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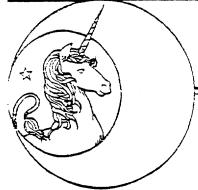
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SPRING EQUINOX

A PUBLICATION OF the ROWAN TREE

What is the power of his horn? And the burning beauty we see? What is it about the Unicorn That shows itself to me?

In days of old (when knights were bold) The meadows were his home. But hunters fair on horseback Caused him to Roam.

The mountains hid the single horned prince As he built his kingdom there But where has he gone since? Can anyone tell me where?

In modern days, it often seems That men no longer care But Unicorns appear in dreams To those who seek him there. 5till

What is the power of his horn? And the burning beauty we see? What is it about the Unicoen That shows itself to me?

- Nancy Mc Gulky

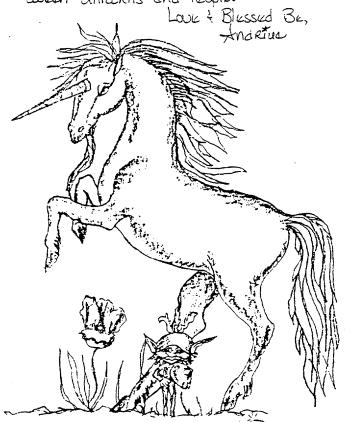
Dear friends,

Another issue of the Unicoen.... today is warm and sunny, and Spring is beginning her song. Unicoens celebrate Spring by casting testive Circles: hyacinth cakes, snow drop nectae, songs sung by butterfly chorales as we raise a spiral horn a power to celebrate rebirth. Our alter candles are made of wax given by Lady Eln, the high priestell at a hive near Neugracin, where we will meet in glee this Equinox. All Unicorns are invited, for this wear we have some special activities: special flights will be available for little colts & fillies, to take them up to explore the Mars-Jupiter

conjunct, followed by games of starcatch ; Racks. Dragiound are invited, and anyone at all may attend. The delk i circles of New-Gracin have been newly heathered, and the weather committee promises a sunset to watch that is said to move hearts.

HERE in Minneapolis were slower at the weather, but it's beautiful. The seeds are sown, and our projects will now grow in fullness for the laker harvest. We watched the last full moon in thiplicity with the conjunct, & telt deep stirrings of change and growth within the Earth. Dhud the Silver Reports that the conjunct can be seen from as fare as Eretia II, & pleased its rulers. (DIVd plans to see us all for the Equinox Ritual.

Set your altars with flowers. Plantsuck of love & beauty; plant dreams & magick. Allow them to grow to full, and this year will be one of greater understanding between Unicorns and People.



The Unicorn Rambles

Our portess-friend Joyce Baker has been cancing-o good idea for all of us- to awaken inner energies, to free us up for dancing in the Circle. She also suggest "C'c" (chamomile & confrey) daily, a has remained in sparkling health. She is at work on a new newsletter which we will soon have more news of. It sounds delightful!! * Do you like to barter? Ellen Cannon is the editor of a new newsletter devoted to the barter system. It's very exciting, & sounds wonderful. Write: The Barter Sustem, P.O. Box 9513, N. Holly wood, Calif. 91609 & Andrius sends his love & a severt dream-rift to Liu-Shien & Congrest to Nancy, who is now creating her own rituals. Andrius sous that he helped proof Read the Lore of the Unicorn which she recommends. * Boobi E. Love of the Unicorn which she Rucommends. * Bobbi E. wrote about her white Unicorn friend, "Wiccian" who magickally (of course) turns silver to honor the full moon. * Andrius wishes to thank Faunin for the med, although it went to his head, * he komped and claud in the snow for two hours, then napped for two more... Faynim - tell Phoenix that nearly All the poetry in The Unicorn comes from Readers. * Selene wrote about her visit to England - Glastonbury, Stonehenge; psychic experiences in Ireland - yet nary a word about any Unicorns. Andrius is very concerned!! * "One thing I've learned is that although we may not be able to Lore of the Unicorn Which she Recommends. * Bobbi E. me united Commist Commistation Reading & Stankhange; psychic experiences in Ireland - yet narg a word about any Unicorns. Andetus is very concerned!! + "One thing I've learned is that although we may not be able to see the Unicorn at times, its presence of power is beauty are given to us through the symbol of the unicorn." - Nancy + The Waynesville Pagan Temple has, as many other groups, gone in supported directions to sow seeds of magitx for spoing. Special love to lacely David for all his work, from Andelus + "I have finally decided to come out in the open..." I gets lonely preactising the Craft by yourself all of the time" - Kawe Beiswanger, Box 441, 3400 No. Marghand Ave., Millicauker, Wisc. \$3211. * Meelinthank uou for the beautiful card!! + Ishtar-I'm sorry Raynim! I left you behind. I guess I oet, silly when we're of kainbow silding * Andriud. * Hey check your back issues for his addeess i please write to Bobby Lee * Hello to Angul? * Katu, * belated Unikisses * Unihugs for their bimer. advis. * Sandra writus of KHT2 97 FM of L.A. Calf. Goozoo; Don't Know, if its still going or, but who cares if its fun * Hello in the mail, notice of a club called "Unicorns Unanimus," 366 N. La Cienega Blud., L.A. Calif. 90020; Bon't Know, if its still going or, but who cares if its fun * Hello in the mail, notice of a club called "Unicorns Unanimus," 366 N. La Cienega Blud., L.A. Calif. 90048, which also in the mail, notice of a club called "Unicorns Unanimus," 366 N. La Cienega Brid., that he will soon be free; of to shape in her beauty. And etus sends him lots of love to Karen Alexander * Jim Thomas says that someone in Louisiana owes him a letter... * Also in the mail, notice of a club called "Unicorns Unanimus," 366 N.YC; to John & Donna; to Syivia Lucinda; to Shape in her beauty. And etus sends him lots of love to Research from "Wierfd beard" * Hellos to love is Blessed Bers. † To Jim I we send our to see a letter; to Jake at Eric of Seattle; to Shape it be Nove of Seattle; to Shape it be Nove of Lucinda; to Philip

