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THE UNICORN

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A PUBLICATION OF the ROWAN TREE

Candlemas

A Fairy Tale

I stared into the silver flame
over & over I chanted her name.
I felt my spirit lift & take flight
and wonder into the darkened night.
I stopped a fairy along the way
And this is what she had to say;
"Child of the Goddess, where do you head?
You should be home & in your bed."
"Oh, but fairy, I long to see
What mysteries the world hides from me."
A smile appeared upon her face
She said, "Child, take it at an even pace.
You can't learn, all in one night, about
the mysteries of her silver light."
"But, good fairy, don't you know
About all the things she has to show?"
"Oh, dear child, you can learn, day by day.
Surely you know that is her way."
"Please good fairy, let me be,
there are so many things I long to see.
Daybreak will soon be near at hand
then I will have to leave this wonderland."
"All right child, and Blessed Be,
I hope you find what you want to see."
Away she flew with a smile on her face
to leave me wonder in this beautiful place.
To discover the things that hold true in
my heart,
Until daybreak comes & evening does part.
I stopped & thought about the things she said,
Yes, these things ran through my head.
She said these things to make me see
That the Goddess will come if I wait patiently.
When I'm ready I will know
All the mysteries she has to show.
So I flew back home (in my head)
Ended my circle, and went to bed!!!
- Bobbi ☺

Dear humans,
Busy, busy, busy.... Paul said I took too long a
holiday to the East coast, now I find I'm
busy. I've been helping out at the Rowan
Tree of late. Like Pagan-Craft-Metaphysical
Centers throughout the country, this Yule '80
has meant growing, learning, change. I even
had to cancel a date the other night.
And on top of it all, Prairie wrote us about
her new "very graceful, tall, elegant Unicorness,
with ruby eyes & shades from white to silver,
with moon circles on her lower body... a
fondness for rainbows & dancing light beams."
What can I say? My Uniheart went flip.
Aradia - I hope to come & visit, soon. I
snuck in to The Rowan Tree's Yule open house,
drank too much cider, but had a joyous
time. Well, I'd best hoof it & lend them
a hand. Love & Unikisses to all...

- Andrius

Greetings & Salutations, Unicorn Readers!

I am Artemis, from the Office of Astral
Administration & Auditing. I've recently
been assigned to the Rowan Tree Center
here in Minneapolis to assist in the growth
of its goodness.

Andrius, Paul, Dirk, Candrea, & all
the rest deserve acclamation for their
work here. Their efforts have provided
the beginnings of a fine & lasting centre
that can only get better.

Dirk's dealings on the physical plane,
specifically beginning a new job, have him too
busy for his contributions to The Unicorn this
issue. We have strong hopes he'll be working
with us again by the Spring Equinox.

Gold stars around & Blessed Be's abound-

Artemis

p.s. Wishes for a Creative Candlemas....

The Unicorn Rambles

We now have hanging upon our wall the most beautiful tarot card, sent all the way from Uranus by the Gypsy Woman. Incredible and breathtaking! Thank you from our soul! Hellos & Merry Meets to our new subscribers in Australia & England.... Speechless over a new Unicorn carving from Rik. It is already one of our dearest treasures, and it is an honoured tool in our temple. May you share in the love of our work!!! Love to Jeanne & Richard, & maybe we will see you in May.... for Yule cards we particularly thank the ☆ 13's, Kieran, Cynk & the whole family; Peggy Ellen, Tom, Jad, Mahe, Karen, Leesa, Michael ♀, Gordon, Sylvia, Dwydd, Rus & Skanara, Marsha, Tanya, Scoop, Unicorn Haven, the Flanigans, Joyce, Chris & Val, Mickey & Bryn, Charlene, Megan & Sean, Karyn, and all others. We love you.... Our friend Terry (the Wizzard) has a new catalogue available of herbs, spices, books, candles, soaps, ... "all good Life Stuff for Earth Children & Star Light. Send 50¢ to the Wizzard % Esoterica, 4018 Douglas Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich. 49007.... Andrius sends love to Stasia - one of the Unicorn's younger readers - for the neat fan letter she wrote him.... Tanya-♀ is Pluto, & the "laws of the traditional herbalist" come directly out of a handwritten herbal grimoire. Write again soon! Breakfast with Gordon Melton, the morning after he was part of a panel discussion on "cults" televised by WCCO-TV in Mpls. Thank the Goddess for his clear-minded sanity.... Dear friends Rick & Patricia were here to share friendship, love, & a full moon. We already miss them! Dear Bobby (& Para*) we were unable to fit all your letter in - can Para* write a shorter version?

Northern Lights & ancient gnomes
 Winter-wise dreams of White Buffalos
 and Bulls beat out rhythms of
 "Return to the Earth - Womb of our Mother
 Shield before Birth" - Wizzard

Notes from an Herbal

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

Venus ♀

Herbs ruled by Venus are excellent for keeping pleasure & joy in our lives. They open one's heart to the magnetism of the love that flows throughout the heavens. They open our inner vision to seeing love & beauty in all things, and allow us to open up love & beauty in ourselves. Using Venusian herbs in our rituals & meditations will assist in gaining the wisdom of the herbal deities, & a better knowledge of the God & Goddess. ♀ represents Atma - that goodness which is the universal divine love.

Some of these herbs are:

alder	lentils	primrose
apple blossom	marshmallow	raspberry
black berry	mints	red roses
burdock	mugwort	rose geranium
columbines	orchids	strawberries
cat's foot	peppermint	sycamore
daffodils	peach	tansy
daisies	pear	thyme
feverfew	pennyroyal	verbena
goldenrod	periwinkle	violets
hollyhocks	plums	yarrow

The Eighth Law of the Traditional Herbalist

And so he practises conservation in all that he does:

Never taking more than is to be used;
 Never taking anything without something being left behind;
 Rewarding the earth with a gift or blessing.

