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# THE UNICORN

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A PUBLICATION OF the ROWAN TREE

## Vol. 4#5 Bealtaine

Dear Peoplepersons,

Now that the bursting, exuberant energies of spring have ebbed, we anticipate a joyous Maysseason, with time for all to Relax, frolic, & enjoy the fruits of the changing times.

On Bealtaine Eve, Unicorns of all persuasions will gather to celebrate our horns. Circlets of braided flowers are being made that we may honour the horns of our loved ones, that the dreams of each will spiral up to the Goddess. Then begins the dance, & in turn each takes the centre to feel the upward spiral, represented by the human version, that of the Maypole. Lovely wicker baskets, bedecked with ribbons & filled with kisses are secretly hung on the doors of friends & family.

The gardens of Lothlorien, here at the Rowan Tree, responded well to the extra burst of Aries provided by the triple conjunct, & are filled with herbs & flowers. Soon will be planted the many seeds sent by beloved friends amid the mayapples, bloodroot, bleeding heart, violets, verbena, catnip, flax, sage; oh, & on & on & on. Nick & Theodore are at work, & Theo is putting in a patch for potatoe devas (who look a lot like gnomes!). We will soon be dancing beneath the lilacs & around the sacred Circle.

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©PFI prairie jackson

And so, in the spirit of May kisses, may this drawing by Prairie bring all of you May love! P.S. Look for the hidden Unicorn in Tokyo's May Basket drawing....  
Unikisses, Andrius



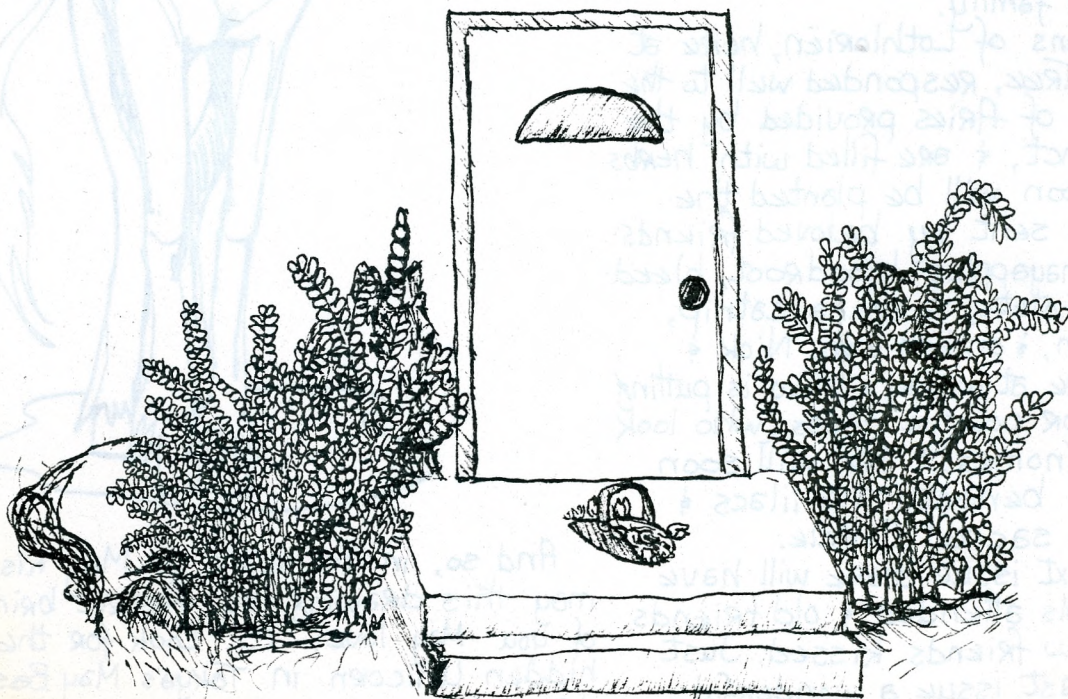
# The Unicorn Rambles

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### The Mystery School of the Rowan Tree

In answer to the queries - The School is open to those seeking an understanding of the Mysteries, the pursuit of pathwork, & the guidance of a mentor for periods of study as brief as one year. Paths taught include both initiatory & non initiatory studies that lead to the work of a Priest/ess in commitment & in life style. We have students from a variety of states & Canada, and in some studies an occasional journey to the Rowan Tree will be necessary, in others all study may be by mail. Admission to studies is determined by completion of an application. Pathwork may be in astrology, herbal work, or in one of several Mystery Religions. Address further inquiry to Paul, c/o The Rowan Tree, Box 8814, Mpls. Mn. 55408.





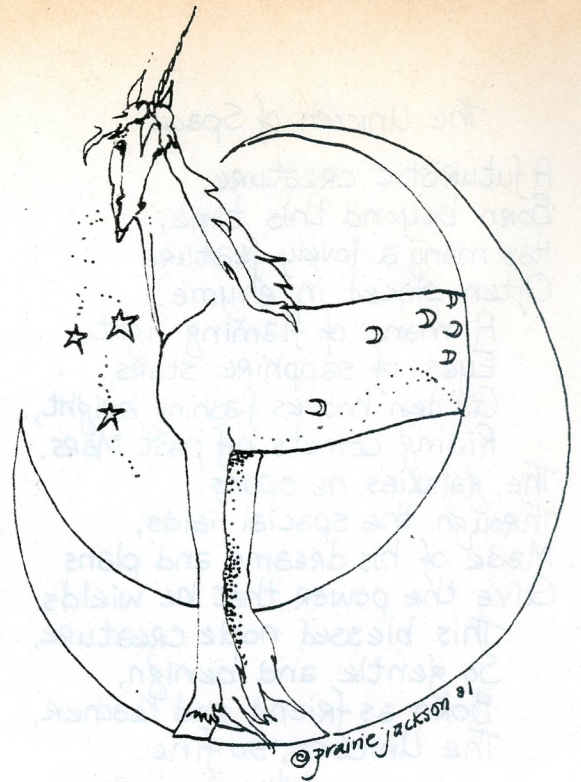
# The Unicorn Chronicles

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[And] it was prophesied that there would be great numbers of children to sow the seeds of the New Age, and that these were the ones in decree iii  $\approx$  ♀ ♀ xix, the ones who would pass forth the Mysteries. And from among this generation would be those who would return to Earth to watch the Planet of the Deep move into the Lion, to complete the cusp & balance the Age.

