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Brigid 2010	December 10	January 10
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Beltane 2010	March 10	April 10
Summer Solstice 2010	May 1	June 1
Lughnasdah 2010	June 10	July 10
Fall Equinox 2010	August 1	September 1

The Practice for the New Millennium by the Dali Lama

1. Spend 5 minutes at the beginning of each day remembering we all want the same things (to be happy and loved) and we are all connected to one another.
2. Spend 5 minutes breathing in, cherishing yourself; and breathing out cherishing others. If you think about people you have difficulty cherishing; extend your cherishing to them anyway.
3. During the day extend that attitude to everyone you meet. Practice cherishing the "simplest" person (clerks, attendants, etc.) or people you dislike.
4. Continue this practice no matter what happens or what anyone does to you.

These thoughts are very simple, inspiring and helpful. The practice of cherishing can be taken very deeply if done wordlessly, allowing yourself to feel the love and appreciation that already exists in your heart.

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**Certain things catch
your eye.**

**But pursue only those
that Capture
your heart.**

- old Indian saying

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FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RITUAL CELEBRATIONS!!!

All events on this page are FREE. Event hosts may accept a small donation.

Donations are optional and very much appreciated.

No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

To have your Events listed here, please make sure they fit these criteria:

1) It is offered at no charge.

2) It is within our geographical area, generally, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Western Montana, Northern California, Nevada, Southern BC and Alberta.

Ritual Celebrations

Sat Jan 16-SisterSpirit's Celebration for Women, 6 pm.

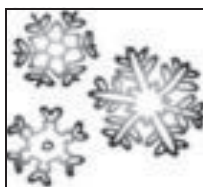
"In Honor of Our Crones," a celebration of our wonderful "Presiding Crone" Fran, our beautiful Mountain Cat. She will be turning 80 in January and would like to celebrate with all of the women that she has croned, and all of her Circle Sisters. Friends Meeting Hall, 4312 SE Stark, Portland, Oregon. Donations \$5+ would be appreciated.

Feb. 2nd Imbolc Ritual Celebration and Potluck, 6:30pm.

Come and celebrate the return of the sun! Event will be held from 6:30-8:30pm in the Underground Marketplace across the street from Evos Coffee House and Village Bakery in Ashland, OR., 33 N 3rd Street in Ashland. For more information 541-488-5361 or <http://www.rowantreecoven.org>.

Saturday, Feb 6- SisterSpirit's Celebration for Women, 6 pm.

"Brigid's Feast," Musicians' Union Hall, 325 NE 20th. Feast items welcome. Donations \$5+ would be appreciated.



Community Events and Announcements

Tues Jan 12- Inner Journeys, 7 pm. "The Lovers, The Chariot, and Strength." A journal-writing circle for women. Bring your journal or come and start a new one. All women welcome. SisterSpirit office, 3430 SE Belmont #102. Call 503-736-3297 for info. \$5+ donation appreciated.

Wed Jan 13- Women's Healing Circle, 7 pm. "Magic and Healing of the Goddess Freja and the sacred Runes." Join us tonight as we delve into Nordic Traditions and the wisdom of the sacred runes. All women welcome. SisterSpirit office, 3430 SE Belmont #102. Call 503-736-3297 for info. \$5+ donation appreciated.

Wed Jan 20-Nature's Magick, 7:30 pm. SisterSpirit Office, 3430 SE Belmont #102. All women welcome. Call 503-736-3297 for info. \$5+ donation appreciated.

Thurs Jan 21-Dream Conversations, 7:00 pm. SisterSpirit Office, 3430 SE Belmont # 102. All women welcome. Come share your dreams and insights with other women! Call 503-736-3297 for info. \$5+ donation appreciated

Thurs Jan 28-Writer's Group for Women, "Seasonal Writing: Length, Submission dates, appealing topic material." 7 pm. SisterSpirit office, 3430 SE Belmont #102. All women welcome. \$5+ donations appreciated. Call 503-736-3297 or email patmac31@juno.com for information.

Tues Feb 9- Inner Journeys, 7 pm. "The Hermit, The Wheel of Fortune." A journal-writing circle for women. Bring your journal or come and start a new one. All women welcome. SisterSpirit office, 3430 SE Belmont #102. Call 503-736-3297 for info. \$5+ donation appreciated.

Magic of Bridget: Sacred Flame and Sacred Well, 7pm. Join us this evening as we explore the healing properties of Fire and water. Feel free to bring a poem to honor one of Bridget's other attributes-Poetry." All women welcome. SisterSpirit office, 3430 SE Belmont #102. Call 503-736-3297 for info. \$5+ donation appreciated.