"In Russian tradition the Unicorn is called sometimes 'Indric' (perhaps derived from 'Indra'). He is a very kind and devout being, but so powerful that he cannot venture beyond his home in the Holy Mountains. If he did, the earth would collapse under his weight. Because of his immense power, the Unicorn-Indric had to give up the kingship of beasts to the Lion. The ballad says the Lion 'has a curly tail' however - which means that the Lion is descended from the Unicorn, who is the father of all animals. Also, he protects the land from drought by digging water-tunnels under the earth. He has children, which he raises in a spirit of goodness and kindness, just like himself..."
 -Rus, of Arcane Crafts



to Michael Orion

Dream, my son, of Unicorns,
 Michael, dream of me
 And safely you will pass the night
 And ever blessed be! —Andreas

the laughter of the fireborn
 scorches the sky
 with starry secrets
 gleaming silver points
 in the deep night of us all
 singing lava songs
 learned at the breast
 of the oldest stones
 dancing in the swirling
 flames of the heart
 the roots of fire
 go deeper down
 far below
 what we know

prairie

This beautiful drawing
 of a hatching
 Unicorn comes from
 one of our new
 readers, Michelle,
 who lives in
 Surrey,
 England....



A Wish

If I could make a wish - just one
 For people great and small,
 My wish would be for harmony
 And love - to one and all.

Creation of a peace of mind,
 To live life full and free,
 A joy be found in simple things,
 The Ancient Truths to see.

For life is sometimes full of pain,
 And sorrow shares our time,
 But always there is hope for change,
 Things may just turn out fine.

The human Soul is made to love-
 And this will ever be.

So once again I wish for all
 Peace, joy, love - harmony.

-Joyce Baker

emerald leaves
 turning
 twisting
 every breeze exposing
 new colours
 new shapes
 dazzling my eyes
 so much beauty
 in the trees
 life

dancing 'neath the branches
 ancient pagan rhythms
 moving
 pulsating,
 pounding
 bare feet turning the ground
 arms waving above my head
 hips swaying with the breeze
 finally
 i become one
 with the trees

earth mother
 wisest of all
 keeper of the secret wisdom
 whose song
 is the song
 of the evening star
 move with me
 in time
 i become one
 with the goddess
 and she is within
 life

branches dance
 feet pound
 arms wave
 heart beat
 life surges
 all is one
 and

one is the tree
 -Marsha Smith Newsome

"My lief Andrius,

I have been involved, as you know, with other Bestes and a few mortels in preparing a book about all types of "mythological" Bestes currently residing in North America.

Mortels, on a whole, are becoming increasingly interested in magickal Bestes. We believe it is the obligation of all who are concerned, to send in pertinent information about their own kind.

We are seeking information on everything from brief anecdotes to serious events in the lives of the Bestes. Their philosophies, ways of life, things they teach their young ... or whatefre.

Afore they send in any correspondence, they must understand that there can be no remuneration for their contributions. Howefre, if their material is used, the Bestes will be thanked by name in a list of credits; or in the case of substantial amounts of information, they may be listed as an official representative of their own kind.

Any who so wish to make contributions may address their correspondence to me. [c/o The Unicorn].

In everlasting friendship,
Kienan ... "

Moon in Solstice night
Reflecting Northern light
Womon in the Day
Holy Magic slay old season
Cold upon the air
Winter's Solstice snark
Womon in the morn
Never to be shorn old cycle
Winter Solstice dreams
In Holy winter means
That Womon in the night
Shall once again have might new world
Solstice in the heart
Truly shant depart
For we shall not forget
Our Holy Womon's debt. world to come.



Selkies

The seas around Orkney & Shetland harbor the shy Selkies or Seal-Faeries (known as the Roane in Ireland)

A female selkie is able to discard her seal skin and come ashore as a beautiful maiden. If a human can capture this skin the selkie can be forced to become a fine, if wistful, wife. However, should she ever find her skin, she immediately returns to the sea, leaving the husband to pine & die. The males raise storms & upturn boats to avenge the indiscriminate slaughter of seals. - Liz Fisher

Candlemas - She is now recovered from the Sun God's birth... Celebrate with lots of candles, for the miracle of life & renewal is upon us. On this Sabbat let us initiate new beginnings...



This joyous letter from a friend who travels as a rainbow:

"I took a nice relaxing trip to Unicorn Valley - ... as a rainbow it's great to observe all the grace and splendor - humor & lightheartedness!" She goes on to talk of the joking between the Unicorns, Reindeer, & Santa, who "started off all alone as the Old Hermit in the Tarot Cards of the Ancients... so thin, but [he] carried that little bitty light of the Baby Sun for all to see... the wisdom of the promise of the Light reborn." Later in the experience a very stately Unicorn began to speak: "The Northern Lights are not visible to so many human eyes, but those that do see them are viewing our astral Valley of the Unicorns... our laughter, our glee, bright bursting sparkles of happiness & joy... the ones who have a glance of the mystique of us Unicorns and our Valley...." This came from Demeter of Ye Full Moon Wicca, 366 Neigh borhood Rd, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951, who writes us letters that sparkle with Magick!!





Bev & Bob wish to share this poem written on the birth of Aileen Maeve:

"Out of the night sky
Rides the magnificent beast
With one horn
Who comes to proclaim
the birth of a Goddess
Who is pure and beautiful
And beloved of Man
and his Woman."

-Norm & Karen

May Our Lady of Sweet Dreams bless & keep
this magickal child of the Horse.