Hotes from an Herbal

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

MARS

ticeles of Mars may help to stimulate the manifestation of action within the physical planes. Martial herbs may aid in stopping the inaction that hinders comfortable survival. These herbs may be used to aid a sense of achieving, to give one a strength of ourpose that is independent, spontaneous, capable. They can also be used to stimulate spiritual development fereing the determination of the inner self to follow the fath to the Work. An elixer useful in magicial evocation would include herbs of Mars of, of Mercury 2, i of the Moon D.

anemone
aloes
basil hawth
broom honey
blessed thistle hops
chives junipe
cumin leeks
daffodils (yellow) laurel
flax
qaelic lupines

hawthern honeysuckle hops juniper leaks laurel loosestrife lupines mustard male fern nettles onion
puppers
pap Rika
kadish
Rhubarb
tarragon
tobacco
wormwood

Ninth Law of the traditional Herbalist

Because he follows the Universal Laws of Conservation, the Traditional Herbalist will never bring harm to plant, person nor to air, nor to earth & water, and will stir the fires of creation only to work good.



an aradian pegacornius.

woman made

I walk along the Forest path,
My eyes in wonder grow,
For all these things existing here
I have been led to know.

The beauty of a flower. The wonder of a tree All of these great gifts of love You present to me.

On grass so pure and soft I tread, Green silk beneath my feet. The Sun smiles on my nudity And warms me with His heat.

My heart burns bright for creatures small

The Rabbit, squiRER, and WREN. My smile Reflects the total jay Of coming home again.

The beauty takes my breath away Carried by the Wind, to You, Goddess behold my wonder of this world -

Woman-made by You.

- Joyce L. Baker

song of Pan

Neath the Moonlight, under Sun, Circle Fround when work is done! Cloven hooves upon the night, Let my Maaick bless your rite!

In the woodland, through the glade, With the hope of promise made, Share the laughter, this you must: Learn of joy, of love & trust;

Hear my music, hear my tune, Listen to the song of Moon The song of Sun, of fun & mirth, Heed my call, for I am Earth.

I am Pan, the Woodland Song, Dance my phythms all night long. Join me as my pipes I play, Chanting all your cares away! Lady Phiannon

with

Elwyn and Moonbeam

are proud to share

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Pray, give report-Who's holding court?

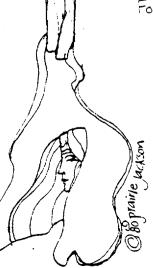
What once had laid still Wakes from under hill.

Ancient beings test their Powers Mortals, don't just watch them flower!

While the World turns over Don't go picking clover.

Torpidity you must not allow For peace won't be able to follow. -Gwyr

> (poem in form of dragoun-riddle from a favorite dragoun friend)

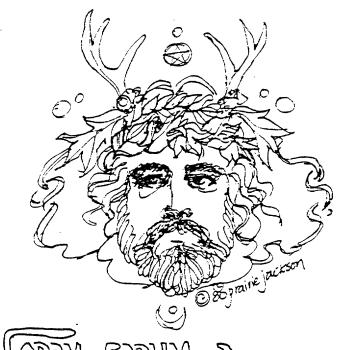


"Live side by side in the magickal lands where pine groves can be found. A fear tul takkie on the chase will run between the Unicorn's legs to be sure he will not be seen! Yet never has it been said, that a facelie or 'were folk' been stepped woon by its large yet graceful companion, the Unicorn."

- A story from Puck, the Unicorn & Oberon, the tackie



we're decams golden arrows together we'd fly across the centuries far beyond the sky for the bright glow of our knowing becomes the flame that teeds love, tor we are the mystery always for we are the shining dreams of the stars + moon above so sing of the secrets forever of the heavens on Earth in our hearts -aradiam:



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Hello My Friends,
Yes, facens, Witches, Wizards and mere-humans. You are now wondering who I am ... well let me now begin to enlighten you on "who" or "what" I am!
Since the beginning of time I've been here. As our most wonderful God i Goddess created me along with the rest of you... yes, I know, I know, but do give me a chance to explain why you are unable to see me as you would see an apple.

Andrius i I have spoken on this subject many times ... no, I am not a Unicorn, but then I could be if you will allow your mind to travel into the wiscon world.

