

Daughters of the Goddess Presents Women's Spiral Dance Tomorrow in Orinda

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Tomorrow, Friday, October 26, 2012, Daughters of the Goddess will be holding their annual Women's Spiral Dance event at the Orinda Masonic Temple. The marketplace will open at 6:30PM to display the wares of community members for sale and the ritual will begin at 7:30PM. The temple is located at 9 Altarinda Rd., Orinda, CA. The event costs \$29.00 for adults, \$5.00 for 14 – 19 years old and girls 13 years old and under is free.

Daughters of the Goddess was founded by High Priestess Leilani on the Summer Solstice in 1966. She founded the group in her backyard and continues to run this thriving Pagan community.

In a recent interview, High Priestess Leilani answered questions about the group and this upcoming event.



Tell us a little bit about the spiral dance event that Daughters of the Goddess does every year?

Each year the Daughters of the Goddess Temple holds a public ritual during which we honor the Crones in our larger community, as well as remember and honor our beloved ancestors. We build a stage size altar to our ancestors, upon which ritual participants can place photographs and small momentos of their ancestors, and also sit in quiet reflection with them on this night of the thin veil. Upon the walls hang the images and names of one hundred precious womyn: mentors, activists, explorers, inventors, scientists, and many more. These are our guides and our inspiration!

What could someone expect if they came to this years event?

Someone coming to this years event could expect to be welcomed to a wonderful community of women who have come together to honor their Ancestors and to celebrate the Spiral of life. From the moment one walks into the space the experience begins, vendors with beautiful wares and delicious foods offerings are there to greet you. Womyn's voices are everywhere, talking, laughing and sharing their stories. As you enter the ritual room the atmosphere changes and you can definitely tell the veil is thin here. The stage is an altar where the women can leave a picture or token of their loved one and where they can spend time sitting and communing with their beloved dead. Some womyn come to grieve a loved one, some to celebrate a life and some to honor and remember their Ancestors. We will pray, we will dance, we will sing and we will honor and remember those who came before us. If one comes to Spiral Dance, she will find a group of womyn and girls of all ages who have come together to celebrate the Witches' New Year with dancing, singing and prayer.

What inspired you to form this group and what is your motivation to continue?

I was looking to create a space to be together with other women to pray at the altar of the Goddess. I wanted it to have the reflection of Aloha and care that I am used to in my own Hawaiian culture which I felt was missing in the mostly euro centric pagan community. I also wanted to form something that was out in the Lafayette area suburbs and would reach women that would not journey out to the city or Berkeley because of the demands on their time due to mothering and family.

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