[Ed: in 2190, approximately, Pluto will move into Leo, again, and nearly the exact time we complete the cusp & move into Aquarius.]



## Notes from an Herbal - Basil ♂♂

Tradition associates basil with the basilisk, & with carrying the soul safely into the next life. It is considered an herb of fertility (sometimes included in love potions) and is considered sacred to the Mother of Creation. It has been dedicated to Krishna & Vishnu, & in Egypt is strewn upon the burial site of the body.

The mysteries: Basil is an herb of great value to those following paths of initiation. It will bring to the herbalist the courage to surpass even the fears of death, it will bring the strength to continue the work, until the inner realms have been touched, & the spirit is ready to bring the seed of light back to consciousness, to reality & manifestation. Basil is a primary herb to use to carry the self through each level of initiation, including death.

It is possible Basil was in ancient times a sacrificial herb used when a pure soul willingly entered the fire, that the dragons of life come to encompass the village & ensure survival.



## The Unicorn of Space

A futuristic creature,  
Born beyond this time,  
Has many a lovely feature  
Often placed in rhyme.

A mane of flaming light,  
Eyes of sapphire stars,  
Golden hooves flashing bright,  
Riding comets off past Mars.

The galaxies he spans  
Through the spacial fields,  
Made of his dreams and plans.  
Give the power that he wields.

This blessed noble creature,  
So gentle and benign,  
Born as friend and teacher,  
The Unicorn, so fine.

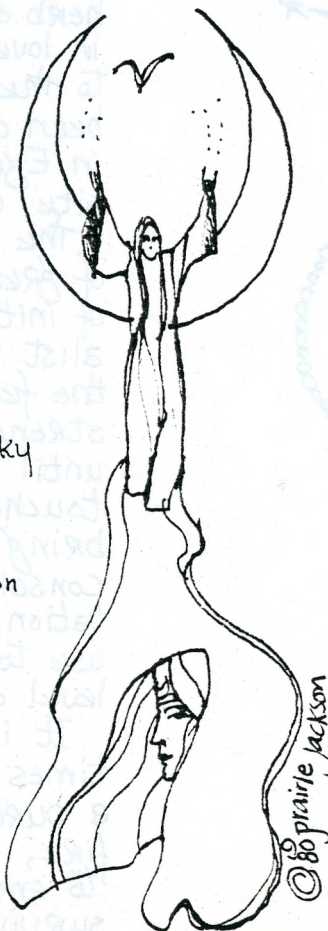
-Lillian Chamberlain



## Power Song

The horns of the waxing moon  
Curve in my soul;  
The willow inspires me  
With water and moonlight.  
The wind is my pillow  
Through the dusk of the violet sky  
While the power sings, sings  
In the wilderness of  
My blood & brain.

-Noel-Anne Brennan



## Forgotten Light

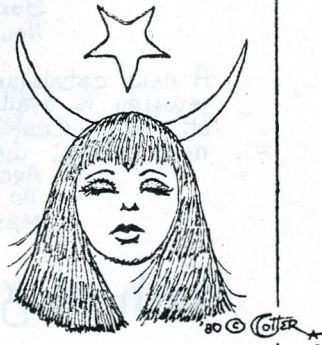
In a corner  
is a tiny light  
of clear flame  
that always  
burns.

To look into its  
face is to be  
warmed within,  
for the light  
is a mirror  
on my soul. S. Williams



an opening prayer for Circle working

Diana & Pan,  
Mother & Father of us all,  
You who are without as well as within,  
The Spirit of all living,  
The soundless Life-Force of the Universe;  
All-knowing, All-Pervading, All-Powerful....  
We who meet this night  
In your honor  
Do request your presence here  
In this our sacred rite.  
Blessed Be! - Scott Cunningham



the touch of rain is love is  
a widening circle spread  
its home is everywhere  
it falls to rest to begin again  
you move through the power  
and beauty of dreams  
I have heard you sing  
of the joy of having no edges  
of entering into all  
worlds  
you have a thousand voices &  
I have heard your laughter  
- Prairie



Contacts wanted: Scott Williams,  
946 Carmelita Dr., Salinas, Calif., 93901

In need of ride sharing to June Pan Pagan  
Festival in Lake Delton, Mich. Will share  
expenses, & can meet you en route to  
continue journey together. Also send magick  
to help find way....  
Bill & Eric  
432 So 11 St  
Boise, Idaho 83702  
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## Open Forum

MERRY Meet, Pagan Friends,

I am writing this in the hope that the Pagan & Wicca communities may be able to heighten my understanding... of closed communities... I understand the desire & necessity; ... this is a fine thing signifying solidarity & unity... I assume all covenants & covens are at least selective, as should be. But! I'm a Pagan male, I'm in prison & have been for a long time, thus effectively cut off from the Pagan community at-large. So are others of the Pagan, Wicca path... Although the closed community is positive, there are those of us who follow the same path... but who can't make a contact - because of various reasons. In reading... Drawing Down the Moon, I find that I found my way to the Pagan path exactly the same way most Pagans have, through fantasy, thought & reading. I didn't know that till recently because of my isolated position - the most important books which developed my path were Feminist, the others on Reincarnation. My path is in complete concert with the Feminist Wicca, but obviously [they aren't] going to teach a male.

A closed Pagan community is necessary to that community, but its teachings may be essential to the spiritual growth of other Pagans; those in fact, who can't get what they need from any other source. Isn't it possible for these closed communities to offer knowledge to others of the same path, even if they don't fit [the] criteria? Doesn't the possession of knowledge bear a responsibility?

