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THE UNICORN

VOL 2 - #4

AUTUMN EQUINOX

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A PUBLICATION OF the ROWAN TREE

★ The Pick Me Up - Dust Me Off ★ ★
★ ★ Unicorn Blues ★ ★

I thought I saw a Unicorn
I knew I did - for sure! ★
But when I said this to a friend
She headed towards the door. ★

"A Unicorn? Come on," she said,
★ "Such things do not exist,"
★ Oh yes they do - I know they do, ★
I'll prove it - if you insist. ★

The other moen, the dew still fresh
I walked along the glade,
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★ So beautiful an animal! ★
So noble, proud and strong!
He stood there, open to my gaze -
I know I can't be wrong.

"An illusion," she said, "it must have been,"
"A shadow, made of mist."
Oh no - you should have seen him! ★
Why do you resist? ★ ★

★ Well, - my friend just shook her head
★ My tale believing not,
★ "Goodbye," she said, "I'm leaving now"
"You sure you don't smoke pot?"
★ -Joyce L. Baker

Dear Pagan Peoples,

Well, as usual alot of dust has been kicked up around here. Sometimes I'm tempted to go back to the astral meadows, but I promised Aradia to look after these mortals - and a Unicorn's promise is as true as the moon! Many of you are aware of alot of changes going on, and I've said this issue would explain...

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Dirk & Paul have founded a new Center which they call "The Rowan Tree" and it appears to be very successful... lots of new students to put me & treat me like the fine Unicorn I am. They put together a fine brochure that shows me in a handsome profile, with Dirk's Raven up in the tree.

Please pay special attention to Tricia Bear's article - it's about time you learn more about Unicorns. To do my part in the work, I promise a free issue for each article, drawing or poem we use in the Unicorn. Prairie Jackson suggested this, and it's a fine idea. We hope that our new format will allow for more articles & news... Being a magnanimous Unicorn, I would like to see articles on dragons, elves, dryads, and all Magical Creatures. In fact, we'll make that two copies of the issue in which your work appears!!

Paul says I'm rambling & running out of space. Now that he has Dirk to keep him company, I'm planning on doing more astral visiting.... See you in your dreams

lots of Blessed B's & Unikisses
Andrius

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"stallion" leading anywhere from four to ten females (eat your heart out Andrius). Also, the legend of Unicorns being shy comes from the Southern herds. Northern Unicorns are very cautious but rarely shy.

Northern Unicorns have silver horn & hooves, but lay golden eggs. They have the most spectacular colouring, ranging from the purest of whites (with silver highlights), to shades of rose, blue and lavender (usually the females...) There is even an occasional black (even more rare than Southern Unicorns.) Found throughout the entire Northern Hemisphere, some have been sited as far North as Siberia. But, due to human encroachment into their territories, they have been driven to more wild & wooded areas. [You take the wooded - and I'll take the wild... Andrius...] Of course there are exceptions to this. Northern Unicorns, not being very shy, have been known to take up residence at farms and in houses and are very adaptable to human existence.

(to be concluded)

This research has been provided by anthropologist Tricia Bear. The next issue will carry the last half of her study, including methods of determining the age, and 'child'-rearing habits. Tricia - Gaudior, a fine Unicorn fellow of mine, says, quite wisely, that only Unicorns who are time travelers come from eggs. I trotted over to see if he would help me edit your article, and he snorted at that point, made some comment about 'having her head in the stars...' but I could tell he agreed with me that you have done fine work. May I recommend his book A Swiftly Tilting Planet? Some say it's written by Madelene L'angle, but we Unicorns know better -
Andrius]

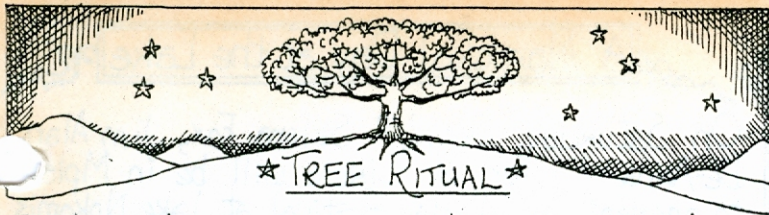
The Unicorn Phenomena

I've been researching "the Unicorn Phenomena" for quite a few years. The following are some of the conclusions I've drawn in my quest. Andrius, please feel free to correct anything, for I know some of my sources may be questionable, (Unicorns love to tease.)

My interest was (is) primarily in the migration (placement), birthing and colour differences. Of course, we are all aware that Unicorns are mammals, but the little known fact is that they lay eggs (similar to the Duck-billed Platypus) They are also divided by the Equator, giving us Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere Unicorns, those from the South being the most rare. Their main differences being hoof, horn, body & egg colouring.

Unicorns of the South are a slightly smaller breed, with golden horn & hooves, but lay silver eggs. Their primary body colour ranges from white to light dappled-grey. Living deep in the jungles of South America, they are rarely seen by human eyes. Other differences are that Southern Unicorns live under "herd law," with one





Go to a place near to you where there are trees, or even in your own backyard if it is secluded enough. Select a Tree that you feel drawn to; close your eyes and feel its vibrations. This is your Special Tree from now on.

Take a chalice filled with a mixture of wine and water, prepared and blessed as you see fit, and pour it at the base of the Tree chanting these words (or similar ones to your liking):

“Beautiful tree so strong and free
I pour this libation in honor of thee,
May all the virtues in you be
Transferred with love from thee to me.”