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A Down Home Agrarian Pagan Revival

The Sacred Garden Project and Journey of the Seed Ritual: NW Fall Equinox Gathering 2010

Next year's main ritual is a year long process of growing literal abundance as a community. It will be a celebration of our actual, and spiritual community harvest. At the zenith of this year long ritual we will come together and stand, hand in hand in a circle. Our Clergy will call upon the Earth Mother and the Sky Father to pass on the knowledge of our Spiritual growth through a connection to the seasons and the bountiful gifts of mother nature. The ritual will tell the story of a lord and lady of each season who walk the wheel of the year, together, in communion with the earth mother and the sky father; in-turn passing on the heritage traditions from those who have come before us to those that will follow. This ritual aspires to reconnect our community to an agrarian spirituality, deepen our spiritual connections with to the Mother Earth, and foster sustainable, healthy, community through food security and ecological responsibility.

Over the course of the year we will grow all the produce needed for the festival kitchen, to feed 300 people, three meals a day, for 5 days. This food will be harvested fresh from the backyards of sustainable urban mini farms within our community the week of the festival! Through the use of practical human scale bio-intensive planning and biodynamic techniques our goal will be easily met with plenty of surplus harvest to send home with you the festival community. If you are interested in donating water and a sunny spot in your yard for a community growing space please let us know.

Doing your part!

Every one is encouraged to participate in any way their spirit compels them. There are many ways to get involved including: donating your time, land, water, lights, seed mats, gardening tools and materials. There will be Community work parties and skill training days through out the year. As well as Heritage Tradition work shops held by community members who have a skill, such as, sustainable gardening, seed saving, food preservation, and a plethora of other related topics. We are encouraging community education through oral tradition and practical

experience. If you're interested in hosting a work shop let us know and we will help get the wheel spinning.

If you attended last year's closing ritual at NW Fall Equinox Gathering 2009 your household received a small bag of Lavender seeds with instructions to keep them in a sacred space where they will stay dry and safe through the cold Winter. As you returned home from the festival, the seeds found their new homes in medicine bags, on personal altars, on family hearths, and in the hearts and imaginations of their seed bearer.

Now Winter is here and the seeds will have been charged by your love and intention over the months. Winter is a time for reflection and planning by the spiritual gardener. Below is a plant biography- for Lavender; including ecological, metaphysical, and healing qualities of the plant; germination and planting tips; and a resources list to aid in successfully growing your own lavender at home.

LAVENDER (*Lavendula officinale* or *L. vera*)

Folk names: Spike, Nard, Nardus, Elf Leaf

Gender: Masculine

Ruling Planet: Mercury

Element: Air

Spiritual Blessings: Healing, Communication, Spiritual Cleansing, Protections, Dreams, love, Longevity, happiness, peace

Bio: Lavender is native to the Mediterranean and northern Africa. It is a member of the Mint family, and one of the most popular of the aromatic herbs. It has been cultivated, loved and used since ancient times, and has played a role in the garden and the lives of people nearly as long as we have tended gardens.

When to start seed

We live in a Maritime climate similar to the Mediterranean climate, and perfect for growing lavender! In order to grow lavender from seed, start your seeds the first week of

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February; 8 weeks before the last frost date which is March 23 in our area. You should start lavender seeds indoors in a south facing window or under a sun lamp, in an area that maintains a 70°F air temperature. Lavender can be transplanted outdoors or you can keep it as an indoor house plant.

Growing tips

Use a soil mix of one part sifted worm castings, 1 part sifted leaf mold, and 1 part sand as a natural home made way to make sure all your seedling's needs are met before it gets moved outside to harden off.

Keep your seeds and seedlings well watered. The soil should be moist and well drained at all times.

Try to see yourself growing as the plant grows. Come to find the interdependence we all share with Nature, while you care for your lavender plants.

Hardening off & Planting out

If you are going to plant your lavender outdoors you will need to harden it off before you plant it in the ground. Place the plant out side in an area with partial sun and shelter from the wind for 7 days. At the end of the week, the plant should be ready for the move to the place it will spend the rest of it's life! Make sure to choose a spot with direct sun light and well drained soil.

Resources (Books)

How to Grow More Vegetables*, *(and fruit, nuts, berries, grains and other crops) Than You Ever Thought Possible On Less Land Than You Can Imagine by John Jeavons, 7th Ed.

Agriculture: Spiritual Foundations for the Renewal of Agriculture, by Rudolf Steiner (Creeger/Gardner translation)

Sunset Western Garden Book, by Sunset Publishing
Growing Vegetables West of the Cascades: The Complete Guide to Natural Gardening (Paperback), by Steve Solomon

Cunningham's Encyclopedia of Magical Herbs, by Scott Cunningham

Contact: Jason Heath at homesteaaodroganic@gmail.com or Rev. Jordon Feathers at revfeathers@gmail.com

The Spell of the Wild Wooly Mint

by Tim Donnelly. A poet, artist, witch, special education instructional assistant and union activist who live in Berkeley.

