

# 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.***

***'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kokua aku kokua mai; pela iho la ka nohona 'ohana.***

*Recognize and be recognized, help and be helped, such is family life.*

*Family life requires an exchange of mutual help and recognition.*

The Spring and Summer brought with them experiences of adventure, travel, and a deepening of the bonds of Sisterhood! Exuberant communication brought varied schedules together. Duffels, drums and sacred tools were loaded into cars headed for unknown manifestations. Through all of this planning and action, a great web has been woven and we are filled with the understanding that now is the time to reunite through our bond of Spirit. Surely this is a continuation of the flow of energy from last year's Southwest Tour which took us to the Goddess Temple of Orange County to celebrate the Goddess with Ava and her band of Priestesses. After our rituals and workshops at OC, we continued on to see our Sister Valerie Eagleheart at Rainbow Stew in the Yucca Valley for more ritual, and finally to the Taa-naash-kaa-da Sanctuary in New Mexico. Taa-naash-kaa-da is the sacred land of Maria & Lynda Yraceburu which has been many years in incubation and is now born! Our time in the Southwest was magickal and precious.

This year we delved into the Northwest tour which centered itself in Oregon. There we visited Ashland to reconnect with Lavelle, the Spirit Womyn whose art manifests both small and large as hand carved copper jewelry and large wooden Spirit pieces of Magick. The adventure then took us near Grants Pass to visit Vajra Ma and her creation of love in the mountains of Oregon. Our final stop took us to the precious We'Moon land where the Sacred We'Moon Calendar is created each year. Our Northwest Sisters are strong and capable womyn who devote their lives to creating a refuge for Creativity, Spirit, and Magick! Through our travels East, South, West, and North, we continue to nourish ourselves and the Goddess Community as a whole. We are coming together, growing stronger, learning from one another, and sustaining the hearts and spirits of our Sisters through community. We know that now is the time to gather in Sisterhood, in Spirit, and with Ohana/family. Now is the time to venture out, to explore, to visit, to bond, and to find our common ground. We are Temples of Family coming together.



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

I hope you had a relaxing summer, enjoying the long summer time days flowing into evening and the gentle and gradual shift to Fall. By the time you read this it will be Fall, although here I am on a gorgeous August day writing to the community with the glory of my Summer garden around me.

I have an invitation for you to participate in becoming more involved with our Temple and most particularly the Temple Townhouse. For many years we have visioned a wonderful, safe space to meet and we have womanfested it! We have had an abundance of newcomers and beloved Temple sisters returning.

If you can create time to come and help maintain the space or would like to be a benefactress for helping to fund this space please let me know. It could be something as simple as wiping a kitchen counter to something as huge as being a monthly donor to the Temple. There are many ways and opportunities for you to become a helping hand and sponsor in the Daughters of the Goddess Temple Community. We also have been active in helping with the local Feral Cat community, so donations of cat food are also welcome! We are being called on in so many ways to serve the community at large that all of you are needed. Please consider how you would like to gift back and let's explore the possibilities together. I look forward to musing with each of you.

There are many wonderful events coming up this Fall and Winter including the Hula Show I am participating in with my halau Na Lei Hulu i ka Weiku in October, the Spiral Dance on October 24 in Orinda and our Daughters of the Goddess Aloha Pilgrimage to Hawai'i in January. And if you have not ordered your copy of On Holy Ground authored by Luisah Teish and I, please go to our website and do so. Ordering the book directly from the Daughters of the Goddess website, rather than a book distributor, fully supports us as independent artists. If you know of a bookstore or venue in which a book party could be organized, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you and touching base!

Blessings,

Leilani



# Daughters of the Goddess Ritual Schedule

Leilani Birely - Author, Hawaiian Kahuna, Ordained Dianic High Priestess, and Ceremonialist has been bringing ancient Hawaiian healing and Goddess Wisdom to the community for nearly two decades. Leilani earned her M.A. in Womyn's Spirituality from New College in San Francisco. She started The Daughters of the Goddess Womyn's Temple in 1996. 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.