Put your arms around the trunk and feel the vibrations of strength, love, life, and beauty that you share. Feel sensual. Feel happy. Feel the closeness that your Pagan blood brings in you with Nature.

Any time that you feel in need of strength and wisdom, go to your Tree, talk with it, listen to it— for it is indeed a courier of the Goddess, filled with the strength and wisdom of all the Ages. Thank Mother Earth for creating such a thing of Peace, Comfort, and Beauty. Relax... Enjoy the feeling. Be Happy..... Joyce L. Baker

Pagan Profile

“I am Joyce, a solitary soul whose heart and mind are of the free and spirited Pagan of old. I have been practising - happily alone - for about six years now, writing my own poetry and rituals, and keeping my joy to myself. Well - I'm tired of it! I need people, people like myself to talk to, to meet with, to relate to. Come on, all you beautiful Pagan folk out there - lend me an ear! I need you!

I guess that I have always had a Pagan heart... I would like to share my rituals with people like myself who might benefit from them, (something I never thought I'd do). They have all been written with love, and will now be given with love to the Children of the Goddess...”

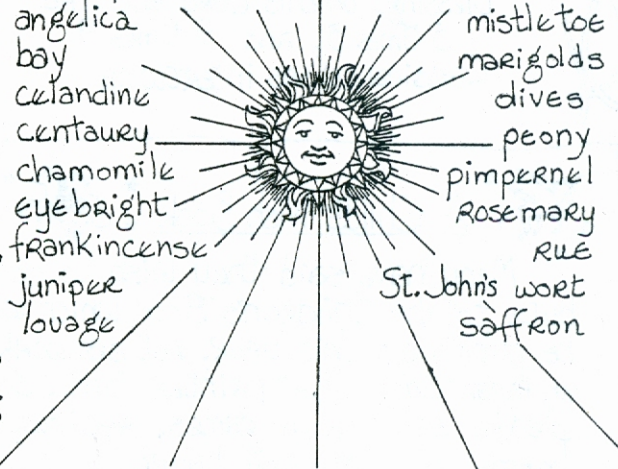
Joyce is a new-found friend of ours - one who has decided to share her Gift with us. She is kept in the Pittsburgh area by a magnificent cat named Meriah. In future issues of “The Unicorn” we will share more of Joyce's poetry and rituals.

Notes From an Herbal (Cont'd.)

In working magickally with herbs, it is highly important to have an understanding of planetary energies & correspondences. One includes in the grimoire or herbal a chart of planetary hours, and assembles information to put you in touch with those facts upon which you will build your Work.

The Sun

He rules those herbs which are masculine & strong, enabling the inner, spiritual self to manifest outwardly its positive ideals. Thus we are able to see the Self as but one of many, to desire vitality, and to do the Work we are but a part of. Just as these herbs could not live without His growing energies, so too must we always bask in the radiance of the Divine, working with the God & Goddess. Solar herbs will infuse the self with the confidence and strength of purpose to achieve our highest ideals. We can use them in our Magick to divine the true evolution of our solar system, and to carry our share of this Work - to see the Self as an integral part of this beautiful, ongoing Creativity. Some of the ruled plants of His domain include



The Fifth Law of the Traditional Herbalist

The poisons of the trade must only be used to suffocate and dispel that which causes harm to a fellow creature: dis-ease, illness, and that which keeps him from seeking his peace and happiness within the Universe.

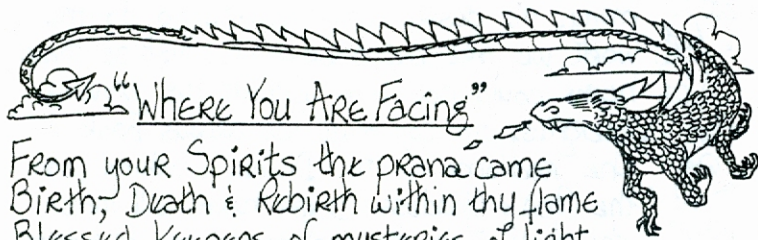
Dandelion Wine

- 2 qts. dandelion blossoms
- 2 oranges
- 2 lemons
- 4 lbs. sugar
- 5 qts. boiling water



Cut oranges & lemons into eighths, peels & all. Mix all ingredients well. Let stand 24-30 hours. Strain & let ferment until November (6 mos. or longer). Quality increases with age - Skim top occasionally. Use no plastics, metals, & do not cover tightly..... and the lady will certainly kiss your dreams!

This family recipe came over from Britain, and Kaye B. shares it - particularly for Steve (see Vol 2 #3).

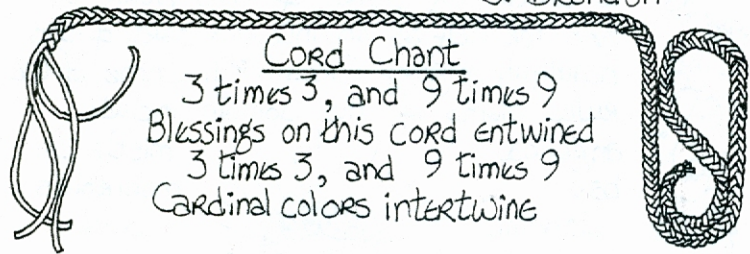


"Where You Are Facing"

From your Spirits the prana came
Birth, Death & Rebirth within thy flame
Blessed Keepers of mysteries of light
Where the Dragons sing & the Phoenix takes flight
Masters of wands, strength, will and insight
Let the Divine Spark dance among us this night.
-J. Brandon

Cord Chant

3 times 3, and 9 times 9
Blessings on this cord entwined
3 times 3, and 9 times 9
Cardinal colors intertwine



A Child's Wish Book

Many have said they wish to contribute to the Children's Book which will be published this year, but are working on Pagan time. Our printer isn't, so please send your games, recipes, poems, etc. to: Lady Laureli

41 Oakland Road
So. Windsor, Ct. 06074

Laureli is now in charge of Unicorns Haven, full of sunshine, trees, laughter, moonbeams, stars, serenity, & of course lots of Unicorns. Andrius took an astral trip there, & reports to us it's so nice he's thinking of moving - and says Laureli feeds him cookies...

