

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.

Ko koa uka, ko koa kai.

Those of the upland, those of the shore.

In olden days relatives and friends exchanged products. The upland dwellers brought poi, taro, and other foods to the shore to give to kinsmen there. The shore dwellers gave fish and other seafoods. Visits were never made empty handed but always with something from one's home to give.

One afternoon Kahuna Leilani and I were walking around Waikiki prior to meeting up with Auntie Pahia for a gathering later that evening. It was a wonderfully warm day, the trade winds blowing lightly thru the streets. We wandered around, talking to people (both Hawaiian and visitors), checking out the smaller shops. After spending several hours, we decided to take the shuttle back to the hotel to prepare for the evening. As we boarded the bus the driver greeted Kahuna with a very warm "Aloha Sistah". We sat in the front of bus and Kahuna and the driver chatted as if they were family/ohana. She asked where he was from and he told us about his family. His father had been the "mayor of the valley" they lived in on the island prior to the "purchase" of the land by Kaiser Foundation which displaced the entire community. He told us about how the people all cared for each other, sharing the land from the top of the mountain to the sea, how they took care of each other. Everyone loved to visit with his father as he was a beloved elder, so he kept the door open all of the time. And this did not mean just leaving it unlocked, he left the door wide open so that those who came by knew that they were welcome whether he was home or not. Everyone is family, everyone is cared for, especially the land. There is a saying that I heard in Lilo and Stitch, which is supposed to be a child's movie but says so much about the Hawaiian Spirit. "Ohana means family. Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten."



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

My heart is filled with Aloha! I was recently talking to my sister Paris about Summer Solstice 2016 marking the 20 Year Anniversary of Daughters of the Goddess and she said, "You have to bring everyone back!" I thought this a cool sentiment and my sister is also planning to journey up from LA for our Women's Spiral Dance in the Fall. I have had the good fortune of a family who is very supportive of my calling as a Spirit Woman.

As I reflect back on the last 20 years of DG which is so interwoven with my life, I see a beautiful creation of passion, camaraderie, wisdom and support. I am surrounded by songs, chants, dance, drumming, prayers to the moon, candlelight, owls taking flight during ceremony, sage, altars and sharing my life with circles of women often. The saying that we've heard in various indigenous cultures about standing on the shoulders of our ancestors, is also true in my life. I have had an abundance of support and Aloha sent my way throughout this journey. When I think, "who do I bring back," the faces and women are so numbered! And how to get in touch with everyone . . . some of you have moved, some of you have passed, some of you have journeyed far and wide, and thankfully many of you I am still in touch with. We have been blessed by the grace and presence of our Holy Mother Goddess in so many ways.

I started 2016 with reaching out to several of the women who I knew would be interested in knowing about this anniversary and the response has been wonderful. Please check out the newsletter and you'll see we will be having Max Dashu and Vicki Noble presenting this series. Jennifer Berezan will also be joining us again at Spiral Dance. And in May there is an Open House at our Temple locale. Visits this Winter with some of you have been profound and I have enjoyed the conversations and storytelling. I look forward to more!

I hope to bring my elder Kahuna Happy Pahia out to the San Francisco Bay Area in 2017. I also look forward to hosting an event with Luisah Teish who is still traveling back and forth from New Orleans to the West Coast.

I call to those of you who I have not yet been able to get in touch with yet. Please respond to the call. I look forward to celebrating with you and seeing your beautiful faces! Mahalo Nui Loa for all that you have shared of yourself to create this Altar, this Hale/House, this community. I started with a vow to continue to create women's space as long as the women continue to come and we have... so here we are 20 years later still going strong! This is your sacred space, this is your Temple. May you be as blessed and may you feel the thankfulness in my heart . . . I send to your heart. All things are restored to Beauty.

Blessed be,

Leilani



Daughters of the Goddess Ritual Schedule

Kahuna Leilani - Author, Hawaiian Kahuna, Ordained Dianic High Priestess, and Ceremonialist 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; Starhawk, author and founder of the Reclaiming Collective; 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 information.

Monday, April 25th, Join us for Max Dashu presenting Medicine For Women's Spirits. Waning Moon in Sagittarius.

Saturday, May 14th, Daughters of the Goddess 20th Anniversary Open House. Come and celebrate with us. This gathering is open to everyone, All Ohana Welcome. Please bring your favorite memories and your Aloha to share. **Please note: We will be open for visiting from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. No exchange ~ just your presence**

Tuesday, May 24th, Celebrate Maeve/Medb Irish Goddess of Sovereignty, war, love/sexuality, & magic. Waning Moon in Capricorn.

Saturday, June 4th, Celebrate Vesta Roman Goddess of the Hearth, Ceremonies & Fire, Sacred Flame Goddess of our Temple. New Moon in Gemini.

Monday, June 20th, Celebrate Summer Solstice, Daughters of the Goddess 20th anniversary, and SHEVO. Full Moon in Capricorn.

Thursday, July 7th, Celebrate Kuan Yin ~ She Who Hears the Cries of the World, Goddess of Compassion. Waxing Moon in Virgo.

Tuesday, July 19th, Celebrate Lunar Lammas & Mama Quilla Peruvian Moon Goddess of Time, Festivals and Womyn. Full Moon in Capricorn.

Tuesday, August 2nd, Celebrate Solar Lammas and Laka Hawaiian Goddess of Hula and the Forest. New Moon in Leo.

Sunday, August 21st, Vicki Noble will be sharing about the Dakinis ~ spiritual muses for spiritual paths. Moon in Aries.

Sunday, September 4th, Celebrate Yemaya Yoruban Goddess of the Ocean with our Annual Pilgrimage to the Sea. Waxing Moon in Libra. **Please note: ritual time 11AM - 4 PM**

Thursday, September 22nd, Celebrate Fall Equinox and Po Ino Gogar Cambodian Goddess of Growth, Harvest, Fertility & Community. Waning Moon in Gemini.

Monday, October 3rd, Celebrate Selket Egyptian Goddess of Family/Tribe, Fertility, the Underworld, Insects and Immortality. Waxing Moon in Scorpio.

Friday, October 21st, Annual Womyn's Spiral Dance celebrating the Ancestors & the Cronos. Waning Moon in Cancer.

DAUGHTERS OF THE GODDESS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION: Saturday, May 14th 2p.m. to 10p.m. This year we are celebrating an amazing 20 years of wonderful service that has evolved since our founding. We are celebrating the creation of over 400 Open Rituals all over the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as workshops, retreats and pilgrimages in the United States, Hawaii and Canada. We are celebrating this time with an Open House of the Temple Townhouse. Please bring your favorite memories and your Aloha to share. Open to everyone, All Ohana are Welcome! For more information call Kahuna Leilani 925-787-9247 or email her at 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.

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 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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SPIRAL DANCE NOT INCLUDED	3 rituals for \$50
*1 Open Ritual	\$30/please mail check
*All 12 Open Rituals	\$300/due at first ritual

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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.