Children Know me very well as I am their best

Children know me very well as I am their best friend! Let me explain. Have you ever noticed a child talking is something ar someone and "you" are unable to see who or what is there?

are unable to see who or what is there?

Are unable to see who or what is there?

Well then, we've just met.

I'm a dream, thought, image fantasy, or whatever you wish to call me... but I am very real, as I live in the unseen world. Only those who believe that I am real are granted the oleasure of seeing me each a every day.

As a child grows older he or sne is told by many adults that I do not exist. And when this happens I then lose another friend. But thanks to those of the Craft I still live and as each day goes by I become stronger and more real.

My name (yes I have one) is strange to you of the sten world but to those who are with me it is a most brautiful name.

Please call me farat.

To those of you who are unfamiliar with my name in English it means beyond.

I'm sorry to leave so soon, but a friend is calling me so I must answer them... see you soon!

May the God and Goddess grant you your every wish and smile upon' you each i everyday.

Love! Blessed Be

Bu Para *

"I'd like to see more direct feedback from readers... more letters, more poems and more graphics... I want the 'occult' made more accessible although some of the Mysteries can never be revealed verbally... I think we need a balance of Acreating your own tradition Dsearching: Re-examining magickal roots for the essence, the truth is vitality that've been overlaid by centuries of ignorance, distortion is repression...

Consciousness-Raising among witches? sharing stories, the truth of our lives with one another... how we deal with being pagens-with family, job-what is the experience of the pay witches - the double minority?

Euritings from the Unicorns within us..."

- Frairie Jackson

THE TAROFF A

This tarot column will be written by one of Andrius' most special friends, Aradia, a lovely Regacorn who is known to put sparkles in Andrius' heart:

The Great Mother; this state of being is ruled by Yenus and is the wellspring of all fertility goddesses, ancient; new. She is the Doorway to Manifestation; there is nothing born nor created that does not pass through her on its way to manifestation - all physical forms, all mental forms. It is from her vast being that all Light & Shadow Emanates. She is the eternal weaver, creator-first containing and then revealing: opening outward and up, as do the trees, grasses and flowers that are her special symbols. To the Unicorns, she is also the Gate of Dreams, and she spins eternally, dreaming the Great Dream that contains us... pay attention to the fact that the Great Mother and the Gate of DREAMS are linked to the World Treespiritual dreams bear truit in the physical plane. colors emanating are golden yellow, green hues, and azure blue.



FOR those who have been following the developing "Forst of the Unicorns" by friend Prairie. Every so often we will print an extra, special page with six or so "cards" on it, so you can construct, cut ? paste, your own deck. We have this will thrill those who have been enjoying this column.

my friend

I have a secret friend, you see, Wherever I go he travels with me. He's heipful, happy, cheerful it gay, he's by my side both night and day. His body is covered with fur of white. No one can see him, not even at night. His wings are colored silver-blue, The most magnificent creature I ever knew! He has a horn on the top of his head. He can change colors, yes, even turn red! The Goddess sent him when I was born. Who else?? My friend Bobbi D

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A contest for the Beltane issue. A one year's subscription will be awarded the best original Beltane poem. Write it new, don't dig out an old one! Also-a one year's subscription for the best drawing with a Beltane theme-in black white, no larger than 4x4" (Prairie is incligible, so all you artists get busy!) We'd really be pleased to see reader particl patron!! Runners-up may have their work included.

dreams

I decamed last night of wonderful things of elves that fly with gossamer wings of unicorns standing stately and proud of a harpy screeching long and loud.

I dreamed last night of legends of old of fickle Pan blowing his pipes of gold of griffins nesting on mountainous rocks of fairies combing their flowing locks.

I dreamed last night of tales come true of mermaids gliding in oceans blue of centaurs frolicking in the spring of Pegasus soaring with mighty wings.

I decamed last night of love so free coming from God to thee and me but then I awake once more to find my soul had left it all behind.

-Karen E. Hillje

happevings ~

A meditation retreat will be held in central Texas. Sponsored by a knowp of Wiccans who came together to help the Stones, it promises to be a fine time. To be located in a rural, rustic setting; bring your tents - it's a camp-out! Cost is cheap 15100/couple, 1100/single) if you register by May 15th. Write "Nexus," Box 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245.

If you haven't heard, Loy Stone was acquitted in the trial in Dimmit, Texas. The work is not yet done, and Phoenix asks that you help. Write her: Box 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245

The House of Ravenwood announced the Second Annual Southern Psychic Seminar, to be held May 9-11 at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta. Ar interesting program is scheduled, listing amona the speakers Raymond Buckland, Laurie Calot, 4 others. For a brochure, write Ravenwood Church & Seminary of Wicca, 522 Moreland Ave, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, 30307.

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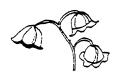
Earth Notes, the Journal of the Earth Church of Amargi, is the name of a new newsletter which coincides with E.C.A.'s first anniversary. The newsletter will be published 12 times a year, is asking a donation of one dollar per issue. The first issue had an excellent article on the term Sabbat (did you know SA-BAT means heart rest?) that we feel all who share in Sabbats ought read. Write the Earth Church of Amargi at 11345 Prospect Dr., Bridgeton, Mo. 63044.

