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THE UNICORN

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YULE

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A PUBLICATION OF the ROWAN TREE



Whether Unicorns play on dragons dwell
There comes the tolling of an ancient bell
Sings tales of love's enchantment fair
Of dais wane Sylphs flew in the air
Dais of yisteryere in minde retourn
Wane muche could bee found in brae and fern

The Courts of Sidhe still Rade the wold
And mortel kynde nought yit so bold
The wis, thei liv'd in armonie
Singing, loving, dancing free.

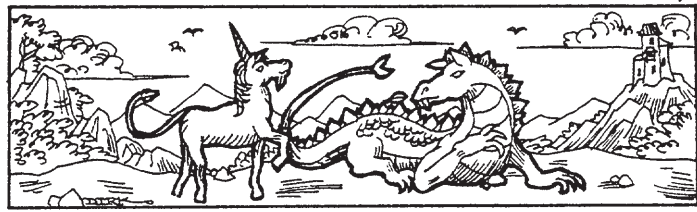
Pouers remayn in cercles of stone
Mer-king yit rides his wavy throne.
Whyle in the skie the Sun shynes bright
To love the Moon as loves the niht.....

That ferful winds coude blow the niht
And wilde the Sun that brought his liht
To grow the flow'rs and liht the dai
And calme the Moon who doth heold in swey

Magyk comes yit Magyk goes
And love grew gently lyke the rose.
Folow ley line, twille shew the wey,
Holewe rode sauf nought niht or dai.
Magyk t'is here, Magyk t'is ther
Ye'll fynde hyt wher efre ye fore.

There abides in places to thes dai,
If ye take care to loke thither wey....

(This is the opening of a saga
being written by Kienan and
Andrius...)



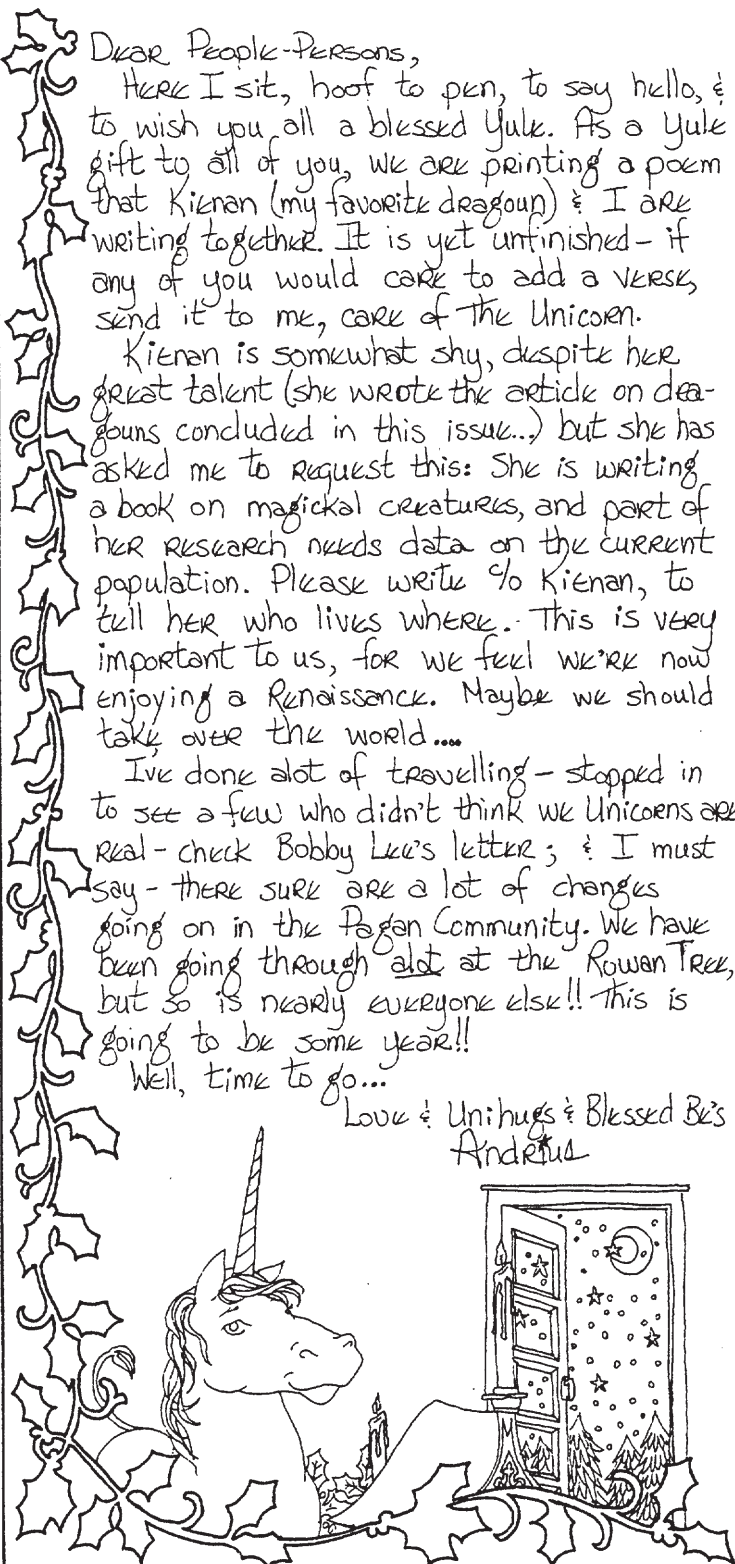
Dear People-Persons,

Here I sit, hoof to pen, to say hello, & to wish you all a blessed Yule. As a Yule gift to all of you, we are printing a poem that Kienan (my favorite dragon) & I are writing together. It is yet unfinished - if any of you would care to add a verse, send it to me, care of The Unicorn.

Kienan is somewhat shy, despite her great talent (she wrote the article on dragons concluded in this issue...) but she has asked me to request this: She is writing a book on magickal creatures, and part of her research needs data on the current population. Please write % Kienan, to tell her who lives where. This is very important to us, for we feel we're now enjoying a Renaissance. Maybe we should take over the world...

I've done alot of travelling - stopped in to see a few who didn't think we Unicorns are real - check Bobby Lee's letter; & I must say - there sure are a lot of changes going on in the Pagan Community. We have been going through alot at the Rowan Tree, but so is nearly everyone else!! This is going to be some year!!
Well, time to go...

Love & Unihugs & Blessed Be's
Andrius





The Yule Dance

Dance 'round the Yule this night,
As the fire blazes bright;
Dance until the Sun comes in:
Sing a song & raise a din!

Bring Him back from Avalon,
For we are here & time moves on;
Comes He now to take His stand,
By Her side to rule the land.

Fill the forest with the Sun!
Let Pan rule so winter's done!
Bring Him to this holy night!
Start us now to summer's rite!

From this night He grows to full,
Heed His throne & feel His pull;
Dancing 'round the Yule Tree,
Dancing for eternity !!

-Paul Beyerl



awareness. The star, her magickal & intuitive powers. The Unicorn blazoned upon her body points out that in this powerful state, a human can become 'almost a Unicorn, i.e., achieve the highest state of magickal awareness!'