A Magickal Day at the Lake

On Saturday, Oct. 6th Selena Fox, Jim Alan De-Anna & Lugh of Circle will be in Mpls. to present an all-day festival at Lake Nokomis. Workshops will be presented on Kirlian photography & aura energy; on psychic healing techniques; on today's pagan spirit; and in the evening a Circle Magick concert. Those living nearby have a flyer in with this newsletter. If you can make it, it's gonna be fun.... Call the Rowan Tree for details. 1-612-871-7287

Andrius' Colouring Book of Numbers

Is still available, for \$5.00 pages of myths for Pagan adults to color, esoteric information on numbers, a beautiful portrait of Andrius. Eleven full page drawings to color with pencils or felt tip... Ten full pages of text. It's a pretty neat book.... available from the Rowan Tree, Box 8814, Mpls. Mn. 55408, \$5.00 pp.

It's a Unicorn book, with Pan, griffins, Goddesses, the Sphinx, & lots more!

Hallowmas

The first issue of our third year will reach you in time for Hallowmas. By coming out more frequently, our news will be more current. Let us know of your festivals, anything you wish to share. We share all good news - and don't solicit or accept advertising.



The Unicorn Rambles

Remember Terry the Wizzard from Pan Pagan? He was camped next to Paul... Terry runs Esoterica 4018 Douglas, Kalamazoo, Mi., 49007. Write for information on incense, occult supplies, etc... One of our Unicorns has a fine, new antheme made by Quentin Rasmussen, 383 Harrison St., Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51501... It's beautiful & a good working tool

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(The Unicorn Rambles - cont.)

The "Pegasus Express" is a very pleasant Craft newsletter, with an exceptional calendar. \$3.00 per year. 62 E. College Ave., Yardley, Pa. 19067
The ★13's of Waynesville have been so good about dropping us cards, etc. from their travels to the Bull Witch Village in Adams Tenn. They're real regular visitors..... The Wizzard sent us a tape of Circle's chant workshop - Wow!..... For this issue, we thank deeply DGR of Mpls; Chris Sherbak of L.A. Their generosity deserves bouquets of Our Lady's Blessings. Special thanks to Maud, to Munli; Write "Craeftgemot Witancoveyne", RR1 Box 601-C Pompano Beach, Fl. 33067 for information on their Craft Center..... The return of the Crystal Well? Gee whiz - how wonderful! Box 3145, Seal Beach, Calif., 90740..... We have a new Unicorn on our altar - a gift from The Order of Ganymede... Nice people we connected with, & a beautiful friend in Michael..... Andrius has a crush on a filly - Hermod sent us a neat 'engraving' of her..... Incredible artwork has been sent us by Prairie Jackson, who is currently at work on the new Women's Tarot... We will have (we hope) a work of her art in a future issue..... A very warm, friendly newsletter, "The Cauldeon", from Madreakara, Box 82, Occidental, Calif. 95465..... A new occult store & gallery to be opening in Manhattan's upper west side, called "Wiccan Arts" - send Calista & Demion helpful energies..... Arionrhod sent us a King's Crown Shell - filled with the Goddess' beauty..... Did you see the August 6th issue of Time magazine's article on the Pan-Pagan Festival?..... Tanya sent us a copy of The Last Unicorn - it's a neat book, & I'm not done so don't tell me the ending..... A nice letter from the Beasley's - John & Donna were joined in handfasting at Pan-Pagan. They're working with a new organization - the Southeast Center for New Age Wicca in that part of the U.S. Write to the Beasley's, 306 Hill St., Marietta, Ga. 30060 Wishes of success!..... The ladies of Aurora have a fine new house & temple. Thanks for the Birthday Song!!..... Kareyn sends neat Unicorn cards..... Had a wonderful birthday visit from Circle - got everyone's auras all bright & shiny. Selena brought us a photo of an elf; Lugh brought magick oil; Happy happy to J. A. Send him 'retrograde' wishes, for his birthday has just been... Love to Lugh of the Light from Dirk, the Lionhearted for the drums..... Andrius sends lots of love to Michelle, and he says he will give her a Unihug in her dreams-

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hi to her beautiful Mom & Pop!!