Note that the imagery is becoming more 'neo-pagan' than purely 'unicornian', but I think it's apt, to include all creatures & orient it for humans & the enjoyment of whatever creatures/spirits peeking over our shoulders! Aradia [Prairie's Unicorn] sends Andrius astral chimings - she says she wants to tell about another ancient unicorn tome on tarot mysteries - it's called: The Spiral Path: A Unicorn's Way of Knowledge ... she adds a note on the magician [printed last Hallows] "you'll note that the main theme & teaching of this card deals with his position as being between worlds & connecting all Realities, as does the unicorn, whose path of perfection & unity the magician also shares...." - Prairie

Note that the feet of the High Priestess & are the earth, as she grows in beauty at the trees, reaching ever-upwards to spiritual fulfillment. The path of the Goddess, with the Unicorn, ever-present to Her love.

Want to thank Prairie for her Tarot of the Unicorns? Or to encourage her to publish (!!*) such a glorious deck. Write her: Prairie Jackson, #2- 3006 Beauchamp, Houston, Tx. 77009



— the high priestess —

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Magick Circles Dream

Visions of Your loveliness reflect before my eyes,
O Goddess Lady,
Candle flame casting shadows darksome & shady.
Incense smoke rising swiftly beneath Thy ardent
beam,
Lends Thy potent power from raging Hecate's team,
Thy lunar essence upon Thy worshippers does
gleam,
While surrounding us a thousand silver stars stream.
I feel Your kisses, embracing pure,
White fire scourging me bound in Thy sight,
Within the Magick Circle dreamly so bright.
When it is over I know no dream was this,
But in another world where no mortals
lightly go,
I long for its taste and its memories miss.
- Gwyn ★



Inner Alchemy
 bubbles and froths
 and the tip of the jewel
 appears thru the
 protective mist
 Memories of the mountain island
 of the desert —
 Look high above you,
 an eagle alights
 from pinnacle
 and scopes the desert canyon.
 Meditate on boulder of ancient
 rock,
 Mother/father Sun
 fills my heart, and every molecule
 about me radiates that endless
 Love.
 Transmute, transmute!
 (a lizard does push-ups
 beside me...)
 —Da'oud

"The door of death is life,
 and the door of life is death,
 both framed by the eternal wings of spirit..."
 —Aredia

newsletters

The Runestone, 1766 East Ave, Turlock, Ca. 95380
 K:A:M, Box 34464, Bethesda, Md. 20034
 Castle Rising, 1730 Wazek St., Denver, Col. 80202
 Georgian, 1980 Verde St. Bakersfield, Ca. 93304
 Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wisc. 53715 ♡
 Circle of Ceridwen, 10196-152 St. Surrey, B.C., Canada
 Crossroads, Box 464, Allston, Mass. 02134
 Which Way/Witch Way, 1640 NW 3 St., Deerfield Beach,
 Fl. 33067
 Crystal Well, Box 3145, Seal Beach, Ca. 90740
 Emerald Star, Box 547, E. Greenwich, RI, 02818
 Isian, Huntington Castle, Clonegal, Enniscorthy, Eire
 Unicorn Gardens, Box 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245
 Sword of Dyenwyn, Box 4152, Athens, Ga. 30602
 Lunar Letter, Box 08423, Milwaukee, WI 53208
 M., Box 313, 306 N. Brooks St., Madison, WI 53715
 Robin Hood's Barn, Box 130, Ramsey, N.J. 07446
 The Owl, Box 161672, Sacramento, Ca. 95816
 Pegasus Express, 62 E. College Ave, Yardley, Pa 19067
 Pentalpha, Box 9398, Berkeley, Ca. 94709

61 working Circles in 19 states are sending
 loving energy to Loy & Louise Stone. They need
 love & support through the duration of their
 trial. Send postcards of love to: Loy & Louise
 Stone, P.O. Box 69, Dimmit, Tx. 79027. If
 you're interested in helping send energy,
 write: Phoenix Ford, P.O. Box 45061, Dallas,
 Tx. 75245. Let us all share in this Work!!

The community of Madrakara, Box 82, Occidental,
 Calif., 95465, is beginning an apprenticeship
 program in May. It will include such things as
 tai chi, dowsing, the ocean, a hot tub, healing,
 campfires, & "whatever spontaneous joy we
 generate together." Sounds like an incredible
 way to spend either a vacation or longer.
 Danaan... Andrius wants to know if your pro-
 gram accepts Unicorns... he's primarily in-
 terested in the hot tub.

Read ~

The Sacred Stones Trilogy by Moyra Caldecott
 pub. Popular Library (paperback, \$1.95
 ea. volume)

The Sea Priestess & Moon Magic by Dion
 Fortune, pub. Weiser (paperback ea. \$4.95)

The first issue of Crossroads arrived from the
 Athanor Fellowship, P.O. Box 464, Allston, Mass.,
 02134. This joyous publication will greet us for
 the equinoxes & solstices; is \$2.00 per issue, but
 if you're smart & order a full year's subscrip-
 tion, the cost is \$6.00. Book reviews; well-written,
 thought-provoking articles; pages of beautiful
 poetry & songs; illustrations, rituals; pages
 of happiness. Even a page devoted to the
 "Society for the Preservation of the Unicorn";
 (Andrius said "All Unicorns are well-preserved!")
 We are happy to encourage all of you to at
 least order the first issue - or better, a
 year's subscription. Lots of luck to all our
 friends of the Athanor Fellowship!

Special thanks to K:A:M Newsletter (P.O.
 Box 34464, Bethesda, Md. 20034, for very
 generously publishing the addresses of many
 newsletters for all their readers....



We received a Complimentary issue of a cooperative newspaper, Spectrum, c/o 2105 Autumn Lane, Tallahassee, Florida, 32304. For those into New-Age activities, alternative approaches to energy & politics, it's wonderful to see good Pagan articles in such a format. An incredible price: \$5.00 for 10 issues.