Andrius seems a little puzzled by how Prairie could be aware of the ancient archetypes of the Unicorn Tarot, a bit of knowledge usually unavailable to humans. He says she must be very special to be able to intuitively "latch onto" these ancient and secret archetypes. I personally couldn't agree more.

-DIRK



© by prairie jackson

the queen of cups

THE TAROT

This is the second in the series of Unicorn Tarot cards by that incredibly talented artisan, Prairie Jackson! Andrius was again kind enough to lend me his copy of Humans in Tarot Imagery: Fact or Fancy?, chapter 5 of The Unicorn's Book of Life (by Sage Ibex Wintergreen, Sacred Horn Publications, 1206 Astral Time) from his library. It mentions this card:

"The Queen of Cups is an excellent example of humans appearing in the Minor Arcana. In this card, the woman embodies the subconscious powers of the Moon Goddess, as signified by her Crescent crown. The chalice she bears symbolizes the receptive quality of the subconscious mind, whilst the crystal ball displays her psychic

Listen - Mortals - Listen

Since the beginning of time I've been here
Fighting evils both far and near.
You've burnt me, killed me, and done me haem....
But I continue to return with a smile on my face
Because my people are all over the place.
Times have changed a great deal my friend
To those of burning, killing, & trying to find the end.
I've done you no haem nor will I ever...
Just sit back, relax & believe what I say
"We of the Craft are here to stay."
May you walk in the God, Goddess light &
Greet a smile with a smile.

Blessed Be - Bobby Lek

God make me strong, so that I sing your song.
Help me to see what your plan is for me.
God make me strong, so that I sing your song.
God make me stronger each day.

God I will try to meet your will with mine.
Though I am nothing and you are divine.
God make me strong so that I sing your song.
God give me strength every day.

I am a wave on the sea of your love.
You are a part of my frail human heart.
Make it not long until I sing your song.
God make me stronger each day.

-an SRF-inspired chant
by Jim A.

Dear Andrius,

Oct. 30, '79

This is very strange as I never experienced anything as I'm about to tell you in my life before. Saturday the 27th I was sitting here... when I felt that someone was looking over my shoulder. I turned my head to see & there was an image of a Unicorn (the look on the Unicorn's face was one of joy but it also had the look of saying "yes I'm real") and at the same time a voice spoke to me in my head... At that exact moment I started laughing very hard....

Andrius, what makes it very real now is because I never knew what color you are, but the Unicorn I saw had a bluish glow & color. So my friend, after reading your letter tonight I now know it was you.

You say to watch for you in my dreams, but I saw you at 9:00 am Saturday.... Andrius, we now have met & I am ready to continue in my new world & life....

Blessed Be,
Bobby Lee # 78D170
Box 51, Comstock, NY 12821

The Unicorn Rambles

Andrius attended a glorious horn-fasting between Lady Rhiannon's Elwyn & Moonbeam (of the Milky Way Herd). It was performed beautifully by Andras, and held at midnight of Hallowmas. Andrius says the reception was wonderful - they served lots of cookies.... Saw an up-front Hallowmas article by Karen Alexander decrying all the typical 'Witch' imagery of the Commercial Halloween. Another positive attempt to help educate the public. Thanks, Karen.... Jeanne-Michelle has come out to her local Mensa, & says they've not even made a peep. She's forming a contact network in New Jersey. (P.O. Box 130,

Ramsey, N.J. 07446 ☆13's of Waynesville send us the most incredible photos - this time of Stonehenge. We put one in our temple, and Andrius put in his B.O.S.... Harry & Jeanne have the most incredible t-shirts for Pagans!! Write the "Blue Moon", 305 N. George St., Millersville, Penn. 17551 Thank you, John & Donna Beasley, for the Samhain card! This friend wants to write to people! Jim Thomas, #78C414, Pouch 1, Woodbourne, N.Y. 12788..... Ellen Cannon, P.O. Box 9513, No. Hollywood, Ca. 91609, is at work on a cookbook, which may be called "Le Cauldron Bleu," & wants all kinds of recipes, and Andrius says send vegetarian (Unicorns see the human trait of meat-eating as particularly barbarian)..... Steve Kirby has met two beautiful, white Unicorns! the Kansas City Times ran quite an article on a local coven with Michael Nichols as spokesperson, and a partial interview with Alice, a feminist, in the Oct. 31st issue.... Andrius is very curious about Nancy Paul's Unicookies.... Liz Fisher, 215 Barwick Blvd., Mineola, N.Y. 11501, is hoping to inspire some witches to come out of their closets, particularly in the Long Island area.

A lovely letter came from Merlin, the chocolate point Siamese that owns Lady Demeter. Merlin runs the shop, "Ye Full Moon Wicca," at 366 Neighborhood Rd., Mastic Beach, Long Island, N.Y. 11951 (Hey, Liz...), checks tarot readings, and is one beautiful cat! And from Marsha Newsom, a copy of the San Fernando Valley mag. article run in Sept., "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Witches..." and she also sent the most beautiful photos!! Andrius said he is positively smitten!! Phoenix wrote news of Panthea & Faynim, two of the prettiest Unicorns this side of Xlenya Minor.... A really joyous card came from Sandra Craft, & she says "The Unicorn" makes her "feel more in contact with other Earth worshippers. What beautiful letters she writes - hope we get another!

.... Andrius was giggling about the article on him in "Which Way / Witch Way" Vol 1 #3, 1640 NW 3 St., Pompano Beach, Fl. 33441. Seems like Janice discovered the way to freeze a Unicorn! ... Eric Hanks sent via USPO a hug & a kiss on the nose. Now Andrius wants another letter!!! Leesa sent us a beautiful Unicorn wish from Twickenham - thank you!! We have been receiving some amazing 'psychic' & magical photos from the Waynesville Pagan Temple. Many thanks to Larry David Queen....

The Return of the Unicorn

He came slowly, silently,
His head lowered, yet alert.

Away for so long
And uncertain, hesitant about His return.
Was it the time? Finally?

Or should he retreat once more
into his safe, soft, secret green meadow.

There he was secure, not afraid
that his very existence would be challenged,
doubted, ridiculed, and dismissed.

Then -
He heard the sounds of laughter,
And music, familiar to his ears -
Could it be?

His blood raced & pace quickened
As he went to see,

Yes! There in the clearing -
A circle of stone,
Blazing fire illuminating the
Moon-clad dancers
chanting so clearly
the rites of the Earth.

As slowly he approached them
And saw in their eyes

Joy, love, freedom of spirit & mind -
HE KNEW THAT HE WAS

HOME AGAIN AT LAST!

Joyce Baker

The Seventh Law of the Traditional Herbalist

The Traditional Herbalist will always find a way to work
with the Universe. No matter what his religion, his
gods & universe are the same, and wherever he looks,
he sees them both.

Wenne the wheel has turned a Yule,
Light the logge an let Pan reule
- Kieran's Keeper

My lady of laughter and light
Watch over my Circle
On this joyful night
Ride with me on an astral plane
I'm filled with awe
As I chant your name.