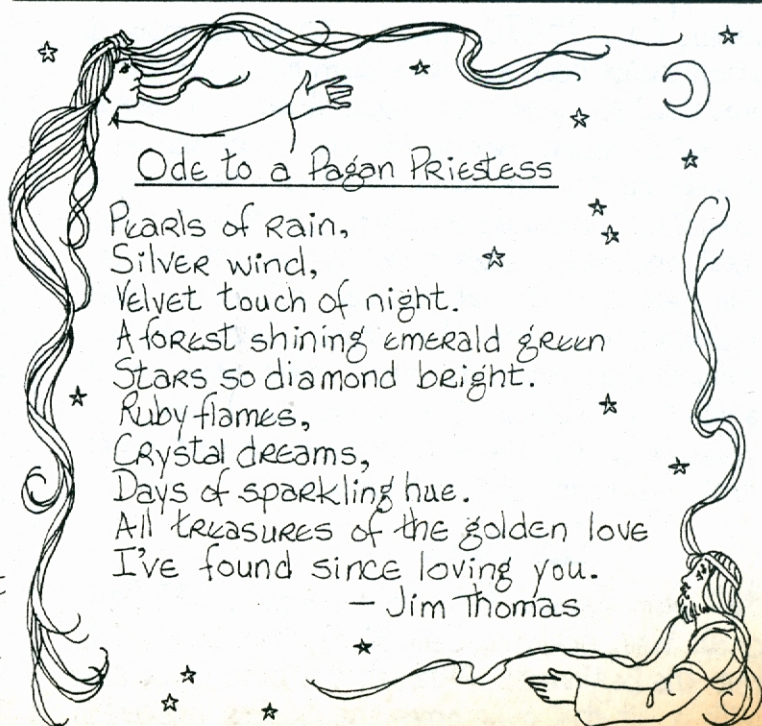
May the Autumn Season bring to harvest all your Magickal dreams.

★ IMPORTANT NOTICE ★

Volume 3, number 1 of The Unicorn will be out by Hallowmas. If you wish to continue receiving The Unicorn & you wish your current subscription to be uninterrupted, please note that we have made large changes! Effective with Vol. 3 #1, the Hallowmas issue, The Unicorn will reach you in time for each Sabbat. Please send us your articles & creations accordingly. If your things are seasonal - get them mailed early, for we do come out on time!! We have expanded the amount of material carried in 7 pages, and now feature original artwork by Dirk in each issue. Next issue will begin a regular column on the tarot.

Please send us all good Pagan news! If you maintain secrecy, we respect that. If you wish to tell the Craft & Pagan Peoples the news, we'll share.... Let us know about festivals, newbooks, newsletters, workshops; share with us poetry, articles, etc.

With our second year at an end, this is our new format - we welcome your comments!!



Ode to a Pagan Priestess

Pearls of rain,
Silver wind,
Velvet touch of night.
A forest shining emerald green
Stars so diamond bright.
Ruby flames,
Crystal dreams,
Days of sparkling hue.
All treasures of the golden love
I've found since loving you.
- Jim Thomas

The Contest

The winning poem was "The Song of the Unicorn" by Karen of Aurora. Her amulet will be made for her special wishes. Karen-what are they?

The Extra Pages

Beginning with our next issue of The Unicorn - Vol. 4 #1 due on Halloween, we will offer "The Extra Pages" as a treat for those sisters and brothers who are Gay Pagans. We see this extra section as a means of sharing poetry & rituals, articles & communication from the homosexual point of view. We have a West Coast correspondent, Chris Sherbak, 588 N. Lucerne Blvd., L.A., Calif. 90004. To cover the cost of printing & extra postage there will be an extra \$2.00 fee. Many have expressed a desire for this section - it should prove valuable for those feeling of a "double minority"

REVIEWS

Wheel of the Year the music of Gwydion

\$6.00 pp. from Nemeton, P.O. Box 212, Redwood Valley, Ca., 95470. Nearly 30 songs, many of which bring back memories from his album (still available) and from past lives. There is a wonderful set of Sabbat dances, and the songs are all marked by the distinctive melodies & harmonies of Gwydion. Beautifully published, C.R. Miller's illustrations grace each song. Our only criticism is the difficulty of the non-musician to translate these melodies into song. For those without the ability to read music, the album might prove to be a great assistance. It's a wonderful book, pleasing to the eye & to the ear, to sing songs that the heart will long whisper.

Real Magic

\$6.95 from Creative Arts Book Company, 833 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, Calif. 94710. This book is not for the beginner! Although the book is written with a wit that overcomes the dryness inherent in

this genre, the esoteric nature of the concepts will baffle anyone not comfortable with the intellectual side of esoterica. This book will barrage you with ideas about almost all of the aspects of the occult; it's not the sort of book you'll read for relaxation. The opinions that Bonewits puts forward will often irritate you, sometimes confirm your own feelings, but they will in any case always make you think!!

Initiation

\$6.00 from Seed Center, Box 591, Palo Alto, Calif. 94302. This excellent book is a personal, unself-conscious look at the life and thoughts of a psychic. Its magical imagery will create echoes in your own mind, since the struggles and doubts Ms. Haich goes through are the ones that all magical people have to deal with. Her past life in ancient Egypt will provide a wealth of information; the discussion of psychic development is invaluable, especially for the beginner. The loving confirmation of the magick in all of us is enough to recommend this book to all of those who seek the inner self and the path of light.

Magical Religion in the United States

The literature of Magick, Witchcraft and Neo-Paganism: A bibliographical survey of books, periodicals, and other materials representative of the American Magical Community compiled by J. Gordon Melton, of the Institute for the Study of American Religion, Box 1311, Evanston, Illinois, 60201. It is an incredible book, listing nearly 700 books and pamphlets, by subject, and over 100 periodicals. This book is essential for anyone attempting to build an occult library. Gordon's work to document the Craft as a positive force in American religions is incredible. He has done a lot of work to help the Pagan Community, and has shared in many rituals. All this from a non-Pagan (would you believe a Methodist minister?). If you publish anything, it belongs in I.S.A.R.'s archives - probably the most complete Magical library in the U.S. - and one we have access to. Many of you have in with this issue a pink questionnaire... Please complete it & mail it to:

I. S. A. R.

Box 1311

Evanston, Ill. 60201

Gordon is writing a book on the Craft, to show the Christian community that we're O.K. people.