You have lived here too long she said
with jabbering walls with
doors that don't close
you have lived here too long to
be in suitcases and crates

You broke your good luck with both hands
she said these walls stare
can you even write here
do guests quarrel

A sphinx is a tomb to a dead
a smoker is a ladybug
the bed works without levers she
said she said
fifteen years

she said you will root again but not here

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Our training format is *interactive* and *experiential*, covering such topics as: The History of Traditional Wicca, Mystery Traditions & Initiations, the Wiccan Goddess & God, the Sabbaths & Esbats, the Witch's Tools, Circle Construction (creating sacred space), Magick & Ethics (The Wiccan Rede), various forms of Divination, Herbology, basic Energy Raising and Spell Craft techniques, Elemental pathworkings and more...

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Steward_Creace@msn.com

or

Steward Creace
12606 S.E. Stark Street, Bld. “M”
Portland, Oregon 97233

I am always happy to discuss our Outer Court and Inner Court training and circling opportunities. I may be reached at the above e-mail, or you may ring me at 503.622.1381.

Blessed Be,

Steward Creace,
 Gardnerian High Priest & Elder

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Brighid

by Herne (reprinted from 1998)

BRIGHID (Bre-yid), BRIG, BRIGIT (Breet), BRID (Breed), A traditional Goddess of Ireland and Wales.

Attributes:

Associated with Imbolic. Goddess of fire, fertility, the hearth, all feminine arts and martial arts. Healing, physicians', agriculture, inspiration, learning, poetry, divination, prophecy, smith-craft, animal husbandry, love, witchcraft, occult knowledge.

Folk Lore:

The Lady Brighid is a complex Goddess. She is the Goddess which bestows knowledge in all arts ranging from poetry to healing, divination and magick. She was also called upon times of war and when in need of defense. Her name means High or Exalted One. Legend claims she was born as the sun rose in the Eastern sky ages beyond ages ago, on the first day of spring. It is said that a flame reached, spiraling up from the crown of her head to touch the sky. Her day is Imbolc which is the 2nd of 4 important Celtic Festivals. This is the day of beginnings when the cattle of old once again began to have their milk come in. In the old times, this festival was not marked with a bonfire like many of the other Celtic festivals. Some in modern times may light fires in their fireplaces placing a dolly they have made in a symbolic bed which is usually a basket of some sort, filled with shells, flowers, stones and nuts next to the hearth overnight. The dolly is then returned to the Earth before Samhain.

Brighid is a major Goddess of the Celts representing aspects of the Triple Goddess as Maiden, Mother and Crone. Therefore she has tremendous energy, strength and is deeply revered by those of the Celtic path.

It has been suggested by some throughout history that she came from Gaul or perhaps Galatia.

Some want to see her only as the Bride/Virgin aspect but with many references to her having been married to King Breas and bearing a son Ruadhan which was killed in what is the epic fable of Cath Magh Turied. This would indicate that she possesses the sexuality of the Mother aspect also. Brighid developed the keening and wailing tradition for those who pass over after the death of her beloved son. She is also known as the Triple Mothers in Britain and there seems to be a strong connection here.

Brighid is not only fire oriented and associated with the hearth, but is also connected to sacred waters, wells and rivers. She is a patroness of smithy work, art, agriculture and the healing arts as well. In addition, she is said to grant mystical and magickal wisdom to those of her children who follow the old ways.

Brighid was said to have brought two oxen to Ireland called Fea and Feimhean, a great pig named Triath and an enormous boar called Torc Triath. It is noted that these creatures would send out a distressful cry if Ireland were under attack. Along with keening she invented the art of whistling that Celts used to signal one another in the night. She also maintains links between the worlds of the living and dead. She is powerfully connected to Leinster with focus on Kildare (Cill-dara meaning Cell of the Oak). The main creatures associated with her are the serpent and wolf, as well as other creatures of the wild although the

others are said to be less well attested to her. Weather working, peacemaking and the ocean are also lesser aspects of this

Goddess. Some of the old ways also make a connection between her and the wisdom of the Oak. There are also some who feel that Sheela Na Gig may also be an aspect of Brighid.

Traditional Food:

Anything from the Dairy group is appropriate for this celebration. Also Curries and dishes made with peppers; onions, shallots, garlic and chives are fine. Foods symbolic of the Sun are also appropriate.

Herbs and Flowers:

Violet, Primrose, Snowdrop, Rowan, All of the first flowers of the year.