I wander into your silver light
And ask your aid
On a magical plight
The law in my circle that is a must
is simply ...
Perfect Love & Perfect Trust!

Bobbi

Notes from an Herbal (cont'd.)

In working with herbs magically, it is highly important to understand the planetary energies.

Mercury ♀

These are the energies of thought; and those herbs ruled by Mercury affect our mental processes. They can affect our ability to perceive our environment, & to then communicate those ideas. Mercurial herbs aid us in the synthesis of understanding, of learning, of then being able to function as a total entity, allowing the spiritual & physical to flow back & forth. These herbs will assist you in bringing inner dreams & visions up to the conscious level. Some of these herbs are:

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Bittersweet | Elfwort | mandrake |
| carrots | horehound | mushrooms |
| cedar | lavender | pomegranates |
| dill | lily of the valley | valerian |
| elecampagne | licorice | woody nightshade |

FIRE

Draw nearer to me
And discover what mysteries lie within.
Come, be enveloped in the glow
Be awed at the softness
Grow drunk with the warmth.

My everflickering flame beckons you,
Fan it with your desire.
Make it leap & crackle
Become weak with its power.
Sink deeper, ever deeper
Into the Depths of my being.

Then rise, rise & soar
To breath taking heights & dizzying peaks.
The breath of Life becomes caught in your throat
And flutters, like a captured bird.

The depths of the Fire,
The Power it holds -
Revealed - at last - to you.

Joyce L. Baker

Dragouns (cont'd...)

A great pastime among many dragouns is playing chess. We're more than happy to play with any worthy opponent... even unicorns, but very few mortals. From what I hear, Andrius does, but I'm sure I don't know the dragoun.

Wine tasting is a favorite hobby of all the dragouns I've known. Unfortunately in recent years the amount of quality wine available has deteriorated, due to poor taste in some mortals. If you were all smart, you'd have only fine dragoun wine pass your lips!

Some dragouns, myself included, cannot resist putting our riddles, poems, observations, and other thoughts down on paper. I've recently finished writing a poem (actually it's a riddle!) with Andrius. A superb Unicorn in his own right, he makes an excellent writing partner. His only fault I can detect is a certain prejudice against dragouns where his sister is concerned.

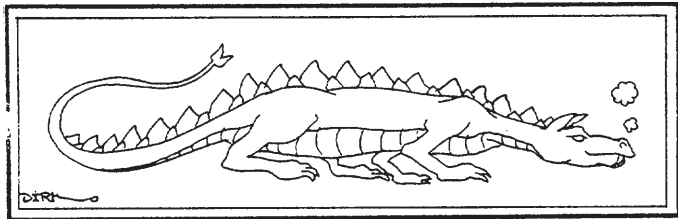
Most dragoun history has disappeared through the ages, but we are finally starting to repopulate ourselves and develop a new history.

There are many fine young dragouns who show promise of re-establishing friendly communications with a greater number of mortals. Gwyr, who is still a young dragoun (he's only 142), is the pride of our clan. He has the outstanding honour to be the only dragoun to have sat on the Giant Idris' Chair - though he is quick to play that down.

I'm told I must stop my bragging for now... Takya seems to think not all of you mortals appreciate dragouns.

When you walk through the wild be careful when speaking riddles aloud; you may come across a dragoun who'll tell you more than you care to know.

-Kienan



Do you like trees? Write FOREVER FORESTS, P.O. Box 212 Redwood Valley, Cal. 95470.

Rik Johnson writes:

...went for war games. Got out of one war, shot someone who walked in front of me in the second war. The third war I was shot by my own side by mistake.... That night was Full Moon, so I tried to do an Esbat. Left camp, found an empty field & used a belt knife for an athame, combat boots & fatigues for a robe, cantan for a chalice, water for wine & an M-16 for ??? But I got that warm feeling & wind that told me the lady was still with me... Rik was also the subject of one of the better Hallow's articles on Witches that came in to us from throughout the U.S. He's a "U" student, & is doing much to further the Craft. Open to contacts, write him at 246 W. Jacinto, Tucson, Arizona, 85705.

New York's Pan Pagan Festival

This joyous gathering met Oct 28th at Magickal Child. Nearly 600 people attended this fourth annual gathering. A Samhain Ritual was conducted by Herman Slater & Valerie Ruscalleda of the Earth Star Temple.

Pan Pagan Festival 1980

will be held August 21-24 in the magickal hills of Baraboo, Wisconsin (very near the Wisc. Dells).

Sponsored by the Midwest Pagan Council each year, the Pan Pagan Festival brings together Witches, Pagans & other magickal people from many paths & traditions from throughout the U.S. & other countries to share knowledge, energy & celebration. As with other festivals, the 1980 Festival will feature workshops, rituals of different traditions, bonfires, music & dancing, feasting & celebration.

Due to feedback received from those attending the 1979 Festival, the 1980 Festival has been moved to a more quiet, natural setting, and an entire, private campground is being rented for the gathering. For further information, write Circle, box 9013, Madison, Wisc. 53715....

Third Annual Gathering of the Tribes

A five day international earth religion leadership conference, seasonal festival, & workshop retreat... in the beautiful mountains of Unicoi State Park near Helen, Ga. Sunday through Thursday, June 18 through June 22, 1980.

Unicoi is a magnificent enclave whose Cherokee

name translates as "the new way." Workshops will be held Sunday through Wednesday on a large variety of subjects. On June 21st a seasonal Midsummer Festival & Ritual will take place. On Wed. afternoon, the International Earth Religion Leadership Conference will begin & last through Thursday. It is expected that this meeting will develop into a spiritual community of people joined together in mutual respect, sharing, and growing together in love.

Cost: \$45⁰⁰/5 days. For further information, contact "Gathering of the Tribes 1980," P.O. Box 4152, Campus Sta., Athens, Ga. 30602 or 1-404-353-7943.

Couples

Did you see the Nov. 5th issue of "People," that weekly magazine found in your local grocers? Yes, that's Jim Alan & Selena Fox.... We felt it good, accurate, and definitely portraying the Craft as positive. We are glad to see healthy publicity given those who can cope with it, as soon the word "Witch" may mean someone into a religion of the earth & healing arts, rather than someone deserving of persecution. Our thanks to those who show that bravery to let others see...

We would like to make you aware of a really valuable book, titled Myths and Legends of all Nations, published by Littlefield, Adams & Co., 81 Adams Drive, Totowa, N.J. 07512, \$2⁹⁵ paperback.... Though not a brand new book, it deserves to be brought back into your consciousness. Very complete for its size, this book identifies hundreds upon hundreds of Gods & Goddesses of Egyptian, Celtic, Norse, & many other traditions, & gives the legends of the deities. It refers from one tradition to another, so you can find Greek, Roman, or Chinese counterparts (to name but few). Our only complaint is the scholarly approach, for frequently the fun & warmth of the Gods is lacking. We highly recommend this book & rate it ESSENTIAL.....