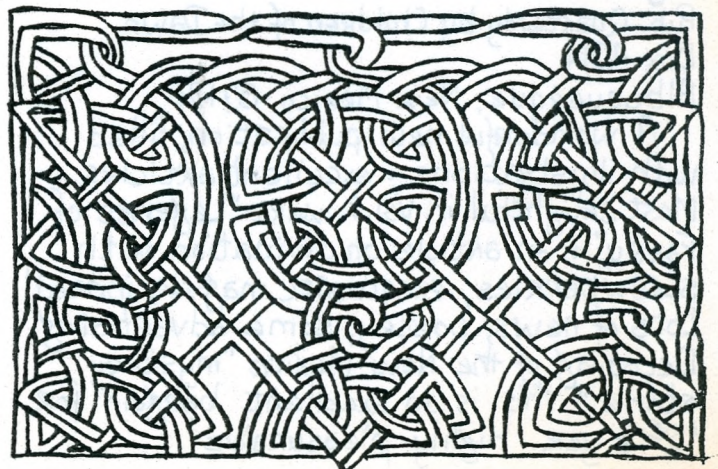
I am a Dianic witch. Although I feel the equality between sexes, I feel the woman is, at this time, the most significant messenger of this age. It is the Mother who will usher in the age of the Child.

Reincarnation is an aspect of our Pagan, Wicca spirituality. I recall a life as a woman. I also recall a life as a man. Although you're living and celebrating this life, you are working on what you'll be in the Summerlands & your next incarnation.

Another thing I wonder about - where are all the males who wish to be a part of a truly feminist vision of the Mother? Where are the women who want unity with males & people of different sexual preferences, with this same vision? You must be out there. I'm here, & I know I can't be the only one.

What I'd like is a little feedback. You know if I'm right or not. Whatever reaction you have to what I'm saying & asking, I want you to know I love you & whatever tradition you are; you're the most joyful aspect in the world today. May she always grace your path.

Blessed Be  
Davydd







## Merchandise

## New Publications

The DRUID CHRONICLER  
PO Box 9398  
Berkeley, Cal. 94709

What a joy to see a revival of the Druid newsletter, in its current incarnation by some friends in California. The first issue is primarily news of Groves, but also had a beautiful & moving Equinox chant, a chant for Beltane, & a wonderful "Hymn to HURRY the Return of Spring." We're unsure if the DRUID CHRONICLER is seeking subscriptions, but all who are interested should get in touch. Kudos to Chris S.

Synergy News  
Quarterly Journal of Art, Science & Magick  
608 Summer St.  
Kalamazoo, Mi. 49007

In January the Wizzard became papa of Crystal Violet. Then followed that by bringing forth a most fascinating journal. All sorts of delights within its covers - fantasy art, an article on sex magick, chants, contacts. Even recipes of magick in a fun section called "Cauldron Cookery!" This new publication has a joyous sense of humour - its opening sentence, "As you might guess, this is one of those Aquarian-Type Publications ...." Cost is \$2.50 for a single copy or \$8.00 a year.

Downtreader  
Paganism of New Mexico  
Pub. Quarterly by Children of the Dawn  
Box 4014  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87196

A wonderful new publication, filled with illustrations & excellent articles. Most delightful in Vol. 2 were "Legends of Faery" & an article on divination with strawberries, exquisite magick, indeed! Lots of news, poetry, some advertising. Decoding of the New Mexico "mystery stone." This is an excellent bargain for \$5.00 a year. Highly pleasurable!

The Runesticks offered by Unicorn Circle are now \$13.00. These are hand-painted in a ritual space during the appropriate lunar cycles. For more info:

Unicorn Circle  
PO Box 45061  
Dallas, Tx. 75245

A new pricelist of goodies! Herbal things, soaps, shampoos, posters, tarot decks, books, & a delightful by-line from Wizzard.

Synergy Metaphysics  
608 Summer St. Apt A  
Kalamazoo, Mich. 49007

Ancient Mirrors of Womanhood is available, both Volumes I & II, for \$6.95 & \$7.95 resp. from

New Sibylline Books  
Box 266  
New York, NY 10014

A new catalogue of magnificent Magickal jewelry is available from those fun people at Arcane Crafts. If you haven't seen the new things, write to Rus & Ruthi

Arcane Crafts  
PO Box 383  
Mastic Beach, NY. 11951

## Gatherings

Goddess lecture & Women's Spirituality Workshops with Starhawk, June 23-25, Madison, Wisc. Starhawk also will be at the Pagan Spirit Gathering June 18-21 at a private Nature Sanctuary in Southwestern Wisconsin:

Circle  
PO Box 9013  
Madison, Wisc. 53715

Tree of Life Seminar, Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7. The Unification of all the various branches of the Metaphysical Tree. The MOST unique seminar ever held. Lectures, workshops, Demonstrations, Rituals, Merchants, etc. Psychics, Pagans, Astrologers, Wiccans, Ceremonial Magicians, etc. Paul Boyer of the Rowan Tree will be giving workshops & lectures.

Seven Rays Inc.  
8020 Federal Blvd.  
Westminster, Colo. 80030

1981 Pagan Spirit Gathering. Secluded, privately owned site, 170 acres. A Magickal Village community will be created. Special rituals & group feasts; 4 days & 3 nights \$35.00/person (disc. for early registration). June 18-21

Circle  
PO Box 9013  
Madison, Wisc. 53715

Pan Pagan Festival (Council of the Sacred Earth). Entire campsite reserved, Skyclad ark, 284 acres, sandy beach, bath houses, occult bazaar, workshops, rituals. 4 days & 3 nights 20.00/person. June 11-14, Lake Delton, Michigan.