Acorn, Dealers in the Occult, can be contacted by mail at Box 4141 Stn. B., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. They intend to begin the publication of a newsletter, to be called "the Gryphon" and offer a selection of books: grimoires, books of invocations, etc. We have only seen the catalogue, which we enjoyed. Do write for information.

"Arcane Crafts will be moving soon. New address will be: Arcane Crafts, P.O. Box 383, Mastic Beach, N.Y., 11951 (after the first of March) but if anyone writes to us at the old address, the P.O. should forward (with the help of the Goddess, and a good prod of the God's horns.)"

- Rus

(Write Arcane Crafts for their incredible catalogue. Until March 1: 181 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217.)

Attention! We inadvertently listed Harry & Jeanne's old address when we wrote about the "Blue Moon" in the last issue. So, write to them at the "Blue Moon" 561 West Orange St., Lancaster, Pa., 17603. Word has it they offer all sorts of magickal t-shirts.

"Just finished reading Starhawk's The Spiral Dance. This may sound unbelievable, but I like it better than Drawing Down the Moon. Starhawk has written a great book! It is extremely informative and easy to read; it's got a lot of really good concentration, visualization, etc. exercises in it that I use all the time now. I just love it."

-Joyce Baker

Ancient Mirrors of Womanhood, Vol. I, by Merlin Stone, New Sibylline Books, Box 266, New York, N.Y., 10014, \$5.50; this book has a great deal of mythology for womyn, men, and all Goddess worshippers. Vol. I covers the Goddess images from China, the Celtic tradition of the Isles, Middle & South America, the Middle East, Africa, Australia & related islands. It is especially important for people looking for information about the origins of traditions. It is completely clear, concise, & utterly delightful from cover to cover! Highly recommended reading!!

-The Lady

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Our love is a timeless wonder.

In your smile

are bubbles of laughter

‡ the joy of flight.

When I take you in my arms

I am at One with many things,

And in the caress of our lips,

We reunite our love,

Born through many centuries

‡ many lives....

I take delight in you.

-Twinkle

Ted Byers writes that he is seeking information for "a gay resource directory for pagans and wiccans." Ted is seeking names ‡ addresses, gay men ‡ women seeking contact, organizations, etc. Also suggestions. Contact him %o Studio One, 534 Cleveland Ave N., Canton, Ohio, 44702.

"the only chapter in Margot's book [Drawing Down the Moon] that really made me think was the chapter on feminism ‡ the Craft. It caused me to have to rethink my own feelings on feminism. But I still get put out by the inference that just because I'm a man my contact with the Goddess ‡ the Craft must necessarily be less "pure" or complete than a woman's. But the book made me face a lot of unresolved feelings in myself. So now I have to work at resolving them. But the one thing I refuse to do is use wimmin, womyn, etc. in place of the word "woman." I refuse to believe that there is anything inherently wrong in the three letters M-A-N. I'm just as proud of my own sex as these feminists are of their own. It seems to me that the great Gods were showing some kind of higher wisdom when They made it necessary for there to be two to bring through a child, either magickal or actual...."

Michael

The Order of Ganymede

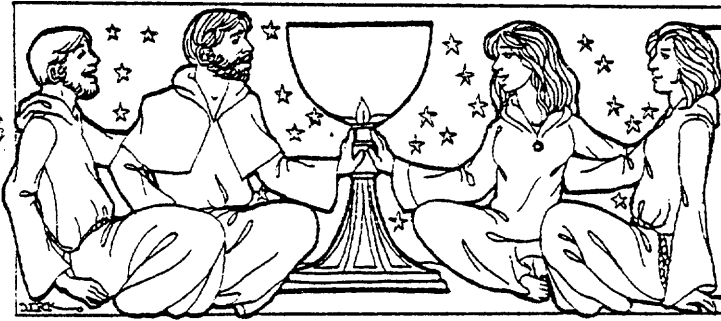
The Holy Book of Womyn's Mysteries Part I by Z Budapest (Susan B. Anthony Coven No. 1 Member C.O.G., Box 142121, Los Angeles, Calif., 90042). For those of us who heralded The Feminist Book of Lights ‡ Shadows, it is somewhat of an empty feeling to read The Holy Book of Womyn's Mysteries. The only new part of this book is chapters 13-16. I realize that Z is gathering her old ‡ combining it with her new to form a complete volume of womyn's mysteries. That's why I feel it is important not to judge until part two comes out. For those womyn who are not prejudiced by reading Lights ‡ Shadows first, this is an excellent beginning book.

-The Lady

mother, father, sister, brother
lover more than any other
dance about a candle burning
Goddess granted same sex yearning
man and woman, woman manly
source of shame in earthly family
you're no threat to Pagan treasure
dance and chant in Pagan pleasure.
Cassidy

Contact with another Gay Pagan group: "At the present time our central interest is building a brotherhood of gay men in the Los Angeles area who share our interests...." This comes from a Hellenic group: ΣΝΨ, P.O. Box 9178, Glendale, Ca. 91206. "We will answer sincere letters if you have questions..."

love is like the cloud
it has no fixed range
it is never lost
no matter its shape
or name
its home is everywhere
for love is never lost..
-prairie



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

Dear friends,

The Extra Pages have gained a wider readership than anticipated. We hope, in this section, set aside for those of us who are doubly special to the Goddess (for who but us truly recognizes the polarities of feminine & masculine, having learned it of the self), for we have all had to cope with the same problems. It makes no difference what label we fall under, for it remains.

We know the dilemma of meeting a new & exciting "someone special," & then, three months (two weeks, whatever) into the forming of a relationship, we discover our pagan beliefs are not acceptable. Oh, they might not differ, nor object, but too rarely does the pagan discover that the new partner take joy in our pursuit of knowledge, nor understand why we feel joy in hours of reading, studying; why we need time alone to do ritual and meditate; why our lifestyles are more than bars & baths.... What then?