Drawing Down The Moon - Margot Adler

Pub. The Viking Press, Inc., 625 Madison Ave, New York, N.Y. 10022. How does one write a book review hoping to convince all of you to get this book? We've talked to friends (literally) from coast to coast, & all are excited & enthralled. Copies are being shared (cost is \$16.95), read aloud, & bought as gifts. Margot has done alot to demystify the Craft & the Neo-Pagan Movements,

showing us as we really are: ever changing, writing our history as we go. This is not a 'how-to' book; yet in a sense it might be, for it shows how often rituals & traditions grow out of our creativity. This is the book that truly tells us where we've been, without those trappings of treating the Craft as "holier-than-thou." We are delighted to report Drawing Down the Moon becoming mandatory reading for some groups, though it may make a few people angry. I, personally, wish to thank Margot for a job well done, & to thank Viking Press for bringing this book to the general public. -Paul



REVIEWS

The Emerald Star

We received a first-edition copy of "The Emerald Star" pub. by The Society of the Evening Star, P.O. Box 547, East Greenwich, R.I. 02818. Quarterly, \$150. They are looking for stories & articles on Unicorns & Dragons. It's a nice, easy to read format, with intelligent, interesting articles ("The Psychology of the Ritual"). We send them lots of good wishes!

A Witches' Calendar 1980

available from Mi-World Bookstore, P.O. Box 8237, Hialeah, Florida, 33012 (\$125). By Selencichthon, it's a beautifully illustrated calendar, giving lunar times (new & full) & providing good information on the Sabbats. The illustrations, one for each season, are very powerful. The Goddess image for Spring is overwhelming. Nice calendar!

Tools!

Ritual knives, swords, horned helmets, pentacles, etc. All items hand made to your specifications. Paul has one of Govannan's athames, & it's incredible! Write to Govannan % High Tor, p.o. box 1619, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51502

Faces

A new lunar calendar from Paul Volker, % Vernal Equinox Books, P.O. Box 3162, Columbus, Ohio, 43210. Designed so that you really experience the lunar phases. It's only \$1.50 (send 50¢ for postage...) and worth it!! Highly recommended!!

Acorn

Acorn, Box 4141 Str. D, Hamilton, Ontario, Can. has a beautiful catalogue of tools! It is a work of love, beautifully printed, itself a very magickal book, and one of the few limited edition catalogues we've seen. Inquire about it, for it is a true work of art.

The Runestone

"is a journal of the ancient Norse religion and is dedicated to the revival of that religion as epitomized during the Viking Age, and to the values of courage, freedom and individuality which are associated with it." \$5.00/yr (4 issues) Asatru Free Assembly, 1766 East Avenue, Turlock, Calif. 95380. A true international journal, with contacts & articles from many countries, & nice people. We really like this journal...



Yule Gifts
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Themis

"...the VOICE of the Feminist Witch is every woman's voice. Appearing 8 times a year on Sabbats, costs 5 dollars. Susan B Anthony Coven Number One P.O. Box 42121 L.A. Ca. 90042..." What a lovely, professional newsletter, excellent poetry, stimulating articles... We would like to thank Z. for sharing the Hallows issue with us, and we highly recommend "Themis" to all women...!

The Owl

This "newspaper" came to us from the Covenant of the Ancient Way, P.O. Box 161672, Sacramento, Ca. 95816, \$6.00 for four large issues. Its format is like a small newspaper, and they carry a lot of good information, long articles, and a lot of news. We are thrilled to see new journals appear - for it shows how healthy the Craft is!

Pentalpha Journal

It has been fun to watch this evolution, now called "an interdisciplinary journal for the Aquarian Age," and looking so scholarly... Don't let the intellectual overtones frighten you off. Isaac, congratulations, for it's terrific! You've put a lot of love & work into this... you & Selene deserve lots of readers. % Randall Millen Registry, 921 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto, Ca. 94303, for subscriptions (\$8.00/yr, 4 issues).

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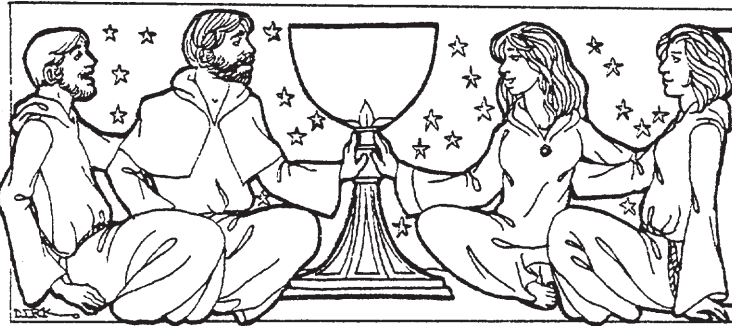
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To Our Readers...

Dear friends,

Much has been going on here, and as many of you know Dirk & myself personally, we thought we should write you a letter. The plans of the Goddess are better understood by us now, & we realise we are not to be lovers. It is no loss, for we have between us a love & joy that transcends this lifetime, and having each other to work with is a source of happiness. We did, as we are human, have our sorrows, but the knowledge we have from our years in the Craft has brought us through our time of stress. Life is growing, is learning to unlock joy. Dirk & I know the Unicorn is work for the two of us, and we will also continue together at the Rowan Tree (we are now incorporating - wish us ease in the red tape!). So - all is well.

Now - we are sad to report no news, and no materials contributed by Womyn for this issue. Those of you who read this - do consider being a part of this endeavor. With the Womyn's movement being so advanced, many feel they have, already, their own periodicals - but this is the only open forum for men & womyn to share. Perhaps we've misjudged, and the Extra Pages will be only for men - but we are people first, & decay having to be labelled.

We also need more feedback from our readers. We seek to grow & improve, but to do so means we must hear from you! Please send us news - of Fairy Circles, of anything. This is the first year of the Extra Pages, & we are waiting to see what the response is - only then will we decide if we will continue.

And now, we send our love. May all of the Goddesses children have someone warm to share Yule with.

Blessed Be, Paul

Spell for a Love Potion

Rise from the Shades below,
 All you that prove
 The helps of human love!
 Rise & bestow
 Upon this cup whatever may compel
 By powerful charm & unresisted spell,
 A heart unwarmed to melt in love's desires!
 Distil into this liquor all your fires;
 Heats, longings, tears;
 But keep back frozen fears;
 That he may know, that has all power defied,
 Art is a power that will not be denied!
 -Michael

Michael is a wonderful friend from The Order of Ganymede. He will be contributing regularly to the Extra Pages, which is a source of joy for us. Michael has been actively working in the Craft since 1970 (or so) & the beauty of his work radiates & glows in his poetry. You can write him & thank him for his sharing:

Michael
 % The Order of Ganymede
 Box 43, Allston, Mass. 02134

A phone call from Chris Sherbak prompted this: A Yule gift from all gay men & lesbian womyn & beautiful people to the Pagan community will be love & understand. On Friday evening, Dec. 21st at 10:30pm EST we will all generate love, unity, & understanding. In ritual, meditation, by being with someone you love, just be aware of all working together. Chris has offered to help coordinate this from L.A., 1-213-467-5759, or call us at the Rowan Tree, 1-612-871-7287 (no collect calls). If you haven't time to do something special, be with us in heart - be aware. It's time to change things, & to do so by Magick & Love. Blessed Be!!

