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THE UNICORN

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A PUBLICATION OF the ROWAN TREE

Vol. 4#4
Spring!

Dear Readers,

There's been a lot of activity at the Rowan Tree these past weeks... The Goddess unfolded new paths for those involved, & the house has been filled with the sounds of painting, moving, & new voices. The sounds of Spring are truly delicious.

The most dramatic change came from our favorite Sage, Cassidy, who left unexpectedly for Mexico just after Candlemas, & upon returning has decided to make the Southwest his home. At Beltane he will be moving to Tucson, and thus we hope to visit him & some of our Tucson readers, like Rik & Daoud.

The house, as a result is going communal, & as this issue goes to mail, I have four people here getting under my hooves: of course Paul is still here, & then there's Lucy, a sparkling Aries & Nick, a mysterious Scorpio. In May, when our beloved Cassidy heads West, his room will be taken by Theodore, a deep Cancer. But of all, my favorite housemate is Gretchen Nightlight, a tiny Capricorn, all-black kitty. I must say that I'm looking forward to the summer, for the house talks of taking late-night Moonwalks & midnight swims.

Then, too, there have been changes within the structure of the Rowan Tree. There is now a Mystery School, for those pursuing the wisdom of ancient paths for their work in the New Age. Paul asked me to mention that all students seeking initiation will become members of the Mystery School.

The newsletter staff has some changes. Alex is with us, doing the layout and correspondence. When he was in K.C. he

was known as Steve Kirby, & is wonderfully tall. I like to nuzzle tall humans best, so I don't get a stiff neck. We also have a second artist contributing work, Lady Takya, who draws wonderful pictures of me, like the Spring drawing:



Our Open Forum section has a long letter I received from the keepers of Landdot. It's very interesting! Also lots of letters about my many Unicorn friends.

May I interrupt my letter with a com-

mercial message, & tell you to send me a dollar, & I'll send you a tin of Unicorn balm? It contains a secret herbal mixture with the scent to attract Unicorns to your dreams and meditations. (We're all at work to help the Rowan Tree balance its budget...)

Lots of goodies coming up - The Rowan Tree is hosting a Fairy Men gathering in May, and this year there are so many festivals, I hardly know how to attend them all. In the Midwest we have not one, but two Pan-Pagan festivals (maybe I'll go to both!) and Circle is putting their energies into two festivals at that wonderful sight in Wisconsin.

HERE comes Spring - Unicorns of all persuasions will gather and prance

in Circles cast with aurora lights and flower petals. To celebrate the Vernal Turning, we will plant Sunset seeds and Moonbeams, and call upon the Mother & Father to Kiss our horns, that they grow in magick this coming year. May you all live to be many-speaked and wise...

Andrius

The Unicorn Chronicles

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And it was foreseen that lives would be put into change, and this would be but the beginning of many changes, for it was said that when the Dark Woman took her sickle to the path of Jove, even the seasons would change, and mountains would roar and the Earth would shake. Nightly would eyes turn to the sky, and watch the path of destiny.

Those societies needing change would find themselves thrown to the other direction, and those of peace would feel the taste of war, that all might seek to learn of wisdom.

And of the Elders, one who could see such things saw that this would be a crucial time of learning upon Earth, for the star of the Dark Woman would travel its own sign as the children passed into the second of the three aspects of the cusp, and in those mighty days would be joined by many stars, which would shake the foundations of life. Thus, were these to be times of learning, of embracing the sickle that the way for new was clear; of seeking harmony and balance, and of turning to the Creativities of love, so that joy could expand upon Earth.

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And it came to pass that the cusp began. It was signalled by the passing of the Star of the Deep over the Star of the Veil. Lest the Earth be filled with terror, the passing

away of the ERA of the Waterlife was to be signalled by two hidden stars. Indeed, the existence of the star of the Deep would not be known on Earth for two generations, and the Star of the Veil, which carries the key of the Sign of the Waterlife is also hidden, but became known but two generations ere this passing.

In order that the coming of the New Age could spread the word, it was foreseen that the two stars would meet in the sign of the Word, and this conjoining was the beginning of a tumultuous change upon the Earth.

And it was foreseen that this would be the beginning of air taking dominance over water, and as we left the Waterlife, those who ruled the globe would be those who ruled the skies. And it was foreseen that the waters were no longer mighty, and would seek to undergo cleansing for the New ERA, for the sign of the Word is the first of the signs of air.

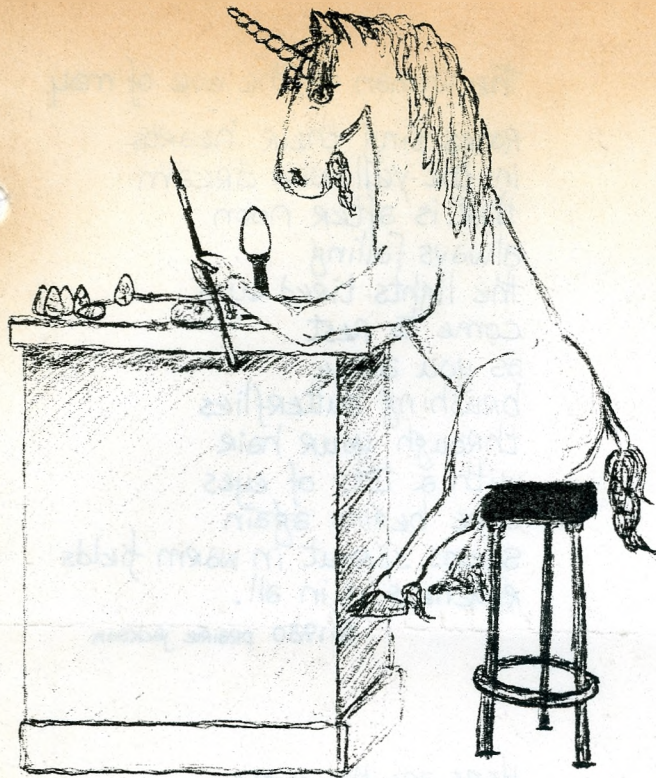
And it was foreseen that the means of the Word would undergo change, so that the languages would change, and as the Earth moved into the New ERA, humankind would change its manner of speaking. And it was foreseen that the children would seek new ways and devices to share the word, and they would send these through the air.

And a third star was also within this omen, that of the New Age, which had become known but a hundred years before the three, slow, hidden lights of this system began moving into alignment. Thus was the seed of the New Age taken from the Star of Folly, and sent across, to the opposition through the Earth, to the two.

(to be cont'd.)

Ed. notes:

In 1891-92, Pluto & Neptune were conjunct in 8:9 degrees Gemini. This had not happened for nearly 500 yrs. since 1397. At the same time, Uranus was opposite them in Sagittarius.



Happiness is hearing Jim Thomas on the telephone. We thank the Mothers Magick for his freedom.... Speaking of phone calls, thanks to Rau Nelson & Chris Sherbak for their calls.... Francille, I'm going to the festival June 13, and also (I hope) to Cirdes the following weekend.... Paul Lewis is a true sweetheart.... DGR says, "a definition of a Unicorn: that last little kernel sitting at the bottom of the box of popped corn.".... Andrius thanks Lucy for the Valentine.... Grace - hope the Extra Pages arrived, & thanks so much for the mag. articles.

.... Hello to Oz (The Children of the Dawn) Box 4014, Albuquerque, N.M. 87196.... Bob S. of Hollywood, we send you healing magick and blessings!.... Home blessings to Debra of Bellingham, Wa. Love & magick to beloved Brother Row.... Ray - thank you for the book - now, when will you come & read it to me?.... Gary of Dallas writes "St Patrick may have been a Christian Saint but the pagan leprechauns know how to celebrate it best!".... Tim & Rose - I will soon be getting to my letters - there's been so much change going on here!.... Thanks to Mickey for mentioning the May Fairy Retreat on KPFT-FM in Houston.

Dearest Andrius,
 Hope that you will "Be My Valentine,"
 Loved the sweet, wistful card you sent.
 It was just delightful to spend some
 timelessness with you when you tripped
 to the west coast. I can still see your
 eyes flashing & your mane swirling to
 the beat of the Dance.