First, recognize that this is not a singular problem. What we can do to understand is to share experiences, to share the wisdom we have gained. As editor, I would like to ask all readers to share & contribute, so that the magick of communication help all of us. How have you coped with this situation - How did it make you feel - Has it changed your attitude towards your religion/tradition, etc?

Other questions I would like to explore with you include such things

as: Are magickal people better sexual partners, & does this create problems? Is it difficult for the homosexual man or Lesbian woman to be comfortable with heterosexual Pagans? Some say more - some say less. There are many situations that only we understand.

I personally feel that my homosexuality has been an incredible asset in developing myself for the priest/ess hood. As I call upon the Goddess, as I call upon the God, both are mine, for I spent all my early years trying to sort out the dichotomy of being both masculine & feminine; and in keeping the deep sense of peace, the perfect balance of both polarities, & finding within the Pagan religions a sense of being at home, I find now a personal desire to help all share in our personal paths of growth & wisdom. Let our delight in the caress of a loved one whose gender is like be a source of magick & wisdom!

To be carried into the Universe on the wings of the Mother is a joy I share with my lover, whether our union follows ritual or follows impulse. It is no less magnificent nor spiritual because we are men; it would be no less were we both women. Our pleasure is also sacred to the Goddess, & for all of us, those unions are creative. Our sexual joys are magick, & we are all special.

Now, we need response from you. Have you insights to share? Wisdom with which to help? Write & share! Blessed Be!

-Paul

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A Fairy Tale

I stared into the silver flame
Over and over I chanted her name.
I felt my spirit lift and take flight
And wonder into the darkened night.
I stopped a fairy along the way
And this is what she had to say;
"Child of the Goddess, where do you head?
You should be home and in your bed."
"Oh, by fairy, I long to see
What mysteries the world hides from me."
A smile appeared upon her face
She said, "Child, take it at an even pace.
You can't learn, all in one night, about
The mysteries of her silver light."
"But, good fairy, don't you know
About all the things she has to show?"
"Oh, dear child, you can learn, day by day.
Surely you know that is her way."
"Please good fairy, let me be,
There are so many things I long to see.
Daybreak will soon be near at hand
Then I will have to leave this wonderland."
"All right child, and Blessed Be,
I hope you find what you want to see."
And she flew with a smile on her face
To leave me wonder in this beautiful place.
To discover the things that hold true in my heart,
Until daybreak comes and evening does part.
I stopped and thought about the things she said,
Yes, these things ran through my head.
She said these things to make me see
That the Goddess will come if I wait patiently.
When I'm ready I will know
All the mysteries she has to show.
So I flew back home (in my head)
Ended my circle, and went to bed!!!

- Bobbi

Dear humans,

Busy, busy, busy.... Paul said I took too long a holiday to the East Coast, now I find I'm busy. I've been helping out at The Rowan Tree of late. Like Pagan-Craft-Metaphysical Centers throughout the country, this Yule '80 has meant growing, learning, change. I even had to cancel a date the other night. And on top of it all, Prairie wrote us about her new "very graceful, tall, elegant unicorness, with ruby eyes and shades from white to silver, with moon circles on her lower body.... A fondness for rainbows and dancing light beams." What can I say? My uniheart went flip. Aradia - I hope to come and visit, soon. I snuck into The Rowan Tree's Yule open house, drank too much cider, but had a joyous time. Well, I'd best hoof it and lend them a hand. Love and unikisses to all...

- Andrius

Greetings and Salutations, Unicorn Readers!

I am Artemis, from the Office of Astral Administration and Auditing. I've recently been assigned to The Rowan Tree Center here in Minneapolis to assist in the growth of its goodness.

Andrius, Paul, Dirk, Candra and all the rest deserve acclamation for their work here. Their efforts have provided the beginnings of a fine and lasting centre that can only get better.

Dirk's dealings on the physical plane, specifically beginning a new job, have him too busy for his contributions to The Unicorn this issue. We have strong hopes he'll be working with us again by the Spring Equinox.

Gold stars around and Blessed Be's abound - Artemis

p.s. Wishes for a creative Candlemas....

The Unicorn Rambles

We now have hanging upon our wall the most beautiful tarot card, sent all the way from Uranus by The Gypsy Woman. Incredible and breathtaking! Thank you from our Soul!... Hellos and Merry Meets to our new subscribers in Australia and England... Speechless over a new Unicorn carving from Rik. It is already one of our dearest treasures, and it is an honoured tool in our temple. May you share in the love of our work!!!... Love to Jeanne and Richard and maybe we will see you in May... for Yule cards we particularly think the [pentagram13's] [star13's], Kienan, Cyne and the whole family.; Peggy, Ellen, Tom, Jad, Mahe, Karen, Leesa, Michael, Gordon, Sylvia, Dwydd, Rus and Seanara, Marsha, Tanya, Scooo, Unicorn Haven the Flanigans, Joyce, Chris and Val, Mickey and Bryn, Charlene, Megan and Sean, Karyn, and all others We love you... Our friend Terry (the Wizzard) has a new catalogue available of herbs, spices, books, candles, soaps, ... "all good Life stuff for Earth children and star light. Send 50¢ to the Wizzard c/o Esoterica, 4018 Douglas Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich. 49007... Andrius sends love to Stasia - one of The Unicorn's younger readers - for the neat fan letter she wrote him.... Tanya - [Pluto] is Pluto, and the "laws of the traditional herbalist" come directly out of a handwritten herbal grimoire. Write again soon!... Breakfast with Gordon Melton, the morning after he was part of panel discussion on "cults" televised by WCCO-TV in Mpls. Thank the Goddess for his clear-minded sanity ... Dear friends Rick and Patricia were here to share friendship, love, and a full moon. We already miss them!... Dear Bobby (and Para) we were unable to fit all of your letter in - can Para write a shorter version?