The newsletter, "Unicorn Gardens" is now available to the general public, and is offered on a membership basis. Cost is "700 per year. The caretaker of the garden is Lady Phoenix, who did such excellent work in organising Healing Circles of energy which helped Loy ? Louise Stone. Write for information: Unicorn Gardens, P.O. Box 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245.

Circle Network News' announces that their newsletter will be changing its format. Part of the change involves going to regular publication (quarterly), and now having a subscription (\$500/yr. U.S.; \$600/yr. Canada; \$700/yr U.S. funds elsewhere.) Write: Circle. Box 90.15, Madison, Wisc., 53715

The Folk' is a new newsletter for the "eclectic folk pagan community." Their address is 14808 E. Fairgrove five., Valinda, Calif., 91744. Nice, friendly, and really giving off pleasant energies. They also sent the most delightful catalogue: "Earth Mother's Natural Products," a fun filled book of clothing for people like us, comfortable, beautiful, and perfect for our lifestyles: Robes, clothes for daily wase, etc. Nicely illustrated, we wish to say-it's about time. Thank you!

books ~



Wart books by mail? A large selection of books are available from: Dr. Leo Louis Maetello, Hero Press, Suite 1B, 153 W. 80 St., N.Y., N.Y., 10024. Write for free orice list.

Just published: Marion Weinstein's <u>Earth</u>

<u>Magic</u>, <u>A Dianic Book of Shadows</u>... "A complete personal witch's workbook, including
Deity Allignments, chants, blessings, spells,
individual and group work." Sounds real
good, for almost all of us have read here
last book, <u>Psitive Magic</u>, and found it full
of valuable. Information can be had by
writing: Earth Magic Productions, P.O. Box
1202, FDR Sta, N.Y., 10022

Viking Hoaxes in North America is a tine, thorough book written by one of our subscribers, Jeffrey R. Redmond. If you want to understand the Viking influence in N. Am., this is a valuable book. Tell shows us that many of the 'artifacts' previously thought Real, are, in fact, frauds. Jeff has done a worthy job, tor he does believe the Vikings came here, but he is seeking honesty. If you're not intimidated by a scholarly book, f seek an understanding of Norse pagan origins, you can order a copy direct from Jeff: Jeffrey R. Recimond, 1664 W. Tyrie Drive, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, N7V-3P7. Enclose \$500 & ask him to autograph your copy!

Nine Apples: A Neopagan Anthology is now available from Articmisia freess for \$4.35 (incl. postage); PO Box 6423, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80.934. Divided by the four seasons, this book is full of poetry, much written by oppie we all know and love. It is a wonderful example of the creativity that flows out of a people when they open up the God/Goddess within, and is joyous to read, to see how we are growing as a religious movement, creating our own literature. This is an anthology of poetry as it is being created now, and definitely belongs in all Pagan libraries.

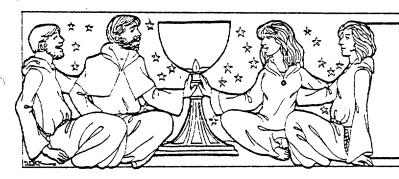
A Priestess book, The Book of Emmeretiae, will soon be available in limited edition from Acorn. The book was written in 1875 by a Catted Priestess, and is based largely on the text of a Fifteenth Century Priestess. For more information write: Acorn, Box 4141, Stn. D. Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 18V-415.

merchandice ~

Coven Gardens, Box 1064, Boulder, Colo., 80302 sent us a supplement catalogue of new scents. It is a most extensive listing of Ritual oils, salts, crystals ? incense. Also includes candles, herbs, etc.

Witch's Runesticks are available from Unicorn Circle. We haven't seen any, so will just share the address: Unicorn Circle, Box 45061, Dallas, Tx., 75245. Cost is \$450 per set of 12.

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

Dear triends,

The persponse to the questions posed in the last issue of the Extra Pagus was that of resounding silence. But since the mail has been alot of letters about relationships, I'll pp on from those,

These from alit of day men who express a desire for a lover. I think that particularly for magical people, finding a relation-ship takes on extra dimensions; and we're already dealing with the homosexual factor.

First-most of us are more sensitive, more aware, more intense. face it-we are different. People who live tagan lifestyles, lwhat is a tagan lifestyle?) Accept this-know beforehand that you'll not likely find some one "different" as you in places where only are people who are uncomfortable by noncomformity.

Second-Raigions differences are just as problematic for differing tagan paths on for other coupled. Its not a matter of finding someone who will practice your religion, but a matter of two people coming together, and in the causalise energy of their union, finding a new way

to shark exligion.

Third - it's meanly impossible to discover a healthy, working relationship when you feel you 'need' once. Relationships are tools of the Goddess-for growth, spiritual joy, love, sexual pleasure, and all sorts of creative magick; that magick is stifled if you burden the relationship with dependancy. You cannot depend upon the relationship for futillment. Fulfillment is what each of you must bring into the union.

Fourth - you must make the effort of learning how to work together. Learn how

to do projects; Icarn how to share simple ritual. Meditate together. Open up on the spiritual planes & cruate a sharing and knowing that surpass the physical planes. Be willing to let down barriers, and be willing to work towards making a real commitment of Perfect Love & Perfect Trust.