Festival Registration  
PO 25129  
Chicago, Ill. 60625

Southwest Pagan Festival, remote, wooded site in the mountains. Rituals, demonstrations, workshops, held as the Moon waxes full. Deep awareness of nature to be experienced. Sept. 11-13, July 15 registration deadline @10.00

EthKay-Nah-Ashi  
Box 4814  
Albuquerque, N.M. 87196



# Book Reviews

Principia Discordia  
 pub: Loompanics Unlimited  
 PO Box 264  
 Mason, Mi. 48854

Paperback, \$4.50 + 25¢ shipping, from the publisher. This is a new edition of a book called "the official bible of the most relevant religion ever conceived. A legendary underground classic, out-of-print for years, & impossible to find, this new edition truly contains "Absolutely Everything Worth Knowing About Absolutely Anything." Totally irreverent, and for those dedicated to Eris, goddess of confusion. A book designed to poke & prod at all forms of establishment thinking, including that of the Pagan establishment (yes, there is such a thing!); We can only recommend this book if you include yourself in the following: if you've often thought you're crazy; if you've thought you're the only sane person you know; if your sense of humour differs from the norm; if you can't find the norm; OR if you want to spend the money on a book of sane nonsense.

Malika: A Total Celebration  
 pub: Universal Goddess Center, Inc.  
 PO Box 671  
 Malibu, Cal. 90265

Paperback, 246 pp, no price listed. This book is subtitled "A Survival Manual" and is the creative result of a 1 1/2 year pilgrimage as Malika sought & found spiritual growth & joy. This is a beautiful book, filled to the flow with poems written to express the unlocking of inner wisdom. There are also excellent passages of prose on such as meditation, presenting the concepts & value in clear, well-thought writing; reflecting her perceptions of the mysteries of the kahuna of Hawaii; Excellent passages on the care of the body, that sacred temple for the spirit... I should like to quote from the back cover, one of the exquisite samples Malika offers:

"I am the Goddess reclaiming my Goddesses scattered around the earth, awaking my Gods, recalling all to their roles. Wake up & Relax. The Mother is here. Climb into her lap & be all that you are & all that you were meant to be. Be everything. I am everything and you sprang from me, so by nature, you are everything too."

A book of feelings, joy, the emotions of life. Highly recommended. (Malika will be at Evenstar Bookstore here in Mpls. this summer.)

The Unicorn began June, 1977, & is a newsletter dedicated to sharing the good news of our Craft & Pagan friends. It is a Rowan Tree publication, with eight issues & coincide with the Sabbats.

Rev. Paul Beyers - Editor  
 Andrius - Resident Unicorn  
 Alex - Layout, Correspondence  
 Prairie Jackson - Artist  
 Takya - Artist

Enclosed is my hard-earned money for the following:

- \$6.00 - a one-year subscription to The Unicorn, (8 issues)\*
- \$8.00 - not only The Unicorn, but also the Extra Pages for gays & lesbians
- \$7.00 - The Holy Books of the Devas (Vol. 1) an herbball for the Aquarian Age
- \$5.00 - Andrius' Colouring Book of Numbers - numerology & mythology
- \$5.00 - A Child's Wish Book - a book of delight for little people
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- You may mention my name in The Unicorn
- You may give my address, also
- I love Unicorns & nice Pagans

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 drawing...





## The Unicorn Provides These ✨ Extra Pages ✨ to aid communication between Gay and Lesbian Pagans

An astral lover of mine in Massachusetts would love to hear from any feminists - she's going through some really rough times (emotionally & if you could spare any light to shed her way, please do. She's a beautiful girl sadly out of touch with other witches. She's Alma Souza at 43 Brooks Street in Maynard, Mass., 01754.

I miss the witches so much - the circle, the passionate energy - oh god. It's just not the same. I need to get back home [Iowa] & my soulmate, Ian, is having a helluva time getting a visa. You can't believe the red tape... Paul, if you & your friends could send some of your raised powers to help my friend out, I'd be eternally grateful. It'd make our lives so much easier...

The poetry in the last issue from "The Lady & the Dragon (Southern Lady)", was truly magnificent. The "I see your image" brought tears to my eyes...

Leesa  
 Derbyshire, Eng.

WHERE? WHERE? can I ORDER jerah's poetry? s(h)e? writes beautifully! I've been moved by every poem you've printed & am hungry for more!

### Preliminary Ritual for Sex Magick

Set the bathing area with your magical tools, flowers, candles enough to avoid unnatural light, herbal oils, incense, and anything you feel will enhance the elements of fantasy & the transcendent experience. You may wish wine, herbal potion, some cakes, fruit, or some celebration of the Earth's bounty. Choose a night of the waxing moon, or the first eve following the new moon. Have done your laundry; have your sleeping room/prepared for a mystical night, and when you are prepared to begin, enter a period of silence, to be maintained until you awaken the following morning.

If you are alone, bathe yourself in the water. Imagine that you are bathing a Goddess, being as loving, respectful, etc. as can be. Realize the reality of your divinity. Wash your body with the appreciation of its most divine properties - it is the most sacred tool of all your magick. It is the container, the vessel of the spirit. Cleanse & purify the aura with water blessed with sea salt. Anoint yourself with sacred oils, anoint yourself with candlelight. Give substance, offerings to the body, the sacred temple of the Goddess within. Then, when the ritual bathing is complete, stand before a mirror.

[If with a partner, the preceding is done each unto the other. At this point, stand facing each other.]

Imagine the body with wings, clothed in rich robes; standing before an altar seek out the multifaceted aspects of the Goddess that it holds. Touch the body, all its parts, with reverence, joy, lust, awe, and all emotions you have control of.

Then retire, in bed, do a simple ritual within your mind, & pass into your dreams.

God/goddess Bless.  
 P.

An excellent article on Gays & Wicca appeared in the March, 1981 issue of "Our Own," the publication from the Atlanta Community Press, written by none other than our beloved Brother Belle.

I'd really like to have articles on ♂ & solitaire sex magic. Lesbian sex magic I'll pass on to women friends.... I'd also really like to read other's ideas about being Gay & Pagan and perhaps... the unique qualities we have apart from straight Pagans AND how to use it in life, love, magic.  
 JSweaver

Got that book by Mitch Walker & Friends entitled Visionary Love. It's wierd! But it contains some good bits. This is "the spirit book of gay mythology," which means (as far as I can see), he's read a lot of Crowley. It seems as if it's the type of book Crowley would do today if he was alive, totally gay & Pagan.  
 S.

The Unicorn is a joy. I, too, would like you to continue writings which explore same-sex magick and the integration of sexuality & spirituality.