Northern lights and ancient gnomes

Winter wise dreams of white buffalos
And bulls beat out rhythms of
"Return to the Earth - Womb of our Mother
Shield before birth"
- Wizzard

Notes from an herbal

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

Venus

Herbs ruled by Venus are excellent for keeping pleasure and joy in our lives. They open one's heart to the magnetism of the love that flows throughout the heavens. They open our inner vision to seeing love and beauty in all things, and allow us to open up love and beauty in ourselves. Using Venusian herbs in our rituals and meditations will assist in gaining the wisdom of the herbal deities, and a better knowledge of the God and Goddess. Venus represents Atma - that goodness which is the universal divine love.

Some of these herbs are:

Alder Apple blossom blackberry burdock columbines colt's foot daffodils daisies feverfew goldenrod hollyhocks lentils marshmallow mints mugwort orchids peppermint peach pennyroyal periwinkle plums primrose raspberry red roses rose geranium strawberries sycamore tansy thyme verbena violets yarrow

The eighth law of the traditional herbalist

And so he practices conservation in all that he does:

Never taking more than is to be used;

Never taking anything without something being left behind;

Rewarding the earth with a gift or blessing.

"In Russian tradition the Unicorn is called sometimes 'Indric' (perhaps derived from 'Indra'). He is a very kind and devout being, but so powerful that he cannot venture beyond his home in the Holy Mountains. If he did, the Earth would collapse under his weight. Because of his immense power, the Unicorn-Indric had to give up the kingship of beasts to the lion. The ballad says the lion 'has a curly tail' however - which means that the lion is descended from the Unicorn who is the father of all animals. Also, he protects the land from drought by digging water-tunnels under the earth. He has children, which he raises in a spirit of goodness and kindness, just like himself..."

- Rus, of Arcane Crafts

To Michael Orion

Dream, my son, of Unicorns

Michael, dream of me ...
And safely you will pass the night
And ever blessed be!
- Andrius

The laughter of the fireborn
Scorches the sky
With starry secrets
Gleaming silver points
In the deep night of us all
Singing lava songs
Learned at the breast
Of the oldest stones -
Dancing in the swirling
Flames of the heart
The roots of the fire
Go deeper down
Far below
What we know...
- Prairie [Jackson]

This beautiful drawing of a hatching Unicorn comes from one of new readers, Michelle, who lives in Surrey, England...

A Wish

If I could make a wish - just one
For people great and small,
My wish would be for harmony
And love - to one and all.

Creation of a peace of mind,
To live life full and free
A joy be found in simple things,
That ancient truths to see.

For life is sometimes full of pain,
And sorrow shares our time,
But always there is hope for change,
Things may just turn out fine.

The human soul is made to love -
And this will ever be.
So once again I wish for all

Peace, joy, love - harmony.

- Joyce Baker

Emerald leaves

Turning

Twisting

Every breeze exposing

New colours

New shapes

Dazeling my eyes

So much beauty

In the trees

Life

Dancing 'neath the branches

Ancient Pagan rhythms

Moving

Pulsating

Pounding

Bare feet turning the ground

Arms waving above my head

Hips swaying with the breeze

Finally

I become one

With the trees

Earth Mother

Wisest of all

Keeper of the secret wisdom

Whose song

Is the song

Of the evening star

Move with me

In time

I become one

With the Goddess

And she is within

Life

Branches dance

Feet pound

Arms wave

Heart beat

Life surges

All is one
And
One is the tree
- Marsha Smith Newsome

“My lief Andrius,
I have been involved, as you know, with other Bestes and a few mortals in preparing a book about all types of ‘mythological’ Bestes currently residing in North America. Mortals, on a whole, are becoming increasingly interested in magickal Bestes. We believe it is the obligation of all who are concerned to send in pertinent information about their own kind. We are seeking information on everything from brief anecdotes to serious events in the lives of the Bestes. Their philosophies, ways of life, things they teach their young... or whatefre. Afore they send in any correspondence, they must understand that there can be no remuneration for their contributions. Howefre, if there material is used, the Bestes will be thanked by name in a list of credits; or in the case of substantial amounts of information, they may be listed as an official representative of their own kind. Any who so wish to make contributions may address their correspondence to me. [c/o The Unicorn]
In efrelasting friendship
Kienan...”

Moon in Solstice night
Reflecting northern light
Woman in the Day
Holy magic slay
Old season

Cold upon the air
Winter’s Solstice snare
Woman in the morn
Never to be shorn
Old cycle

Winter Solstice dreams
In holy winter means
That womon in the night
Shall once again have might
New world

Solstice in the heart
Truly shant depart
For we shall not forget
Our holy womon’s debt
World to come

Selkies

The seas around Orkney and Shetland harbor the shy Selkies or Seal-Faeries (known as the Roane in Ireland) A female selkie is able to discard her seal skin and come ashore as a beautiful maiden. If a human can capture their skin the selkie can be forced to become a fine, if wistful, wife. However, should she ever find her skin, she immediately returns to the sea, leaving the husband to pine and die. The males raise storms and upturn boats to avenge the indiscriminate slaughter of seals.

- Liz Fisher

Candlemas - She is now recovered from the Sun God's birth... celebrate with lots of candles, for the miracle of life and renewal is upon us. On this Sabbat let us initiate new beginnings...

This joyous letter from a friend who travels as a rainbow:

"I took a nice relaxing trip to Unicorn Valley - ... as a rainbow it's great to observe all the grace and splendor - humor and lightheartedness!" She goes on to talk of the joking between the unicorns, reindeer and Santa, who "started off all alone as the Old Hermit in the Tarot cards of the ancients ... so thin, but [he] carried that little bitty light of the Baby Sun for all to see ... the wisdom of the promise of the Light reborn." Later in the experience a very stately unicorn began to speak; "the northern lights are not visible to so many human eyes, but those that do see them are viewing our astral Valley of the Unicorns... Our laughter, our glee, bright bursting sparkles of happiness and joy ... the ones who have a glance of the mystique of us unicorns and our Valley..." This came from Demeter of Ye Full Moon Wicca, 366 Neighborhood Rd, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951, who writes us letters that sparkle with magick!