Incense:

Lilac

Sacred Gemstone:

Amethyst

Special Activities:

Light candles or lamps in each room of the house right after sunset for a few minutes to honor the Sun's rebirth. Some in modern times may light fires in their fireplaces placing a dolly they have made in a symbolic bed which is usually a basket of some sort, filled with shells, flowers, stones and nuts next to the hearth overnight. The dolly is then returned to the Earth before Samhain.



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Family Corner

Bridecakes:

Recipe from Witchcraft for Families

1/2 cup butter
 1/4 cup honey
 2 cups oat flour or wheat flour
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
 1 cup rolled oats
 1/2 cup currants
 1/4 cup buttermilk

Cream butter and honey together. Mix dry ingredients together and add the currants, stirring to coat them with flour. Stir dry ingredients into butter-honey mixture and add buttermilk to make a dough. Roll into balls and flatten on greased cookie sheet. With a knife mark each with a Bride's Cross (+). Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 15 minutes.

Imbolc Prayer

Akasha www.wicca.com

We've made it to the mid-point
 Of the Winter dark and bleak.
 From this day on the Sun
 Will climb and thaw the
 Ground and creeks.
 Bless us now, oh Maiden fair,
 And keep us in your loving care.
 Showing signs of new life everywhere
 As you awaken from your sleep.

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Children will enjoy making these little Bride images that can be used later as an altar decoration.

Materials:

1-piece Wooden Clothespin, Red, Yellow, or Brown Yarn, 1 White Pipe Cleaner, Several Acrap's of White Material, Black and Red Markers, Scissors, Glue, Gold Glitter.

Take a scrap of white material and cut out a 6" circle. In the center of the circle cut a hole large enough to poke the "head" of the clothespin through. Fold the circle in half and cut along the fold from both perimeters to the center hole, leaving approx. 1/8 inch between each slit and center hole. Cover "neck" of clothespin with a very small amount of glue, and push clothespin "head" up through the center hole in the material. Cut appropriate length of pipe cleaner to make arms and slide up through the slit in the clothespin until it is pushed up to the end of the slits on both sides of the material.

Gather the material tight around the clothespin just under the arms, and tie off with a small piece of string or yarn. Glue a couple of short pieces of yarn to the clothespin head and make eyes and mouth with markers. Finish with dabs of glue and gold glitter around the white wedding dress. A bridal veil glued to the yarn hair is optional.



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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

8 Times a year, each Sabbath — Mystic Art Gathering & Information Circle (MAGIC) holds a public ritual and ceremony for the Solstices, Equinoxes, and cross-quarters in between. Typically in Vancouver or North Portland. These gatherings are free to the public, although a donation can will be passed. Families with kids are welcome. Held on the closest Saturday to the actual Sabbath, 7pm. Locations announced in advance if possible. Call 360-693-7349 or see our listing in the community directory under MAGIC as well as on MySpace.

SUNDAYS

Non-denominational Sunday service
Integrate light into your being. Come to receive blessings and an uplifting spiritual Reading to empower and enlighten your soul. After the service has ended there is a guided meditation to bring prosperity into your life. Held at Crystal Temple 7275 Richmond Ave. For info call 503-249-0303 or by web at crystaltemple.org.

1st Sunday Sare-apy.
Always the first Sunday (no Sare-apy in August). Join us each first Sunday of the month. Activities include silent meditation, discussion of healing techniques, individual and group healing sessions and introduction to healing arts practitioners. Everyone is welcome, this is a wonderful opportunity for healing—receiving and giving, and for making new alliances. Held at Hands of Freedom Healing 8725 NE Broadway, Portland OR 97220 from 1-4pm. Donations appreciated.

1st Sunday Movie Night
Featuring a movie or documentary which cultivates spiritual growth.. Held at Crystal

Temple 7275 Richmond Ave. For info call 503-249-0303 or by web at crystaltemple.org.

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Open Reiki and healing circle
Circle held on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 9-11am. Held at the Celtic Circle 3717 NW 25th St. Redmond, OR. For info call 541-504-4627 or by email pepsi@bendcable.com.

Witches meetup
A social event held on the 4th Tuesday of every month. At 7PM. We have no set agenda or format, just talk and have fun. Held at the Guiding Tree 4831 SE Division Street . For more info <http://www.pagan.meetup.com>.

Green Tara Sadhana Meditation
Held every Tuesday at 7pm. Green Tara manifests the female energy of transcendent wisdom and enlightened compassionate activity. Prostrations, mandala offering and hand madras are taught with this practice. The practice of Green Tara helps to overcome fear and anxiety, and also develops qualities of love, compassion, wisdom and protection on the path of enlightenment. Held at The Drukpa Mila Center 872 Belmont St. Salem, OR. Info at www.drukpamilacenter.com.