Another area I am exploring is how we as Gay people fulfill the role of "healer" in our culture. I believe that personal problems or alienation result from a political process of mystified oppression, and that the alternative to alienation is achieved thru awareness & loving cooperation; it seems to me that, as liberated selves, our Gayness propels us beyond existing norms to the boundaries of our society, and from this vantage point we are in a prime position to do the healing that so desperately needs to be done. I currently work in a residential treatment center for male juvenile delinquents (15-18 years old), & I am open about my "Gaiety" with both staff & residents; I am only beginning to realize what this means to our group, & how I am incorporated into the overall picture. My ideas are vague at this point, but I know that I represent contradictions within the scheme of things on many levels: a "social outcast" (queer) in a position of leadership/authority that is sanctioned by our very traditional, psycho-analytic institution; a man who is unmanly; a faggot who is sometimes "masculine"; an adult who is child-like... I know that my experiences developing "Gay consciousness" enable me to be more effective, less restrictive, in assisting these boys to determine their own way, and I guess I'm wondering what connections there are in this culture with our role as shaman/priest in other cultures. What are our special capacities and how may we attune ourselves and our society to them?

Andrew Wicker  
 (P.S. - Andrew is seeking to share a ride to the Fairy Moon Retreat - 1180 Jewell Ave, Topeka, Kansas 66604).







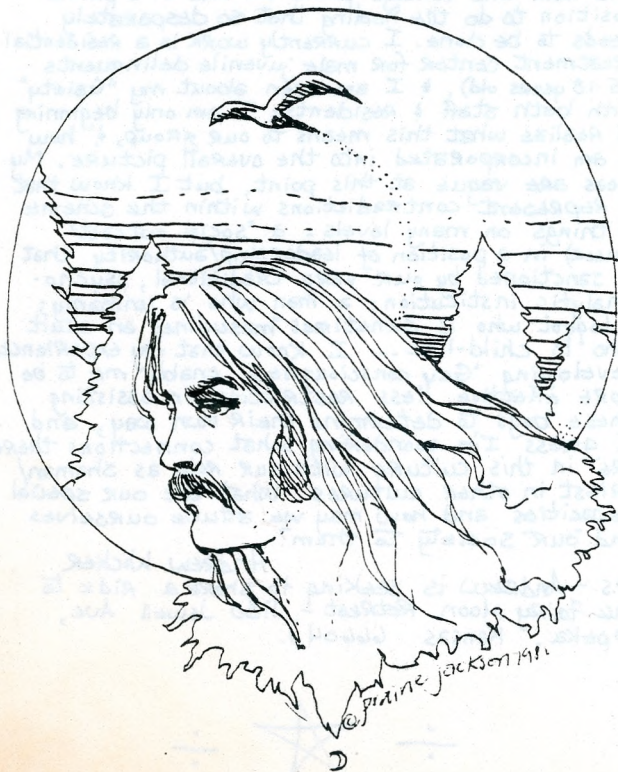
## The Poppet a gay love spell

By earth & wax a doll is formed  
 By your breath the doll is warmed  
 By flame and water the doll is pure  
 By salt of earth the doll's secure.  
 Carve deeply in the form of man  
 Hold it tight within your hand  
 Then raise it to the wild wind  
 And chant the spell to make them spin:  
 North Wind, East Wind, South Wind  
 and West:  
 Winds of the Elements, Winds without  
 Rest:  
 Charge now this poppet from above  
 To draw to me a man to love!  
 Now wrap the doll in scarlet silk  
 And pour on it a drop of milk.  
 By the day of the Moon's next turn  
 You'll meet a man for whom you'll burn.  
 And if the spell be true & just  
 this man will fully share your lust.  
 If naught occurs repeat the spell;  
 The Winds will tell!

-Scott Cunningham

I'm looking to work, play, and learn with another gay magical/wiccan/shamanistic type male for a time. My interests are varied and my mind open, but am especially into herbs, tarot, crystals, and astrology. Write or call

Morning Feather  
 (Bill Shepardon)  
 432 So 11th St.  
 Boise, Idaho 83702  
 1-208-384-9260



## Fairy Moon Retreat

The Friday Ritual will raise magick to heal the earth, & also our brothers & sisters. If any have needs, & will not be in attendance, send a sealed slip of paper, with the need written within & the name you wish to be known as written without. These will be sent by flame within the spiral.

Look forward to a popcorn party Saturday at Alex's apartment, across the street & down the block from the Rowan Tree. We expect men from Illinois, Calif., Kansas, Texas, Wisconsin, & Minnesota. Not a crowd, but enough for an incredible Circle.

If you intend to come, please send your Registration A.S.A.P.

Love, Paul



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Has anyone heard of a new baby? As we haven't heard from Bobbi since the Equinox, should we assume she's very busy? ... Today the Bloodroot Devas told me to say hello to brother Crow ... Hello to Trudi Jones of San Fran! Bev said you might send us some of your beautiful poetry and drawings ... House and new job blessings to Debra, now in Seattle ... Kathy share her new stationary with us. Andrius said she looks like a Queen when she wears unicorn balm ... Cindy, of New Castle, writes delightful letters. Andrius is amazed that she's 23 and never met a unicorn. He said, "one of these nights ..." ... Hey and hello - the Wizzard said he'll be at Pan Pagan in June, as it's close to Kalamazoo ... Kisses to Noel-Anne ... Wishes for success for Fame and Fortune ... Gnorman and Andrius spent the Equinox playing along the Mississippi River. Gnorman's friend Seshat asks that we send magick to the Crystal Well ... Rik Johnson now lives with a swimming pool. Blessings on his new Honda 450 ... Thanks to Gary of Dallas for all the fun things he sends in his letters ... House blessings to Jay Stratton and his new home ... Sounds like the Blue Moon had a wonderful Equinox ... We also heard that Paul and Francille had a wonderful Equinox! ... Thanks to Eric for a nice phone call ... Cindy - There's a picture of me on this issue (in invisible ink) ... Blessings to the Lady for the rain at Canton ... Prairie, the gardens love you for the seeds! ...



