

Daughters of the Goddess Newsletter



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A Dianic, Womyn-only Goddess Temple dedicated in the Spirit of Aloha to the preservation and perpetuation of Goddess culture, public ceremony, ritual and Womyn's Mysteries.

E pili mau na pomaika 'i ia 'oe

May blessings be ever with you.

The night is dark, and the Moon is only now beginning to wax again. We sing softly in homage, "The river She is flowing, flowing and growing; the river She is flowing, down to the sea." We call on Danu, Ancient Mother, the Great Transformer, She who is the primordial waters from which we all were born. "Danu," we call, "allow your sacred waters to transform us!" Each womyn throws her river rock into the cauldron, naming a pattern or other blockage she wishes to be rid of, to transform. We will leave these rocks here, in the Bay, as an offering to Her, for Her to take the energies that we wish to be rid of and compost them for Her own healing. Each womyn chooses a new rock from the altar to take home, imbuing it with a wish for herself and for the Great Mother.

Jeramyn Angelica



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

We've been asked, "What is a Temple Priestess?" A Temple Priestess is a womyn who chooses to serve the community within a Temple rather than focusing on individual service. Our focus and intention is to reach out and tell as many womyn as possible about the Goddess within our lifetimes, so that they can carry this information and teaching out into their lives, their families and communities. We teach of the strength and power of the Goddess. We teach of the nurturing, healing energy of the Mother. We teach of the power and divinity that we each carry inside, the light of the Goddess. We bring like-minded womyn together, and help to make the changes in our world that are necessary for our very existence and that of our Mother Earth. We train others to carry on that teaching, so that the learning and healing can continue.

It is true that this learning and healing is important on an individual basis. But to heal the human race, to stop wars and killing, rape and torture, to stop pollution and the destruction of this beautiful being that we live upon, we need to come together en masse. It cannot be done sitting alone in our living rooms. In this patriarchal society in which we live, womyn are, for the most part, not honored as the powerful beings we are. The strength and power is there, shining and bright. But the old "divide and conquer" mentality still exists. So we have started to come together in Temples. We combine our light with that of our Sisters and it burns brighter and stronger.

We have found that the path of the Temple Priestess is often a difficult thing for many people to understand and accept, as society has taught womyn to stay apart, to connect with a limited number of friends and family members, to stay isolated. This is not the path of the Temple Priestess. We serve all womyn within the Temple community; our relationship and connection is to the Temple and community as a whole. The energies of our service are not focused on one-on-one, individual relationships.

At times we do work on an individual basis with our Sisters, but it is with the intention of enlightenment and healing. While we do have deep connections with the Sisters that we serve, we do not look for personal friendships here. We have a mission and a focus.

We know that there is power and light in numbers, and we desire to see that light spread across the world. Our focused, committed and dedicated work is important because without it nothing will change. We ask our Sisters to support us. Do not take what appears to be a disregard, or a lack of interest in an individual relationship with you as a sign that we do not care. We care very deeply and that is why we are Priestesses of the Temple of the Goddess. Stand in Her light, celebrate it, and support us so that we can have the strength and energy to carry on Her very important work.

Blessed Be and Aloha,

Leilani & Patrice



Daughters of the Goddess Ritual Schedule

Leilani Birely, Hawaiian Dianic Priestess and ceremonialist, brings ancient Hawaiian healing and Goddess wisdom to the community. She is a graduate of the Women's Spirituality Masters Program at New College, San Francisco and ordained High Priestess of Northern California by Zsuzanna Budapest. Leilani gives thanks and honor to her teachers: Luisah Teish, Yoruban Chieftess and author of *Jambalaya*; Zsuzanna 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 12 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 cost and contact information.

Sunday, November 5th, Celebrate Laksmi, with our annual money-pouring ritual. Full Moon in Taurus celebration.

Thursday, November 30th, Celebrate Laka, Hawaiian Goddess of Hula and Celebration of Makahiki/Time of Peace.

Sunday, December 10th, Feast of the Virgin de Guadalupe.

Sunday, December 17th, Celebrate Winter Solstice, and the return of the Sun. Please note: Ritual time is 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, January 5th, Celebrate White Buffalo Calf Woman, and honor the call of the Peacekeeper. Moon in Leo.

Sunday, January 21st, Chinese New Year of the Boar and Quan Yin. New Moon celebration. Please note: Ritual time is 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Thursday, February 1st, Dedication ritual and honoring of Brigit. *By invitation only* Dedicate to our Temple for a year and a day.

Friday, February 9th, Celebrate Eingana, Goddess of Life, Death, and Fertility. Waning Half Moon in Scorpio.

Saturday, March 3rd, Celebrate Bast, Moon Goddess of Creativity. Total Full Moon Lunar Eclipse in Virgo.

Tuesday, March 20th, Celebrate Spring Equinox and Goddess Holi, Celebration of Colors. Sun and Moon in Aries.

Tuesday, April 10th, Celebrate Chinese Sea Goddess Tien Hou, daytime fieldtrip to Her temple in San Francisco. 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friday, April 27th, Celebrate Fand, Celtic Goddess of Happiness, Beauty, Healing, and Charisma. Waxing Moon in Virgo.



THE DEEPENING SERIES is for womyn who desire to be a part of creating a more in-depth experience with the technique and magick 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 a year is required.** You must sign up for all of the Deepening rituals to participate; attendance at all rituals in the series is expected. Limited to 11 womyn. This is not a drop-in circle and you must sign up prior to the first ritual. See below for exchange information.

JOIN US AT OUR FOURTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RITES OF SPRING FESTIVAL! Daughters of the Goddess, in conjunction with the Lilith Institute, announces our Fourth Annual Women's Rites of Spring Festival to be held on Sunday, May 6th, 2007 in Napa, CA. Please mark your calendars now! Join us for a day of celebration, wisdom, words, drums, sacred song, dance and ritual. More information forthcoming, including early bird ticket prices and vendor opportunities. Watch your email box, or check our website: www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.

DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS WITCH SCHOOL Daughters of the Goddess is excited to announce the formation of our Dianic Witch School, a year and a day in the Dianic Aloha Tradition, beginning on February 11th, 2007 & held one Sunday a month. \$150 deposit received by January 1, 2007 holds your space. Please email Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com to be added to our information and/or waiting lists.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR ONLINE NEWSLETTER! Our newsletter is also available on our website located at www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com. To change your newsletter subscription on online-only, please contact Patrice@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com.



Malama Pono ~ Take care, be right.



<u>Packages</u>	<u>Exchange</u>
Newcomer Discount	First ritual \$30 or 3 rituals for \$90
1 Open Ritual	\$40/please mail check to us
6 Open Rituals	\$200/due at first ritual attended
All 12 Open Rituals	\$324/due at first ritual attended
Deepening + 12 Open Rituals	\$475/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 listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Please bring a candle for the altar, rattles, drums, something to sit on & food to share to each circle