Bev and Bob wish to share this poem written on the birth of Aileen Maeve:

"Out of the night sky
Rides the magnificent beast
With one horn
Who comes to proclaim
The birth of a Goddess
Who is pure and beautiful
And beloved of man
And his woman."

- Norm and Karen

May our Lady of Sweet Dreams bless and keep this magickal child of a horse.

The Tarot

The High Priestess by Prairie Jackson

Note that the imagery is becoming more 'neopagan' than purely 'unicornian', but I think it's apt. to include all creatures and orient it for humans and the enjoyment of whatever creatures spirits peeking over our shoulders! Ardaida. [Prairie's Unicorn] sends Andrius astral chimings - she says she wants to tell about another ancient unicorn tome on tarot mysteries - it's called: The

Spiral Path: A unicorn's way of knowledge... she adds a note on the Magician [printed last Hallows] "you'll note that the main theme and teaching of this card deals with his position as being between worlds and connecting all realities, as does the unicorn, whose path of perfection and unity the magician also shares..." Prairie

Note that the feet of the High Priestess are the earth, as she grows in beauty as the trees, reaching ever-upwards to spiritual fulfillment. The path of the Goddess, with the unicorn, ever present to Her love.

Want to thank Prairie for her Tarot of unicorns? Or to encourage her to publish such a glorious deck. Write her: Prairie Jackson, #2 - 3006 Beauchamp, Houston, Tx. 77009

Magick Circles Dream

Visions of your loveliness reflect before my eyes,
O Goddess Lady,
Candle flame casting shadows darksome and shady.
Incense smoke rising swiftly beneath thy ardent beam,
Lends the potent power from raging Hecate's team,
Thy lunar essence upon thy worshippers does gleam,
While surrounding us a thousand silver stars stream.
I feel your kisses, embracing pure,
White fire scourging me bound in thy sight,
Within the Magick Circle dreamly so bright.
When it is over I know no dream was this,
But another world where no mortals lightly go,
I long for its taste and its memories miss
- Gwyn [tri-star]

Inner Alchemy

Bubbles and froths
And the tip of the jewel
Appears thru the
Protective mist
Memories of the mountain island
Of the desert -
Look high above you,
An eagle alights
From pinnacle
And scopes the desert canyon.
Meditate on boulder of ancient rock,
Mother father Sun
Fills my heart, and every molecule
About me radiates that endless
Love
Transmute, transmute!
(a lizard does push-ups)

Beside me...)
- Da'oud

61 working circles in 19 states are sending loving energy to Loy and Louise Stone. They need love and support through the duration of their trial. Send postcards of love to: Loy and Louise Stone, P.O. Box 69, Dimmit, Tx. 79027. If you're interested in helping send energy, write: Phoenix Ford, P.O. Box 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245. Let us all share in this Work!!

The community of Madrakara, Box 82, Occidental, Calif., 95465, is beginning an apprenticeship program in May. It will include such things as t'ai chi, dowsing, the ocean, a hot tub, healing, campfires, and "whatever spontaneous joy we generate together." Sounds like an incredible way to spend either a vacation or longer. Danaan.... Andrius wants to know if your program accepts unicorns... he's primarily interested in the hot tub.

Read -
The Sacred Stones Trilogy by Mayra Caldecott pub. Popular Library (paperback, \$1.95 ea. volume)
The Sea Priestess and Moon Magic by Dion Fortune, pub. Weiser (paperback ea \$4.95)

"The door of death is life,
And the door of life is death,
Both framed by the eternal wings of spirit..."
- Aradia

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The first issue of Crossroads arrived from the Athanor Fellowship, P.O. Box 464, Allston, Mass., 02134. This joyous publication will greet us for the equinoxes and solstices; is \$2.00 per issue, but if you are smart and order a full year's subscription, the cost is \$6.00. Book reviews; well-written, thought provoking articles; pages of beautiful poetry and songs; illustrations, rituals; pages of happiness. Even a page devoted to the "Society for the Preservations of the Unicorn," (Andrius said 'All unicorns are well-preserved') We are happy to encourage all of you to at least order the first issue - or better, a year's subscription. Lots of luck to all our friends of the Athanor Fellowship!

Special thanks to K.A.M. newsletter (P.O. Box 34464, Bethesda, MD. 20034, for very generously publishing the addresses of many newsletters for all their readers....

We received a complimentary issue of the cooperative newspaper, Spectrum, c/o 2105 Autumn Lane, Tallahassee, Florida, 32304. For those into New Age activities, alternative approaches to energy and politics, it's wonderful to see good Pagan articles in such a format. An incredible price: \$5.00 for 10 issues.

Acorn, dealers in the Occult, can be contacted by mail at Box 4141 Stn. B., Hamilton. Ontario, Canada. They intend to begin the publication of a newsletter, to be called "The Gryphon" and offer a selection of books, grimoires, books of invocations, etc. We have only seen the catalogue. Which we enjoyed. Do write for information.

"Arcane Crafts will be moving soon. New Address will be: Arcane Crafts, P.O. Box 383, Mastic Beach, N.Y., 11951 (after the first of March) but if anyone writes to us at the old address, the P.O. Box should forward (with the help of the Goddess, and a good prod of the God's horns.)"

- Rus

(Write Arcane Crafts for their incredible catalogue. Until March 1: 181 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217.)