**OPEN SERIES** ~ These 10 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 information.

**Thursday, November 6th, Celebrate Laksmi Hindu Goddess of Fertility, Abundance, Prosperity, Beauty & Health.** Full Moon in Taurus.

**Friday, November 21st, Celebrate Tuwapongtumsi Hopi Earth Mother & Goddess of all moist elements of life.** Dark Moon in Scorpio.

**Thursday, December 4th, Celebrate Beira Scottish Goddess of Winter.** Waxing Moon in Taurus.

**Sunday, December 21st, Celebrate Winter Solstice & Lucina Scandinavian Goddess of Light Returning.** New Moon in Capricorn.

**Monday, January 5th, Celebrate Haumea Hawaiian Earth Mother.** Full Moon in Cancer.

**Monday, February 16th, Celebrate our Annual Temple Dedication celebrating Bridgid, Laka & Artemis.** Waning Moon in Aquarius.

**Thursday, March 5th, Celebrate Elihino Cherokee Earth Mother and Sister of Sehu (Corn) and Igaehinvdi (Sun).** Full Moon in Virgo.

**Friday, March 20th, Celebrate Spring Equinox and Gefjon Norse Goddess of the Plough.** New Moon in Pisces.

**Saturday, April 4th, Celebrate Asase Yaa West African Goddess who is the Earth's Womb.** Full Moon in Libra and Lunar Eclipse.

**Thursday, April 16th, Celebrate Andraste the Invincible One ~ British/Inceni Tribe's Goddess of Victory.** Moon and Sun in Aries.

**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. Deepening is for womyn who desire to be a part of sustaining the Temple and working magic for this purpose. We create an in-depth experience with the technique and magic of ritual in conjunction with the Open Series. This series meets once a month for Deepening Rituals.

**HAWAII WALKING WITH ALOHA PILGRIMAGE 2015** ~ Thursday January 22nd ~ Tuesday January 27th 2015

Daughters of the Goddess will embark upon our 3rd Temple Pilgrimage to O'ahu. Ceremonies and Sacred Site visits will include: The Queen's Palace, North Shore -- Haleiwa Town, work in the Taro Fields, waterfall hike, teachings from local Hawaiian elders & artists, swimming in the beautiful ocean. \$1300 due in full by November 21st, 2014. Non-refundable deposit of \$400 due by October 1st, 2014. The price includes lodging & 2 meals per day. This Pilgrimage will be limited to 13 womyn.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS NEWSLETTER** is published and distributed via U.S. mail twice per year in September and March on the Equinoxes. The Newsletter is also posted on the DG Website. If you have been receiving the Newsletter via the postal service and would prefer to receive it electronically, please send an e-mail to [Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](mailto:Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com) and we will make the appropriate change. We are always happy to reduce our footprint on the Earth. Of course, if you are a Sister who loves to receive this treasure through the mail, we are happy to continue mailing it as we always have.

**ON HOLY GROUND: COMMITMENT & DEVOTION TO SACRED LANDS** Leilani & Teish's new book is hot off the press and is now available on our website. This self-published, quality paperback contains the authors' personal stories, cultural myths and folktales, prayers, chants, rituals and exercises to help readers define their relationships to Mother Earth and Her Children. It also contains photographs from their travels to several sacred sites and their original artwork. This book will be useful to those wishing to travel as kindred spirits, to address ecological and environmental issues, and to experience the joys of rituals in nature. To order a copy, please see our website at <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com/Shop/books.html>. To host a book reading contact [Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](mailto:Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com).

Packages:	Exchange:
*Newcomer	1st ritual \$15 or 3 for \$45
*1 Open Ritual	\$30/please mail check
*All 10 Open Rituals	\$250/due at first ritual
*Deepening + All Rituals	\$400/at first Deepening ritual

Financial programs are available for qualifying incomes/budgets. Sorry no refunds.

Individual consultations, healings, Rites of Passage, and Temple Priestess training available upon request. Please call or e-mail Leilani. Her 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.