

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.

E waikahi ka pono i manalo.

*It is well to be united in thought
that all may have peace.*

We come together around an altar of white, cedar garland encircling the Yule log in the center which sits upon a round rainbow colored Mexican cloth. The longest night of the year as well as the end of the Mayan Calendar, darkness holds sway, but tomorrow holds the promise of the coming of the light in the new world, the beginning of the new calendar. Ixchel calls Her daughters to the altar with several of the womyn who are with us having made a pilgrimage to Her temple on the Island of Cozumel, where womyn go to pray for fertility. Several Mothers and their daughters sit together. We sing and chant and pray, with an offering of a beautiful song by one of our sisters who made a special pilgrimage to the Temple to make her offering of music. We call out a word and she sings back a new line. The voices of the womyn rising up, coming together in harmony, fills the room. We are then gifted with an offering of a beautiful hula from our Kahuna. As the womyn approach the altar, they give a prayer of thanks and a request for the new year and the ritual is closed. The next morning a womyn releases the prayer in flame and smoke as the new sun rises over Mount Diablo.



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

Hail to you for being here in 2013 to receive this letter of Aloha. We made it to the other side of the 2012 'hub hub' and this means we are still here to do the work of Mother Earth. I hope you are still ready for change, transformation and peacekeeping. The year was full for me with getting Eden off to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, visiting Jade in Barcelona for her study abroad semester and then heading off to Hawaii in January to get her settled at University of Hawaii where she will finish her education. The joys of Mothering continue with young adult daughters who bring their own power and strength to the Earth. I notice many of my messages to them were the same as my own Mother and Grandmother taught me. Get your education, be independent, look to your faith for strength, love one another, and don't get pregnant when you are too young and can't support another being. How funny that with all the change in the world so many basic messages remain the same.

As a part Hawaiian Native daughter, I was also taught that I had a kuleana/responsibility greater than my own personal needs. To better enhance the place of my people it was also important to be a vehicle of change in the world. As I witness the vast and immense privileges I have just by being born American, I can't help but notice how self absorbed many women still are. With all the rights and freedoms, why are we still so involved in petty and catty behaviors that serve nothing and no one? How long do we need to be in therapy before we heal and make a difference in the world around us?

In Daughters of the Goddess, we have begun a community practice of forgiveness. We have a forgiveness altar that is tended and we are beginning to incorporate this practice into our ceremonies, to help with moving through pain, anger and resentments. How long do we as women need to hold on to negative experiences before we finally let go? I've noticed how much attachment there is to holding on to old wounds and being mad at past situations. Yes, we need to get mad, yes we need anger, but let it move through and move on. Be willing to sit together and make peace with anyone who you feel you harbor resentments against. Be willing to communicate not run and isolate yourself. How are we to have world peace amongst countries that are filled with hatred when we as Goddess women can't find a way to come together in Aloha and Peace. Build your own forgiveness altar and join our Temple one if you'd like. Walk the path of Beauty, Aloha and Harmony. Making Peace starts with each one of us. Take action to write a letter to someone with whom you have had a hardship. If you have been holding on to some grudge ~ thank the other person for the lesson, bless them and your relationship, and move forward! Open your heart and forgive!

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, Yourban 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 the Sofia University.

OPEN SERIES ~ These 9 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.

Thursday, May 9th, Celebrate Lei Day and Haumea Hawaiian Earth Mother. New Moon in Taurus, Annular Solar Eclipse. *Please note ritual time is 11 AM - 2:30 PM*

Friday, May 24th, Celebrate Fand Irish/Celtic Queen of the Fairies. Full Moon in Sagittarius, Penumbral Lunar Eclipse.

Thursday, June 6th, Celebrate Juno Roman Goddess of Family and Marriage, and our Temple Sacred Flame. Waning Moon in Gemini.

Thursday, June 20th, Celebrate Summer Solstice and Nike Greek Goddess of Victory. Moon in Scorpio.

Friday, October 25th, Annual Women’s Spiral Dance Celebrating the Ancestors and the Crones. Moon in Cancer.

Thursday, July 18th, Celebrate Mari Spanish/Basque Goddess of Justice. Waxing Moon in Sagittarius.

Saturday, August 17th, Celebrate Sehu Cherokee Goddess of Agriculture and Ceremonies. Waxing Moon in Capricorn.

Sunday, September 1st, Celebrate Yemaya Yoruban Goddess of the Ocean with our Annual Pilgrimage to the Sea. Moon in Cancer. *Please note ritual time is 11 AM - 4 PM*

Saturday, September 21st, Celebrate Fall Equinox and Corn Mother First Nations Goddess of Corn. Moon in Taurus.

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, and/or Temple Dedicants are especially encouraged to attend. Please see below for exchange information.

Tuesday, August 6th, Celebrate Belisama Gaul Goddess of Light and Fire. New Moon in Leo.

Friday, October 4th, Celebrate Benzai-Ten Japanese Goddess of Everything that Flows. New Moon in Libra.

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.

DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS WITCH SCHOOL 2014 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 Aloha Dianic Tradition. Beginning in February 2014 the class will meet one Sunday each month culminating in the students’ Initiation as Dianic Witches in January 2015! If you are interested please contact Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

The 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 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.

Daughters of the Goddess is creating a Temple Membership option for those womyn who feel called to “join” the Temple in a more tangible form! For the fee of \$35 a year, Temple Members will receive a printed Membership card, a 1/4 page Remembrance in the annual Ancestor Keepsake Booklet, a 10% discount on purchases made from the DG store at Ritual Events, and one guest pass for the Ritual of your choice! If you are interested in becoming a Member of Daughters of the Goddess Womyn’s Temple, please contact Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

Packages:	Exchange:
*Newcomer Discount	1st ritual \$15 or 3 for \$45
*1 Open Ritual	\$35/please mail check
*All 9 Open Rituals	\$270/due at first ritual
*Tita Series+8 Open Rituals	\$300/due at first ritual
*Deepening + All Rituals	\$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 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.