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The title of the book is tentatively "Blessed Be," so you see how our love can shine on. To make his book effective, fill out the form - those of you who did so Pan-Pagan, give it to a friend! You don't have to disclose your identity. Make copies - we can't stress how valuable this effort is. If we are to be given recognition (not as individuals, but as a religious movement) this form is essential. And when you send it in, ask Gordon to send you the pamphlet describing I.S.A.R. & its work - and ask him the cost of the above book (because I forgot.... oops!)

Directory

Sanctum Regnum, Inc. 615 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53202, 1-414-272-1818. A well-stocked shop we visited when Circle was teaching workshops. Bought alot of books because the selection on the Craft was tempting...

Sanctus Spiritus, 2735 Chicago Road, So. Chicago Heights, Ill., 60411, 1-312-756-1113. We connected with Stan at the Pan-Pagan, and were delighted at the stock he brought. He also sent with us a beautiful Unicorn pendant, for which we thank you!!

New Catalogues

A beautiful, new catalogue is available from Arcane Crafts, 181 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N.Y., 11217. Russ & Swanara are two delightful Pagans, children of Prometheus, the Greek Titan who gave unto us the gift of fire. Most of the jewelry and ritual items they create out of 14k. gold & sterling silver. The items featured are beautiful, with clear

photos so you can easily see them. Better than just reading about it - send for a catalogue - they're free, and can help you find your own Working Tools, or gifts for your favourite Witch!!

Remember The Warlock Shop in New York? Well, it's now called the Magickal Child, and is working with Abrahadabra, a new mail order company. A large catalogue, nearly 50 pages, of herbs, books, alot of tools, but also such things as spider jewelry, kits for spells, voodoo supplies, even voodoo products for gays. Despite those 'stranger' aspects of Magick represented, the catalogue carries lots & lots of things. Cost, \$2.00, from Abrahadabra, Inc., 37 West 19th St., New York, N.Y., 10011.

The most beautiful illustration appears on the cover of a new catalogue from the Mystic Arts Book Store, 10202 152nd St., Surrey, B.C., Canada V3R-6N7. It's a wonderful book, not only listing a huge stock of books, but with an approach that treats us as intelligent beings.... eg. "Magic is to Religion what Technology is to Science." We were thrilled to find strong statements such as this: "Occult rituals and practises that deal in 'black magic' or any other form of evil are not part of the philosophy of witchcraft."

Moon Magick, P.O. Box 395, Littleton, Colorado, 80120.... "to provide an easier way for those in search of occult supplies.... all items... have been thoroughly researched for authenticity and potency." Incenses are offered by zodiacal sign or planetary energy, with a long list for special occasions. This is a good catalogue for those items belonging in a good witch's cupboard, and astrological & tarot services as well.

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Dirk and Paul have founded a new Center which they call "The Rowan Tree" and it appears to be very successful... lots of new students to pet me and treat me like the fine Unicorn I am. They put together a fine brochure that shows me in a handsome profile, with Dirk's Raven up in the tree.

Please pay special attention to Tricia Bear's article - it's about time you learn more about Unicorns. To do my part in the work, I promise a free issue of each article, drawing or poem we use in the Unicorn. Prairie Jackson suggested this, and it's a fine idea. We hope that our new format will allow for more articles and news... Being a magnanimous Unicorn, I would like to see articles on dragons, elves, dryads, and all Magickal Creatures. In fact, we'll make that two copies of the issue in which your work appears!!

Paul says I'm rambling and running out of space. Now that he has Dirk to keep him company, I'm planning on doing more astral visiting.... See you in your dreams

Lots of Blessed Be's and Unikisses Andrius

The Unicorn Phenomena

I've been researching "The Unicorn Phenomena" for quite a few years. The following are some of the conclusions I've drawn in my quest. Andrius, please feel free to correct anything, for I know some of my sources may be questionable, (Unicorns love to tease).

My interest was (is) primarily in the migration (placement), birthing and colour differences. Of course, we are all aware that Unicorns are mammals, but the little known fact is that they lay eggs (similar to the Duck-billed Platypus). They are also divided by the Equator, giving us

Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere Unicorns, those from the South being the most rare. Their main differences being hoof, horn, body and egg colouring.

Unicorns of the South are a slightly smaller breed, with golden horn and hooves, but lay silver eggs. Their primary body colour ranges from white to light dappled-grey. Living deep in the jungles of South America, they are rarely seen by human eyes. Other differences are that Southern Unicorns live under "herd law," with one "stallion" leading anywhere from four to ten females (eat your heart out Andrius). Also, the legend of Unicorns being shy comes from the Southern herds. Northern Unicorns are very cautious - but rarely shy.

Northern Unicorns have silver horn and hooves, but lay golden eggs. They have the most spectacular colouring, ranging from the purest of whites (with silver highlights), to shades of rose, blue and lavender (usually the females...). There is even an occasional black (even more rare than Southern Unicorns.) Found throughout the entire Northern Hemisphere, some have been sighted as far north as Siberia. But, due to human encroachment into their territories, they have been driven to more wild and wooded areas. [You take the wooded - and I'll take the Wild... Andrius...] Of course there are exceptions to this, Northern Unicorns, not being very shy, have been known to take up residence at farms and in houses and are very adaptable to human existence.

