

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 kao’o.”

*Let's all travel together like water
flowing in one direction.*

The evening has arrived. . . . we gather at Her altar for a Sacred Ceremony. A Temple Priestess is to be initiated, giving her life to Sacred marriage and service to the Goddess and our Temple. The altar shines with the bright light of candles while flowers add color and wonderful aromas. Womyn arrive and form a circle around the altar. We chant, we sing, we drum raising the energy. Tami sits before us in her radiance, the final step in her path, the final threshold to be crossed. Each womyn approaches her and kneels before her, giving her a blessing and a gift for her journey. The Sacred Rites are performed amidst the voices of her sisters joining together, flowing with the energies. At the end, she is greeted by her High Priestess/Kahuna and in that sacred moment she is asked “in perfect love and perfect trust, do you accept this path, the Service of the Goddess, and Service to this Temple and the womyn it serves?” With strength, power, conviction, and complete joy she answers “Yes,” and crosses the threshold in marriage to the Goddess in all Her faces, to our Temple, our path. On this Sacred Night, a Priestess of the Goddess is born and we celebrate. . .



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

The seasons of life continue to turn, bringing many changes in my own life. My father passed away in April at the age of 91. I feel blessed in knowing he lived a long life and miss him very much. I flew back East and had the chance to be there with him in his last hours on this Earth. Death can bring forth many family members to make peace, to bury the past, and to heal. Those of us on the path of transformation made pledges to let the new unfold and to release the past. What a blessing it is if you can take on the challenge to make peace.

I also prepare to send my youngest daughter Eden off to college. How children growing mark the passing of time! She will be going to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo which is the one of the 'happiest cities' in America, and if you've ever been there you'll know why.

I feel surrounded by the light of the Goddess and community to hold and support all these changes. I call to those of you wanting a deeper connection with community to come forward. It is amazing how the seasons of life's cycles are nourished by the touch of ritual. As we go through the Global changes of hurricane, tsunami, and war, I pray that we can come together and support each other together at Her altar. I look forward to seeing you at Spiral Dance as we again honor our Crones, our Elders, and our Ancestors. I know many of you have experienced the loss of a loved one this year and invite you to bring their picture forth for the altar, or to write a memorial for the Ancestor Keepsake.

If you have received this by snail mail and would like to receive it electronically, please write to the e-mail address above.

Blessings,

Leilani



Daughters of the Goddess Ritual Schedule

Leilani Birely – Hawaiian Kahuna, Ordained 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; 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 at Institute of Transpersonal Psychology.

OPEN SERIES: These 8 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 info.

Monday, November 21st, Hawaiian La'i La'i & African First Mother Lucy. Moon in Libra.

Monday, December 5th, Celebrate Mary in all Her Forms: Yemaya, Stella Maris, Tonantzin, Guadalupe and more. Moon in Aries.

Wednesday, December 21st, Celebrate Winter Solstice And Hawaiian Snow Goddess Poliahu. Moon in Scorpio.

Sunday, January 8th, Celebrate White Buffalo Calf Woman in a Peace Ceremony. Full Moon in Cancer.

Thursday, February 2nd, Annual Dedication Ceremony celebrating Bridgid, Laka & Artemis. Moon in Gemini.

Thursday, March 8th, Celebrate Roman Goddess Fortuna of Luck & Fortune. Full Moon in Virgo.

Monday, March 19th, Celebrate Spring Equinox & Goddess Estara. Moon in Pisces.

Monday, April 9th, Celebrate Athena, Goddess of Wisdom & household crafts. Moon in Sagittarius.

THE TITA SERIES ~ Full sign-up in the Open Series is required; you must sign up for the entire Tita Series to participate.. Women who are Kokua, Witch School Students, and/or Temple Dedicants are especially encouraged to attend. Please see below for exchange information.

Tuesday, November 8th, Celebrate Laksmi Hindu Goddess of Prosperity & Abundance. Full Moon Taurus/Aries.

Tuesday, February 21st, Celebrate Goddess of the Groves Nemetona. New Moon in Pisces.

Monday, January 23rd, Celebrate Ma'at Goddess of Truth, Balance & Order. New Moon in Aquarius.

HAWAII WALKING IN PARADISE RETREAT – Saturday, April 28th – Thursday, May 3rd, 2012

Daughters of the Goddess embarks on our 2nd Temple Pilgrimage to O'ahu. Ceremony and activities include: Queen's Palace, snorkeling, Lei Day Hula Festival, North Shore – Haleiwa Town, Birthing Stones, visit and work in the Taro Patches. \$1300 due in full by March 5th, 2012. Non-refundable deposit of \$400 due by January 21st, 2012. Price includes lodging & 2 meals a day. This Pilgrimage will be limited to 13 womyn.

DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS WITCH SCHOOL 2012 Has the Goddess been visiting you in your dreams? Do you long for a deeper understanding of Womyn's Mysteries? Delight in Daughters of the Goddess Witch School, a year of study in the Dianic Aloha Tradition, beginning in February 2012. The class will meet one Sunday each month culminating in the students' Initiation as Dianic Witches in January 2013! If interested, contact Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

ANCESTOR KEEPSAKE BOOKLET – SPIRAL DANCE 2012 What is remembered lives! Perhaps you have experienced the crossing over of a loved one this year and want to honor their memory. Perhaps the life and legacy of a person that has touched your world keeps entering into your mind. We invite you to create a written piece to include in our Ancestor Keepsake. If you are interested in submitting a piece for the Ancestor Keepsake Booklet, please see our home page on our website for more information. www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

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, meeting once a month for Deepening circles. **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.**

Packages:

- *New comer Discount
- *1 Open Ritual
- *All 8 Open Rituals
- *Tita Series+8 Open Rituals
- *Deepening + All Rituals

Exchange:

- 1st ritual \$30 or 3 for \$90
- \$40/please mail check
- \$240/due at first ritual
- \$299/due at first ritual
- \$450/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.