

# Daughters of the Goddess



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

***Kulia I Ka Nu'u!  
Strive for the Highest!  
Queen Kapi'olani***

We love having a Temple, and a circle of womyn to gather around the altar. We are gathered for Lei Day at Kahuna's house. The day is astoundingly beautiful. The sun was shining, the birds were all around us singing so many beautiful songs. A gentle breeze blew through the trees, plants and grasses whispering its lovely song. We had a wonderful range of womyn present from a newcomer to womyn who were there at the beginning of Daughters of the Goddess, from a 10 year old to womyn in their 60's. We danced, and sang, learned some hula, we shared our stories and songs. And we made our haku leis. It was grand to see beautiful womyn with equally beautiful flowers around their heads.

And we had the honor of celebrating our Kahuna's birthday and the birthday of the Temple!! This is the 19th year of the Temple (going into our 20th anniversary on Summer Solstice 2016). Kahuna Leilani started Daughters of the Goddess in her backyard, and kept it going strong. Raising two daughters and a Temple is no small feat. It was beautiful to see the love and respect given and received as we honored our Kahuna. Thank you Leilani for all that you do. We are thankful for the day you were born. And thank you to Daughters of the Goddess, an entity unto Herself, for all of the gifts of Goddess spirituality and sisterhood held within your doors. Blessings, Daughters of the Goddess Community.



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

What a wild and evolutionary Summer! So many changes. June started off with a wonderful and delightful event, my daughter Eden graduated from college! She was at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for 4 years and just adored her experience there. She was surrounded by Ohana/family celebrating!

Another huge change is Luisah Teish has moved from the Bay Area to New Orleans. Many reasons brought about the change but I feel the hugest issue was the rising cost of the Bay Area, and primarily the gentrification of the Oakland area, where she lived for the most of her 40 years in Cali.

Big news as we embark into 2016 Daughters of the Goddess celebrates Her 20 Year Anniversary! Wow 20 years! So hard to believe. I love that, for the last 20 years, our Temple doors and altar are always open for ritual and magick! In this time, I have seen many communities and circles come and go. Thankfully DG is being sustained through continued participation and support. I'm inviting all of you who have been part of DG to think about ways you can continue to support this wonderful community and keep Her thriving.

We'll have lots of upcoming events including a pilgrimage to the Sekhmet Temple, inviting Kahuna Pahia to be here from Hawai'i to share her wisdom and many other fun things! If you want to be a part of the festivities please let me know. If you haven't been to the Temple for a while this is a great time to reconnect and touch base.

We've manifested a lot over the years; a locale for our circles, a home for two of our Temple Priestesses, wonderful members who give their time, homes and resources to Kokua and help us to continue being a viable entity, a Witch School program which will begin again in February, pilgrimages to Hawaii, and much more.

Mahalo Nui Loa to all of you who have been here since the beginning 20 years ago, and to those of you who are new. Let's celebrate together, jump on, join the fun, and celebrate US!

Blessings,

Leilani



# Daughters of the Goddess Fall 2015 Ritual Schedule

Leilani Birely - Author, Hawaiian Kahuna, Ordained Dianic High Priestess, and Ceremonialist has been bringing ancient Hawaiian healing and Goddess Wisdom to the community for nearly two decades. Kahuna Leilani earned her M.A. in Womyn's Spirituality from New College in San Francisco. She started The Daughters of the Goddess Womyn's Temple in 1996. Kahuna Leilani gives thanks and honor to her teachers: Luisah Teish, Yoruban 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.

**OPEN SERIES** ~ These 11 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 information.

**Friday, November 13th, Celebrate Artemis Greek Goddess of the Moon, the Hunt & Protectress of Womyn.** Crescent Moon in Sagittarius.

**Tuesday, November 24th, Celebrate Laksmi Hindu Goddess of Fertility, Abundance, Prosperity, Beauty & Health with Money Pouring ritual.** Almost Full Moon in Taurus.

**Tuesday, December 8th, Celebrate First Mother/Corn Mother of Penobscot (First Nations) Goddess of Corn and Tobacco.** Waning Moon in Scorpio.

**Monday, December 21st, Celebrate Winter Solstice and Hawaiian Snow Goddess Poliahu. Mauna Kea Activism.** Waxing Moon in Taurus.

**Saturday, January 9th, Celebrate White Buffalo Calf Woman in a Peace Ceremony.** New Moon in Capricorn.

**Saturday, January 23rd, Celebrate Ma'at Egyptian Goddess of Truth & Justice.** Full Moon in Leo.

**Tuesday, February 9th, Celebrate Bridget, Diana & Laka in our Annual Temple Dedication.** Waxing Moon in Pisces.

**Monday, February 22nd, Celebrate Rhiannon Welsh Goddess of Mares, Birds, Movement and Change.** Full Moon in Virgo.

**Tuesday, March 8th, Celebrate Gon De Tian Chinese Goddess of Luck.** New Moon in Pisces.

**Saturday, March 19th, Celebrate Spring Equinox and Hybla Sicilian Goddess of Earth and Nature.** Waxing Moon in Leo.

**Saturday, April 2nd, Celebrate Haumea/Papa with a Hawaii Sovereignty Movie Night.** Waning Moon in Aquarius.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS ALOHA-DIANIC WITCH SCHOOL 2016** ~ Do you long for a deeper understanding of Womyn's Mysteries? Have you wanted to learn more about the Goddess? Do you want to learn more about the magick of Daughters of the Goddess ceremonies? Delight in Daughters of the Goddess Witch School, a year of study in the Aloha-Dianic Tradition. Beginning in February 2016 the class will gather for one meeting each month culminating in the student's Initiation as Aloha Dianic Witches in January 2017! If you are interested please contact [Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](mailto:Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com).

**SEKHMET PILGRIMAGE 2016** ~ Thursday, April 14th – Sunday, April 17th, 2016. We are planning our 4th Temple Pilgrimage to the Sekhmet Temple in Las Vegas, NV. Imagine a 4 day retreat spent in sacred ritual space with spiritual sisters. A night time ritual, under the desert sky in an open roofed temple dedicated to Sekhmet; sacred fire holding the center with smoke wafting out on the gentle breeze. The cost includes a house with a pool & hot tub, and all meals are included. \$475 by November 13th, 2015; \$575 by February 13, 2016. If you are interested please, contact Leilani at [Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](mailto:Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com).

**ON HOLY GROUND: COMMITMENT & DEVOTION TO SACRED LANDS** ~ Leilani & Teish's book is available on our website. **To order a copy, please see our website at <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com/Shop/books.html>.** Purchasing the book from our website means that the authors get the full amount and so supports them more. This self-published, quality paperback contains the authors' personal stories, cultural myths and folktales, prayers, chants, rituals and exercises to help readers define their relationships to Mother Earth and Her Children. It also contains photographs from their travels to several sacred sites and their original artwork. This book will be useful to those wishing to travel as kindred spirits, to address ecological and environmental issues, and to experience the joys of rituals in nature. To host a book reading contact [Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](mailto:Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com).

**DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS NEWSLETTER** ~ This newsletter is published and distributed via U.S. mail twice per year in September and March on the Equinoxes, it 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](mailto: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. If you could send in a tithe of your choosing to help with the cost of production of this newsletter it would be very generous and greatly appreciated!

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Individual consultations, readings, Rites of Passage ceremonies are 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.