(to be continued)

This research has been provided by anthropologist Tricia Bear. The next issue will carry the last half of her story, including methods of determining the age, and 'child'-rearing habits. [Tricia-Gaudior, a fire Unicorn fellow of mine, says, quite wisely, that only unicorns who are time travelers come from eggs. I trotted over to see if he would help me edit your article, and he snorted at that point, made some comment about 'having her head in the stars...' but I could tell he agreed with me that you have done fine work. May I recommend his book A Swiftly Tilting Planet? Some say it's written by Madelene L'engle, but we Unicorns know better - Andrius

Tree Ritual

Go to a place near to you where there are trees, or even in your own backyard if it is secluded enough. Select a tree that you feel drawn to; close your eyes and feel its vibrations. This is your Special Tree from now on.

Take a chalice filled with a mixture of wine and water, prepared and blessed as you see fit, and pour it at the base of the tree chanting these words (or similar ones to your liking):

"Beautiful tree so strong and free
I pour this libation in honor of thee,
May all the virtues in you be
Transferred with love from thee to me."

Put your arms around the trunk and feel the vibrations of strength, love, life, and beauty that you share. Feel sensual. Feel happy. Feel the closeness that your Pagan blood brings in you with Nature.

Any time that you feel in need of strength and wisdom, go to your tree, talk with it, listen to it - for it is indeed a courier of the Goddess, filled with the strength and wisdom of all the ages.

Thank Mother Earth for creating such a thing of Peace, Comfort, and Beauty. Relax.... Enjoy the feeling. Be Happy..... Joyce L. Baker.

Pagan Profile

"I am Joyce, a solitary soul whose heart and mind are of the free and spirited Pagan of old. I have been practising - happy alone - for about six years now, writing my own poetry and rituals, and keeping my joy to myself. Well - I'm tired of it! I need people, people like myself to talk to, to meet with, to relate to. Come on, all you beautiful Pagan folk out there - lend me an ear! I need you!

I guess that I have always had a Pagan heart ... I would like to share my rituals with people like myself who might benefit from them, (something I never thought I'd do). They have all been written with love, and will now be given with love to the Children of the Goddess..."

Joyce is a newfound friend of ours - one who has decided to share her gift with us. She is kept in the Pittsburgh area by a magnificent cat named Meriah. In future issues of "The Unicorn" we will share of Joyce's poetry and rituals.

Notes from an herbal (cont'd.)

In working magickally with herbs, it is highly important to have an understanding of planetary energies and correspondences. One includes in the Grimoire or herbal a chart of planetary hours, and assembles information to put you in touch with those facts upon which you will build your work.

The Sun

He rules those herbs which are masculine and strong, enabling the inner, spiritual self to manifest outwardly its positive ideals. Thus we are able to see the Self as but one of many, to desire vitality, and to do the work we are but a part of. Just as these herbs could not live without his growing energies, so too must we always bask in the radiance of the Divine, working with the God and Goddess. Solar herbs will infuse the self with the confidence and strength of purpose to achieve our highest ideals. We can use them in our Magick to divine the true evolution of our solar system, and to carry our share of this work to see the self as an integral part of the beautiful, ongoing creativity. Some of the ruled plants of His domain include angelica, bay, celandine, centaury, chamomile, eyebright, frankincense, juniper, lovage, mistletoe, marigolds, olives, peony, pimpernel, rosemary, rue, St. John's wort, saffron.

The fifth Law of the Traditional Herbalist

The poisons of the trade must only be used to suffocate and dispel that which causes harm to a fellow creature: dis-ease [disease], illness, and that which keeps him from seeking his peace and happiness within the universe.

Dandyion Wine

2 qts. Dandelion blossoms

2 oranges

2 lemons

4 lbs sugar

5 qts. boiling water

Cut oranges and lemons into eighths, peels and all. Mix all ingredients well. Let stand 24-30 hours. Strain and let ferment until November (6 months or longer). Quality increases with age -

skim top occasionally. Use no plastics, metals, and do not cover tightly.... And the Lady will certainly kiss your dreams!

This family recipe came over from Britain, and Kaye B. shares it - particularly for Steve (see Vol 2 #3)

“Where you are Facing”

From your Spirits the prana came
Birth, Death and Rebirth within thy flame
Blessed keepers of mysteries of light
Where the Dragons sing and the Phoenix takes flight
Masters of wands, strength, will and insight
Let the Divine Spark dance among us this night.

- J. Brandon

Cord Chant

3 times 3, and 9 times 9
Blessings on the cord entwined
3 times 3, and 9 times 9
Cardinal colors intertwine

A Child's Wishbook

Many have said they wish to contribute to the Children's Book which will be published this year, but are working on Pagan time. Our printer isn't so please send your games, recipes, poems, etc. to: Lady Laureli 41 Oakland Road So. Windsor, CT 06074

Laureli is now in charge of Unicorns Haven, full of sunshine, trees, laughter, moon beams, stars, serenity, and of course lots of unicorns. Andrius took an astral trip there, and reports to us it's so nice he's thinking of moving - and says Laureli feeds him cookies...