With purple passion -
 Unibella

Anne's unicorn friend is named Snowsong.... she is pure white, born at winter solstice time (hatched, rather - Anne says she definitely hatched) and although old by our standards, still a juvenile.... Snowsong's mother is amethyst-colored, with sapphire eyes & violet mane....

Noel - Anne

Artemus, my hoofed buddy is as perky as ever. He's back with us again now that the weather's nice. (It's 60° today) - why is it that Unicorns don't like the snow??

Nancy McCauley

Last December a little baby unicorn came to live in my Hawaiian home.... we had a naming ceremony and a welcoming festival... a frisky, young baby, he can't remember his whole name, so we call him "Kolohe" which means "little rascal" or the merry one.... Kolohe sends his aloha to you and to all his other unicorn cousins, with a warm "He-e Mai" or come & be welcome.

Kaleo for Kolohe

Contacts

Very much wanting contacts with male or female Craft members, by mail or in person.

Herb Shondel
 Box 55 Dept. 114702
 Stillwater, Min. 55082

A male Pagan, strongly feminist, would like mail contact with Gay Wicca Womyn. I have been in prison for a very long time & need to learn about feminism in relation to Pagan, Wicca Religion... need a humyn contact thru whom I can learn.

Davyyd Bossie
 P.O. Box A
 Thomaston, Maine 04861

Passed into the Summerland - Toby, Rowdy & beloved cat of the Rowan Tree. Famed as a wanderer, Toby once took off & ended up at a farm 50 miles from the city, & only he & the Cat Goddess know how. May his next incarnation have more caution with traffic.

Witches' Tools

A broom, a cat, a candle,
A cauldron on the fire.
A book of spells, some sandal-
wood incense, a golden lyre.

Bottles & jars of magic lotions
Herbs & roots & other things.
Ingredients for magic potions
Magic necklaces & Rings

-Lillian Chamberlain

Capricorn

Capricorn, Capricorn, where have you gone?
Capricorn, Capricorn, lovely as a song.

Running high & free,
Gallop on comets' tails.
Always was, will always be
The magic one who sails.

Capricorn, Capricorn, searcher of the stars.
Capricorn, Capricorn, off to Moon or Mars?

With mane of sunlight rays,
A coat of ivory silk,
Eyes like azure novas blaze,
Teeth as white as milk.

Capricorn, Capricorn, goat oh so fine.
Capricorn, Capricorn, blessed winter sign.
Lillian Chamberlain



The woman in the eve of May

Roses sing their hearts
in the yellowed dream
that is after noon
always falling
the lights tired eyes
come to rest
as you arise
brushing butterflies
through your hair
with a toss of eyes
time begins again
seeds sprout in warm fields
ripeness is in all.

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Here are the mists,
All around us.
Time blurs, and space
stretches out;
The mist floats through
The pathways of our brains,
Leading us
To the place without a name.
To the place without a name,
The center
Where the blossoms begin.

Noel-Anne Brennan
a Spring Sabbat poem...

Let Your Dreams Take Flight !!

Monday Nights at 7:00 pm

Each Monday evening an inner journey is conducted. We prepare with a period of mental relaxation, of letting go the hassles of daily coping, of exploring ways through which the inner child can be brought forth. Thus may we begin to draw upon our own creative thinking skills. Some nights this may be contemplating the mystery of a seashell, or movement, or chant, or even building a magical castle of building blocks.... When the uptight, socially-programmed adult is adequately calmed to allow the inner self to emerge, we chant to free the psychic soul & cleanse it of any negation, and thus begins the journey of the mind. The physical self is totally relaxed & bathed in healing energies & the imaginary/magical self of the mind is guided in meditation on wondrous experiences. Come with us & learn to be the ocean, to soar in flight like a bird, to experience the magic of being a flower...

Our Monday night creative thinking experience is in its fourth year, & is an opportunity to balance & restore your mind, your inner, magical, intuitive self. We offer this experience at our Centre, known for the magic of its herb gardens & meditation temple. Come play with us.

The Rowan Tree
2830 Stevens Ave So
Mpls., Mn., 55408

Visit the Magical Land of Herbs:
an every-Saturday experience at the Rowan
Tree, 2830 Stevens Ave So. (871-7287)

Each Saturday (1:30) (p.m. of course!) is a complete experience into the mysteries and essence of one selected herb. Come once or as often as you like. Commune with the herb spirits & tune yourself to the aura of the herbal magic. Explore the ancient power of herbs in ritual dance in our magical gardens... the joys of laughter & song with herbs. Explore the use of herbs in meditation, to bring the self's energies into healthy balance. Learn through experience, the energy-essence available in the art of the herbal practitioner. It is said that the herbal healer must also know the spiritual power of the herb, & no words contain this wisdom. It is found by experience. We will explore herbal myths and folklore, and understand how these relate to the healing properties & energy balance of the herb.

These studies are a function of the Mystery School of the Rowan Tree, to share not only medical, but also the esoteric values of herbs. This series is conducted by the Rev. Paul V. Beyerl, D.D., author of The Holy Books of the Dawn an herbal for the Aquarian Age. Beyerl has taught herbal healing & herbal shamanism in the Twin Cities & presented workshops throughout the Midwest for the past 5 years.



Nature's Realm



The crystal azure waters
Of the rolling seas
Harbor sea sprite daughters
Bounced on wave wash knicks.

The deep green forest bowers
Of wooded hills and dales
Have spirit folk and flowers
That live in many tales.

The bright clear sky above
Is trimmed with cloudy lace.
There soars the eagle & the dove
And an airy, fairy race.

The flickering orange red flame,
Dancing on dry wood,
Was once a door where demons came,
But now it's used for good.

-Lillian Chamberlain

Magick Land

Feel the heartbeat of Mother Earth
pulse beneath your feet,
Tread softly on the sacred grounds,
merry will ye meet
Indian spirits of days gone by,
ever watchful they
Preserve the beauty of Nature's gifts
by both night & day.
Devas of the herbs so sweet,
Dryads of the trees,
Fruits & berries of the bush,
honey of the bees.
Crystal waters flow so cool,
wonderful to taste,
Tiny creatures scurry by
time not there to waste.
Cool green woods & sunny glades
Soft green moss on which to lay
Magick Land of spirits free
EVER will it Blessed Be.

-Jouck L. Baker
for the Warren Light Center,
her favorite Nature Retreat

today we rise
through the roof of dream
into the swirling clouds
that shadow our faces
with mystery
today we sing together
in the tidal melody of life
we dance the spiral
the fevered spring
we shimmer on
the meadow moonlight
our silvered roots
our shining
restless branches
still reaching out
to catch the echo
from the windswept
stars that we are,
children of the
gypsy dust
flying

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Open Forum

Dear Andrius & Friends:

Gwydion showed me some copies of your recent issues the other day, and I must say I was appalled at the sniping going on in your pages aimed at Lancelot. What'samatter, don't you guys believe in Unicorns? Hey, gang, you're shooting at your own troops! Lancelot is a true Unicorn, cloven hooves, snow-white velvet coat, flowing silken mane, tufted tail, beard, feathers of hair on his legs, and a ringed and grooved golden horn growing from the center of his forehead at the rate of an inch a month. Of course he was produced deliberately; did you think magical acts happened 'by accident'? Magick is both an art and a science, and a great many magical techniques and secrets were lost during the Burning Times - including the ancient and arcane method of producing Unicorns. Surely you didn't think there was ever a species of animal consisting only of males, generally depicted as solitary (look at the old drawings of Unicorns in the Garden of Eden, or among the animals boarding the ark, and note that while the other creatures are in pairs, the Unicorn always appears alone), let alone in the many distinct forms Unicorns have been pictured in throughout history (bulls, ibexes, deer, oryx, gazelles, goats, even water buffalo!). Or is it that you simply didn't believe that Unicorns ever really existed as living breathing animals? We've had people tell us that Lancelot can't be a real Unicorn, because real Unicorns don't exist! Odd logic, there: to be real, it can't exist; if it exists, it can't be real. Hmn. But Lancelot does exist, and he is a real, genuine, bonafide Unicorn, attested to by top veterinarians and featured on "Those Amazing Animals." For the next year or so, he will be on display at Marine World/Africa USA. If you really want to know about Lancelot, and about Unicorns, why not "ask the man who owns one" instead of all this sniping behind our backs? Morning Glory & I are probably the world's foremost authorities on Unicorns, and we would be happy to supply seekers with any information on the subject. In fact, we have prepared a nice little booklet about living Unicorns throughout history, which can be ordered from us for \$1 plus postage. We also have a newsletter & catalog for only 75¢, and 8x10 color glossy photos of Lancelot with me, with Morning Glory, or with both of us (specify which) for \$5.

