

# 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.*

**“Mohala i ka wai ka maka o ka pua.”**

Unfolded by the water are the faces of the flowers

It is said that the Goddess lives in the mystery of the fog. And so it was, shrouded in the light mist, we gathered in our circle. We have come to celebrate Yemaya and She calls to us with the sound of Her constant waves kissing the shore and the damp of the fog on our cheeks and hair. The morning is filled with laughter and love as we share in the old way thru movement, dance, and storytelling. Bare feet wiggling in the sand, fabric swaying in the gentle breeze., we stand and chant, our voices coming together.

Then the line slowly moves, hand in hand, snaking our way to the water. With each step taken the fog lifts, and as we approach the water the sun is shining warming us. Each womyn approaches the waves, held by her sisters, to pray and give thanks. She, Mother of the Sea, responds coming closer to kiss our feet and bless us with her waves. Through the salty waters of our Mother we are reborn.



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

The Summer has brought much change, transformation, and connection. I got to visit many relatives and friends from the East Coast, the South/North Carolina, the Avenue of the Giants Redwoods and Mt. Diablo in California, Las Vegas, Hawaii and Canada. What a blessed time to see myself reflected in the love and aloha of so many precious ones who are my relations and my ohana/family. I am filled with gratitude for the abundance my life has and that I am able to share and reciprocate so much. The summer began with my nephew's High School graduation which was at my own Catholic High School. I couldn't help but reflect on the huge changes in my spiritual development since my own graduation in 1981! I could actually give thanks and gratitude for the things I did receive from my Catholic upbringing and also the thanks I give for choosing not to continue on that spiritual path while still being deeply devoted to Mary, the Great Mother, She of 10,000 names.

I snorkeled in Hawaii with my daughters who continue to grow and amaze me, saw my almost 90 year old father back in DC. I also taught ritual and played in Lake Cowichan at Canada Camp on Vancouver Island. The Summer closed with a wedding ceremony that I had the honor of officiating for my sister and her partner in San Luis Obispo. In the midst of all this, I sat on Teish's couch as we held hands and I cried a river while watching Michael Jackson's memorial service on TV.

Yemaya has been with me in a big way this Summer and her gentle yet strong message is to bring our sorrows to a close and to move towards our higher purpose. Let today be the first day of a new life, allowing all those things that hold us back to be released. Imagine and live in limitless possibility. Look into Yemaya's moon mirror at the ocean and say what do I need to change right now, right this second to make my life into what I want it to be. Let the life of your dreams happen now, and let's dance and be free together.

Blessings,

~ Leilani ~



# Daughters of the Goddess Ritual Schedule

Leilani Birely – Hawaiian Kahuna and Dianic High 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 and ordained High Priestess of Northern California by Zsuzsanna Budapest. Leilani gives thanks and honor to her teachers: Luisah Teish, Yoruban Chieftess and author of Jambalaya. Zsuzsanna 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 5 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 exchange and contact information.

**Monday, December 21. Winter Solstice honoring Poliahu Hawaiian Snow Goddess**

**Thursday, February 11. Daughters of the Goddess Goddess Temple Dedication Ceremony**

**Thursday, January 14. White Buffalo Calf Woman Peace Ceremony.** New Moon in Capricorn, Solar Eclipse.

**Saturday, February 27. Celebrate Ma’at, Egyptian Goddess of Truth.** Full Moon in Virgo



**Friday, March 19. Celebrate Spring Equinox and Persephone.** Moon in Taurus.

**THE TITA SERIES** is for womyn who have already experienced Daughters of the Goddess ritual. Womyn who are Kokua or Witch School Sisters, and/or Temple Dedicants are especially encouraged to attend. **Full sign-up in the Open Series is required; you must sign up for the entire Tita Series to participate.** Please see below for exchange information.

**Monday, November 2. Laksmi Money Pouring Ritual**  
Full Moon in Taurus.

**Monday, March 8. Celebrate Aditi, Goddess of the Luminous Void**

**Tuesday, December 1. Honoring Guadalupe, Mary, Tonantzin, Yemaya and Isis – all faces of Mary.**  
Full Moon in Gemini

**Thursday, April 1. Celebrate Kuan Yin.** Moon in Scorpio

**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 out own personal needs. We create an in-depth experience with the technique and magic 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 is not a drop-in circle and you must qualify and sign-up prior to the first ritual. See below for exchange information.

**Walking in Paradise – Daughters of the Goddess Hawaii/Lei Day Pilgrimage.**  
**Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010. O’ahu, Hawaii.**

We will explore and honor the aina/land with Leilani as she shares her homeland on this trip. If you would like more detailed info, please contact [Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](mailto:Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com). This gathering will be limited to 12 women. Ceremony and activities include: visit to Iolani Palace, Queen Emma’s Summer Palace and Queen Liliuokalani’s resting place, Mermaid Day -snorkeling at Lanikai, Lei Day Hula Festival at Kapiolani Park, North Shore-Haleiwa Town-Grandma Chong’s country house, Birthing Stones, Visit and work in the taro patches. \$850 if Paid in Full by February 10, \$950 if Paid in Full by March 10. Non-refundable deposit of \$275 due by January 20th, 2010. Price includes lodging and 2 meals a day.

Packages:	Exchange:
*New comer Discount	1 <sup>st</sup> ritual \$30 or 3 ritual for \$90
*1 Open Ritual	\$40/please mail check to us
*All 5 Open Rituals	\$175/due at first ritual attended
*Tita Series + 5 Open Rituals	\$270/due at first ritual attended
Deepening + All Rituals	\$460/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 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.***