A Magickal Day at the Lake

On Saturday, Oct. 6th Selena Fox, Jim Alan, De-Anna and Lugh of Circle will be in Mpls to present an all-day festival at Lake Nokomis. Workshops will be presented on Kirlian photography and aura energy; on psychic healing techniques; on today's Pagan spirit; and in the evening a Circle Magick Concert. Those living nearby have a flyer in with this newsletter. If you can make it, it's gonna be fun Call the Rowan Tree for details. 1-612-871-7287

Andrius' Colouring Book of Numbers

Is still available, for \$5.00 pages of myths for Pagan adults to color, esoteric information on numbers, a beautiful portrait of Andrius. Eleven full page drawings to color with pencils or felt tip... Ten full pages of text. It's a pretty neat book.... Available from the Rowan Tree, Box 8814, Mpls. Mn. 55408, \$5.00 pp. It's a Unicorn book, with Pan, Griffins, Goddesses, the Sphinx, and lots more!

Hallowmas

The first issue of our third year will reach you in time for Hallowmas. By coming out more frequently, our news will be more current. Let us know of your festivals, anything you wish to share. We share all good news - and don't solicit or accept advertising.

The Unicorn Rambles

Remember Terry the Wizzard from Pan-Pagan? He was camped next to Paul... Terry runs Esoterica 4018 Douglas, Kalamazoo, Mi., 49007. Write for information on incense, occult supplies, etc... One of our Unicorns has a fine, new athame made by Quentin Rasmussen, 383 Harrison St., Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51501... It's beautiful and a good working tool

The "Pegasus Express" is a very pleasant craft newsletter, with an exceptional calendar. \$5.00 per year. 62 E. College Ave., Yardley, Pa. 19067. The [Pentagram]13's of Waynesville have been so good about dropping us cards, etc. from their travels to the Bell Witch Village in Adams Tenn. They're real regular visitors..... The Wizzard sent us a tape of Circle's chant workshop - Wow! For this issue, we thank deeply, DGR of Mpls; Christ Sherbak of L.A. Their generosity deserves bouquets of our Lady's Blessings. Special thanks to Maud, to Munli; Write "Craeftgemot Witancoveyne", RR1 Box 601-C Pompano Beach, FL. 33067 for information on their craft center..... The return of the Crystal Well? Gee Whiz - how wonderful! Box 3145, Seal Beach, Calif., 90740..... We have a new Unicorn on our altar - a gift from The Order of Ganymede... Nice people we connected with, and a beautiful friend in Michael..... Andrius has a crush on a filly - Hermod sent us a neat 'engraving' of her..... Incredible artwork has been sent us by Prairie Jackson, who is currently at work on the new Women's Tarot... We will have (we hope) a work of her art in a future issue..... A very warm. Friendly newsletter, "The Cauldron," from Madrakara, Box 82, Occidental, Calif. 95465.... A new occult store and gallery to be opening in Manhattan's upper west side, called "Wiccan Arts" - send Calista and Demian helpful energies..... Arionrhod sent us a king's crown shell - filled with the Goddess' beauty..... Did you see the August 6th issue of Time magazine's article on the Pan-Pagan festival?

Tanya sent us a copy of The Last Unicorn - it's a neat book and I'm not done so don't tell me the ending..... A nice letter from the Beasley's - John and Donna were joined in handfasting at Pan-Pagan. They're working with a new organization - the Southeast Center for New Age Wicca in that part of the U.S. Write c/o the Beasley's, 306 Hill St., Marietta, Ga. 30060. Wishes of success!..... The ladies of Aurora have a fine new house and temple. Thanks for the birthday song!!..... Karyn sends neat Unicorn cards... Had a wonderful birthday visit from Circle - got everyone's auras all bright and shiny, Selena brought us a photo of an elf; Lugh brought magick oil; Happ happy to J.A. Send him 'retrograde' wishes, for his birthday has just been... Love to Lugh of the Light from Dirk. The Lionhearted for the drums..... Andrius sends lots of love to Michelle, and he says he will give her a Unihug in her dreams - Hi to her beautiful Mom and Pop!!

May the Autumn Season bring to harvest all your Magickal dreams.

Important Notice

Volume 3, number 1 of The Unicorn will be out by Hallowmas. If you wish to continue receiving The Unicorn and wish your current subscription to be uninterrupted, please note that we have made large changes! Effective with Vol. 3 #1, the Hallowmas issue, The Unicorn will reach you in time for each Sabbat. Please send us your articles and creations accordingly. If your things

are seasonal - get them mailed early, for we do come out on time!! We have expanded the amount of material carried in 7 pages, and now feature original artwork by Dirk, in each issue. Next issue will begin a regular column on the tarot.

Please send us all good Pagan news! If you maintain secrecy, we respect that. If you wish to tell the Craft and Pagan Peoples the news, we'll share.... Let us know about festivals, new books, newsletters, workshops; share with us poetry, articles, etc.

With our second year at an end, this is our new format - we welcome your comments!!

Ode to a Pagan Priestess

Pearls of rain

Silver wind

Velvet touch of night

A forest shining emerald green

Stars so diamond bright

Ruby flames,

Crystal dreams,

Days of sparkling hue

All treasures of the golden love

I've found since loving you.

- Jim Thomas

Contest

The winning poem was "The song of the Unicorn" by Karen of Aurora. Her amulet will be made for her special wishes. Karen - what are they?