How to be Happy & Gay (I am a Pagan Fante)
 At the last Southern Psychic Seminar.... it struck me that I was finally into a system of beliefs that was workable and comfortable and still afraid to express the real me. It began to prey on my mind because I had heretofore been taught male-female relationships in coven workings and fertility magic and "straight" handfasting....

At Pan-Pagan Festival, I felt I was ready to burst out of my closet all over again. I had my antennae up.... to seek out fellow gays. Then I met Dennis, a beautiful person.... although "straight," he accepted me with love & understanding. He was the initial mediator between Paul Beyerle & myself. There, we expressed the need to be more open....

Upon coming home, I realised I was again alone even though feeling less guilty about being a Gay Pagan. I read Sybil Leek's book, The Complete Art of Witchcraft.... Now I have dignity but I'm still alone. Being gay is not easy in a small town & if you find someone "special," being a witch can be another obstacle in the way of a beautiful relationship. We need love to make our magik work. We need understanding & acceptance to help our fellow man. We need touch.

To all in dignity, Blessed Be,
 Ted Byers - Studio One
 534 Cleveland Ave N.
 Canton, Ohio 44702



We received a copy of "M." subtitled "gentle men for gender justice" from our dear friend Rick Cote of Madison, Wisc. It's a wonderful journal, with the intention of giving news of the men's movement. It is \$2.00 an issue or \$8.00 a year, & is highly recommended by us. Rick attended the National Men's Conference in Milwaukee, & was really wound-up with energy. As a result, he is now working more openly with the men's group in Madison, and recently began leading a men's Circle. Contact Rick care of "M." Box 313, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison, Wi. 53715. If at all possible, check this journal out - it's really worthwhile. Rick & Patricia will be here in Minneapolis to share with us the end of 1979 & the first days of 1980. (It's our Yule present from the Goddess!!)

"A poem to a lover when I was but a young witch:"

It's spring!
 And my heart sings
 For my blond cliff climber
 And lover in the sand.
 My eyes glow bright,
 And arms ache to touch him,
 To hold him fast against me.
 As life surges & flows
 To answer to the call of life.
 Like answers unto like,
 And I rise to heights unknown.
 Pulled up higher by my desire
 To satisfy his manhood
 And fulfill myself in him.
 My fingers play hard against him,
 Against his naked form
 And my hands & eyes & lips & loins
 Tell of the true hard fact
 Of love with him.
 Is this the love that dare not speak its name,
 That now speaks to me in countless ways.
 Each touch of our tongues, our hands, our loins,
 And I hear it sing its name.
 And we answer to it unashamed
 As we lie spent & warm in each other's arms.
 Sure of nothing, except of love. -Michael

Thomas Manks of Dallas wrote "I just attended the Spiritual Conference for Radical Fairies in Arizona earlier this month [Sept]. There were lots of wonderful pagan gay guys there from all over the country. There is talk of a repeat next year. Peace..."

Greetings & Blessed Be!

"I am gay & Pagan - and openly searching out contacts in both areas for a little over a year now. The lady that is presently my teacher has become intrigued by the thought of gay men in the Craft & has been pondering on the idea of a lodge or group of gay men solely for the purpose of worshipping.... I would like to hear from everyone out in the world - straight or gay - that have constructive comments & advice.... & anyone who is interested in becoming involved.... My address is: Eric Hanks, 2604 W. Idaho, Boise, Idaho, 83702....." Eric says he will answer all letters (but please show patience!)

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Wher Unicorns pley an dragouns dwell
Ther cumes the tolling of an ancient belle
Sings tales of love's enchantment fair
Of dais wane Sylphs flew in the ayr
Dais of yisteryere in minde retourn
Wane muche could bee found in brae and fearn

The Courts of Sidhe still Rade the wold
And mortel kynde nought yit so bold
The wis, thei liv'd in armonie
Singing, loving, dansing fre.

Pouers remayn in cercles of stone
Mer-king yit rides his wavy trone.
Whyle in the skie the Sun shynes bright
To love the Moon as loves the niht....

That ferful winds coude blow the niht
And wilde the Sun that brought his liht
To grow the flow'rs and liht the dai
And calme the Moon who doth heold in swey

Magyk cumes yit Magyk goes
And love grew gently lyke the rose.
Folow ley line, t'wille shew the way,
Holewe rode sauf nought niht or dai.
Magyk t'is here, Magyk t'is ther
Ye'll fynde hyt wher efre ye fare.

Ther abides in places to thes dai,
Yf ye take care to loke thither wey...

(This is the opening of a saga being written by Kienan and Andrius...)

Dear People Persons,
Here I sit, hoof to pen, to say hello and to wish you all a blessed Yule. As a Yule gift to all of you, we are printing a poem that Kienan (my favorite dragoun) and I are writing together. It is yet unfinished - if any of you would care to add a verse, send it to me, care of The Unicorn. Kienan is somewhat shy, despite her great talent (she wrote the article on dragouns concluded in this issue...) but she has asked me to request this: she is writing a book on magickal

creatures, and part of her research needs data on the current population. Please write c/o Kienan, to tell her who lives where. This is very important to us, for we feel we're now enjoying a Renaissance. Maybe we should take over the world

I've done a lot of travelling - stopped in to see a few who didn't think we unicorns are real - check Bobby Lee's letter; and I must say - there sure are a lot of changes going on in the Pagan Community, We have been going through a lot at the Rowan Tree, but so is nearly everyone else!! This is going to be some year!!

Well, time to go...

Love and unihugs and Blessed Be's Andrius

The Yule Dance

Dance 'round the Yule this night,
As the fire blazes bright;
Dance until the Sun comes in:
Sing a song and raise a din!

Bring Him back from Avalon,
For we are here and time moves on;
Comes He now to take His stand,
By Her side to rule the land.

Fill the forest with the Sun!
Let Pan rule so winter's done!
Bring Him to the holy night!
Start us now to summer's rite!

From this night He grows to full,
Heed His throne and feel His pull;
Dancing 'round the Yule Tree,
Dancing from eternity!!

- Paul Beyerl

The Tarot

This is the second in the series of Unicorn Tarot cards by that incredibly talented artisan, Prairie Jackson! Andrius was again kind enough to lend me his copy of Humans in Tarot Imagery: Fact or Fancy?, chapter 5 of The Unicorn's Book of Life (by Sage Ibex Wintergreen), Sacred Horn Publications, 1206 Astral Time) from his library it mentions this card:

"The Queen of Cups is an excellent example of humans appearing in the Minor Arcana. In this card, the woman embodies the subconscious powers of the Moon Goddess, as signified by her crescent crown. The chalice she bears symbolizes the receptive quality of the subconscious mind, whilst the crystal ball displays her psychic awareness. The star, her magickal and intuitive powers. The Unicorn blazoned upon her body points out that in this powerful state, a human can become 'almost a Unicorn,' i.e., achieve the highest state of magickal awareness!"

