

# Daughters of the Goddess



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*An 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.*

## *He Ko'e Ka Pule A Kahuna, He Moe No A 'Oni Mai.*

*The Prayer of a Kahuna is like a worm; it may lie dormant but it will wriggle along.*

On a warm Summer evening we gather once again, around the candlelit altar, to celebrate Her. Faces glowing in the candle light we cast the circle. Laka Goddess of the Forest, of Hula, whispers in the wind calling. One by one we flow out of the door, together, and yet each on her own quest. As the womyn walk along they stop here and there, communing with the different plants, trees, shrubs, flowers asking permission to take a piece. The gathering is sacred, to honor Her, to honor nature. And we continue on. We gather together again under the huge, old Olive tree in the corner of the park. She is so tall that her branches spread out into the darkness above us. Where she touches the Earth her trunk is gnarled, with little niches just the right size for a flower. We set our offerings there spread out amongst her beautiful base, many roots rolling down flowing out as she goes deeply into the Earth. The wind begins to blow lightly through the leaves, whispering her happiness that her daughters are there. As we step back there is a playful smile on our faces. We stand together, arms around each other and look at the natural altar that has been created, given, gifted. It feels . . . free and natural to be celebrating under the Moon and stars, under the trees, with our sisters. One womyn starts to sing. . . "We are the flow, we are the ebb", . . . others join in. . . "we are the spiders we are the thread" . . . with a smile on our lips we sing together. . . "We are the Witches back from the Dead." Over my shoulder I see the lights go out in one of the apartments that surround our sacred altar our gathering of womyn, the blinds move slightly open, then close quickly. And on we sing.



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

Blessings abound as we continue the Daughters of the Goddess 20th Anniversary Festivities. Summer Solstice was filled with fun and tears of thanks for what DG has meant to women . . . some women commented that their affiliation here was one that had outlasted jobs, marriages, homes and more.

I am in a state of gratitude for the longevity of this Temple, as well as the strength of Faith and community that surrounds me and the women of DG. As we move into the Fall, with pumpkins, tomatoes, peppers, figs, olives and new grapefruit all growing at the same time, the Harvest of Aloha is in the air. It's been wonderful seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Vicki Noble came and blessed us with her presence and knowledge of Dakinis. Max Dashu's presentation in April was wonderful and welcomed a full house! On January 12th we are bringing her back with open arms to celebrate the publishing of her long awaited book Witches and Pagans: Women in European Folk Religion. Jennifer Berezan will be back at our Spiral Dance this year on Friday, October 21 in Orinda.

Our community looks forward to a pilgrimage to the Daughters of Diana Gathering in Southern California put on by Ruth Barrett and Falcon River ([www.daughtersofdianagathering.org](http://www.daughtersofdianagathering.org)). It will be good to connect with many long time Dianic Sisters and allies. And we look forward to Spring for a long awaited On Holy Ground Tour with myself and Luisah Teish going on pilgrimage to New Orleans in March 2017. If you are interested in New Orleans, please check out the information on the schedule.

Ashe, Mahalo, Gracias and Thanks to the multitude of women, near and dear to my heart I have had the pōmaik'i/ blessing to be with . . . my sisters Paris, Cyd and Tanya; my daughters Jade Leilani and Eden Leimomi; my nieces Brittney and Presley; my BFF's Susan Lopez and Yamit Behar; Holy Temple Priestess sisters Patrice and Kealoha; Temple Vestals Debi and Janelle, Auntie Pahia, Maria and Lynda Yraceburu; Ava Park of Orange County Goddess Temple, Mandesa, Ohlone elders Ann Marie Sayers and Canyon; MaShiAat Oloya and AhsaTi Tyehimba-Ford, Arisika Razak, Lady Tiamat, Auntie Kris Freewoman of the Sebastopol Goddess Crafts Faire and Temple sister, to the We'Moon womyn North and South, Lorena Oceguera Tamayo, Laura Ortiz and Susan Carter. And to all of the other wonderful women that I have had the pleasure to meet and work with on this path. Thank you & Mahalo!