Guided Meditation
1st Tuesday at 7pm. Come and journey with us. Each months theme will be different. 1235 Commerce in Longview. 360-562-1900 or www.werseekers.com.

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Witches Meetup

A social event held on the 1st Wed. of every month at 7PM. We have no set agenda or format, just talk and have fun. We are a friendly, non-cliquish bunch who have been meeting for over five years. Held at the Irishtown Pub, 11600 NE Mill Plain Blvd. Vancouver WA.

Monthly Pagan Meetup
A social event held on the 2nd Wed of every month at 7PM. We just get together to talk and have fun. Held at Old Town Pizza (between 2nd and 3rd on NW Davis). For more info go to <http://www.paganmeetup.com>.

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Reiki Share Circle
Every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at Sellwood Spirit Feathers, 7704 SE 13th. For info call 503-230-0249. All are welcome!

Tarot night
Every 1st Wednesday. Bring your cards, practice readings, become more familiar with your card and discuss Tarot with other readers. Held at Crystal Temple, 7525 N Richmond. For info cal 503-249-0303 or on the web at info@crystaltemple.org.

Reiki Circle
Every 2nd Wednesday come and receive healing and develop your skills in a sacred temple surrounded by light beings. Held at Crystal Temple, 7275 N Richmond. For info 503-249-0303 or on the web at info@crystaltemple.org.

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Drum circle

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7pm. Lets explore rhythms and escape reality in a sacred temple. A joyous monthly, multi-cultural spiritual experience. Using sacred phrases drawn from the worlds many religious traditions, with live music and simple devotional movement. Bring an instrument if you have one, if not we can share. Held at Crystal Temple 7275 N Richmond. For more info info@crystaltemple.org.

Chenrezid Sadhana Meditation

Every Wednesday at 7pm. The Buddha of compassion, known as Chenrezig, manifests as enlightened compassionate activity. This meditation practice is taught and practiced, using short sadhana practice. By learning about the nature of compassion and learning his mantra "Om Mani Padme Hum", we can actually become aware of increasing compassion in our own lives. Held at The Drukpa Mila Center, 872 Belmont St. SE Salem, OR. Info at www.drukpamilacenter.com

Healers Circle

Second Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Practice, meet or visit with others who are interested in Spiritual healing. 7525 N Richmond Ave. in Portland, OR. For more info call 503-249-0303. \$5 Donation.

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Open Meditation

Held every Thursday and Sunday from 12-2 pm. Open meditation at Crystal Temple 7275 N Richmond. For info 503-249-0303 or info@crystaltemple.org.

Morris Dancing

Every Thursday join Renegade Rose Morris Dancers, a group of Portland men and women who perform ancient English folk dances on May Day and other community events. We'll teach you dances. For info call Lev at 971-570-3388 or on the web at www.renegaderose.com

A Brigid prayer attributed to her from the 11th century which goes like this:

I would like a great lake of ale,
for the King of the Kings
I would like the angels of Heaven to be among us.
I would like an abundance of peace.
I would like full vessels of charity.
I would like rich treasures of mercy.
I would like cheerfulness to preside over all.
I would like Jesus to be present.
I would like the three Mary's of illustrious renown to be with us.
I would like the friends of Heaven to be gathered around us from all parts.
I would like myself to be a rent payer to the Lord; that I should suffer distress, that he would bestow a good blessing upon me.
I would like a great lake of beer for the King of Kings.
I would like to be watching Heaven's family drinking it through all eternity.

Drink up!



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Pagan Community Directory

Listing various kinds of resources for the Pagan Community, including circles (both open and closed), church groups, meeting places, study groups, and event organizers. Please, no retail outlets. A listing here does not necessarily mean a specific group can or will help you. To be included in this directory, please send information (limit 50 words which includes name and contact

12 Steps Pagan Style

I am a clean Pagan offering support to assist those on the clean path in Wicca and Paganism. I have 17 years of recovery. I am willing to give assistance, support and counsel to those who are concerned with these issues.

midnight_crow@hotmail.com or
http://spiralrhythms.org/p12.

ADF Druids of Portland NEW

Our study group meets on the last Friday of every month and up to 8 times a year for Public Ritual. Affiliated with ADF (Ar nDraoicht Fein), adf.org. We are in pursuit of authentic scholarship and modern practices. See our website at **pdx-druids.org**.

Announcement Board & Community Directory The Web

"Because folks don't have time to check every website or subject line for current events. Come see what your missing." Post: Rituals, classes, workshops

http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/The-Web

The altar of Epona and Herne Healing Ministry ATC

Our vision is to create a well trained, compassionate Priesthood to serve the Pagan Community. We have an online community, monthly distance healing and prayer request list, and provide free healing to vets and their families. For more info **altar-epona-herne@yahoo.com**.

