

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 nohana 'ohana.
Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped; such is a family relationship.

There are many womyn in the United States who are calling themselves Priestesses or High Priestesses. Their Priestess training ranges from online programs that confer a Priestess title upon the completion of a set number of computer training hours, to programs that combine online training with practical/in person work including energetics, magick, and ritual facilitation ~ or some combination thereof. Often times, the focus of this type of path is to create one's own coven or circle. What I find very rare are womyn who are willing to be trained and dedicate their life service as a Priestess, committed to a Temple. Daughters of the Goddess has this focus and trains womyn who are wanting to hold that path. The womyn who train here are given extensive work and practice in magick, energy work, and ritual facilitation. It is an intense process that not many make it through ~ and we are trained to walk this path in spirit, in perfect love and perfect trust ~ with honesty, integrity, authenticity, transparency, and commitment as our focus. This year we have been blessed to have 2 womyn, Tami & Danielle, who have completed their training and have walked thru that doorway and onto the path of the Temple Priestess. Both of their ceremonies were held by family and womyn in the Temple to which they vowed to serve as Priestesses. The quality of their service is already outstanding, their rituals flowing and full of energy, and their commitment to service outstanding. We are very grateful, to Goddess for showing Her daughters the way to this Temple, to the womyn who come to this altar to be held in Sacred Space, and to Tami and Danielle who have stood up and committed their life path as a Priestess to the Temple of the Daughters of the Goddess. And so we, as Priestesses, stand together in a sacred pentacle of 5, here to serve the Goddess in all her forms, and to serve the womyn who bless the altar as they come into the Sacred Space. Blessed Be!



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

I am writing to you from San Luis Obispo where I have taken my daughter Eden back to Cal Poly. We celebrated what she called her 'golden birthday' being 19 on the 19th of February. I am so thankful to have a healthy balanced daughter along with her sister Jade.

One of the big things shared during college orientation for parents is the amount of severe drug and alcohol abuse by students. The use of 'oxy' (oxycontin) is troubling. I am especially saddened by the level of substance abuse that goes beyond the college years and remains throughout one's lifetime. I have a sister that has struggled for years with substance abuse, is in denial, and now has passed this on to her daughter, my niece who is in a recovery home for pregnant girls abusing drugs.

One of the main foundations for Daughters of the Goddess is to create a clean and sober ceremonial environment for the womyn who come to the Goddess' altar. This might sound obvious but it is actually quite common for drinking and partying to go hand in hand with pagan rituals. I think each community may choose to do as they will. At Daughters of the Goddess, we have made an intentional choice to create clean and sober rituals and retreats. This magickal space honors those in recovery, as well as womyn whose lives have been adversely impacted by addiction in their families and their worlds.

I hope to see you in circle soon. The Hawaiian word for balance is Lokahi. May the spirit of Aloha and Lokahi bring harmony and balance to you.

Blessed be,

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 Chiefess 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 the 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.

Saturday, May 12th, Celebrate Beltane and Roman Goddess Venus of Love and Sexuality. Waning half Moon in Aquarius. **Ritual time 5:30–9:30.**

Monday, June 4th, Celebrate Artemis Greek Virgin Moon Goddess. Full Moon in Sagittarius.

Tuesday, June 19th, Celebrate Summer Solstice and Roman Goddess Vesta of the Household. New Moon in Gemini.

Tuesday, July 3rd, Celebrate Anasazi Earth Mother Nokomis. Full Moon in Capricorn.

Thursday, August 2nd, Celebrate Lunar Lammas and Sophia, Goddess of Education and Knowledge. Full Moon in Aquarius.

Sunday, September 2nd, Celebrate Ocean Goddess Yemaya. Moon in Aries.
Ritual time: 11a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday, September 21st, Celebrate Fall Equinox and Hawaiian Goddess Kiha Wahine. Moon in Sagittarius.

Friday, October 26th, Annual Womyn's Spiral Dance. Moon in Aries.

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.

Monday, May 21st, Celebrate Deborah Mycenaean Queen Bee Goddess. New Moon in Gemini.



Thursday, August 23rd, Celebrate Sedna Inuit Water Animals, Wild Birds & Beauty. Moon in Scorpio.

Thursday, October 11th, Celebrate Tashmetu Mesopotamian Goddess of the Big Ear. Moon in Virgo.

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.**

SEKHMET RETREAT 2013 Thursday April 11th – Sunday April 14th, 2013. We are planning our 3rd Temple retreat to the Sekhmet Temple in Las Vegas, NV. Imagine a 4 day retreat spent in sacred ritual space with spiritual sisters. A night time ritual, under the desert sky in an open roofed temple dedicated to Sekhmet; sacred fire holding the center with smoke wafting out on the gentle breeze. Limited to 13 womyn. The cost includes a house with a pool & hot tub. All meals are included. **\$375 by November 1, 2012; \$450 by February 13, 2013.** If you are interested please, contact Leilani at Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS WITCH SCHOOL 2013 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 2013. The class will meet one Sunday each month culminating in the students' Initiation as Dianic Witches in January 2014! If interested, contact Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

Packages:

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

Exchange:

- 1st ritual \$15 or 3 for \$45
- \$40/please mail check
- \$240/due at first ritual
- \$300/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.