The Extra Pages

Beginning with our next issue of The Unicorn - Volume 4 #1 due on Hallowmas, we will offer "The Extra Pages" as a treat for those sisters and brothers who are Gay Pagans. We see this extra section as a means of sharing poetry and rituals, articles and communication from the homosexual point of view. We have a West Coast correspondent, Chris Sherbak, 588 N. Lucerne Blvd., L.A., Calif. 90004. To cover the cost of printing and extra postage there will be extra \$2.00 fee. Many have expressed a desire for this section and it should prove valuable for those feeling of a 'double minority'

Reviews

Wheel of the year: the music of Gwydion

\$6.00 pp. From Nemeton, P.O. Box 212, Redwood Valley, Ca., 95470. Nearly 30 songs, many of which bring back memories from his album (still available) and from past lives. There is a wonderful set of Sabbat dances, and the songs are all marked by the distinct melodies and harmonies of Gwydion. Beautifully published, C.R. Miller's illustrations grace each song. Our only criticism is the difficulty of the non-musician to translate these melodies into song. For those without the ability to read music, the album might prove to be a great assistance. It's a

wonderful book, pleasing to the eye and to the ear, to sing song's that the heart will long whisper. - P

Real Magic

\$6.95 from Creative Arts Books Company, 833 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, Calif. 94710. This book is not for the beginner! Although the book is written with a wit that overcomes the dryness inherent in the genre, the esoteric nature of the concepts will baffle anyone not comfortable with the intellectual side of esoterica. This book will barrage you with ideas about almost all of the aspects of the occult; it's not the sort of book you'll read for relaxation. The opinions that Bonewits puts forward will often irritate you, sometimes confirm your own feelings, but they will in any case always make you think!! - D

Initiation

\$6.00 from Seed Center, Box 591, Palo Alto, Calif. 94302. This excellent book is a personal, unselfconscious look at the life and thoughts of a psychic. Its magickal imagery will create echoes in your own mind, since the struggles and doubts Ms. Haich goes through are the ones that all magickal people have to deal with. Her past life in ancient Egypt will provide a wealth of information; the discussion of psychic development is invaluable, especially for the beginner. The loving confirmation of the magick in all of us is enough to recommend this book to all of those who seek the inner self and the path of light. -D

Magickal Religion in the United States

'The literature of Magick, Witchcraft and Neo-Paganism: a bibliographical survey of books, periodicals, and other materials representative of the American magickal community compiled by J. Gordon Melton', of the Institute for the Study of American Religion, Box 1311, Evanston, Illinois, 60201. It is an incredible book, listing nearly 700 books and pamphlets, by subject, and over 100 periodicals. This book is essential for anyone attempting to build an occult library. Gordon's work to document the Craft as a positive force in American religions is incredible. He has done a lot of work to help the Pagan Community, and has shared in many rituals. All this from a non-Pagan (would you believe a Methodist minister?). If you publish anything, it belongs in the I.S.A.R.'s archives - probably the most complete Magickal library in the U.S. - and one we have access to. Many of you have in with this issue a pink questionnaire... Please complete it and mail it to:

I.S.A.R.

Box 311

Evanston, Ill. 60201

Gordon is writing a book on the Craft, to show the Christian community that we're O.K. people. The title of the book is tentatively "Blessed Be," so you see how our love can shine on. To make his book effective, fill out the form - those of you who did so [at] Pan-Pagan, give it to a friend! You don't have to disclose your identity. Make copies - we can't stress how valuable this effort is. If we are to be given recognition (not as individuals, but as a Religious movement) this form is essential. And when you send it in, ask Gordon to send you a pamphlet describing I.S.A.R. and its work - and ask him to cost of the above book (because I forgot ooop!)

Directory

Sanctum Regnum, Inc. 615 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53202, 1-414-272-1818. A well-stocked shop we visited when Circle was teaching workshops. Bought a lot of books because the selection on the Craft was tempting...

Sanctus Spiritus, 2735 Chicago Road, So., Chicago Heights, Ill., 60411, 1-312-756-1113. We connected with Stan at the Pan-Pagan, and were delighted at the stock he brought. He also sent with us a beautiful Unicorn pendant, for which we [say] thank you!!

New Catalogues

A beautiful, new catalogue is available from Arcane Crafts, 181 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N.Y., 11217. Russ and Seanara are two delightful Pagans, children of Prometheus, the Greek Titan who gave unto us the gift of fire. Most of the jewelry and ritual items they create out of 14K. Gold and sterling silver. The items featured are beautiful, with clear photos so you can easily see them. Better than just reading about it - send for a catalogue - they're free, and can help you find your own working tools, or gifts for your favorite witch!

Remember the Warlock Shop in New York? Well, it's now called the Magickal Childe, and is working with Abrahadabra, a new mail order company. A large catalogue, nearly 50 pages, of herbs, books, a lot of tools, but also such things as spider jewelry, kits for spells, voodoo supplies, even voodoo products for gays. Despite those 'strange' aspects of Magick represented, the catalogue carries lots and lots of things. Cost \$2.00, from Abrahadabra, Inc., 37 West 19th St., New York, N.Y., 10011.

The most beautiful illustration appears on the cover of a new catalogue from the Mystic Arts Book Store, 10202 152nd St., Surrey, B.C., Canada V3R-6N7. It's a wonderful book, not only listing a huge stock of books, but with an approach that treats us as intelligent beings... e.g. "Magic is to Religion what Technology is to Science." We were thrilled to find strong statements such as this: "Occult rituals and practises that deal in 'black magic' or any other form of evil are not part of the philosophy of witchcraft."

Moon Magick, P.O. Box 395, Littleton, Colorado, 80120.... "To provide an easier way for those in search of occult supplies.... All items... have been thoroughly researched for authenticity and potency." Incenses are offered by Zodiacal sign or planetary energy, with a long list for special occasions. This is a good catalogue for those items belonging in a good witch's cupboard, and astrological and tarot services as well.

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