As for the letter from Nebo the Griffin: it is well known that lions, eagles, and their composites, Griffins, have traditionally been antagonists to Unicorns, so this attack should come as no surprise to any mythology buffs. However, I would like to clear up one point: Lancelot's "true nature" is not that of a goat, any more than Buddha's was that of an ape. Lancelot's true nature is that of a Unicorn. The horn growing from his "third eye" has wrought a profound effect on his development: his skull is enlarged in the area of the frontal lobes, giving him a vastly increased intelligence, sensitivity, gentleness, etc. He is housebroken, rides in the front seat of the car, lying down. He is well-mannered and always gentle with people, and with most livestock, including our pet deer, but he is fearless in attacking predators, and has already punched out cats, dogs, and even a wolf (a pet of a friend). Of course we keep his horn filed dull so he won't accidentally injure anyone, but we have plans for "working Unicorns" to be attached to herds of goats & sheep to protect them from the coyotes & feral dogs that are wiping out the wool & dairy goat industry out here. We believe that ancient peoples may even have attached sharp metal tips to the horns of their herd Unicorns... But Lancelot has been love-trained from birth (I still sometimes sleep with him in my own bed), and has dealt gently & lovingly with large numbers of children. A couple of weeks ago, he attended an Xmas party for the Children's Cancer Research Institute at the Presbyterian Medical Center in SF. Among all those kids, doctors, nurses, clowns, tables full of snacks, chemotherapy patients with no hair, trailing tubes of fluids to keep alive, Lancelot was as good as gold. Not once during the three hours did he poke anyone or pee or crap on the floor, or try to snatch food from the tables, or anything. When he got tired, he lay down in the lap of a little girl and fell asleep. He has visited (and been visited by) many magical people, including Indian medicine men and a blind Faerie Shaman (Victor Anderson), and all have noted and remarked upon

his incredible psychic sensitivity. He has attended numerous rituals and known exactly what & when to do. He is truly uncanny, as you would discover upon meeting him in person. But until you do, it ill serves the cause of magick to go around mouthing (or beaking) off in total ignorance. We plan to bring everyone back there can meet him (if we can figure out where to go - the news we get out here does not convey much togetherness in the midwest. With all the inharmonony back there, I suppose we shouldn't be surprised to find some of it directed at us.)

We see no reason why living Unicorns cannot share the world with imaginary ones, so we'll make you a deal: we'll believe in Andrew [sic] if you'll believe in Lancelot.

Yours in Unicornity
Otter G. Zell
H.O.M.E.
Box 982
Ukiah, Calif. 95482

For Lady Cantonia

Lancelot at bay, stands his ground
After 500 years of war & plunder
The Unicorn emerges, is reborn, again is found
By a weary world awaiting wonder.

Now harken to the sound of distant thunder
Of wings that do resound
As mythologic family rips asunder
And fratricidal folly doth abound.

The Goddess weeps to see Her children blunder
Their egos now unwound
Suppressing yet, their natural sense of wonder
With jealousy profound.

When will they learn to climb from under
Such juggernauts of passion run aground.
In other words folks:
You don't need to blow
out the other person's candle,
In order to let your own light shine.
Let's keep Unicorns the symbol of
Unity, as the Light of the Year waxes
ever greater.

Blessed Be...
Morning Glory

"Greenpeace will once again be active this year in its ongoing efforts to end the slaughter of seals in Eastern Canada. Our vessel, the Rainbow Warrior, will be sailing to the ice flats near Newfoundland to oppose the hooded seal slaughter, while our work continues to end the more familiar harp seal slaughter."

Please, if you value life, write Greenpeace for more information.

Greenpeace New England
286 Congress St.
Boston, Ma. 02210

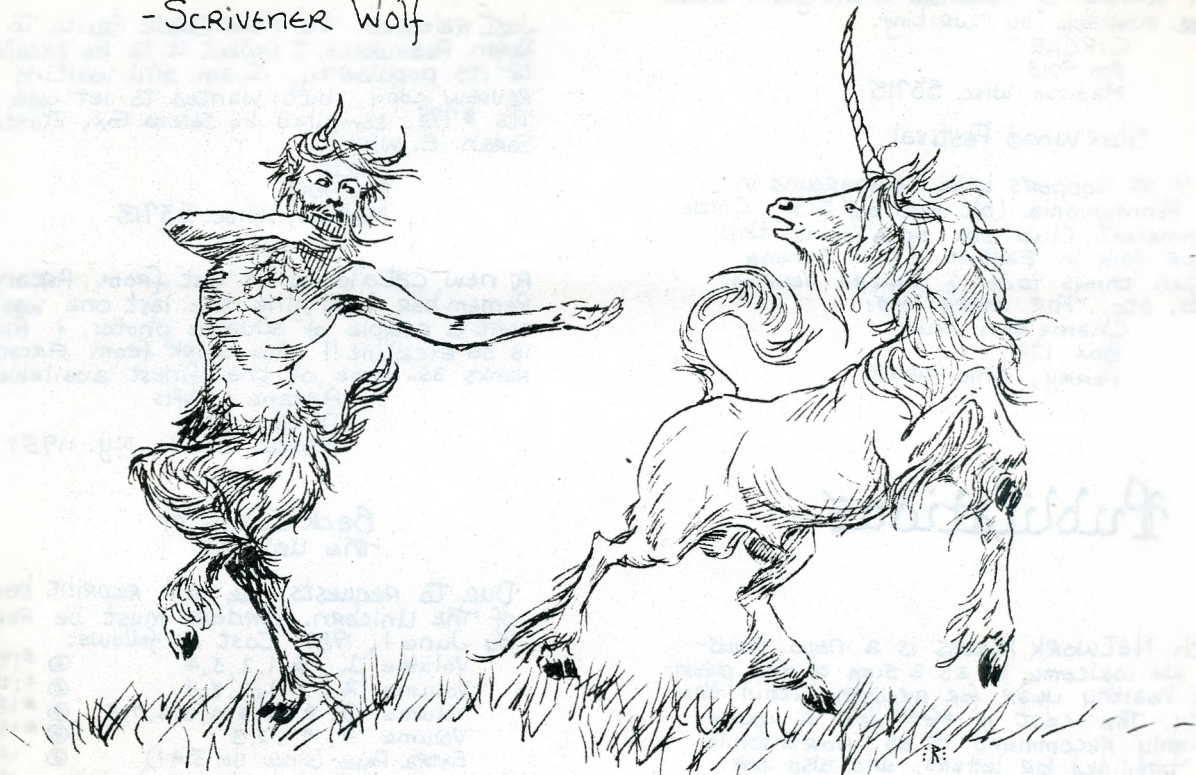
Interested in a Pagan radio show down in Texas? Ray Hill, Dr. of KPFT in Houston seeks information on similar radio programs of a metaphysical, occult, or Pagan nature. He also wants to know if there is interest. Please express interest - tell ALL your Texan friends to write or call. If you know of other programs (Circle, Marion Weinstein, etc.) write, no matter where you live. Spread the magick for the Earth!

Ray Hill
Director KPFT Radio Station
419 Lovett
Houston, TX. 77006
1-713-526-4000 (90.1 FM)

The True Origin of the Unicorn

Once upon a time, Pan screwed a mare. The foal that she bore (on or near Dec. 21st) had one horn on its head, to prove that unlike most mules, it was not half-ass. (That is also why some unicorns can make very beautiful music on their horns.)