### The Mystery School of the Rowan Tree

In answer to the queries - The School is open to those seeking an understanding of the Mysteries, the pursuit of pathwork, and the guidance of the mentor for periods of study as brief as one year. Paths taught include both initiatory and non-initiatory studies that lead to the work of a Priest Priestess in commitment and in life style. We have students from a variety of states and Canada, and in some studies and occasional journey to the Rowan Tree will be necessary, in others all study may be by mail. Admission to studies is determined by completion of an application. Pathwork may be in astrology, herbal work, or in one of several Mystery Religions. Address further inquiry to Paul, c/o The Rowan Tree, Box 8814, Mpls. Mn 55408.

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Decree ii Gemini Neptune xivxi (cont'd)

[And] it was prophesied that there would be great numbers of children to sow the seeds of the New Age, and that these were the ones in decree iii Aquarius Pluto Leo ixi, the ones who would pass forth the Mysteries. And from among this generation would be those who would return to Earth to watch the Planet of the Deep move into the Lion, to complete the cusp and balance the Age.

[Ed: in 2190, approximately, Pluto will move into Leo, again, as nearly the exact time we complete the cusp and move into Aquarius.]

Prairie Jackson 81

### Notes from an Herbal - Basil Mars Scorpio

Tradition associates basil with the basilisk, and with carrying the soul safely into the next life. It is considered an herb of fertility (sometimes included in love potions) and is considered sacred to the Mother of Creation. It has been dedicated to Krishna and Vishnu, and in Egypt is strewn upon the burial site of the body.

The mysteries: Basil is an herb of great value to those following paths of initiation. It will bring to the herbalist the courage to surpass even the fears of death, it will bring the strength to continue the work, until the inner realms have been touched, and the spirit is ready to bring the seed of light back to consciousness, to reality and manifestation. Basil is a primary herb to use to carry the self through each level of initiation, including death.

It is possible Basil was in ancient times a sacrificial herb used when a pure soul willingly entered the fire, that the dragons of life come to encompass the village and ensure survival.

### The Unicorn of Space

A futuristic creature,  
Born beyond this time,  
Has many a lovely feature  
Often placed in rhyme.  
A mane of flaming light,  
Eyes of sapphire stars,  
Golden hooves flashing bright,



Riding comets off past Mars.  
The galaxies he spans  
Through the special fields,  
Made of his dreams and plants  
Give the power that he wields.  
The blessed noble creature,  
So Gentle and benign,  
Born as friend and teacher,  
The unicorn so fine.

- Lillian Chamberlain

Power song  
The horns of the waxing moon  
Curve in my soul;  
The willow inspires me  
With water and moonlight.  
The wind is my pillow  
Through the dusk of the violet sky  
While the power sings, sings  
In the wilderness of  
My blood and brain

- Noel-Anne Brennan

Forgotten light  
In a corner  
Is a tiny light  
Of clear flame  
That always  
Burns.  
To look unto its  
Face is to be  
Warmed within,  
For the light  
Is a mirror  
On my soul.

- S. Williams

An Opening Prayer for Circle Working  
Diana and Pan,  
Mother and Father of us all.  
You who are without as well as within,  
The spirit of all living,



The soundless life-force of the universe;  
All knowing, All-pervading, all-powerful ...  
We who meet in the night  
In your honor  
De request your presence here  
In this our sacred rite.  
Blessed Be! - Scott Cunningham

The touch of rain is love is  
A widening circle spread  
Its home in everywhere  
It falls to rest to begin again  
You love through the power  
And beauty of dreams  
I have heard you sing  
Of the joy of having no edges  
Of entering into all  
Worlds  
You have a thousand voices and  
I have heard your laughter  
- Prairie

Contacts wanted: Scott Williams,  
946 Carmelita Dr., Salinas, Calif. 93901

In need of ride sharing to June, Pan Pagan Festival in Lake Delton, Mich. Will share expenses, and can meet you en route to continue journey together. Also send magick to help find way ...  
Bill and Eric 432 So ii St Boise, Idaho 83702 1-208-384-9260

#### Open Forum

I am writing this in the hope that the Pagan and Wicca communities may be able to heighten my understanding... of closed communities ... I understand the desire and necessity; ... this is a fine thing signifying solidarity and unity ... I assume all groves and covens are at least selective, as should be. But! I'm a Pagan male, I'm in prison and have been for a long time, thus effectively cut off from the Pagan community-at-large. So are others of the Pagan, Wicca path ... Although the closed community is positive, there are those of us who follow the same path ... but who can't make a contact ... because of various reasons. In reading ... Drawing Down the Moon, I find that I found my way to the Pagan Path exactly the same way most Pagans have, through fantasy, thought and reading. I didn't know that till recently because of my isolated position ... the most important books which developed my path were feminist, the others on reincarnation. My path is in complete concert with the feminist Wicca, but obviously [they aren't] going to teach a male.

A closed Pagan community is necessary to that community, but its teachings may be essential to the spiritual growth of other Pagans; those in fact, who can't get what they need from any



other source. Isn't it possible for these closed communities to offer knowledge to others of the same path, even if they don't fit [the] criteria? Doesn't the possession of knowledge bear responsibility.

I am a Dianic witch. Although I feel the equality between sexes, I feel the woman is, at this time, the most significant messenger of this age. It is the Mother who will usher in the age of the Child.

Reincarnation is an aspect of our Pagan, Wicca spirituality. I recall a life as a woman. I also recall a life as a man. Although you're living and celebrating this life, you are working on what you'll be in the Summerland and your next incarnation.

Another thing I wonder about - where are all the males who wish to be a part of the truly feminist vision of the Mother? Where are the wymyn who want unity with makes and people of different sexual preferences, with this same vision? You must be out there. I'm here, and I know I can't be the only one.

What I'd like is a little feedback. You know if I'm right or not. Whatever reaction you have to what I'm saying and asking, I want you to know I love you and whatever tradition you are; you're the most joyful aspect in the world today. May she always grace your path.