Andrius seems a little puzzled by how Prairie could be aware of the ancient archetypes of the Unicorn Tarot, a bit of knowledge usually unavailable to humans. He says she must be very special to be able to intuitively "latch onto" these ancient and secret archetypes. I personally couldn't agree more. - Dirk

Queen of Cups by Prairie Jackson

Listen-Mortals-Listen

Since the beginning of time I've been here
Fighting evils both far and near.
You've burnt me, killed me, and done me harm....
But I continue to return with a smile on my face
Because my people are all over the place.
Times have changed a great deal my friend
To those of burning, killing, and trying to find the end.
I've done you no harm nor will I ever...
Just sit back, relax and believe what I say
"We of the Craft are here to stay"
May you walk in the God, Goddess light and
Greet a smile with a smile.
Blessed Be - Bobby Lee

God Make me strong, so that I sing your song
Help me to see what your plan is for me.
God make me strong, so that I sing your song.
God make me stronger each day.

God I will try to meet your will with mine.
Though I am nothing and you are divine.
God make me strong so that I sing your song.
God give me strength every day.

I am a wave on the sea of your love.
You are a part of my frail human heart.
Make it not long until I sing your song.
God make me stronger each day.

- An SRF-inspired chant by Jim A.

Dear Andrius

This is very strange as I never experienced anything as I'm about to tell you in my life before. Saturday the 27th I was sitting here ... when I felt that someone was looking over my shoulder. I turned my head to see and there was an image of a Unicorn (the look on the Unicorn's face was one of joy but it also had the look of saying "yes I'm real") and at the same time a voice spoke to me in my head... At that exact moment I started laughing very hard....

Andrius, what makes it very real now is because I never knew what color your are, but the unicorn I saw had a bluish glow and color. So my friend, after reading your letter tonight I now know it was you.

You say to watch for you in my dreams, but I saw you at 9:00 am Saturday ... Andrius, we now have met and I am ready to continue in my new world and life....

Blessed Be, Bobby Lee #78D170 Box 51, Comstock, NY 12821

The Unicorn Rambles

Andrius attended a glorious horn-fasting between lady Rhiannon's Elwyn and Moonbeam (of the Milky Way Herd) It was performed beautifully by Andrius, and held at midnight of Hallowmas.

Andrius says the reception was wonderful - they served lots of cookies... Saw an up front Hallowmas article by Karen Alexander decrying all the typical 'witch' imagery of the commercial Halloween. Another positive attempt to help educate the public. Thanks, Karen ... Jeanne Michelle has come out to her local Mensa, and says they've not even made a peep. She's forming a contact network in New Jersey. (P.O. Box 130, Ramsey, N.J. 07446

[Pentagram]13's [star13]'s of Waynesville send us the most incredible photos - this time of Stonehenge. We put one in our temple, and Andrius put in his B.O.S. ... Harry and Jeanne have the most incredible t-shirts for Pagans!! Write the "Blue Moon," 305 N. George St., Millersville, Penn. 17551 Thank you, John and Donna Beasley, for the Samhain card! This friend wants to write to people! Jim Thomas, #78C414, Pouch1, Woodbourne, N.Y. 12788..... Ellen Cannon, P.O. Box 9513, No. Hollywood, Ca. 91609, is at work on a cookbook, which may be called "Le Cauldron Bleu," and wants all kinds of recipes, and Andrius says send vegetarian (Unicorns see the human trait of meat-eating as particularly barbarian)..... Steve Kirby has met two beautiful, white unicorns!.... The Kansas City Times ran quite an article on a local coven with Michael Nichols as spokesperson, and a partial interview with Alice, a feminist, in the Oct. 31st issue.... Liz Fisher, 215 Barwick Blvd., Mineola, N.Y. 11501, is hoping to inspire some witches to come out of their closets, particularly in the Long Island area.

A lovely letter came from Merlin, the chocolate point Siamese that owns Lady Demeter. Merlin runs the shop, "Ye Full Moon Wicca," at 366 Neighborhood Rd., Mastic Beach, Long Island, N.Y. 11951 (Hey Liz...), checks tarot readings, and is one beautiful cat! ... And from Marsha Newsom, a copy of the San Fernando Valley mag. Article run in Sept., "Everything you always wanted to know about witches..." and she also sent the most beautiful photos!! Andrius said he is positively smitten!! Phoenix wrote news of Panthea and Paynim, two of the prettiest unicorns this side of Xlenya Minor.... A really joyous card came from Sandra Craft, and she says "The Unicorn" makes her "feel more in contact with other Earth worshippers. What beautiful letters she writes - hope we get another! Andrius was giggling about the article on him in "Which Way/Witch Way" Vol. 1 #3, 1640 NW 3 St., Pompano Beach, Fl. 33441. Seems like Janice discovered the way to tease a unicorn! ... Eric Hanks sent via USPO a hug and a kiss on the nose. Now Andrius wants another letter!!! Leesa sent us a beautiful unicorn wish from Twickenham - thank you!! ... We have been receiving some amazing 'psychic' and magickal photos from the Waynesville Pagan Temple. Many thanks to Larry David Queen

The Return of the Unicorn

He came slowly, silently,
His head lowered, yet alert.

Away for so long
And uncertain, hesitant about his return.
Was it the time? Finally?
Or should he retreat once more
Into the safe, soft, secret green meadow.
There he was secure, not afraid
That his very existence would be challenged,
Doubted, ridiculed, and dismissed.
Then -
He heard the sounds of laughter,
And music, familiar to his ears -
Could it be?
His blood raced and pace quickened
As he went to see,
Yes! There in the clearing -
A circle of stone,
Blazing fire illuminating the
Moon-clad dancers
Chanting so clearly
The Rites of the Earth.
As slowly he approached them
And saw their eyes
Joy, love, freedom of spirit and mind -
He knew that he was
Home Again At Last!
- Joyce Baker

Notes from an Herbal (cont'd)

In working with herbs magickally, it is highly important to understand the planetary energies.

Mercury

These are the energies of thought, and those herbs ruled by Mercury affect our mental processes. They can affect our ability to perceive our environment, and to then communicate those ideals. Mercurial herbs aid us in the synthesis of understanding, of learning, of then being able to function as a total entity, allowing the spiritual and physical to flow back and forth. These herbs will assist you in bringing inner dreams and visions up to the conscious level. Some of these herbs are:

Bittersweet

Carrots

Cedar

Dill

Elecampagne

Elfwort
Horehound
Lavender
Lily of the valley
Licorice
Mandrake
Mushrooms
Pomegranates
Valerian
Woody nightshade

The Seventh Law of the Traditional Herbalist

The traditional herbalist will always find a way to work with the Universe. No matter what his religion, his Gods and Universe are the same, and wherever he looks, he sees them both.

Wenne the wheol has tyrned a Yule,
Light the logge an let Pan reule
- Kienan's Keeper

My lady of laughter and light
Watch over my Circle
On this joyful night
Ride with me on an astral plane
I'm filled with awe
As I chant your name
I wander into your silver light
And ask your aid
On a magical plight
The law in my circle that is a must
Is simply
Perfect Love and Perfect Trust!
- Bobbi

Fire
Draw nearer to me
And discover what mysteries lie within.
Come, be enveloped in the glow
Be awed at the softness
Grow drunk with the warmth.

My everflickering flame beckons you,
Fan it with your desire.
Make it leap and crackle
Become weak with its power.