Blessed be,

*Kahuna Leilani*

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# Daughters of the Goddess Ritual Schedule

Kahuna Leilani - Hawaiian Kahuna, Ordained Dianic High Priestess, Ceremonialist and Co-Author of On Holy Ground: Commitment & Devotion to Sacred Lands, has been bringing ancient Hawaiian healing and Goddess Wisdom to the community for two decades. She earned her M.A. in Womyn's Spirituality from New College in San Francisco. Kahuna Leilani started The Daughters of the Goddess Womyn's Temple in 1996. She 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; and Kumu Hula Patrick Makuakane and Mahea Uchiyama.

**OPEN SERIES** ~ These 12 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 and elder gathering information.

**Monday, November 7th, Celebrate Nike Greek Goddess of Victory .** Waxing half Moon in Aquarius.

**Monday, November 21st, Celebrate Durga Indian Goddess of Life/Death Cycle, Justice, War, Mother and Protectress .** Waning half Moon in Leo.

**Thursday, December 8th, Celebrate Guadalupe/Tonantzin Goddess of Love, Compassion and Mercy.** Waxing Moon in Aries.

**Wednesday, December 21st, Celebrate Winter Solstice & Lucina Roman Goddess of Returning Light.** Waning Moon in Libra.

**Thursday, January 12th, Max Dashu ~ Witches & Pagans: Women in European Folk Religion.** Full Moon in Cancer. *(Please see information in box below for Elder Gathering)*

**Tuesday, January 31st, Celebrate Kunapipi Snake Goddess of Northern Australian Aboriginal Peoples .** Waxing Moon in Aries.

**Friday, February 10th, Annual Temple Dedication Bridget, Laka and Artemis .** Full Moon in Leo. Penumbral Lunar Eclipse.

**Sunday, February 26th, Join us for a daytime Labyrinth walk in San Francisco.** New Moon in Pisces. Annual Solar Eclipse. PLEASE NOTE: 1 pm - 5 pm.

**Friday, March 10th, Celebrate Nortia Etruscan Goddess of Fate, Luck, Ceremonies and Magic.** Waxing Moon in Virgo.

**Sunday, March 19th, Celebrate Spring Equinox & The Muses Greek Goddesses of Arts, Sciences, Intelligence, Creativity & Inspiration.** Waning Moon in Sagittarius.

**Monday, April 10th, Celebrate Artemis Greek Goddess of the Moon/Night, Hunting & Animals, Guardian and Protectress of Womyn.** Full Moon in Libra.

**Wednesday, April 26th, Celebrate Laksmi Hindu Goddess of Fertility, Abundance, Prosperity, Grace, Beauty & Health .** New Moon in Taurus.

**New Orleans Pilgrimage ~ Save the dates: Thursday March 23rd to Monday March 27th, 2017** Join us for our long awaited On Holy Ground pilgrimage to New Orleans with Kahuna Leilani and Chief Luisah Teish. We are planning a full schedule including a visit to Marie Laveau's Tomb, Congo Square, various areas in the French Quarter, and more. The exchange will be \$795 which includes lodging and most meals. Exchange does not include airfare and transportation. More information will be coming. If you are interested please email Kahuna Leilani at [Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com](mailto:Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com).

**Max Dashu ~ Witches & Pagans: Women in European Folk Religion.** Max founded the Suppressed Histories Archives in 1970. Her presentations on global women's history and heritages are internationally known, as are the Suppressed Histories website. She has contributed to articles to many anthologies and journals. Now after 50 years of research and writing, we have her multi-volume sourcebook on witches, the witch hunts, and recovery of authentic European spiritual heritages. We are very excited to have Max return to us again to share this wonderful piece of work and knowledge. *Please note this is an elder circle, newcomer package and discounts do not apply. Exchange sliding scale \$30-\$50.*

**On Holy Grounds: 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 are better supported this way. 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). We are always happy to reduce our footprint on the Earth. 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! There is a PayPal button on the DG website where you can send a newsletter tithe, or send a check to the DG address.

Packages:	Exchange:
*Newcomer	1st ritual \$15 or
	3 rituals for \$60
Spiral Dance and Elder Gathering does	not apply to above exchange.
*1 Open Ritual	\$30/please mail check
*All 12 Open Rituals	\$300/due at first ritual

Financial programs are available for qualifying incomes/budgets. Sorry no refunds.

Individual consultations, readings, Rites of Passage ceremonies are available upon request. Please call or e-mail Kahuna 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.