Spirit family.

Ohana is our Hawaiian word for family which can mean our blood relatives but also those who we care about and love. Our dear friends and blood family all combine to create our Ohana. Once you are adopted or hana'i'd into the family, we become Ohana. We do not prioritize lovers or partners over children, or children over dear friends, or our sisters over our mothers, or our fathers over our brothers. We have a respect and special reverence for our elders, but all are important in the Ohana—all are given space, aloha and care. The needs of the Ohana, the many, are focused on and through this, the needs of the individual are organically taken care of.

August brought me the winds of change as my eldest daughter Jade went off to college. Only five hours away intellectually, but a huge distance in my heart as this is the child and spirit that introduced me to a breastfeeding, bonding deeper than I had ever experienced, and self-reflection and mirror images that I once knew nothing of. I am proud and sad, honored and anxious, blessed and questioning all at the same time. I know that in three short years my tenth grader Eden will be spreading her wings as well and my nest will be altered forever.

In the midst of this breathtaking and momentous right of passage for my blood/home family, I am blessed in knowing that my Spirit Ohana/family extends out wide and huge. And as I have needed comfort I have been able to reach out to this Ohana. This canopy of love and aloha holds me through my journey as the roots that have been growing in this Temple spread deep and strong in the Earth. We are growing, we are changing, we are loving and crying and laughing and holding one another through the good times and the hard. In this, the teachings and magick of Ohana are here for you. If you have opened your heart to receiving what this community has to offer, I salute you and honor you. If you have not had a chance to attend a circle or gathering or if you have been dancing on the periphery I invite you to come a little closer, and take a risk, take a breath, take a break and allow our Ohana to be part of your world.

Blessings and Mahalo/thanks for all of you!

Aloha,



# 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. 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 Chiefess 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 7 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.

**Monday, November 3rd, Celebrate White Buffalo Calf Woman.** Ceremony for Peace. Waxing Moon in Capricorn.

**Tuesday, February 24th, Celebrate Amazon Warrior Queen Califa.** New Moon in Pisces.

**Saturday, December 20th, Celebrate Winter Solstice and Hawaiian Snow Goddess Poli'ahu.** Waning Moon in Libra.

**Friday, March 20th, Celebrate Spring Equinox and Tibetan Goddess Tara.** Sun in Aries; Waning Moon in Capricorn.

**Friday, January 9th, Celebrate Lady Liberty** with a ritual for Matriots and Matriotism. Full Moon in Cancer Ceremony.

**Thursday, April 9th, Celebrate Kuan Yin,** She Who Hears the Cries of the World; Goddess of Compassion. Full Moon in Libra.

**Friday, February 6th, Annual Dedication Ritual and Honoring of Brigit, Artemis and Haumea.** Dedicate to our Temple for a year and a day. Waxing Moon in Cancer.



**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.

**Wednesday, November 12th, Celebrate Goddess Laksmi,** with our annual Money-Pouring Ritual. Full Moon in Taurus.

**Friday, March 13th, Celebrate Morgan le Fay,** Goddess of Magick and the Faeries. Waning Moon in Scorpio.

**Thursday, December 4th, Celebrate Tonantzin/Guadalupe,** Goddess of Love, Compassion and Mercy. Waxing Moon in Pisces.

**Thursday, April 23rd, Celebrate Qetesh,** Egyptian Goddess of Love and Beauty. New Moon Ceremony.

**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.

**THE SEKHMET TEMPLE RETREAT** to Las Vegas will take place **March 5-8, 2009.** The cost is \$350 if we receive your \$175 deposit by December 1<sup>st</sup>; the balance is due by February 1<sup>st</sup>. After December 1<sup>st</sup>, the cost for this Retreat is \$450, payable all at once. The cost includes a house with a pool and hot tub. All meals are included except for one, which you will plan and prepare with a buddy. Transportation to Las Vegas is **not** included. Please write us back and let us know if you are interested, as this retreat will be limited to 13 women. Sorry, no refunds

**DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS WITCH SCHOOL** Daughters of the Goddess announces our **2009-2010 cycle of Dianic Witch School,** a year and a day in the Dianic Aloha Tradition, beginning on Sunday, February 8th, 2009 and held one Sunday a month. A \$275 deposit received by January 1, 2009 holds your space. We have 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.

***Malama Pono ~ Take great care, be right.***

## Packages

Newcomer Discount  
1 Open Ritual  
All 7 Open Rituals  
Tita Series + 7 Open Rituals  
Deepening + All Series Rituals

## Exchange

First ritual \$30 or 3 rituals for \$90  
\$40/please mail check to us  
\$245/due at first ritual attended  
\$324/due at first ritual attended  
\$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***