Fifth - Recognize the power of distrust, insucurity, doubt; free of losing your partner, all those things that exode love it trust i cause relationships to whither away into negative situations. Then, do something about it. Be willing to turn to your "other." Be honest Express the need to work it out.

Sixth - understand the magick of sex. Share your lovemaking in knowledge that each of us has within both God? Godderd. Let down inhibitions and discover the fullness of eachother Make love freely, sensually; show yourself and your lover that these joys are special. The fear of touching, of caressing? cuddling will interfere. Take delight in your union!

Seventh - Believe! They do happen, they do work. There are alot of myther around - such as that of anonymous sex being freeze than devidoping a relationship. Keep in mind that a monogamous union is a possible reality - but it will occur laker, when two people so choose. Monagamy is not part of first meeting & falling in love.

No bonds. Now exploring the jous of crustive union, I better undenstand the many years of cithen going without, or falling into relationships that weren't magicially creative. Vive là diference.

And now I'll shake my teelings with you on the questions you presented in the cextra pages? Since I'm not gay this will be from a heterosexual point of view but I doubt it will differe that much. I think that it is very difficult it not close to impossible for two people to cohabit when one is a Bogan and the other not. And by tagan I mean one who is living the litestyle, not just following the latest craze. Altho we tagens are a very open-minded and tolkrant group, non-tagan mates are not so. Even it at the beginning they espouse an I don't care - it's your life attitude soone or later it will come down to 'I thought you'd get over that foolishness, from the mate. My ex-husband was like that (altho when I filed for divorce he suddenly wanted to study Wieca!!).... A dear triend just split up with her lover of 5 years. It finally got to the point where he was convinced that she was either crazy or stupid to "think she was a witch" and she tound his earth-bound materialistic attitudes stilling. When I was married I coped with it by keeping an if you don't like, lump it attitude. It made me realize just how precious my views and litestyle were to my well-being i growth. -Karun Alixandur

"Purase send copies of the "Uniconn" to my new address. I intend on working on the Pagan directory from here. Right now I don't have enough names but if all goes well, I should be able to put it out by this summer."

TED BYERS 725 Acirema Drive Holly Hill, Florida 32017

Ted is working on a directory of gay/pagan activities. It has the potential of being of value to each of us - but we need to help him. Write to Ted - it may be the closest to Florida you'll get this spring.

Because Eric has so well described Spring. we'd like to share some of his letter:

"Spring has finally arrived here, and boy have we needed it! Today a friend of mine and I went for a long walk L3 hours) and saw all the new shoots and buds turning green. Spring is my favorite time of the year - everething so trush and bright exaftirems my love for the Lady and there gifts. I never cease to be amazed at the Renewal of life that happens

wery year at this time. It makes me see things through a different light - especially this year when I'm finally following the path the Lady has set before me."

Boise, Idako

"Greatings, Uniconu,

What is oping on in the country with gay pagana and in particular gay CRAFT? Are there such as Gay Craft? The discrimination I tound in the Craft against Gauss appalled me. Why can not heteros understand that gays are often balanced within themselves! Is it because they themselver lack that inner balance? And as a result discriminate against Gays because of jealousy? Even though my instructors were aware of my being gay, I was the only known gay in my Orden at that time. Since then they have disbanded and I am still traching. But I suck assistance of a soft. Now I have 2 students who are exclusively gay & would like some input from somewhere as to incorporate only gay men within a Cieclu." Adinan

> Box 73 Leander, Texal 1861

"What do you think of the astrological aspects for the rest of the month? We're finding people everywhere to be exacting to the Mars/Zeus conjunction. At night when I'm out I find myself constantly drawn to those two luminaries in the sky, musing on just what subtle forces they must be exerting on the world and all earth-life. And I think one doesn't have to look too far to see their karmic effects on a world level right now. So we're planning ... to may be help right the balance on the side of Peace.

Gay Spirituality is offered by the Gay Community Survices Center, 1213 N. Highland Ave. Los Angeles, 90038. Write them fore a flyer of the classes is workshops offended.

like of the Unicorn, Paul? Cascidy! friends intend to conduct a large like hope work shop? work shop? work shop? Rap session at the fan fagan tradical which will be August 21-24th. We know many of you plan to be there. It's one time many gay Pagaus may be at one festival think about it - it's gonna be a fun time? a chamer for many of us to meet on the physical plane!

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What is the power of his horn?
And the burning beauty we can see?
What is it about the Unicorn
That shows itself to me?

In days of old (when knights were bold)
The meadows were his home.
But hunters fair on horseback
Caused him to roam.

The mountains hid the sing horned prince As he built his kingdom there But where has he gone since? Can anyone tell where?

In modern days, it often seems
That men no longer care
But unicorns appear in dreams
To those who seek him there.
Still....
What is the power of his horn?
And the burning beauty we see?
What is it about the Unicorn
That shows itself to me?