-SCRIVENER WOLF



Magickal Unicorn Messenger, a newsletter for, about, & by young & old Pagans alike, with education, entertainment, classifieds & contacts, is changing from 8 to 4 issues yearly. Cost \$1.00 per issue or \$5.00 yearly. PO Box 1302 Findlay, Ohio 45840

Books

I want to recommend a book for you. It is called FIRELORD by Parke Godwin. It is my most favorite rendition of the Arthurian legends, and I've read most of them. If you haven't read it, look for it! At present it is out in hard back (Doubleday). It is coming out in paperback in April (Bantam). Just to make sure that I wasn't being prejudiced (P. Godwin is a friend), I loaned the book to Richard. He thinks it is great, too! It is very different from most, & one that pagans will relate to.

Seshat

Drawing Down the Moon is now in paperback. It's \$8.95 with a dollar postage:
ORDER DEPARTMENT
BEACON PRESS
25 BEACON ST.
BOSTON, MA. 02108

Happenings

Gathering of the Tribes, 1981

Will be held Sept 20-24 at Unicoi Conference Center, Unicoi State Park, Helen Georgia. This year 300 are expected (last year were 150). Workshop deadline for presenters is March 31. This year is a contest, with a very fine prize, for choosing a theme for the festival, & ends April 30. Registration prior to August 1 gets a 20% discount. Do check this all out:
Church of Y Tylwyth Teg
PO Box 4152
Athens, Ga. 30602

5th Annual Pan Pagan Festival

[Ed. note - this is a separate festival from the Pan Pagan Festival June 11-14. Both are sponsored by groups involved in last year's gathering at Lake Holiday, Indiana, but the 27th conjunct in 81 has brought us two Pan Pagan Festivals. Both are great, both should be wonderful.]

Sponsored by the Midwest Pagan Council August 6-9th 1981 near Buchanan, Mich. Registration - Parthenon West, PO Box 664, Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411; Programs: Calumet Pagan Temple, 4524 Towle, Hammond, Ind. 46377; General Info: M.P.C. Festival Coordinator, PO Box 664, Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411.

Happenings



Pagan Spirit Gathering

June 18-21 at a 170 acre private Nature Sanctuary in S.W. Wisconsin. A national-international gathering open to all Witches & Pagans on positive paths. A variety of activities plus Pow-wow discussions of this year's theme "Networking for Survival & Growth of Paganism in the years ahead." A brochure available by writing:

CIRCLE
Box 9013
Madison, Wisc. 53715

Starwood Festival

July 17-19 at Cooper's Lake Campground in Western Pennsylvania (left used by SCA). Circle & the Chameleon Club are sponsoring this festival for folk in Eastern U.S. & Canada. Lots of fun things to do, & they're seeking workshops, etc. For more info:

Chameleon Club
Box 174
Perry, Ohio 44081

The 1981-82 edition of the International Guide to Psi Periodicals & Paranormal Organizations, is now a reality. It lists the Rowan Tree & many activities of interest to those who seek psychic & spiritual growth. As you know, it is very difficult to spread information about the many aspects of this work. This guide is very complete, and has been going on since 1977. It's only \$4.00, & has a money-back guarantee - you can't beat that!!

Inner-Space Interpreters
Po Box 1133
Burbank, Calif. 91507

Just released: The New Circle Guide to Wicca & Pagan Resources. I expect it to be excellent. Due to its popularity, I am still waiting for a review copy, but wanted to let you all know... It's \$7.95, compiled by Selena Fox, illustrated by Sarah E. White.

Circle
Box 9013
Madison, Wisc. 53715

A new catalogue is out from Arcane Crafts. Remember how fine the last one was? Ruth sent a couple of advance photos, & Rus' work is so excellent!! The work from Arcane Crafts ranks as some of the finest available.

Arcane Crafts
Po Box 383
Mastic Beach, Ny. 11951

Publications

Back Issues of The Unicorn

Holyearth Network News is a new newsletter & we welcome it as a sign of the promise of a healthy year for growth within the Community. The cost is \$6.00 for a year, & we highly recommend it as worthwhile. Space is provided for letters, and also for those who seek information about the Earth-Stewards Network. Do you really care about the Earth? Enough to see responsible use of magick & power? For info:

Holyearth Foundation
Box 873
Monte Rio, Cal. 95462

Due to requests, we will reprint back issues of The Unicorn. Orders must be received by June 1, 1981. Cost as follows:

Volume 1, # 1,2,3,4	① \$1.00
Volume 2, # 1,2,3,4	② \$1.00
Volume 3, # 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	③ \$1.50
Volume 4, # 1,2,3	④ \$1.50
Extra Pages (since Vol 3 #1)	⑤ .50

Add one dollar postage & handling. This is a chance to see how primitive were our humble beginnings, when we didn't even know we would become a 'real' newsletter.

The Unicorn
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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 to coincide with the Sabbats.

Rev. Paul Beyerl - 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
- enclosed is a S.A.S.E. Please send a copy of your catalogue

Total enclosed is Make checks and money orders payable to The Rowan Tree

Name

Mailing Address

- I wish to maintain secrecy.
- I am interested in making contact with others.
- You may mention my name in The Unicorn
- You may give my address, also
- I love Unicorns & nice Pagans

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Please mail to: The Rowan Tree, Box 8814, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55408



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

Please continue your articles in the Extra Pages. Nothing is like them. ♂♂ and solitary rituals would be of great interest. Keep it up! This, and three other letters are the only responses to the query on sex magick. Last chance... If there's enough interest we will resume articles in the Beltane issue (Vol. 4 #5). If there's no more interest, we won't.

James Moore, 553 Greenwood Ave. NE, Atlanta, Ga., 30308 is working on a gay radio show which began last month. Congratulations! Also from him:

"Gay man new to the Craft would like to meet other gay pagans in his vicinity and also correspond with anyone from anywhere."

A new local endeavor: "a collective of radical fairies organized for the express purposes of creating/expanding fairy space, & to further other goals & visions the cooperative designates.... seeking arable, partly wooded rural land... spread the word to other fairies.... inquiries may be directed to our address. (We do ask that persons requesting printed matter enclose postage &/or a small donation if they are able to afford one) or zerox it & spread the word...

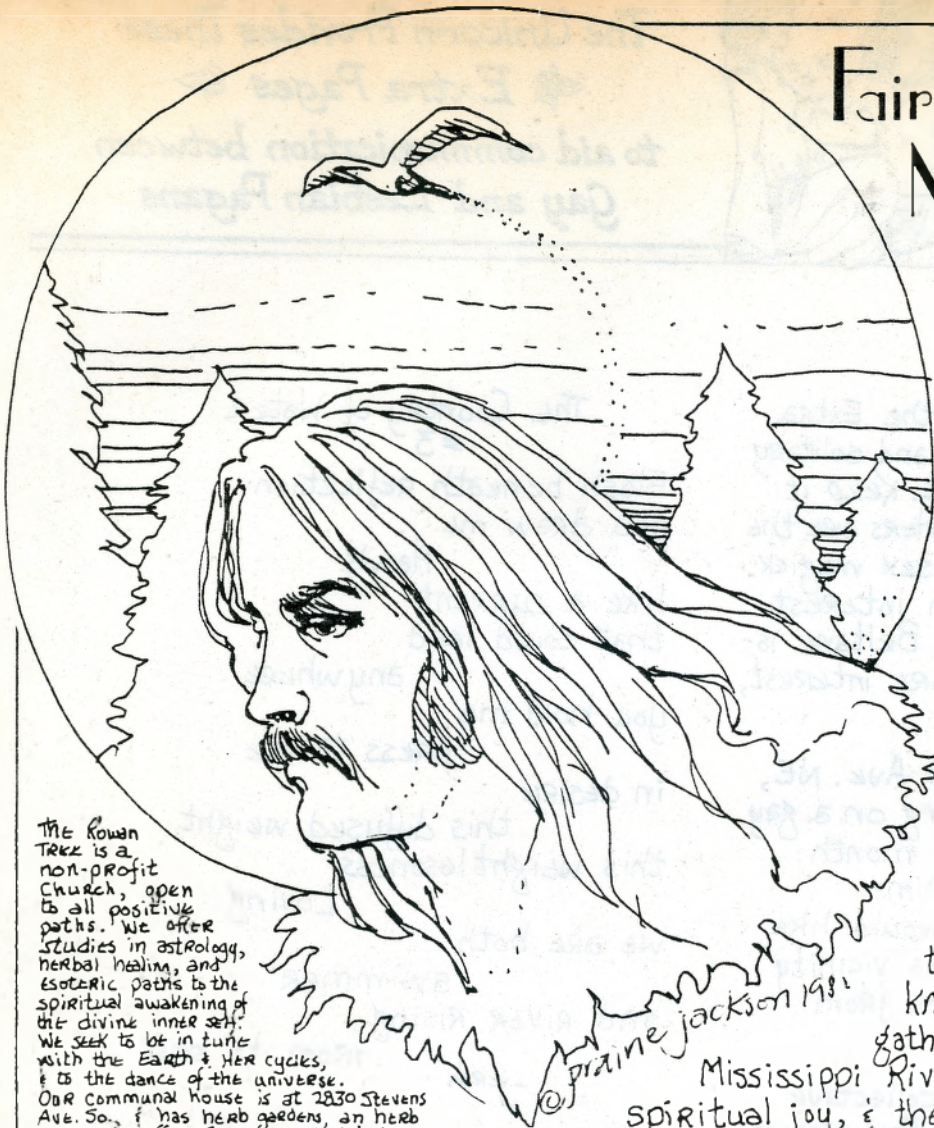
Northern Lights Circle Cooperative
 2944 Grand Ave So.
 Mpls., Mn., 55408