The Ancient and Honorable Order of the Sacred Oaks

A Druidic order in the Arthurian/Celtic tradition, chartering groves meeting established criteria and dedicated to authentic Druidic principles and traditions. For those

who aspire to the excellence of Druidry, Inc. in OR and 501(c)3. **503-235-5774**
www.sacred-oak-grove.org.

Aquarian Tabernacle Church

Serving the PNW since 1979. An interfaith church of Wicca and Earth Religions recognized and accredited worldwide. All welcome at Open Circles near Seattle at NM & FM. **Info and schedule : 360-793-1945, classes : 425-821-7246, Pagan Youth Group: Spiral Scouts International.360-793-9427.**

www.spiralscouts.org

Brotherhood of the Wooden Chalice

We are a group of eclectic Wiccans housed in Oregon State Penitentiary. We gather once per moon for study, ritual, and mutual support. We have a priest but could use volunteers and donations.

khabir.taylor@verizon.net

Cedar Mountain Coven

We are an eclectic Celtic coven, with some Native American influences. We meet for Sabbaths, Esbats, laughter and support throughout the Portland/Vancouver area. Closed to new members Samhain to Beltane, we do keep a waiting list for anyone interested. **cedarmountain@gmail.com**
Www.cedarmountaincoven.com.

Coven Caer Wy'east

A traditional Gardnerian Coven, sponsors a non-oath bound, British Traditional Wiccan Outer Court for seekers of traditional training.. We prefer to work with seekers 30 years or older. New training cycles usually begin each spring. usually begin each spring. For more info contact **Steward Creace 503-622-1381** or **steward_creace@msm.com**.

Covenant of the Blue Moon Church

Our approach to Worship is through the application of techniques found in all aspects of Wicca. We follow a Goddess and God centered path. We believe we can make a change in the world by changing ourselves. Membership is not required to attend public circles and events. Anyone interested in membership must request membership info from one of our elders in person before or after one of our events. **Www.covenantofthebluemoon.org** or **253-517-8984**.

Christian Wicca (NEW)

A Christian Wicca Eclectic online group. I have a humble Christian Wicca group on mspace. All ages and paths are welcome, please come and join us and put in your thoughts, questions, spells, altar designs or class offering etc. Please nothing negative. **http://groups.myspace.com/christianwicca**.

The Earth Gatherings

An eclectic spiritual group with frequent get - togethers to discuss various spiritual paths. Sponsors of The Mother Earth Gathering and The Middle Earth Gathering (June and September), Earth Awareness Festivals, honoring diversity and creating balance between wilderness and civilization. **503-503-1415 bladu@hotmail.com**
Www.earthgatherings.org PO Box 19655 Portland, OR 97280.

Fellowship of the Sacred Moon

We are an eclectic Pagan discussion and study group located in the Yakima Valley dedicated to the continuance of the Old Religion. Our studies include basic, intermediate, and advanced Witchcraft. We

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also have a children's group called "Moon School" where the kids get to learn and interact with other Pagan children. For more information or to participate call **509 - 9 4 5 - 6 5 8 6** or www.sacredmoonchurch.org.

Forces of Nature Metaphysical and Spiritual Center

Celebration and cultural preservation of Africana spirituality in the Pacific Northwest! We offer events and an online e-list of events related to Africana spirituality in the greater Seattle area. To join visit <http://groups.google.com/forces-of-nature-metaphysical-and-spiritual-center?hl=en>.

For Info www.fonspiritualcenter.org, or call **206-781-3565** or services@fonspiritualcenter.org.

The Hermetic Fellowship

Exploring Western Esoteric Tradition: Ancient Mysteries, Wicca/NeoPaganism, Qubalah, Rosicrucianism, Alchemy, Gnosticism, Theurgy and Grail Quest. Meets monthly, 3rd Thursday. Informal presentations, open discussion, rituals and workshops occasionally. 1st semester of 2009, special focus on Hermeticism. For more info call **503-255-7910** or by web (p r e f e r r e d) www.hemeticfellowship.org miforrest@hermeticfellowship.org.

IleLaiLai NEW

A contemplative ifa-centered spiritual community offering spiritual consultations, divination, and Orisa and Ifa initiations to sincere seekers in the Pacific Northwest. www.ilelailai.org or **206-761-3565** or iya@ilelailai.org.

Indigo Lights Circle online teen group

A place for uniquely gifted teens to celebrate and explore the gifts the Lord and

Lady granted us with. Site address: www.geocities.com/jinksjustjinks/

Learn the Craft of the Wise

The main purpose of this group is to educate those in search of their path, to support those who are walking their paths, and to provide a common ground for all. In this circle we honor knowledge, power, persistence, commitment, spirit, the elements, and the universe. We have circles forming in Portland, Salem and a central Circle forming in Tualatin. For more info visit <http://www.meetup.com/learnthecraftpdx>.