Sink deeper, ever deeper
Into the depths of my being.

Then rise, rise and soar
To breath taking heights and dizzying peaks.
The breath of life becomes caught in your throat
And flutters, like a captured bird.

The depths of the fire,
The power it holds -
Revealed - at last - to you.

- Joyce L. Baker

Dragouns (cont'd...)

A great pastime among many dragouns is playing chess. We're more than happy to play with any worthy opponent... even unicorns, but very few mortals. From what I hear, Andrius does, but I'm sure I don't know the dragoun.

Wine tasting is a favorite hobby of all the dragouns I've known. Unfortunately in recent years the amount of quality wine available has deteriorated, due to poor taste in some mortals. If you were all smart, you'd have only fine dragoun wine pass your lips.

Some dragouns, myself included, cannot resist putting our riddles, poems, observations, and other thoughts down on paper. I've recently finished writing a poem (actually it's a riddle!) with Andrius. A superb unicorn in his own right, he makes an excellent writing partner. His only fault I can detect is a certain prejudice against dragouns where his sister is concerned.

Most dragoun history has disappeared through the ages, but we are finally starting to repopulate ourselves and develop a new history.

There are many fine young dragouns who show promise of re-establishing friendly communications with a greater number of mortals. Gwyr, who is still a young dragoun (he's only 142), is the pride of our clan. He has the outstanding honour to be the only dragoun to have sat on the Giant Idris' chair - though he is quick to play that down.

I'm told I must stop my bragging for now ... Takya seems to think not all of you mortals appreciate dragouns.

When we walk through the wild be careful when speaking riddles aloud; you may come across a dragoun who'll tell you more than you care to know.

- Kienan

Do you like trees? Write Forever Forests, P.O. Box 212 Redwood Valley, Cal. 95470.

Rik Johnson writes:

"... went for war games. Got out of one war, shot someone who walked in front of me in the second war. The third war I was shot by my own side by mistake That night was Full Moon, so I tried to do a Esbat. Left camp, found an empty field and fatigues for a robe canteen for a chalice, water for wine and a M-16 for ??? But I got the warm feeling and wind that told me the Lady was still with me ..." Rik was also the subject of one of the better Hallows articles on

witches that came in to us from throughout the U.S. He's a "U" student, and is doing much to further the Craft. Open to contacts write him at 246 W. Jacinto, Tucson, Arizona, 85705

New York Pan Pagan Festival

This joyous gathering met Oct. 28th at Magickal Child. Nearly 600 people attended this fourth annual gathering. A Samhain ritual was conducted by Herman Slater and Valerie Ruscaleda of the Earth Star Temple.

Pan Pagan Festival 1980

Will be held August 21-24 in the magickal hills of Baraboo, Wisconsin (very near the Wisc. Dells).

Sponsored by the Midwest Pagan Council each year, the Pan Pagan Festival brings together witches, Pagans and other magickal people from many paths and traditions from throughout the U.S. and other countries to share knowledge, energy and celebration. As with other festivals, the 1980 Festival will feature workshops, rituals of different traditions, bonfires, music and feasting and celebration.

Due to feedback received from those attending the 1979 Festival, the 1980 Festival has been moved to a more quiet, natural setting, and an entire, private campground is being rented for the gathering. For further information, write Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wisc. 53715....

Third Annual Gathering of the Tribes

A five day international Earth religion leadership conference, seasonal festival, and workshop retreat... near Helen, Ga. Sunday through Thursday, June 18 through June 22, 1980.

Unicoi is a magnificent enclave whose Cherokee name translates as "the new way." Workshops will be held Sunday through Wednesday on a large variety of subjects. On June 21st, a seasonal Midsummer Festival and Ritual will take place. On Wed. afternoon, the International Earth Religion Leadership Conference will begin and last through Thursday. It is expected that this meeting will develop into a spiritual community of people joined together in mutual respect, sharing, and growing together in love.

Cost: \$45.00/5 days. For further information, contact "Gathering of the Tribes 1980," P.O. Box 4152, Campus Sta., Athens, Ga. 30602 or 1-404-353-7943.

Couples

Did you see the Nov. 5th issue of "People," that weekly magazine found in your local grocers? Yes, that's Jim Alan and Selena Fox.... We felt it good, accurate, and definitely portraying the Craft as positive. We are glad to see healthy publicity given those who can cope with it, as soon the word "witch" may mean someone into a religion of the Earth and healing arts, rather than someone deserving of persecution. Our thanks to those who show that bravery to let others see...

We would like to make you aware of a really valuable book, titled Myths and Legends of all Nations, published by Littlefield, Adams & Co., 81 Adams Drive, Totowa, N.J. 07512, \$2.95 paperback... Though not a brand new book, it deserves to be brought back into your consciousness. Very complete for its size, this book identifies hundreds upon hundreds of Gods

and Goddesses of Egyptian, Roman, or Chinese counterparts (to name but few). Our only complaint is the scholarly approach, for frequently the fun and warmth of the Gods is lacking. We highly recommend this book and rate it essential....

Drawing Down the Moon - Margot Adler Pub. The Viking Press, Inc., 625 Madison Ave, New York, N.Y. 10022. How does one write a book review hoping to convince all of you to get this book? We've talked to friends (literally) from coast to coast, and all are excited and enthralled. Copies are being shared (cost is \$16.95), read aloud, and bought as gifts. Margot has done a lot to demystify to Craft and the Neo-Pagan Movements, showing us we really are: ever changing writing our history as we go. This is not a 'how-to' book; yet in a sense it might be, for it shows how often rituals and traditions grow out of our creativity. This is the book that truly tells us where we've been, without those trappings of treating the Craft as 'holier-than-thou.' We are delighted to report Drawing Down the Moon becoming mandatory reading for some groups. Though it may make a few people angry. I, personally, wish to thank Margot for a job well done and thank Viking Press for bringing this book to the general public.

- Paul

Reviews

The Emerald Star

We received a 'first edition' copy of "The Emerald Star," pub. By the Society of the Evening Star, P.O. Box 547, East Greenwich, R.I. 02818. Quarterly, \$1.50. They are looking for stories and articles on Unicorns and Dragouns. It's a nice, easy to read format, with intelligent, interesting articles ("The psychology of the ritual"). We send them lots of good wishes!

A witches' calendar 1980

Available from Mi-World Bookstore, P.O. Box 8237, Hialeah, Florida 33012 (\$1.25). By Seleneiethon, it's a beautifully illustrated calendar, giving lunar times (new and full) and providing good information on the Sabbats. The illustrations, one for each season, are very powerful. The Goddess image for spring is overwhelming. Nice calendar!

Tools!

Ritual knives, swords, horned helmets, pentacles, etc. All items hand made to your specifications. Paul has one of Govannan's athames, and it's incredible! Write to Govannan c/o High Tor, P.O. Box 1619, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51502

Faces

A new lunar calendar from Paul Volker, c/o Vernal Equinox Books, P.O. Box 3162 Columbus, Ohio, 43210. Designed so that you really experience the lunar phases. It's only \$1.50 (send 50¢ for postage...) and worth it!! Highly recommended!!