The 7th National Conference on Men and Masculinity will be held June 12-16 at the Tufts University Campus, 4 miles NW of Boston. Info. from:
 7th Nat'l Conference
 PO Box 338
 West Somerville, Mass. 02144

The Country of Water
 #3

Flesh beneath reflection
 you draw me
 Hands
 like a current
 that could lead
 anywhere
 you hold me
 press to me
 in desire
 this diffused weight
 this weightlessness
 Loving
 we are both
 swimmer
 and river rising
 from its bed
 -jerah

Well, here comes Spring- a time of cleaning & dusting even our own self-image of being magickal. How do we present ourselves to the communities of which we are a part? Can this be done in coffee houses, in bars, baths, at parties? Is it possible to "come out", not only as a lesbian or gay, but also as an individual whose feet are firmly planted on a spiritual path? Do you have anything you can share with our readers? Poetry, illustrations, advice, etc. is most needed for the Extra Pages. Does it take bribery? O.K. A one-year's subscription for the best article (under 250 words, pls.) sharing your experience of being Pagan & same-sex oriented. And, if you don't win, tell us if we can share it!



Fairy Moon Retreat May 15-17, 1981 A Gathering of Spiritual Gays

The Rowan Tree will open this gathering Friday evening with a healing ritual, to heal the Earth, & to experience the special magick of gay voices raised in chant & song to reach out in love to Mother Earth. This will be at the Rowan Tree, in the magickal herb gardens.

Saturday we will meet at Lake Nokomis. All are invited to present workshops, to share in the exchange of knowledge & joy. Sunday we will gather at a holy site along the Mississippi River, to join in a Circle of spiritual joy, & then share laughter & song in a potluck picnic....

The Rowan Tree is a non-profit church, open to all positive paths. We offer studies in astrology, herbal healing, and esoteric paths to the spiritual awakening of the divine inner self. We seek to be in tune with the Earth & Her cycles, & to the dance of the universe. Our communal house is at 2830 Stevens Ave. So. & has herb gardens, an herb shop. We offer Aquarian Meditation every Monday at 7:00pm. & herbal studies every Saturday at 1:30pm.

Bring musical instruments, things to share; whatever clothing, etc., makes you feel special, childlike, or magickal. Bring an open mind, a love for the Earth, a desire to explore the spiritual joy of gay men, and a heart filled with gladness....

mail registration to:

The Rowan Tree
Box 8814
Mpls Mn 55408
phone 1-612-871-7287

Please register me for the May Gathering
Enclosed is \$10.00 pre-registration
OR \$25.00, the total fee... (check one)

Name _____
Address _____

- check the following which apply:
- I need a sleeping space
 - I wish to present a 45 minute (max.) workshop. (Include title of program & content)
 - I need to be met at train, airport, etc.
OR given means & routes to my destination
 - I will/not be participating, but can offer sleeping space to one or more men. (Please give address, # of spaces, & phone number.)
 - I would like to provide transportation.

The Unicorn Box 8814 - Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408 871-7287
Vol.4 #4 Spring!

Dear Readers,

There's been a lot of activity at the Rowan Tree these past weeks... The Goddess unfolded new paths for those involved, and the house has been filled with sounds of painting, moving, and new voices. The sounds of Spring are truly delicious.

The most dramatic change came from our favorite Sage, Cassidy, who left unexpectedly for Mexico just after Candlemas, and upon returning has decided to make the Southwest his home. A Beltane he will be moving to Tucson, and thus we hope to visit him and some of our Tucson readers, like Rik and Daoud.

The house, as a result of going communal, and as this issue goes to mail, I have four people here getting under my hooves: of course Paul is still here; and then there's Lucy, a sparkling Aries and Nick, a mysterious Scorpio. In May, when our beloved Cassidy heads West, his room will be taken by Theodore a deep Cancer. But of all, my favorite housemate is Gretchen Nightlight, a tiny Capricorn, all-black kitty. I must say that I'm looking forward to the summer, for the house talks of taking late-night moonwalks and midnight swims.

Then, too, there have been changes within the Structure of the Rowan Tree. There is now a Mystery School, for those pursuing the wisdom of ancient paths for their work in the New Age. Paul asked me to mention that all students seeking initiation will become members of the Mystery School.

The newsletter staff has some changes. Alex is with us, doing the layout and correspondence. When he was in K.C. he was known as Steve Kirby, and is wonderfully tall. I like to nuzzle tall humans best, so I don't get a stiff neck. We also have a second artist contributing work, Lady Takya, who draws wonderful pictures of me like the Spring drawing.

Our Open Forum section has a long letter I received from the keepers of Lancelot. It's very interesting! Also lots of letters about my many unicorn friends.

May I interrupt my letter with a commercial message, and I tell you to send me a dollar, and I'll send you a tin of unicorn balm? It contains a secret herbal mixture with the scent to attract unicorns to your dreams and meditations. (We're all at work to help the Rowan Tree balance its budget...)

Lots of goodies coming up - The Rowan Tree is hosting a Fairy Men gathering in May, and this year there are so many festivals, I hardly know how to attend them all. In the Midwest, we have not one, but two Pan Pagan Festivals (maybe I'll go to both) and Circle is putting their energies into two festivals at that wonderful sight in Wisconsin.

Here comes Spring! - Unicorns of all persuasions will gather and prance in Circles cast with aurora lights and flower petals. To celebrate the Vernal turning, we will plant sunset seeds and moonbeams, and call upon the Mother and Father to kiss our horns, that they grow in magick this coming year. May you all love ot be many spiralled and wise.... Andrius

The Unicorn Cronicles

Decree xi Saturn Jupiter iv Liba ii (cont'd. From last issue)

And it was foreseen that lives would be put into change, and this would be but the beginning of many changes, for it was said that when the Dark Woman too her sickle to the path of Jove, even the seasons would change, and mountains would roar and the Earth would shake. Nightly would eyes turn to the sky, and watch the path of destiny.

Those societies needing change would find themselves thrown to the other direction, and those of peace would feel the taste of war, that all might seek to learn of wisdom.

And of the Elders, one who could see such things of learning upon Earth, for the star of the Dark Woman would travel its own sign as the children passed into the second of the three aspects of the cusp, and in those mighty days would be joined by many stars, which would shake the foundations of life. This, were these to be times of learning, of embracing the sickle that the way for new was clear; of seeking harmony and balance, and of turning to the creativities of love, so that joy could expand upon Earth.