Nancy McCauley

Dear Friends,

Another issue of the Unicorn... today is warm and sunny, and Spring is beginning her song. Unicorns celebrate Spring by casting festive circles: hyacinth cakes, snowdrop nectar, songs sung by butterfly chorales as we raise a spiral horn of power to celebrate rebirth. Our altar candles are made of wax given by Lady Eln, the high priestess at a hive near NeuGracln, where we will meet in glee this Equinox. All unicorns are invited, for this year we have some special activities: special flights we be available for little colts and fillies, to take them up to explore the Mars-Jupiter conjunct, followed by games of starcatch and races. Dragouns are invited, and anyone at all may attend. The dells and circles of NeuGracln have been newly heathered, and the weather committee promises a sunset to watch that is said to move hearts. Here is Minneapolis we're slower at the weather, but it's beautiful. The seeds are sown, and out projects will now grow in fullness for the later harvest. We watched the last full moon in triplicity

with the conjunct and felt deep stirrings of change and growth within the Earth. Dlvd the Silver reports that the conjunct can be seen from as far as Eretia II, and pleased its rulers. (Dlvd plans to see us all for the Equinox Ritual.)

Set your altars with flowers. Plant seeds of love and beauty; plant dreams and magick. Allow them to grow to full, and this year will be one of greater understanding between Unicorns and People.

Love and Blessed Be, Andrius

The Unicorn rambles

Our poetess friend Joyce Baker has been dancing a good idea for all of us - to awaken inner energies, and to free us up for dancing in the circle. She also suggest "C & C" (chamomile and comfrey) daily, and has remained in sparkling health. She is at work on a new newsletter which we will soon have more news of. It sounds delightful!! -- Do you like to barter? Ellen Cannon is the editor of a new newsletter devoted to the barter system. It's very exciting, and sounds wonderful. Write: The Barter System, P.O. Box 9513, N. Hollywood, Calif. 91609 -- Andrius sends his love and a secret dream-gift to Liu Shien -- Congrats to Nancy, who is now creating her own rituals. Andrius says that he helped proofread The lore of the unicorn which she recommends. -- Bobbi E. wrote about her white unicorn friend, "Wiccian" who magickally (of course) turns silver to honor the full moon -- Andrius wishes to thank Paynim for the mead, although it went to his head, and he romped and played in the snow for two hours, then napped for two more.... Paynim - tell phoenix that nearly all the poetry in the Unicorn comes from readers - Selene wrote about her visit to England - Glastonbury, Stonehenge; psychic experiences in Ireland - yet nary a word about any unicorns. Andrus is very concerned!! -- "One thing I've learned is that although we may not be able to see the unicorn at times, its presence of power and beauty are given to us through the symbol of the unicorn."- Nancy -- The Waynesville Pagan Temple has as many other groups, gone in separate directions to sow seeds of magick for spring. Special love to Larry David for all his work, from Andrius -- "I have finally decided to come out in the open.... It gets lonely practising the Craft by yourself all of the time"- Kaye Beiswarger. Box 441, 3400 No. Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53211. -- Merlin thank you for the beautiful card!! Ishtar - I'm sorry Paynim and I left you behind. I guess I get silly when we're off rainbow-sliding - Andrius -- Hey - check your back issues for his address and please write to Bobby Lee -- Hello to Angel and Katy, and belated unikisses and unihugs for their birthdays -- Sandra writes of KHTZ 97 FM of L.A., Calif., which is having a "show us your unicorn" contest. Let's show them! "Unicorn 338 So. Western Ave., L.A. Claif. 90020; Don't know if it's still going on, but who cares if it's fun -- Hello and love to Karen Alexander -- Jim Thomas says that someone in Louisiana owes him a letter... -- Also in the mail, notice of a club called "unicorn unamimous" 346 N. La Cienega Blvd., L.A. Calif. 90048, which also is a gift shop and newsletter -- Davyyd writes of his love for the Earth, that he will soon be free and off to share in her beauty. Andrius sends him lots of love and Blessed Bes! -- To Jim T. we send our love and wishes for Goddess speed in all your legal matters! -- Attention "cookie face". This is an "I love you message from "weird beard" -- Hellos to Eleanor B. of NYC; to John and Donna; to Sylvia (who owes a letter); Anne of Victoria; to Jackie; to Karen C. of New Iberia; to Tera; to Rick and Patricia; to Janice King; to Scott C. of San Diego; to Da'oud; to Samm of Carrollton; to Victoria of Seattle; to Cheri D. of Beaver; to Rowan of Tallahassee; to the Flanigans; to Nadea;

to Magenta; to Eric of Boise; to Joy (who owes a letter); to Hermod; to Lucinda; to Philip Jacobs of North Sydney, Australia; to Echo of Belgium - who keeps promising a visit!; to Steve Kirby; to Don K. of L.A.; to Peggy of Lakewood; to Tanich; to Mickey of Houston; to Thomas of Dallas; to Miles of N.Y.C.; to Craig of Fresno; to Ted and Marsha; to Sue P. of Perry; to all the Paul's of Randolph; to Theodore; to Sandi of Houston; to Mark P. of S.F.; to Quentin and his athames! to Vicki Kay; to Maud of Berkeley; to Phillip and Carole; to Mahr; to Randal of Chicago; to Kristina and Dennis Smith- you owe a letter; to Peter of Rock Island; and to all of you!