M.A.G.I.C.

A Vancouver/Portland based group that holds four gatherings a year, teaches classes in metaphysics, and provides ordaining of clergy, and sponsors the Spiral Rhythms Festival. Call **360-693-7349**

Email sienna@spiralrhythms.org and www.spiralrhythms.org/magic for more information.

Nine Houses of Gaia (9HOG'S) A non-profit organization incorporated to facilitate networking among pagans in the Pacific Northwest. Sponsors of Open Ways Newsletter as well as Northwest Fall Equinox Festival. The NWFEF celebrates the great harvest, begun at Lammus and ending at Samhain. Contact info for Open Ways editor@9houses.org.

North American Council of Witches

A non-profit organization. Primary goal is protection under the First Amendment of the US Constitution; secondary, lobbying for common power, strength in numbers. Request membership and general information at NACW@hotmail.com or call **503-228-2192**.

Officers of Avalon, Inc

A non-profit benevolent organization representing Wiccans and other Pagans who work as police officers and other professionals in the emergency services-members \$15/yr for associate members. Membership dues \$25/yr for full Newsletter The Dispatch. Registration forms available at www.officersofavalon.com. **PO Box 22 Baraboo, WI 53913-0022**.

Other Worlds of Wonder (OWOW)

We have gathered around a central purpose, the purchase of land for the local Pagan community. We honor all positive traditions, and celebrate diversity at our festival, Sunfest. Contact info as follows:

14308 SE River Rd. Milwaukie, OR 97267. <http://www.owow.org> or email owoworg@gmail.com.

Pacific NW Pagans Yahoo Group

An online community for Pagans in the Pacific Northwest, including Oregon Washington, Idaho, Alaska and British Columbia. When posting announcements for events in this group, please be sure they're in PNW. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pnwpagans>.

PACT

A democratic, eclectic teaching/training coven in three parts: A semi-private outer circle - by invitation only, two inner-core circles for PACT initiated. Lessons, degrees, and clergy training by PACT university. For info and a waiting list: email — lordansurpact@yahoo.com

PDX Pagan Tribe

This tribe is for heathens, pagans and free thinking individuals residing in or around Portland, OR, or other metro areas who want to communicate with other like minded folk. Please no political rants, there

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are other tribes for that. A person has to sign up with Tribe.net for free in order to join this tribe. The tribe is moderated in order to keep out hate mongers and spammers. Web address - <http://tribes.tribe.net/pdxpagans.Portland>

Polyamory Circle

A gathering for folks exploring options beyond monogamy. Discussions include open relationships, extended families, and intentional communities. Everyone interested is welcome to join us. For information and location Laury **503-285-4848**.

Red Cedar Circle

(Church of Si. Si. Wiss)

Northwest Coast Medicine Johnny Moses teachings to all. Portland/Vancouver area meetings. For information and location call **503-245-5660** or rlouis@hctc.com.

Red Cedar Grove, O.B.O.D.

We are a Celtic group in Vancouver affiliated with the Order of Bards, Ovates, and Druids that enjoy a fun, spirituality and fellowship as we move through the Wheel of the year. We meet about twice a month for a Sabbat ritual and a tutorial. Come and grow with us under the Spirit Filled Red Cedar. **Serena at serena@aberle.net or Tursachan at tursachan@comcast.net or 360-608-5458.**

Rowan Tree Pagan Ministries

We offer family oriented, open circles for all Full Moon and Pagan Holiday celebrations. The following are also offered: Pagan Seminary Magic School for adults 18 y/o and up. The Magic Wheel:

Moons and Holiday rituals and craft projects for children. The Tree House: Outdoor program for kids and The Senesha School of Magic: Magic and mythology for children from the ages of reading up to age 12. Please check our website or call about these offerings and many others. **541-488-5361** or <http://rowantreecoven.org>.

Sacred Oak Grove

A Druid Grove in the Arthurian/Celtic-Wiccan tradition. For those seeking a true Druidic path of knowledge, truth, justice, spiritual fellowship, and community service. Esbats, Sabbaths and tutorials. Members commit to both group and individual studies for spiritual growth. Now offering an outer circle. For information call **503-235-5774** or oakgrove@teleport.com.