Decree ii Gemini ...Neptune xivxi

And it came to pass that the cusp began. IT was signalled by the passing of the Star of the Deep over the Star of the Veil. Lest the Earth be filled with terror, the Passing away of the Era of the Waterlife was to be signalled by two hidden stars. Indeed, the existence of the star of the Deep would not be known on Earth for two generations, and the Star of the Veil, which carries the Key of the Sign of the Waterlife is also hidden, but became known but two generations ere this passing.

In order that the coming of the New Age could spread the word, it was foreseen that the two stars would meet in the Sign of the Word, and this conjoining was the beginning of the tumultuous change upon the Earth.

And it was foreseen that this would be the beginning of Air taking dominance over water, and as we left the Waterlife, those who ruled the globe would be those who ruled the skies. And it was foreseen that the waters were no longer mighty, and would seek to undergo cleansing for the New Era, for the Sign of the Word is the first of the signs of Air.

And it was foreseen that the means of the Word would undergo change, so that the languages would change, and as the Earth moved into the New Era, humankind would change its manner of speaking. And it was foreseen that the children would seek new ways and devices to share of the word, and they would send these through the air.

And a third star was also within this omen, that the New Age, which had become known but a hundred years before the three, slow, hidden lights of this system began moving into alignment. This was the seed of the New Age taken from the Star of Folly, and sent across, to the opposition through the Earth, to the two! (to be cont'd)

Ed. Notes: In 1891092, Pluto and Neptune were conjunct in 8 and 9 degrees Gemini. This had not happened for nearly 500 yrs. Since 1397. At the same time, Uranus was opposite them in Sagittarius.

Dearest Andrius,

Hope that you will "Be My Valentine," loved the sweet, wistful card you sent. It was just delightful to spend some timelessness with your when you tripped to the West Coast. I can still see your eyes flashing and your mane swirling to the beat of the Dance.

With purple passion - Unibella

Last December a little baby unicorn came to live in my Hawaiian home... we had a naming ceremony and a welcoming festival... a frisky, young baby, he can't remember his whole name, so we call him "Kolohe" which means "Little rascal" or the merry one... Kolohe sends his aloha to you and to all his other unicorn cousins, with a warm "He-e Mai" or come and be welcome. Kaleo for Kolohe

Passed into the Summerland - Toby, rowdy and beloved cat of the Rowan Tree. Famed as a wanderer, Toby once took off and ended up at a farm 50 miles from the city, and only he and the Cat Goddess know how. May he next incarnation have more caution with traffic.

The Unicorn Rambles

Happiness is hearing Jim Thomas on the telephone. We thank the Mother's magick for his freedom... Speaking of phone calls, thanks to Ray Nelson and Chris Sherbak for their calls... Francille, I'm going to the festival June 13, and also (I hope) to Circle's the following weekend... Paul Lewis is a thue sweetheart ... DGR says "a definition of a unicorn: the last little kernel sitting at the bottom of the box of popped corn." ... Andrius thanks Lucy for the Valentine ... Grace - hope the Extra Pages arrived and thanks so much for the mag. Articles. ... Hello ot Oz (The Children of the Dawn) Box 4014, Albuquerque, N.M. 87196 ... Bob S. of Hollywood, we send you healing magick and blessings! ... Home blessings to Drbra of Bellingham, Wa. ... Love and magick to beloved Brother Crow ... Ray - thank you for the book - now when will you come and read it to me? ... Gary of Fallas writes "St. Patrick may have been a Christian Saint but the Pagan leprechauns know how to celebrate it best!" ... Tim and Rose - I will soon be getting to my letters - There's been so much change going on here! ... Thanks ti Mickey for mentioning the May Fairy Retreat on KPFT-FM in Houston.

Anne's unicorn friend is named Snowsong ... she is pure white, born at winter solstice time (hatched, rather - Anne says she definitely hatched), and although old by standards, still a juvenile ... Snowsong's mother is amethyst colored, with sapphire eyes and violet mane

- Noel-Anne

Artemus, my hoofed buddy is a perky as every. He's back with us again now that the weather's nice (It's 60° today) - Why is it that unicorns don't like the snow?

- Nancy McCauley

Contacts

Very much wanting contacts with male or female Craft members, by mail or in person.
Herb Shondel Box 55 Dept 114702 Stillwater, Mn. 55082

A male Pagan, strongly feminist, would like mail contact with Gay Wicca Womyn. I have been in prison for a very long time and need to learn about feminism in relation to Pagan, Wiccan Religion ... need a humyn contact thru whom I can learn.
Davyyd Bossie P.O. Box A Thomaston, Maine 04861

Witches' Tools

A broom, a cat, a candle,
A Cauldron on the fire.
A book of spells, some sandal-
Wood incense, a golden lyre.
Bottles and jars of magic lotions
Herbs and roots and other things.
Ingredients for magic potions
Magic necklaces and rings.

- Lillian Chamberlain

Capricorn

Capricorn, Capricorn, where have you gone?
Capricorn, Capricorn, lovely as a song.
Running high and free
Gallop on comets tails
Always was, will always be
The magic one who sails.
Capricorn, Capricorn, searcher of the stars.
Capricorn, Capricorn, off to Moon or Mars?
With mane of sunlight rays,
A coat of ivory silk,
Eyes like azure novas blaze,
Teeth as white as milk.
Capricorn, Capricorn, goat oh so fine.
Capricorn, Capricorn, blessed winter sign.

- Lillian Chamberlain

The Woman in the Eve of May

Roses sing their hearts
In the yellowed dream
That is after noon
Always falling
The lights tired eyes
Come to rest
As you arise
Brushing butterflies
Through your hair
With a toss of eyes
Time begins again
Seeds sprout in warm fields
Ripeness is in all.

- 1980 Prairie Jackson

Here are the mists,
All around us.
Time blurs, and space
Stretches out;
The mist floats through
The pathways of our brains,
Leading us
To the place without a name.
To the place without a name,
The center
Where the blossoms begin.

- Noel-Anne Brennan, a spring Sabbat poem...

Let Your Dreams Take Flight!!

Monday Nights at 7:00 pm

Each Monday evening an inner journey is conducted. We prepare with a period of mental relaxation, of letting go the hassles of daily coping, of exploring ways through which the inner child can be brought forth. Thus may we begin to draw upon our own creative thinking skills. Some nights this may be contemplating the mystery of a seashell, or movement, or chant, or even building a magical castle of building blocks... when the uptight, socially programmed adult is adequately calmed to allow the inner self to emerge, we chant to free the psychic soul and cleanse it of any negation, and thus begins the journey of the mind. The physical self is totally relaxed and bathed in healing energies and the imaginary magickal self of the mind is guided in meditation on wondrous experiences. Come with us and lean to be the ocean, to soar in flight like a bird, to experience the magick of being a flower...

Our Monday night creative thinking experience is in its fourth year, and is an opportunity to balance and restore your mind your inner magickal, intuitive self. We offer this experience at our centre, known for the magick of its herb gardens and meditation temple. Come play with us. The Rowan Tree 2830 Stevens Ave So Mps., Mn., 55408

Visit the Magickal Land of Herbes: an every Saturday experience at the Rowan Tree, 2830 Stevens Ave. So. (871-7287)

Each Saturday (1:30)(p.m. of course!) is a complete experience into the mysteries and essence of one selected herb. Come once or as often as you like. Commune with the herb spirits and tune yourself to the aura of the herbal magick. Explore the ancient power of herbs in ritual dance in our magickal gardens ... the joys of laughter and song with herbs, Explore the use of herbs in meditation, to bring the self's energies into healthy balance. Learn, through experience, the energy essence available in the art of the herbal practitioner. It is said that the herbal healer must also know the spiritual power of the herb, and no words contain the wisdom. It is found by experience. We will explore herbal myths and folklore, and understand how these related to the healing properties and energy balance of the herb.

These studies are a function of the Mystery School of the Rowan Tree, to share not only medical, but also the esoteric values of herbs. This series is conducted by the Rev. Paul V.

Beyerl, D.D., author of *The Holy Books of the Devas an Herbal for the Aquarian Age*. Beyerl has taught herbal healing and herbal shamanism in the Twin Cities and presented workshops throughout the Midwest for the past 5 years.

