

Daughters of the Goddess Newsletter



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A Dianic, Womyn-only Goddess Temple dedicated in the Spirit of Aloha to the preservation and perpetuation of Goddess culture, public ceremony, ritual and Womyn's Mysteries.

Ho'okukū, ho'onānā, nānā ko maka I ka Mahina.

Rise, look, let your eyes see the Moon.

Howling, we call for Her. The She-Wolf. Lupa. Cut-out paper hearts everywhere, the altar is draped in red, reminding us that it was created in the spirit of love. In this spirit of love, we make valentines for ourselves realizing that ultimately, we are our own valentine. We are the ones we've been waiting for all this time. "I love myself unconditionally." "I love myself as I am in this moment." "I respect myself!" The energy is high and joyous as we share the cards we made for ourselves with one another. Sacred She-Wolf, help us to remember who we are! Help us to remember that we are our own Beloved! *ᐃ Lesamyn Angelica*



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

We have a wonderful series planned for this Spring-Fall. We are returning to many Goddesses that we have worked with before in our Temple. My intent is that we will deepen our connection to those we have celebrated before in new ways.

As the Goddess continues to call more and more women, and as I have circled with them at Her altar, I have had the honor of hearing stories about how women bring forth their spirituality in family, work, and friendships. "Coming out" as Witches and as Goddess worshippers is an ongoing task that we face within a culture that is dominated by Judeo-Christian belief systems.

In what ways do we choose to identify ourselves? How do we do this? Do we use the word Witch? Pagan? Goddess worshipper? It can be overwhelming at times for those who are coming out and attempting to integrate their newfound love and faith in the Goddess with their social, professional, and family worlds. And for those of us who have been long on this path, we still need to find ways to bridge the spiritual gap of understanding over the course of time.

I have found time and time again, both for myself and through listening to the countless stories of women, that the best thing to do is to be true to yourself. The words and languaging we choose may change depending on the circumstances and environment we are speaking in. However, expressing the truth about our beliefs in a gentle, proud, and loving way continues to prove to be the most successful in the long run. This ultimately leads to fully embracing ourselves and honoring who we are. Denying our own truth of self, in the anticipation of what we think the responses and reactions of others may be, is ultimately self-destructive and damaging.

This Winter, we did a lot of magick with and work around Self-Love, which I think can be the most difficult path of all. I continue to be humbled by all the powerful women around me—including myself—who embrace themselves with acts of truth, care, and love.

As in the words of the Star Goddess, ".....know that your seeking and yearning will avail you not unless you know the mystery: for if that which you seek you find not within yourself, you will never find it without. For behold, I have been with you from the beginning, and I am that which is attained at the end of desire."

I look forward to circling with you at Her altar.

Blessed be and Aloha,

Leilani



Daughters of the Goddess Ritual Schedule

Leilani Birely, Hawaiian Dianic Priestess and ceremonialist, brings ancient Hawaiian healing and Goddess wisdom to the community. She is a graduate of the Women's Spirituality Masters Program at New College, San Francisco and ordained High Priestess of Northern California by Zsuzanna Budapest. Leilani gives thanks and honor to her teachers: Luisah Teish, Yoruban Chieftess and author of *Jambalaya*; Zsuzanna Budapest, author of *Grandmother of Time*; Vicki Noble author and co-creator of Motherpeace tarot; Starhawk, author and founder of the Reclaiming Collective, and Kumu Hula Patrick Makuakane and Mahea Uchiyama.

OPEN TO ALL SERIES: These 11 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.** See below for cost and contact information.

Tuesday, May 9th, Celebrate Aphrodite, Greek Goddess of Love and Beauty. Full Moon celebration.

Tuesday, May 30th, Celebrate Danu, Celtic Mother Goddess and Queen of the Faeries. Waxing Moon in Cancer.

Sunday, June 11th, Sibley Labyrinth Walk, Full Moon in Sagittarius. Please note: Gathering time is 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 6th, Celebrate Athena, Greek Goddess of Wisdom. Waxing Moon in Scorpio.

Tuesday, July 25th, Celebrate Quechua Goddess Pachamama, Goddess of the Chakanna. New Moon in Leo.

Thursday, August 10th, Celebrate Sekhmet, Egyptian Goddess of Justice, Courage, and Midwifery. Full Moon in Aquarius.

Thursday, August 24th, Celebrate Mazu, Chinese Goddess of the Sea. New Moon in Virgo.

Sunday, September 3rd, Celebrate Yemaya at our annual outdoor beach ritual. Please note: Gathering time is 11 a.m.

Tuesday, September 19th, Celebrate Fall Equinox and Zorya, Slavic Triple Goddess. Waning Moon in Virgo.

Friday, October 6th, Celebrate Andraste, Celtic Warrior Goddess. Full Moon in Aries.

Friday, October 27th, Join us at our annual Spiral Dance celebrating Halloween and the Ancestors.



THE DEEPENING SERIES is for womyn who would like to be a part of creating a more 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 DG for at least a year is required.** You must sign up for all of the Deepening rituals to participate; attendance at all rituals in the series is expected. Limited to 11 womyn. This is not a drop-in circle and you must sign up prior to the first ritual. See below for cost and contact information.

HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY, DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS! Daughters of the Goddess Womyn's Temple is thrilled to be celebrating our 10th anniversary on the Summer Solstice! We will be holding an overnight camp-out filled with ritual, music, crafts, dancing and more on Saturday, June 24th. **Exchange is \$50.** To register, please contact Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS WITCH SCHOOL Daughters of the Goddess is excited to announce the formation of our Dianic Witch School, a year and a day in the Dianic Aloha Tradition, which will be beginning in February of 2007. Please email Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com if you wish us to add you to our information and/or waiting lists.

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Onipa`a ~ Stand firm. —Motto of Queen Lili`uokalani



Packages	Exchange
Newcomer Discount	First ritual \$30 or 3 rituals for \$90
1 Open Ritual	\$40/please mail check to us
6 Open Rituals	\$195/due at first ritual attended
All 11 Open Rituals	\$275/due at first ritual attended
Deepening + 11 Open Rituals	\$475/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 DG ritual. Partial work exchange, payment plans, student and crone discounts available. **No one turned away due to lack of funds.** Sorry—no refunds. Call or email Leilani at the contacts listed on the front page. Individual consultations, healings, rites of passage, and Temple Priestess training available upon request.

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