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.

'A 'ohe hana i nele i ka uku. No deed lacks a reward. Every deed, good or bad, receives its just rewards.

The scent of incense filled the air as we lit our candles. Our greetings of love and excitement connected us together as we prepared to celebrate Durga. When it was time, we all joined our voices in a chant while our fingers danced on our mala beads. Some of us approached the altar to hear Her messages, others sat completely still. In that moment in time, we were one. We were together as a single, powerful, magickal energy, flowing out into the ethers. Together or apart, we are now connected as one. We are Witches and our spirit flows to our sisters, making and keeping that kinship of Aloha. Such an amazing womanly, witchy force!



Aloha Daughters of the Goddess,

I am writing to you during this "Shelter in Place" from my home in the San Francisco Bay Area. It started March 16th and we made it to week two yesterday and now it's been extended to the end of April....How are you? The weather couldn't be more beautiful with blue skies, pale green buds and leaves on the trees bursting forth, turkeys gobbling in my back yard, and the birds happily eating seeds from the feeder. The lettuce and kale are still growing and giving fresh salads for many home cooked meals.

The news couldn't offer a more startling tale that contradicts all the glory of our Dear Mother Earth. The desolate streets and highways of our usually bustling metropolis are also a stark reminder of what is happening on a global level. As many of us Earth Worshipers know, She will always demand that balance be brought back and continues to remind us that Her wishes and desires are the justice of the land. I'm sorrowed to know so much illness is around us and the viral messengers have stopped our way of life. But how many of us have been listening?

My own personal life is affected as well. My eldest daughter Jade is expecting her first child, my first grandchild, at the end of May. She is in Hawai'i and my visits to her have been put on hold and delivery protocol is being dictated by the issues surrounding the current state of affairs. Prayers and courage are of utmost importance and it is now when we need to stay connected more than ever.

Thankfully mighty spiritual elder Luisah Teish has returned to the Oakland, CA area and her surgery in January went well and she is healed up. The Bay Area welcomes you back!

My youngest daughter Eden's Master's in Kinesiology classes at St. Mary's have been put online and her graduation date schedule for May is up in the air. As many students are in this situation along with countless teachers and families, we are in a state of limbo. In the meantime, I am spending more time as a Kitchen Witch and my daughter Eden and I are cooking up a storm here at home. Eden is offering great tips on her Instagram account: https://www.instagram.com/eden_naturally/

It's important to stay balanced and I know this is easier said than done. To remain on the path of Beauty is difficult in challenging times but needed more than ever. Take time to go outside and breath the Ha, the breath of life. Find a tree to touch, some Earth to put a bare foot on. Breathe deeply essential oils of Lavender, Peppermint and Lemongrass. Put on your favorite music and dance. Read the books you've been gathering up for a while, journal, pull divination cards and most important don't forget to find time for laughter. Use every other form of communication than in person, to reach out to those you know and check in with EVERYONE! Phone calls, emails, letters, etc. are all wanted and needed at this time. I know I'm someone who needs more communication than just a blue thumbs up/like on Facebook. Let your Care Shine Through like a bright light!

I'm sending this upcoming schedule as a beacon of hope, as a light at the end of the tunnel, and as a message that we will prevail. We are powerful, We are Strong, We are Her Daughters.

Blessed be,

Kahuna Seilane

Daughters of the Goddess Spring 2020 - Fall 2020 Ritual Schedule

Kahuna Leilani - Hawaiian Kahuna, Ordained Dianic High Priestess, Ceremonialist and Co-Author of <u>On Holy Ground: Commitment & Devotion to</u> <u>Sacred Lands</u>, 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 <u>Jambalaya</u>; 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 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. ** <u>Gathering time is 7:30 p.m. for all rituals unless otherwise noted.</u>**

Thursday, May 7th, Celebrate May Day & Haumea Hawaiian Earth Mother. Full Moon in Scorpio. **Please note ritual time is 11a.m.~ 4p.m.**	Tuesday, August 11th, Celebrate Syn Norse Goddess of Watchfulness, Truth & Doorways. Moon in Taurus.
Friday, May 22nd, Celebrate Macha Irish Goddess of War, Protection, Fertility & Sovereignty. New Moon in Gemini.	Sunday, August 30th, Celebrate Yemaya Yoruban Goddess of the Ocean with Annual pilgrimage to Sea. Moon in Aquarius. **Please note ritual time is 11a.m. ~ 4p.m.**
Thursday, June 4th, Celebrate Vesta Roman Goddess of Home, Temple, Hearth, Family & Ceremonies & Temple Sacred Flame. Full Moon in Sagittarius.	Thursday, September 10th, Celebrate Kuan Yin Goddess of Compassion. She who hears the cries of the world. Waning Moon in Gemini.
Saturday, June 20th, Celebrate Summer Solstice & Estsanatlehi Navaho Goddess of Corn. New Moon in Cancer.	Tuesday, September 22nd, Celebrate Fall Equinox & Pomona Roman Goddess of Fruit Trees, Gardens & Orchards. Moon in Sagittarius.
Monday, July 6th, Celebrate Tulsi Hindu Goddess of Holy Basil with Mantras. Moon in Aquarius.	Monday, October 12th, Celebrate Indigenous Peoples day & Chimalma The Great Aztec Mother. Moon in Virgo.
Thursday, July 23rd, Celebrate Neith Egyptian Goddess of Creation, Weaving & War. Moon in Virgo.	Friday, October 30th, Annual Womyn's Spiral Dance Celebrating the Ancestors & the Crones. Moon in Taurus.

Personal Temple Townhouse Retreat ~ Nourish and replenish yourself with a personal Goddess Retreat. Stay for a healing retreat at the Temple Townhouse in the San Francisco Bay area. Experience a healing, pampering & spiritual 1 or 2 day retreat tailored to your needs and tended for by Temple Priestesses. Our retreats are Female Only.

Daughters of the Goddess Hawai'i Pilgrimage Spring 2021 to Big Island. We are planning our 5th Pilgrimage to Hawai'i. We will be visiting, including but not limited to: Hilo town, Maku'u Farmers market, Volcano/Pele, City of Refuge - Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historic Park, swimming in the ocean. \$1600 includes lodging, communally purchased & prepared meals will be shared. Exchange does not include airfare or transportation. Please contact Kahuna Leilani if 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 and 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
Spiral Dance & Elder Gathering	3 rituals for \$60 does not apply to above exchange.
*1 Open Ritual	\$25/please mail check
*All 12 Open Rituals	\$275/due at first ritual

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.

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