The Saint James Project

A Shamanic Arm of the Red Witch Tradition. Includes Indigenous Shamanic training, pilgrimages and extensive herstory/history from the first century CE to the present. Prerequisite: Reiki 3 and 3 years magickal hands-on experience. Meets at Toad House in McMinnville Oregon. **76y0 Contact info worldtree1@verizon.net.**

Seattle Goddess Group

A new site dedicated to worship of the Seattle based deity (As first seen in the "Summer of 2008 art book) "Let your love grow" is her prayer. **<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/seattle.godess/> or SeattleGoddess@yahoo.com.**

Shadowluz

Eclectic coven that emphasizes increasing the power of the individual through strength of our Gestalt, focusing on diversity in beliefs and the practice of Magick. Members range from Portland to Hood

River and Mt. Hood. Please send letter of intent to HPS Belle Evergreen at belleevergreen@yahoo.com.

Silver Birch Grove, Order of the Sacred Oaks

If the bardic arts call to you, and your love of the Goddess and God speaks to you through Celtic and Arthurian-based mythology and lore, come walk our Pagan path with us as we renew our grove. Now

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Silver Star Circle

A Celtic Pagan circle meeting for Sabbats, full and new moons, weekly class and more. Located in Battle Ground Additional. Info: email slvrstarcircle@yahoo.com.

SisterSpirit

Women's spirituality organization honoring the Divine Feminine and celebrating the Goddess in all Her forms. Featuring ongoing classes, circles, workshops and one monthly ritual. Presenters of the annual PaganFaire. Contact information as follows: **PO Box 9246 Portland, OR 97207. 503-736-3297. www.paganfaire.com. sisterspirit.portland@gmail.com. www.teleport.com/sisterspirit**

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Sophia Sanctuary Women's Temple

We are a circle of women committed to healing, education ritual and service. (HERS) We celebrate the eight holy days of the wheel: Solstices and Equinoxes are for all genders and families; Cross quarters are for womyn only. For information: <http://www.sophiasanctuary.org> or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SophiaSanctuary>.

The Sorcerers Guild

Dedicated to the enhancement of Magical work within its membership. Public meet-up at the Dancing Beans 1615 SE 12th Ave Portland, OR held monthly. Email thebinder7@yahoo.com for date and time. For more information: <http://sorcerersguild.tribe.net>
<http://www.sorcerersguild.com>, or <http://groups.myspace.com/sorceryguild>.

Spellbound teen online group

An online community for teen Pagans and Wiccans. Our goal is to offer personal pages, forums, articles, links, and other ways of interacting with teens who have similar interests in Paganism and Wicca. Site address: <http://spellboundtpn.ning.com>.

Peace Garden

Peace Garden open from dawn to dusk for quiet prayer and meditation. 20' lavender peace pole, erected in 2002, PEACE written in thirteen languages. Hard working garden volunteers always needed. Hard working garden volunteers always needed. Write for information. Location: McMinnville OR. www.toadhouse-peacegarden.org. <http://tribes.tribe.net/toadlovers>. dargonfly5555@verizon.net.

County Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (WCCUUPS - at yahoo groups): Meets 2nd Sunday of the month, 1 - 3 PM for Pagan Book Group, 22785 NW Birch Street, Hillsboro, near Orenco Station. Childcare available upon request. Also meets irregularly for other events. Contact Alana at Isis23Ra@yahoo.com for questions.

(WICCA)

A women's church dedicated to the Goddess in Her many forms. Groups, newsletter, retreats, rituals and classes. Contact info: **PO Box 5296 Eugene OR 97405** www.wiccapagans.org, 541-485-3654 Email: normahp@iglide.net.

Women of African Ceremony

We are women who honor the earth and our African heritage through ceremony and ritual. We meet monthly. Location is Portland, OR. 503-238-1151

Women of the Goddess

Women of the Goddess is a Pagan community in the Dianic tradition. Membership is open to women over 18 years old of good intent who sincerely subscribe to our purpose. Location Seattle, WA. Contacts: janicevc@seanet.com or 206-322-2436.

World Tree Prayer Network

Prayer and emergency energy work at no fee; serving the internet since 1994. Post your own requests. Have permission of the energy recipient first; then, include full name, age, basic location including city, state and country along with basic problem. PRAY FOR PEACE! <http://tribes.tribe.net/worldtreeprayernetwork>

The Well of Diancecht

Provides free sacred energy healing to veterans, active duty military and their families. We also list practitioners offering sliding scale services to service members, veterans and their families. Info at wellofdiancecht@yahoo.com or altareponahrme@yahoo.com

Witches of Westwick Paranormal Society

Centered in the beautiful foothills of the Columbia River Gorge. Specializing in Esoteric research and Theology. Dedicated to tribal rites of passage as well as the Major and Minor Pagan Holidays & Festivals. We love to explore the enchanted as well as the chilling. Contact Leanna at devasdelight@yahoo.com or 541-490-5718.



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