Magick Land

Feel the heartbeat of Mother Earth
Pulse beneath your feet,
Tread softly on the sacred grounds,
Merry will ye meet.
Indian spirits of days gone by,
Ever watchful they
Preserve the beauty of Nature's gifts
By both night and day.
Devas of the herbs so sweet,
Dryads of the trees,
Fruits and berries of the bush,
Honey of the bees.
Crystal waters flow so cool,
Wonderful to taste,
Tiny creatures scurry by
Time not there to waste.
Cool green woods and sunny glades
Soft green moss on which to lay
Magick land of spirits free
Ever will it Blessed Be.

- Joyce L. Baker for the Warren Light Center, her favorite nature retreat

Nature's Realm

The crystal azure waters
Of the rolling seas
Harbor sea sprite daughters
Bounced on wave wash knees.
The deep green forest bowers
Of wooded hills and dales
Have spirit folk and flowers
That live in many tales.
The bright clear sky above
Is trimmed with cloudy lace.
There soars the eagle and the dove
And an airy, fairy race.
The flickering orange red flame,
Dancing on dry wood,
Was once a door where demons came,
But now it's used for good.

- Lillian Chamberlain

Aries

Today we rise
Through the roof of dream
Into the swirling clouds
That shadow our faces
With mystery
Today we sing together
In the tidal melody of life
We dance the spiral
The fevered spring
We shimmer on
The meadow moonlight
Our silvered roots
Our shining
Restless branches
Still reaching out
To catch the echo
From the windswept
Stars that we are,
Children of the
gypsy dust
Flying
Copyright 1980 Prairie Jackson

Open Forum

Dear Andrius and Friends:

Gwydion showed me some copies of your recent issues the other day, and I must say I was appalled at the sniping going on in your pages aimed at Lancelot. Whatsamatter, don't you guys believe in unicorns? Hey, gang, you're shooting at your own troops! Lancelot is a true unicorn, cloven hooves, snow white velvet coat, flowing silken mane, tufted tail, beard feathers of hair on this legs, and a ringed and grooved golden horn growing from the center of his forehead at the rate of an inch a month. Of course he was produced deliberately; did you think magickal acts happened by accident? Magick is both an art and a science, and a great many magickal techniques and secrets were lost during the burning times - including the ancient and arcane methods of producing unicorns. Surely you didn't think there was ever a species of animal consisting only of males, generally depicted as solitary (look at the old drawings of unicorns in the Garden of Eden, or among the animals boarding the ark, and note that while the other creatures are in pairs, the Unicorn always appears alone), let alone in the many distinct forms unicorns have been pictured in throughout history (bulls, ibexes, deer, oryx, gazelles, goats, even water buffalo!). Or is it that you simply didn't believe that unicorns ever really existed as living breathing animals? We've had people tell us that Lancelot can't be a real unicorn, because real unicorns don't exist. Odd logic, there: to be real; if it exists, it can't be real. Hmn.

But Lancelot does exist, and he is a real, genuine, bonafide unicorn, attested to by top veterinarians and featured on "Those Amazing Animals." For the next year or so, he will be on display at Marine World Africa USA. If you really want to know about Lancelot, and about unicorns, why not "ask the mane who owns one" instead of all this sniping behind our backs? Morning Glory and I are probably the world's foremost authorities on unicorns, and we would be happy to supply seekers with any information on the subject. In fact, we have prepared a nice little booklet about living unicorns throughout history, which can be ordered from us for \$1.00 plus postage. We also have a newsletter and catalog for only .75¢, and 8 x 10 color glossy photos of Lancelot with me, with Morning Glory, or with both of us (specify which) for \$5. As for the letter from Nebo the Griffin: it is well known that lions, eagles, and their composites, Griffins, have traditionally been antagonists to unicorns, so this attack should come as no surprise to any mythology buffs. However, I would like to clear up one point: Lancelot's "true nature" is not that of a goat, any more than Buddha's was that of an ape. Lancelot's true nature is that of a unicorn. The horn growing from his "third eye" has wrought a profound effect on his development: his skull is enlarged in the area of the frontal lobes, giving him vastly increased intelligence, sensitivity, gentleness, et. He is housebroken, rides in the front seat of the car, lying down. He is well mannered and always gently with people, and with most livestock, including our pet deer, but he is fearless in attacking predators, and has already punched our cats, dogs, and even a wolf (a pet of a friend). Of course we keep his horn filed dull so that won't accidentally injure anyone, but we have plans for "working unicorns" to be attached to herds of goats and sheep to protect them from the coyotes and feral dogs that are wiping out the wool and dairy goat industry out here. We believe that ancient peoples may even have attached sharp metal tips to the horns of their horned unicorns But Lancelot has been love trained from birth (I still sometimes sleep with him in my own bed), and has dealt gently and lovingly with large numbers of children. A couple of weeks ago, he attended an Xmas party for the Children's Cancer Research Institute at the Presbyterian Medical Center in SF. Among all those kids, doctors, nurses, clowns, tables full of snakes, chemotherapy patients with no hair, trailing tubes of fluids to keep alive, Lancelot was as good as gold. Not once during the three hours did he poke anyone, or pee or crap on the floor, or try to snatch food from the tables, or anything. When he got tired, he lay down in the lap of a little girl and fell asleep. He has visited (and been visited by) many magickal people, including Indian medicine men and a blind Faerie Shaman (Victor Anderson), and all have noted and remarked upon his incredible psychic sensitivity. He has attended numerous rituals and known exactly what and when to do. He is truly uncanny, as you would discover upon meeting in person. But until you do, it ill serves the cause of magick to go around mouthing (or breaking) off in total ignorance. We plan to bring him to the next Midwest Pagan Conference so that everyone back there can meet him (if we can figure out where to go - the news we get out here does not convey much togetherness in the midwest. With all the inharmony back there, I suppose we shouldn't be surprised to find some of it directed at us). We see no reason why living unicorns cannot share the world with imaginary ones, so we'll make you a deal: we'll believe in Andrus [sic] if you'll believe in Lancelot.

Yours in Unicornity
Otter G'Zell H.O.M.E. Box 982 Ukiah, Calif. 95482

For Lady Cantonia
Lancelot at bay, stands his ground

After 500 years of war and plunder
The unicorn emerges, is reborn, again is found
By a weary world awaiting wonder.
Now harken to the sound of distant thunder
Of wings that do resound
As mythological family rips asunder
And fratricidal folly doth around.
The Goddess weeps to see her children blunder
Their egos now unwound
Suppressing yet, their natural sense of wonder
With jealousy profound
When will they learn to climb from under
Such juggernauts of passion run aground.
In other words folks:
You don't need to blow
Out the other person's candle,
In order to let your own light shine,
Let's keep unicorns they symbol of
Unity, as the light of the year waxes
Every greater.
Blessed Be ... Morning Glory

"Greenpeace will once again be active this year in its ongoing efforts to end the slaughter of seals in Eastern Canada. Our vessel, the Rainbow foundland to oppose the hooded seal slaughter, while our work continues to end the more familiar harp seal slaughter."
Please, if you value life, write Greenpeace for more information.
Greenpeace New England 286 Congress St. Boston, Ma. 02210

Interested in a Pagan Radio show down in Texas? Ray Hill, Dr. of KPFT in Houston seeks information on similar radio programs of a metaphysical, occult, or Pagan nature. He also wants to know if there is interest. Please express interest - tell all your Texas friends to write or call. If you know of other programs (Circle, Marvin Weinstein, etc.) write, no matter where you live. Spread the magick for the Earth!
Ray Hill Director KPFT Radio Station 419 Lovett Houston, Tx. 77006 1-713-526-4000
(90.1 FM)

The True Origin of the Unicorn

Once upon a time, Pan screwed at mare. The foal that she bore (on or near Dec. 21st) had one horn on its head, to prove that unlike most mules, it was not half-ass. (That is also why some unicorns can make very beautiful music on their horns.) - Scrivener Wolf

Magickal Unicorn Messenger, a newsletter for, about and by young and old Pagans alike, with education and entertainment, classifieds and contacts, is changing from 8 to 4 issues yearly. Cost \$1.50 per issue or \$5.00 yearly.