Attention! We inadvertently listed Harry and Jeanne's old address when we wrote about the "Blue Moon" in the last issue. So, write to them at the "Blue Moon" 561 West Crange St., Lancaster, Pa. 17603. Word has it they offer all sorts of magickal t-shirts.

"Just finished reading Starhawk's The spiral dance. This may sound unbelievable, but I like it better than Drawing down the moon. Starhawk has written a great book! It is extremely informative and easy to read; it's got a lot of really good concentration, visualization, etc. exercises in it that I use all the time now. I just love it."

- Joyce Baker

Ancient mirrors of womanhood, Vol. I, by Merlin Stone, New Sibylline Books, Box 266, New York, N.Y. 10014, \$5.50; this book has a great deal of mythology for womyn, men, and all Goddess worshippers. Vol. I covers the Goddess images from China, the Celtic tradition of the Isles, Middle and South America, the Middle East, Africa, Australia and related islands. It is

especially important for people looking for information about the origins of traditions. It is completely clear, concise, and utterly delightful from cover to cover! Highly recommended reading!!

- The Lady

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A magical supplement for gays

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

Dear Friends,

The Extra pages have gained a wider readership than anticipated. We hope, in this section, set aside for those of us who are doubly special to the Goddess (for who but us truly recognizes the polarities of feminine and masculine, having learning it of the self), for we have all had to cope with the same problems. It makes no difference what label we fall under, for it remains.

We know the dilemma of meeting a new and exciting ‘someone special’, and then, three months (two weeks, whatever) into the forming of a relationship, we discover our Pagan beliefs are not acceptable. Oh, they might not differ, nor object, but too rarely does the Pagan discover that the new partner take joy in our pursuit of knowledge, nor understand why we feel joy in hours of

reading, studying; why we need time alone to do ritual and meditate; why our lifestyles are more than bars and baths.... What then?

First, recognize that this is not a singular problem. What we can do to understand is to share experiences, to share the wisdom we have gained. As editor, I would like to ask all readers to share and contribute, so that the magick of communication help all of us. How have you coped with this situation - How did it make you feel - Has it changed your attitude towards your religion tradition, etc.?

Other questions I would like to explore with you include such things as: Are magickal people better sexual partners, and does this create problems? Is it difficult for the homosexual man or lesbian woman to be comfortable with heterosexual Pagans? Some say more - some say less. There are many situations that only we understand.

I personally feel that my homosexuality has been an incredible asset in developing myself for the priesthood priestesshood. As I call upon the Goddess, as I call upon the God, both are mine, for I spent all my early years trying to sort out the dichotomy of being both masculine and feminine and in learning the deep sense of peace, the perfect balance of both polarities, and finding within the Pagan religions a sense of being at home, I find now a personal desire to help all share in our personal paths of growth and wisdom. Let our delight in the caress of a loved one whose gender is like be a source of magick and wisdom!

To be carried into the Universe on the wings of the Mother is a joy I share with my lover, whether our union follows ritual or follows impulse. It is no less magnificent nor spiritual because we are men; it would be no less if we were both women. Our pleasure is also sacred to the Goddess, and for all of us, those unions are creative. Our sexual joys are magick, and we are all special.

Now, we need response from you. Have you insights to share? Wisdom with which to help? Write and share! Blessed Be!

- Paul

Our love is a timeless wonder.

In your smile

Are bubbles of laughter

And the joy of flight.

When I take you in my arms

I am at one with many things,

And in the caress of our lips,

We reunite our love,

Born through many centuries

And many lives....

I take delight in you.

- Twinkle

Ted Byers writes that he is seeking information for "a gay resource directory for Pagans and Wiccans." Ted is seeking names and addresses, gay men and women seeking contact, organizations, etc. Also suggestions. Contact him c/o Studio One, 534 Cleveland Ave N., Canton, Ohio, 44702.

“The only chapter in Margot’s book Drawing down the moon that really made me think was the chapter on feminism and the Craft. It caused me to have to rethink my own feelings on feminism. But I still get put out by the inference that just because I’m a man my contact with the Goddess and the Craft must necessarily be less “pure” or complete than a woman’s. But the book made me face a lot of unresolved feelings in myself. So now I have to work at resolving them. But the one thing I refuse to do is use wimmin, womyn, etc. in place of the word “woman.” I refuse to believe that there is anything inherently wrong in the three letters M A N. I’m just as proud of my own sex as these feminists are of their own. It seems to me that the great Gods were showing some kind of higher wisdom when they made it necessary for there to be two to bring through a child, either magickal or actual...”

- Michael, The Order of Ganymede

The holy book of womyn’s mysteries part I by Z Budapest (Susan B. Anthony Coven No. 1, Member C.O.G., Box 142121, Los Angeles, Calif., 90042). For those of us who heralded The feminist book of lights and shadows, it is somewhat of an empty feeling to read The holy book of womyn’s mysteries. The only new part of this book is chapters 13-16. I realize that Z is gathering her old and combining it with her new to form a complete volume of womyn’s mysteries. That’s why I feel it is important not to judge until part two comes out. For those womyn who are not prejudiced by reading Lights and shadows first, this is an excellent beginning book.

- The Lady

Mother, Father, Sister, Brother
Lover more than any other
Dance about a candle burning
Goddess granted same sex yearning
Man and woman, woman manly
Source of shame in earthly family
You’re no threat to Pagan treasure
Dance and chant in Pagan pleasure.

- Cassidy

Contact with another Gay Pagan group: “At the present time our central interest is building a brotherhood of gay men in Los Angeles area who share our interests....” This comes from a Hellenic group: Sigma Nu Psi, P.O. Box 9178, Glendale, Ca. 91206. “We will answer sincere letters if you have questions...”

Love is like the cloud
It has no fixed range
It is never lost
No matter its shape
Or name
Its home is everywhere

For love is never lost...

- Prairie