Notes from an herbal

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

Herbs of Mars may help to stimulate the manifestation of action within the physical planes. Martial herbs may aid in stopping the inaction that hinders comfortable survival. These herbs may be used to aid a sense of achieving, to give one a strength of purpose that is independent, spontaneous, and capable. They can also be used to stimulate spiritual development, freeing the determination of the inner self to follow the path and do the work. An elixir useful in magickal evocation would include herbs of Mars, of Mercury, and of the Moon.

Martial herbs include:

Anemone

Aloes

Basil

Broom

Blessed thistle

Chives

Cumin

Daffodils (yellow)

Flax

Garlic

Hawthorn

Honeysuckle

Hops

Juniper

Leeks

Laurel

Loosestrife

Lupines

Mustard

Male fern

Nettles

Onion

Peppers

Paprika

Radish

Rhubarb Tarragon Tobacco Wormwood

Ninth Law of the traditional herbalist

Because he follows the universal laws of conservation, the traditional herbalist will never bring harm to plant, person, nor to air, nor to earth and water, and will stir the fires of creation only to work good.

An Aradian Pegacornius - Prairie Jackson

Woman Made

I walk along the Forest path, My eyes in wonder grow, For all these things existing here I have been led to know

The beauty of a flower.
The wonder of a tree
All of these great gifts of love
You present to me

On grass so pure and soft I tread, Green silk beneath my feet. The sun smiles on my nudity And warms me with his heat.

My heart burns bright for creatures small The rabbit, squirrel, and wren. My smile reflects the total joy Of coming home again

The beauty takes my breath away Carried by the wind, to You, Goddess behold my wonder of this world-Woman made by You.

- Joyce L. Baker

Song of Pan

'Neath the moonlight, under sun

Circle 'round when work is done! Cloven hooves upon the night Let my magick bless your rite!

In the woodland through the glade With the hope of promise made Share the laughter this you must: Learn of joy of love and trust

Hear my music, hear my tune, Listen to the song of moon The song of sun, of fun and mirth Heed my call for I am earth

I am pan, the woodland song Dance my rhythms all night long Join me as my pipes I play Chanting all your cares away

- Paul

Lady Rhiannon With Elwyn and Moonbeam Are proud to share Their joy By announcing The hatching of **Twins** A unicolt and unifilly On Friday, the seventh of March Nineteen hundred and eighty At 5:25 am In Kenner, Louisiana Names undecided at present

Pray, give report-Who's holding court?

What once had laid still Wakes from under hill.

Ancient beings test their powers

Mortals, don't just watch them flower

While the world turns over Don't go picking clover

Torpidity you must not allow For peace won't be able to follow

- Gwyr

Poem in form of dragoun riddle From a favorite dragoun friend

"Live side by side in the magickal lands where pine groves can be found. A fearful faerie on the chase will run between the Unicorn's legs to be sure he will not be seen! Yet never has it been said, that a faerie or 'wee folk' been stepped upon by its large yet graceful companion, the Unicorn."

- A story from Puck, the unicorn and Oberon, the faerie

Moon Goddess by Prairie Jackson Horned God by Prairie Jackson

We're dreams golden arrows
Together we'd fly
Across the centuries far
Beyond the sky
For the bright glow
Of our knowing
Becomes a flame
That feeds love,
For we are the mystery always
For we are the shining
Dreams of the stars and moon above
So sing of the secrets forever
Of the heavens
On earth
In our hearts...

- Aradia

Open Forum

Open Forum Policies - we will publish letters by readers for readers. Editorial policy will prohibit letters which may be promotional (of any organisation, product, etc.) or which are about any specific person(s), Want to postulate a theory - relate the joys and problems of the Pagan lifestyle - get it off your chest - share some wisdom? Send a letter and designate it for the Open Forum column.

Hello My Friends,

Yes, Pagans, Witches, Wizards and mere-humans. You are now wondering who I am... well let me now begin to enlighten you on 'who' or 'what' I am!

Since the beginning of time I've been here. As our most wonderful God and Goddess created me along with the rest of you... yes, I know, I know, but do give me a chance to explain why you are unable to see me as you would see an apple.

Andrius and I have spoken on this subject many times No, I am not a Unicorn, but then I could be if you will allow your mind to travel into the unseen world.

Children know me very well as I am their best friend! Let me explain. Have you ever noticed a child talking to something or someone and 'you' are unable to see who or what is there? Well then, we've just met.

I'm a dream, thought, image, fantasy, or whatever you wish to call me ... but I am very real, as I live in the unseen world. Only those who believe that I am real are granted the pleasure of seeing me each and every day.

As a child grows older he or she is told by many adults that I do not exist. And when this happens I then lose another friend. But thanks to those of the Craft I still live and as each day goes by I become stronger and more real.

My name (yes I have one) is strange to you of the seen world but to those who are with me it is a most beautiful name.

Please call me Para star

To those of you who are unfamiliar with my name in English it means beyond.

I'm sorry to leave so soon, but a friend is calling me so I must answer them... see you soon! May the God and Goddess grant you your every wish and smile upon you each and every day. Love and Blessed Be

Para star

"I'd like to see more direct feedback from readers... more letters, more poems and more graphics... I want the 'occult' made more accessible _ although some of Her Mysteries can never be revealed verbally... I think we need a balance and creating your own tradition, searching, and re-examining magickal roots for the essence, the truth and vitalogy that've been overlaid by centuries of ignorance, distortion and repression.