P.O. Box 1302 Findlay, Ohio 45840

Books

I want to recommend a book for you. It is called Firelord by Parke Godwin. It is my most favorite rendition of the Arthurian legends, and I've read most of them. If you haven't read it, look for it! At present it is out in hardback (Doubleday). It is coming out in paperback in April (Bantam). Just to make sure that I wasn't being prejudiced (P. Godwin is a friend), I loaned the book to Richard. He thinks it is great, too! It is very different from most, and one that pagans will relate to. - Seshat

Happenings

Gathering of the Tribes, 1981

Will be held Sept. 20-24 at Unicoi conference center, Unicoi State Park, Helen, Georgia. This year 300 are expected (last year were 150). Workshop deadline for presenters is March 31. This year is a contest, with a very fine prize, for choosing a theme for the festival, and ends April 30. Registration prior to August 1 gets a 20% discount. Do check this all out:

Church of Y Tylwyth Teg P.O. Box 4152 Athens, Ga. 30602

5th Annual Pan Pagan Festival

[Ed. note - this is a separate festival from the Pan Pagan Festival June 11-14. Both are sponsored by groups involved in last year's gathering at Lake Holiday, Indiana, but the Jupiter Saturn conjunct in Libra has brought us two Pan Pagan Festivals. Both are real, both should be wonderful.]

Sponsored by the Midwest Pagan Council August 6-9th, 1981 near Buchanan, Mich.

Registration - Parthenon West, P.O. Box 664, Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411; Programs: Calumet Pagan Temple, 4524 Towle, Hammond, Ind. 46377; General Info: M.P.C. Festival Coordinator, P.O. Box 664, Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411.

Pagan Spirit Gathering

June 18-21 at a 170 acre private nature sanctuary in S.W. Wisconsin. A national - international gathering open to all witches and Pagans on positive paths. A variety of activities plus Pow-Wow discussions of this year's theme "Networking for Survival and Growth of Paganism in the years ahead" A brochure available by writing:

Circle Box 9013 Madison, Wisc. 53715

Starwood Festival

July 17-19 at Cooper's Lake Campground in Western Pennsylvania (oft used by SCA). Circle and the Chameleon Club are sponsoring this festival for folk in Eastern U.S. and Canada. Lots of fun things to do, and they're seeking workshops, etc. For more info:

Chameleon Club Box 174 Perry, Ohio 44081

Publications

Holyearth Network News is a new newsletter and we welcome it as a sign of the promise of a healthy year for growth within the community. The cost is \$6.00 for a year, and we highly recommended it as worthwhile. Space is provided for letters, and also for those who seek information about the Earth Stewards Network. Do you really care about the Earth? Enough to see responsible use of Magick and power? For info:

Holyearth Foundation Box 873 Monte Rio, Cal. 95462

The 1981-82 edition of the International Guide to Psi Periodicals and Paranormal Organizations, is now a reality. It lists the Rowan Tree and many activities of interest to those who seek psychic and spiritual growth. As you know, it is very difficult to spread information about the many aspects of this work. This guide is very complete, and has been going on since 19?? It's only \$4.00, and has a money back guarantee and you can't beat that!!!

Inner Space Interpreters P.O. Box 1133 Burbank, Calif. 91507

Just released: The New Circle Guide to Wicca and Pagan Resources. I expect it to be excellent. Due to its popularity, I am still waiting for a review copy, but wanted to let you all know.. It's \$7.95, compiled by Selena Fox, illustrated by Sarah E. White.

Circle Box 9013 Madison, Wisc. 53715

A new catalogue is out from Arcane Crafts. Remember how find the last one was? Ruthi send a vouple of advance photos, and Rus' work is so excellent!! THE work from Arcane Crafts ranks as some of the finest available.

Arcane Crafts P.O. Box 383 Mastic Beach, Ny. 11951

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Due to requests, we will reprint back issues of the Unicorn, Orders must be received by June 1, 1981. Cost as follows:

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Volume 3, #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 \$1.50

Volume 4, \$1, 2, 3 \$.50

Add one dollar postage and handling. This is a chance to see how primitive were our humble beginnings, when we didn't even know we would become a 'real' newsletter.

The Unicorn P.O. Box 8814 Mpls. Mn. 55408

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

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\$6.00 - a one year subscription to the Unicorn (8 issues)

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I wish to remain secrecy

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You may mention my name in The Unicorn

You may give my address, also

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

"Please continue your articles in the Extra Pages. Nothing is like them. Male male and solitary rituals would be of great interest. Keep it up" This, and three other letters are the only responses to the query on sex magick. Last change ... If there's enough interest we will resume articles in the Beltane issue (Vol. 4, #5). If there's no more interest, we won't.

James Moore, 553 Greenwood Ave. NE, Atlanta, Ga., 30308 is working on a gay radio show which began last month. Congratulations! Also from him:

"Gay man new to the Craft would like to meet other gay pagans in his vicinity and also correspond with anyone from anywhere."

A new local endeavor: "A collective of radical fairies organized for the express purposes of creating expanding fairy space, and to further other goals and visions the cooperative designates ... seeking arable, partly wooded rural land ... spread the word to other fairies ... inquiries may be directed to our address. (We do ask that persons requesting printed matter enclose postage and or a small donation if they are able to afford one) or zerox it and spread the word...

Northern Lights Circle Cooperative 2944 Grand Ave. So. Mpls., Mn., 55408

The 7th National Conference on Men and Masculinity will be held June 12-16 at the Tufts University Center campus, 4 miles NW of Boston, Info from:

7th Nat'l Conference P.O. Box 338 West Somerville, Mass. 02144

The Country of Water #3

Flesh benetah reflection

Your draw me

Hands

Like a current

That could lead

Anywhere

You hold me

Press to me

In desire

This diffused weight

This weightlessness

Loving

We are both

Swimmer

And river rising

From its bed

- Jerah

Well, here comes Spring - a time of cleaning and dusting even our own self image of being magickal. How do we present ourselves to the communities of which we are a part? Can this be done in coffeehouses, in bars, baths, at parties? Is it possible to "come out", not only as a lesbian or gay, but also as an individual whose feet are firmly planted on a spiritual path? Do you have anything you can share with our readers? Poetry, illustrations, advice, etc. is most needed for the Extra Pages. Does it take bribery? O.K. A one year's subscription for the best article (under 250 words, pls.) sharing your experience of being Pagan and same-sex oriented. And, if you don't win, tell us if we can share it!

Fairy Moon Retreat May 15-17, 1981 A Gathering of Spiritual Gays

The Rowan Tree will open this gathering Friday evening with a healing ritual, to heal the Earth, and to experience the special magick of gay voices raised in chant and song to reach out in love to Mother Earth. This will be at The Rowan Tree, in the magickal herb gardens.

Saturday we will meet at Lake Nokomis. All are invited to present workshops, to share in the exchange of knowledge and joy. Sunday we will gather at a holy site along the Mississippi River, to join in a circle of spiritual joy, and then share laughter and song in a potluck picnic...

Bring musical instruments, things to share; whatever clothing, etc. makes you feel special, childlike, or magickal. Bring an open mind, a love for the Earth, a desire to explore the spiritual joy of gay men, and a heart filled with gladness...

Mail registration to: The Rowan Tree Box 8814 Mpls Mn 55408 phone 1-612-871-7287

Please Register me or the May gathering

Enclosed is \$10.00 pre registration

Or \$25.00, the total fee...

Name

Address

Check the following which apply:

I need a sleeping space

I wish to present a 45 minute (max) workshop (Include title of program and content)

I need to be met at train, airport, etc. or given means and routes to my destination

I will not be participating but can offer sleeping space to one or more men (Please give address, # of spaces, # phone number)

I would like to provide transportation

The Rowan Tree is a non-profit church, open to all positive paths. We offer studies in astrology, herbal healing, and esoteric paths to spiritual awakening of the divine inner self. We seek to be in tune with the Earth and Her cycles, and to the dance of the universe. Our communal house is at 2830 Stevens Ave. So., and has herb garden, an herb shop. We offer Aquarian Meditation every Monday at 7:00 pm and herbal studies every Saturday at 1:30 pm.