Acorn

Acorn, Box 4141 Stn. D. Hamilton, Ontario, Can. has a beautiful catalogue of tools! It is a work of love, beautifully printed, itself a very magickal book, and one of the few limited edition catalogues we've seen. Inquire about it, for it is a true work of art.

The Runestone

"Is a journal of the ancient Norse religion and is dedicated to the revival of that religion as epitomized during the Viking Age, and to the values of courage, freedom and individuality which are associated with it." \$5.00/yr (4 issues) Asatru Free Assembly, 1766 East Avenue, Turlock, Calif. 95380. A true international journal, with contacts and articles from many countries, and nice people. We really like this journal....

Yule Gifts

And fun things from Crystal Well. Have them send you their flyers on bumper stickers and buttons! The Crystal Well, Box 3145, Seal Beach, Calif. 90740.

Themis

"... the voice of the Feminist Witch is every womans voice. Appearing 8 times a year on Sabbats, costs \$5.00. Susan B Anthony Coven Number One P.O. Box 42121 L.A. Ca. 90042..." What a lovely, professional newsletter, excellent poetry, stimulating articles... We would like to thank Z. for sharing the Hallows issue with us, as we highly recommend "Themis" to all women...!

The Owl

This "newspaper" came to us from the Covenant of the Ancient Way, P.O. Box 161672, Sacramento, Ca. 95816, \$6.00 for four large issues. Its format is like a small newspaper, and they carry a lot of good information, long articles, and a lot of news. We are thrilled to see new journals appear - for it shows how healthy the Craft is!

Pentalpha Journal

It has been fun to watch this evolution, now called "an interdisciplinary journal for the Aquarian Age," and looking so scholarly... Don't let the intellectual overtones frighten you off. Isaac, congratulations, for it's terrific! You've put a lot of love and work into this... you and Selene deserve lots of readers. c/o Randall Millen Registry, 921 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto, Ca. 94303, for subscriptions (\$8.00 yr, 4 issues)

The Unicorn - a newsletter dedicated to sharing all the good news of our Craft and Pagan friends, since Yule, 1977

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To our readers...

Much has been going on here, and as many of you know Dirk and myself personally, we thought we should write you a letter. The plans of the Goddess are better understood by us now, and we realise we are not to be lovers. It is no loss, for we have between us a love and joy that transcends this lifetime, and having each other to work with is a source of happiness. We did, as we are human, have our sorrows, but the knowledge we have from our years in the Craft has brought us through our time of stress. Life is growing, is learning to unlock joy. Dirk and I know The Unicorn is work for the two of us, and we will also continue together at The Rowan Tree (we are now incorporating - wish us ease in the red tape!). So - all is well.

Now - we are sad to report no news, and no materials contributed by Womyn for this issue.

Those of you who read this - do consider being a part of this endeavor. With the womyn's movement being so advanced, many feel they have, already, their own periodicals - but this is the only open forum for men and womyn to share. Perhaps we've misjudged, and the Extra Pages will be only for men - but we are people first and decry having to be labelled.

We also need more feedback from our readers. We seek and grow and improve, but to do so means we must hear from you! Please send us news - of Fairy Circles, of anything. This is the first year of the Extra Pages, and we are waiting to see what the response is - only then will we decide if we will continue.

And now, we send our love. May all of the Goddesses children have someone warm to share Yule with.

Blessed Be, Paul

Spell for a Love Potion
Rise from the Shades below,
All you that prove
The helps of human love!
Rise and bestow
Upon this cup whatever may compel
By powerful charm and unresisted spell,

A heart unwarmed to melt in love's desires!
Distil into this liquor all your fires;
Heats, longings, tears;
But keep back frozen fears;
That he may know, that has all power defied,
Art is a power that will not be denied!

- Michael

Michael is a wonderful friend from The Order of Ganymede. He will be contributing regularly to the Extra Pages, which is a source of joy for us. Michael has been actively working in the Craft since 1970 (or so) and the beauty of his work radiates and glows in his poetry. You can write him and thank him for his sharing:

Michael c/o The Order of Ganymede, Box 43, Allston, Mass. 02134

A phone call for Chris Sherbok prompted this: A Yule gift from all gay men and lesbian womyn and beautiful people to the Pagan community will be love and understanding. On Friday evening, Dec. 21st at 10:30pm EST we will all generate love, unity, and understanding. In ritual, meditation, by being with someone you love, just be aware of all working together. Chris has offered to help coordinate this from L.A., 1-213-467-5759, or call us at The Rowan Tree, 1-612-871-7287 (no collect calls). If you haven't time to do something special, be with us in heart - be aware. It's time to change things, and do so by Magick and Love. Blessed Be!!

How to be Happy and Gay (I am a Pagan Pansie)

At the last Southern Psychic Seminar... it struck me that I was finally into a system of beliefs that was workable and comfortable and still afraid to express the real me. It began the prey on my mind because I had heretofore been taught male-female relationships in coven workings and fertility magic and "straight" handfasting....

At Pan-Pagan Festival, I felt I was ready to burst out of my closet all over again. I had my antennae up... to seek out fellow gays. THE I met Dennis, a beautiful person Although "straight," he accepted me with love and understanding. He was the initial mediator between Paul Beyerl and myself. There, we express the need to be more open....

Upon coming home, I realised I was again alone even though feeling less guilty about being a Gay Pagan. I read Sybil Leek's book, the Compleat Art of Witchcraft... Now I have dignity but I'm still alone. Being gay is not easy in a small town and if you find someone "special," being a witch can be another obstacle in the way of a beautiful relationship. We need love to make our magik work. We need understanding and acceptance to help our fellow man. We need touch. To all in dignity, Blessed Be, Ted Byers - Studio One 534 Cleveland Ave. N. Canton Ohio 44702

We received a copy of "M." subtitled "gentle men for gender justice" from our dear friend Rick Cote of Madison, Wisc. It's a wonderful journal, with the intention of giving news of the Men's movement. It is \$2.00 an issue or \$8.00 a year, and is highly recommended by us. Rick attended the National Men's Conference in Milwaukee, and was really wound up with energy. As a result, he is now working more openly with the men's group in Madison and recently began leading a men's Circle. Contact Rick care of "M." Box 313, 306 N. Brooks St., Madison, Wi.

53715. If at all possible, check this journal out - it's really worthwhile. Rick and Patricia will be here in Minneapolis to share with us the end of 1979 and the first days of 1980. (It's our Yule present from the Goddess!!)

"A poem to a lover when I was but a young witch"

It's spring!
And my heart sings
For my blond cliff climber
And lover in the sand.
My eyes glow bright,
And arms ache to touch him,
To hold him fast against me.
As life surges and flows
To answer to the call of life.
Like answers unto like,
And I rise to heights unknown.
Pulled up higher by my desire
To satisfy his manhood
And fulfill myself in him.
My fingers play hard against him,
Against his naked form
And his hands and eyes and lips and loins
Tell of the true hard fact
Of love with him.
Is this the love that dare not speak its name,
That now speaks to me in countless ways?
Each touch of our tongues, our hands, our loins,
And I hear it sing its name.
And we answer to it unashamed
As we lie spent and warm in each other's arms.
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