Blessed Be Davyyd

#### New Publications

The Druid Chronicler

P.O. Box 9398

Berkeley, Cal. 94709

What a joy to see a revival of the Druid newsletter, in its current incarnation by some friends in California. The first issue is primarily news of Groves, but also had a beautiful and moving Equinox chant, a chant for Beltane, and a wonderful "Hymn to Hurray the Return of Spring."

We're unsure if the Druid Chronicler is seeking subscriptions, but all who are interested should get in touch. Kudos to Chris S.

Synergy News

Quarterly Journal of Art, Science and Magick

608 Summer St. Kalamazoo, Mi. 49007

In January the Wizzard became papa of Crystal Violet. Then followed that by bringing forth a most fascinating journal. All sorts of delights within its covers - fantasy art, an article on sex magick, chants, contacts. Even recipes of magick in a fun section called "Cauldron Cookery!"

This new publication has a joyous sense of humour - it's opening sentence, "As you might guess, this is one of those Aquarian-type publications ...". Cost is \$2.50 for a single copy or \$8.00 a year.

Dawntreader

Paganism of New Mexico

Pub. Quarterly by Children of the Dawn

Box 4014

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87196



A wonderful new publication, filled with illustrations and excellent articles. Most delightful in Vol.2 were "Legends of Faery" and an article on divination with strawberries, exquisite magick, indeed! Lots of news, poetry, some advertising. Decoding of the New Mexico "mystery stone" This is an excellent bargain for \$5.00 a year. Highly pleasurable!

#### Merchandise

The runesticks offered by Unicorn Circle are now \$13.00. These are hand-painted in a ritual space during the appropriate lunar cycles. For more information:  
Unicorn Circle P.O. Box 45061 Dallas, Tx. 75245

A new price list of goodies! Herbal things, soaps, shampoos, posters, tarot decks, books, and a delightful by-line from Wizzard.

Synergy Metaphysics 608 Summer St. Apt. A  
Kalamazoo, Mich. 49007

Ancient mirrors of womanhood is available, both volumes I and II, for \$6.95 and \$7.95 resp.  
From: New Sibylline Books Box 266 New York, NY 10014

A new catalogue of magnificent magickal jewelry is available from those fun people at Arcane Crafts. If you haven't seen the new things, write to Rus and Ruthi  
Arcane Crafts P.O. Box 383 Mastic Beach, NY 11951

#### Gatherings

Goddess lecture and Women's Spirituality workshop with Starhawk, June 23-25, Madison, Wisc. Starhawk also will be at the Pagan Spirit Gathering June 18-21 at a private Nature Sanctuary in Southwestern Wisconsin:

Circle P.O. Box 9013 Madison, Wisc. 53715

Tree of Life Seminar, Sept. 4,5,6,7. The unification of all the various branches of the metaphysical tree. The Most unique seminar ever held. Lectures, workshops, demonstrations, rituals, merchants, etc. Psychics, Pagans, Astrologers, Wiccans, Ceremonial Magicians, etc. Paul Beyerl of The Rowan Tree will be giving workshops and lectures.  
Seven Rays, Inc. 8020 Federal Blvd. Westminster, Colo. 80030

1981 Pagan Spirit Gathering. Secluded, privately owned site, 170 acres; A magickal village community will be created; special rituals and group feasts; 4 days and 3 nights 35.00/person (disc. for early registration). June 18-21  
Circle P.O. Box 9013 Madison, Wisc. 53715

Pan Pagan Festival (Council of the Sacred Earth). Entire campsite reserved, skyclad area, 284 acres, sandy beach, bath houses, occult bazaar, workshops, rituals; 4 days and 3 nights, 20.00/person. June 11-14, Lake Delton, Michigan.  
Festival Registration P.O. [Box] 25129 Chicago, Ill. 60625



Southwest Pagan Festival, remote, wooded site in the mountains. Rituals, demonstrations, workshops, held as the moon waxes full. Deep awareness of nature to be experienced. Sept. 11-13, July 15 registration deadline (10.00)  
Ethkay-Nah-Ashi Box 4014 Albuquerque, N.M. 87196

#### Book Reviews

Principia Discordia

Pub: Loompanics Unlimited

P.O. Box 264

Mason, Mi. 48854

Paperback, \$4.50 + 25¢ shipping, from the publisher. This is a new edition of a book called "the official bib of the most relevant religion every conceived. A legendary underground classic, out-of-print for years, and impossible to find, this new edition truly contains 'Absolutely everything worth knowing about absolutely anything.'" Totally irreverent, and for those dedicated to Eris, goddess of confusion. A book designed to pole and prod at all forms of establishment thinking, including that of the Pagan establishment (yes, there is such a thing!); we can only recommend this book if you include yourself in the following: if you've often thought you're crazy; if you've often thought you're the only sane person you know; if your sense of humour differs from the norm; if you can't find the norm; or if you want to spend the money on a book of sane nonsense.

Malka: A Total Celebration

Pub.: Universal Goddess Center, Inc.

P.O. Box 671

Malibu, Cal. 90265

Paperback. 246pp, no price listed. This book is subtitled "A survival manual" and is the creative result of a 1 1/2 year pilgrimage as Malka sought and found spiritual growth and joy. This is a beautiful book, filled to the flow with poems written to express the unlocking of inner wisdom. There are also excellent passages of prose on such as meditation, presenting the concepts and value in clear, well thought writing; reflecting her perceptions of the mysteries of the Kahuna of Hawaii; excellent passages on the care of the body, that sacred temple for the spirit ... I should like to quote from the back cover, one of the exquisite samples Malka offers:

"I am the Goddess reclaiming my Goddesses scattered around the Earth, awaking my Gods, recalling all to their roles. Wake up and relax. The Mother is here. Climb into her lap and be all that you are and all that you were meant to be. Be everything. I am everything and you spring from me, so by nature, you are everything too."

