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.

Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka 'Āina I Ka Pono

The life of the land is preserved in righteousness ~Hawaiian State Motto

As we gathered in the Temple, the eye of Mnemosyne gazed upon us. We shared our favorite memories with one another about friends and family. Some made us cry and some made us smile. The magick was playful and fun as we stood in a circle to play a game of telephone. Giggles filled the room as we whispered silly sayings in our sisters' ears. The room was transformed to a group of maidens of all ages, celebrating joyously. We drank from the pool of memory as the candle light sent our pledges of remembering the dark and light, to our Mother. She heard us laugh in the moonlight and filled our hearts with the motivation to continue to hold one another at Her altar.



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

I've been ruminating on what to write and I decided with all the heaviness going on I want to keep it light! I keep reflecting back on DG's Herstory, and amongst all the most obvious things we've offered, it dawned on me that we are part of the San Francisco Bay Area night life. I've considered myself a night person as I have stayed up til 4 a.m. and beyond more times than I can count. It has taken me many years to realize that for many women staying up til 10:30 or 11 p.m. for ceremony, especially on a weeknight, is quite a feat! On pilgrimages we often stay up well past midnight, into the night, and have watched the Sunrise and heard the bird's Dawn Song.

Witches and worshipping the Moon does involve night life. After all, the Full Moon doesn't reach Her zenith until Midnight. And, the fact that we are a clean and sober Temple adds to the Mystery and novelty. I've heard women say, "I've never stayed up this late without drinking alcohol."

We've even done public ritual at night in parks, had the police show up looking around with flashlights, and been surprised and confused that there were no drugs or alcohol. Just a giddy circle of women and girls high on ceremony and the energy! We were just being loud and rowdy, singing, drumming, and having a good time in sacred ritual space. Who knew women being loud and laughing and singing into the Night would be such an anomaly.

In the midst of all this I've heard many stories about jealous husbands waiting for their wives to get home, people being tired the next day at work, and crones having a hard time staying up late when confronting menopause.

As I approach my 56th year in May, I look towards becoming a Crone, planning the next Pilgrimage to O'ahu with Teish, heading toward Rainbow Stew in the High Desert for International Women's Day, officiating a wedding in Southern Cali and North Carolina, visiting the Shasta Goddess Temple and more.... I say, I'm still in! I love the Nightlife, I've got to Boogie, see you on the Dance Floor, In a Park, In the Dark, Under the Moon, or at High Noon! Bring it on! Let's laugh into the night together, get little sleep, play and pray together, rowdily howl at the Moon, and stir Her cauldron!

Blessed be,

Kahuna Leilani

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Daughters of the Goddess Spring 2019 - Fall 2019 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 over 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 11 circles are open to all womyn desiring knowledge and experiential work with the multifaceted aspects of the Goddess in ritual. These are NOT drop-in circles; please let us know in advance before the day of the ritual if you are planning to participate. Please see below for exchange and elder gathering information. Gathering time is 7:30 p.m. for all rituals unless otherwise noted.

Monday, May 6th, Lei Day & Laka Hawaiian Goddess of the Forest & Hula. Waxing Crescent Moon in Gemini. (Please note ritual is 11am ~ 4pm).

Tuesday, May 21st, Celebrate Baubo Greek Goddess of Laughter & Humor. Waning Moon in Capricorn.

Saturday, June 1st, Celebrate Juno Roman Goddess of Family & Tribes, Justice, Commerce & Travel, Mother & Guardian. Temple Sacred Flame. Waning Moon in Taurus.

Friday, June 21st, Celebrate Summer Solstice & Sekhmet Egyptian Sun Goddess & Temple Sacred Flame. Waning Moon in Aquarius.

Tuesday, July 9th, Celebrate Junkgowa Aboriginal Ocean Goddess of Australia. Waxing Half Moon in Libra.

Wednesday, July 31st, Celebrate Xochiquetzal Aztec Goddess of Love, Beauty & Household Arts & Flowers. New Moon in Leo.

Thursday, August 15th, Celebrate Lunar Lammas & Atna Mother Corn Goddess of the Arikara Tribe. Full Moon in Aquarius.

Monday, August 26th, Celebrate Laksmi with an evening of chanting Her Mantra. Waning Moon in Cancer.

Sunday, September 8th, Celebrate Yemaya Yoruban Goddess of the Ocean with our Annual Pilgrimage to the Sea. Waxing Moon in Capricorn. (Please note ritual time is 11am ~ 4 pm)

Saturday, October 12th, Celebrate Ataensic Grandmother Moon Goddess of the Iroquois. Full Moon in Aries.

Friday, October 25th,
Annual Womyn's Spiral Dance
Celebrating the Ancestors & the Crones.
Waning Moon in Libra.

Hawai'i~ Walking With Aloha Pilgrimage 2019 ~ Thursday, September 26th ~ Tuesday, October 1st Daughters of the Goddess embarks on our 4th Temple Pilgrimage to O'ahu. Ceremony and activities may include: Iolani Palace, Bishop Museum, North Shore - Haleiwa Town, visit and work in the Taro Patches, rituals, meeting with Indigenous elders, swimming in the beautiful ocean. \$1600 payment in full by August 15th, 2019. Non-refundable deposit of \$300 due by April1st, \$300 payment due by June 1st. Price includes lodging. Communally prepared meals will be shared. Exchange does not include airfare or transportation. Please contact Kahuna Leilani if you are interested at 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. 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 & Elder Gathering does not apply to above exchange.

*1 Open Ritual \$30/please mail check *All 11 Open Rituals \$275/due at first ritual Financial programs are available for qualifying incomes/budgets. Sorry no refunds.

Individual consultations, readings, and 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 in a glass container for the altar, rattles, drums, something to sit on & food to share to each circle.