

# 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'ohe hana nui ka alu'ia."

**No task is too big when done together.**

*Buffalo Woman is calling, calling to us! Buffalo Woman is calling, She's calling to us! She's calling Peace; She's calling Love; She's calling Healing; She's calling Joy. Buffalo Woman is calling, calling to us!* The womyn are wearing white, singing and dancing in honor of White Buffalo Calf Woman, and pledge to create peace in their lives, thereby creating peace in our world: as above, so below. Her gift of the Peace Pipe is passed around the circle, and each womyn partakes of this sacred tradition.. Those who are called to share their vows of Peacekeeping are witnessed by their Sisters. The Moon is still bright in the sky, so with olive branches sacred herbs, and a map of the world, a spell for Peace is cast and released to the Goddess, to the World, to the Universe. It is sent up, to rain down upon the Earth, to create healing, forgiveness, and joy. So mote it be!      ♫Jesamyn Angelica♫



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

Spring has sprung in the Temple. We are bustling with new growth including eleven women in Witch School, ongoing circles in Napa, and a Summer Goddess Retreat. I am also teaching a new class at New College, heading to Wisconsin for Spiral Door in April, to the Women's Crescent Moon Retreat in Canada in August, and to the Temple of Diana's Conference in September. Mothering two teen daughters and writing a book with Luisah Teish and Deborah Grenn is also keeping my cup filled up. Life is full and wonderful as I pull together all the parts of my world to create balance, harmony, and peace for myself as well for those around me.

In the midst of all of this, I continue to remind myself that the most important thing I experience in my life is deep connection with the women I teach, circle with, and care about. Relationship and Relating is what I really need. As long as this happens then I am fueled and filled up. If life becomes an empty container of business and tasks then what is the point?

I invite each of you to go within and look at how you are manifesting those things in your world that truly fill you up and nourish you. The most important thing in creating world peace is finding peace within—which often means taking a long, hard look at those things that no longer serve us. Spring is a good time to cleanse and clean out the old...those things in our closets and homes that we no longer need. Examining the pieces of our world is also important: Are we living life to our fullest potential? Passion? Is the world we have created around us a reflection of what we want? If the answers are yes—Wonderful! Give yourself a big hug. If the answers are no—give yourself a big hug anyway! But begin to do the cleaning that is necessary to give yourself the outer reflection and mirror of who you really are. It can be scary, so take it slow, one step at a time. And always remember.....You are not alone. She is always there to guide you and so are the womyn who are in this with you.

I look forward to seeing you in Circle. Blessed be!

Aloha,



# 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 graduate and faculty 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 *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 12 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 cost and contact information.

**Friday, May 18th, Celebrate Bona Dea,** Goddess of Fertility and Healing. New Moon Ceremony.

**Tuesday, May 29th, Celebrate Ceres,** Corn Mother Festival/ Ambarvalia Full Moon Ceremony.

**Tuesday, June 12th, Celebrate Juno and women in public life.** Dark Moon Ceremony.

**Thursday, June 21st, Celebrate Summer Solstice.** Waxing Moon in Cancer.

**Tuesday, July 10th, Celebrate White Tara,** Tibetan Goddess of Compassion and Mercy.

**Monday, July 23rd, Celebrate Sekhmet,** Lioness, Healer, Midwife. Waxing Moon in Scorpio.

**Friday, August 3rd, Celebrate Lammas.** First Harvest Celebration and Season of Plenty.

**Tuesday, August 21st, Celebration of Isis/AuSet,** Festival of Lights. Waxing Moon in Sagittarius.

**Sunday, September 2nd, Celebration of Yemaya,** Mother of the Sea, with an Ocean Pilgrimage. **Please note: Gathering time is 11 a.m.**

**Friday, September 21st, Celebrate Fall Equinox,** Balance of Light and Dark. Waxing Moon in Capricorn

**Thursday, October 11th, Celebrate Celtic Goddess Rhiannon.** New Moon in Libra Ceremony.

**Friday, October 26th, Join us at our 24th annual Spiral Dance** celebrating Halloween and the Ancestors.



**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.

**JOIN US AT OUR 24th ANNUAL WOMYN'S SPIRAL DANCE!** Daughters of the Goddess announces our 24th Annual Womyn's Spiral Dance, to be held on Friday, October 26th in Orinda, CA in honor of Halloween and the Ancestors. Please mark your calendars for this sacred annual ceremony now! For more information, please watch our website as we get closer to the date.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS RETREAT** Daughters of the Goddess is holding a Goddess Retreat June 1st-3rd in a house in Guerneville, CA. This retreat is limited to 12 womyn. The exchange is \$275: \$150 deposit due by April 15th, total amount due by May 15th. If you are interested, please let us know your intention soon as this retreat will fill up. Please email [Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](mailto:Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com)

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Malama Pono ~ Take care, be right.



Packages	Exchange
Newcomer Discount	First ritual \$30 or 3 rituals for \$90
1 Open Ritual	\$40/please mail check to us
6 Open Rituals	\$200/due at first ritual attended
All 12 Open Rituals	\$324/due at first ritual attended
Deepening + 12 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 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**