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Enclosed is my hard-earned money for the following:

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\$8.00 - not only The Unicorn, but also the Extra Pages for gays and lesbians

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The Unicorn Provides these Extra Pages to aid communication between gay and lesbian Pagans

An astral lover of mine in Massachusetts would love to hear from any feminists - she's going through some really rough times (emotionally and if you could spare any light to shed her way, please do. She's a beautiful girl sadly out of touch with other witches. She's Alma Souza at 43 Brooks Street inn Maynard, Mass. 01754.

I miss the witches so much - the circle, the passionate energy - oh god. It's just not the same. I need to get back home [Iowa] and my soulmate, Ian. is having a helluva time getting a visa. You can't believe the red tape ... Paul, if you and your friends could send some of your raised powers to help my friend out, I'd be eternally grateful. It'd make our lives so much easier ...

The poetry in the last issue from "The Lady and the Dragon (Southern Lady)", was truly magnificent. The "I see your image" brought tears to my eyes...

- Leesa, Derbyshire, Eng.

Where? Where? Can I order Jerah's poetry? S(he)? Writes beautifully! I've been moved by every poem you've printed and am hungry for more! - Prairie

Preliminary Ritual for Sex Magick

Set the bathing area with your magickal tools, flowers, candles enough to avoid unnatural light, herbal oils, incense, and anything you fell will enhance the elements of fantasy and the transcendent experience. You may wish wine, herbal potion, some cakes, fruit, or some celebration of the Earth's bounty. Choose a night of the waxing moon, or the first eve following the new moon. Have done your laundry; have your sleeping room/space prepared for a magickal night, and when you are prepared to begin, enter a period of silence, to be maintained until you waken the following morning.

If you are alone, bathe yourself in the water. Imagine that you are bathing a Goddess being as loving, respectful, etc. as can be. Realize the reality of your divinity. Wash your body with the appreciation of its most divine properties - it is the most sacred tool of all your magick. It is the container, the vessel of the spirit. Cleanse and purify the aura with water blessed with sea salt. Anoint yourself with sacred oils, anoint yourself with candlelight. Give substance, offerings to the body, the sacred temple of the Goddess within. Then, when the ritual bathing is complete, stand before a mirror.

[If with a partner, the preceding is done each unto the other. At this point, stand facing each other.]

Imagine the body with wings; clothed in rich robes; standing before an altar seek out the multifaceted aspects of the Goddess that it holds. Touch the body, all its parts, with reverence, joy, lust, awe, and all emotions you have control of.

Then retire. In bed, do a simple ritual within your mind, and pass into your dreams.

Goddess Bless - P.

An excellent articles on gays and wicca appears in the March 1981 issue of "Our Own," the publication from the Atlanta Community Press, written by none other than our beloved Brother Belle.



I'd really like to have articles on male+male and solitaire sex magic. Lesbian sex magic I'll pass on to women friends ... I'd also really like to read other's ideas about being gay and Pagan and perhaps... the unique qualities we have apart from straight Pagans and how to use it in life, love, magic. - J.S. Weaver

Got that book by Mitch Walker and Friends entitled Visionary Love. It's weird! But it contains some good bits. This is 'the spirit book of gay mythology,' which means (as far as I can see) he's read a lot of Crowley. It seems as if it's the type of book Crowley would do today if he was alive, totally gay and Pagan. - S.

The Unicorn is a joy. I, too, would like you to continue writings which explore same-sex magick and the integration of sexuality and spirituality.

Another area I am exploring is how we as gay people fulfill the role of "Healer" in our culture. I believe that personal problems or alienation result from a political process of mystified oppression, and that the alternative to alienation is achieved thru awareness and loving cooperation; it seems to me that, as liberated selves, our gayness propels us beyond existing norms to the boundaries of our society, and from this vantage point we are in a prime position to do the healing that so desperately needs to be done. I currently work in a residential treatment center for male juvenile delinquents (15-18 years old), and I am open about my "gaiety" with both staff and residents; I am only beginning to realize what this means to our group, and how I am incorporated into the overall picture. My ideas are vague at this point, but I know that I represent contradictions within the scheme of things on many levels: a "social outcast" (queer) in a position of leadership authority that is sanctioned by our very traditional, psychoanalytic institution; a man who is unmanly; a faggot who is sometimes "masculine"; an adult who is child-like... I know that my experiences developing 'gay consciousness' enable me to be more effective, less restrictive, in assisting these boys to determine their own way, and are in this culture with our role as shaman priest in other cultures. What are our special capacities and how may we attune ourselves and 'our' society to them?

- Andrew Wicker

(p.s. - Andrew is seeking to share a ride to the Fairy Moon Retreat - 1180 Jewell Ave, Topeka, Kansas 66604)

I'm looking to work, play, and learn with another gay magickal Wiccan shamanistic type male for a time. My interests are varied and my mind open, but am especially into herbs, tarot, crystals, and astrology. Write or call:

Morning Feather (Bill Shepardson) 432 So 11th St. Boise, Idaho 83702 1-208-38-9260

The Poppet

A gay love spell

By earth and wax a doll is formed

By your breath the doll is warmed



By flame and water the doll is pure  
By salt of earth the doll's secure.  
Carve deeply inn the form of man  
Hold it tight within your hand  
Then raise it to the wild wind  
And chant the spell to make them spin:  
North Wind; East Wind; South Wind and West  
Winds of the Elements, winds without rest:  
Charge now this poppet from above  
To draw to me a man to love!  
Now wrap the doll in scarlet silk  
And pour on it a drop of milk.  
By the day of the moon's next turn  
You'll meet a man for whom you'll burn.  
And if the spell be true and just  
This man will fully share your lust  
If naught occurs repeat the spell;  
The winds will tell!

- Scott Cunningham

#### Faire Moon Retreat

The Friday Ritual will raise magick to heal the Earth, and also our brothers and sisters. If any have needs, and will not be in attendance, send a sealed slip of paper, with the need written within and the name you wish to be known as written without. These will be sent by flame with the spiral.

Look forward to a popcorn party Saturday at Alex's apartment, across the street and down the block from The Rowan Tree. We expect men from Illinois, Calif., Kansas,, Texas, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, Not a crowd, but enough for an incredible Circle.

If you intend to come, please send your registration A.S.A.P.

- Love, Paul