Consciousness raising among witches? Sharing stories, the truth of our lives with one another ... how we deal with being pagans - with family, job - what is the experience of the gay witches - the double minority?

Writings from the Unicorns within us..."

Prairie Jackson

The Tarot

This tarot column will be written by one of Andrius' most special friends, Aradia, a lovely Pegacorn who is known to put sparkles in Andrius' heart:

The Great Mother; this state of being is ruled by Venus and is the wellspring of all fertility goddesses, ancient and new. She is the doorway to manifestation; there is nothing born nor created that does not pass through her on its way to manifestation - all physical forms, all mental forms. It is from her vast being that light and shadow emanates. She is the eternal

weaver, creator - first containing and then revealing: opening outward and up, as, do the trees, grasses and flowers that are her special symbols. To the Unicorns, she is also the Gate of Dreams, and she spins eternally, dreaming the Great Dream that contains us... pay attention to the fact that the Great Mother and the Gate of Dreams are linked to the World Tree - spiritual dreams bear fruit in the physical plane ... colors emanating are golden yellow, green hues, and azure blue.

For those who have been following the developing "Tarot of the Unicorns" by friend Prairie. Every so often we will print an extra, special page with six or so "cards" on it, so you can construct, cut and paste, your own deck. We hope this will thrill those who have been enjoying this column.

My Friend
I have a secret friend, you see,
Wherever I go he travels with me.

He's helpful, happy, cheerful and gay, He's by my side both night and day.

His body is covered with fur of white, No one can see him, not even at night.

His wings are colored silver blue
The most magnificent creature I ever knew!

He has a horn on the top of his head. He can change colors, yes, even turn red!

The Goddess sent him when I was born. Who else?? My friend The Unicorn!!

- Bobbi

A contest for the Beltane issue. A one year's subscription will be awarded the best original Beltane poem. Write it new, don't dig out an old one! Also - a one year's subscription for the best drawing with a Beltane theme - in black and white, no larger than 4 x 4 (Prairie is ineligible, so all you artists get busy!) We'd really be pleased to see reader participation!! Runners-up may have their work included.

Dreams

I dreamed last night of wonderful things Of elves that fly with gossamer wings Of unicorns standing stately and proud Of a happy screeching long and loud. I dreamed last night of legends of old Of fickle Pan blowing his pipes of gold Of griffins nesting on mountainous rocks Of fairies combing their flowing locks.

I dreamed last night of tales come true Of mermaids gliding in oceans blue Of centaurs frolicking in the spring Of Pegasus soaring with mighty wings.

I dreamed last night of love so free Coming from God to thee and me But then I awoke once more to find My soul had left it all behind.

- Karen E. Hillje

Happenings

A meditation retreat will be held in central Texas. Sponsored by a group of Wiccans who came together to help the Stones, it promises to be a fine time. To be located in a rural, rustic setting; bring your tents - it's a camp-out! Cost is cheap (\$18.00 couple, \$11.00 single) If you register by May 15th. Write "Nexus," Box 45061, Dallas, Texas. 75245.

If you haven't heard, Loy Stone was acquitted in the trial in Dimmit, Texas. The work is not yet done, and Phoenix asks that you help. Write her: Box 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245

The House of Ravenwood announces the Second Annual Southern Psychic Seminar, to be held May 9-11 at the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta. An interesting program is scheduled, listing among the speakers Raymond Buckland, Laurie Cabot, and others. For a brochure, write Ravenwood Church and Seminary of Wicca, 522 Moreland Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307.

Newsletters

"Earth Notes," the journal of the Earth Church of Amargi, is the name of a new newsletter which coincides with E.C.A.'s first anniversary. The newsletter will be published 12 times a year, and is asking a donation of one dollar per issue. The first issue had an excellent article on the term Sabbat (did you know SA-BAT means heart rest?) that we feel all who share in Sabbats ought read. Write the Earth Church of Amargi at 11345 Prospect Dr., Bridgeton, Mo. 63044.

The newsletter, "Unicorn Gardens" is now available to the general public, and is offered on a membership basis. Cost is \$7.00 per year. The caretaker of the garden is Lady Phoenix, who, did such excellent work in organising Healing Circles of energy which helped Loy and Louise Stone. Write for information: Unicorn Gardens, P.O. Box 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245.

"Circle Network News" announce that their newsletter will be changing its format. Part of the change involves going to regular publication (quarterly), and now having a subscription (\$5.00 yr U.S.; \$6.00 yr. Canada; \$7.00 yr U.S. funds elsewhere) Write: Circle. Box 9013, Madison, Wisc. 53715

"The Folk" is a new newsletter for the eclectic folk Pagan community. Their address is 14808 E. Fairgrove Ave., Valinda, Calif., 91744. Nice, friendly, and really giving off pleasant energies. They also sent the most delightful catalogue: "Earth Mother's Natural Products" a fun filled book of clothing for people like us, comfortable, beautiful, and perfect for our lifestyles: robes, clothes for daily wear, etc. Nicely illustrated, we wish to say - it's about time. Thank you!

Books

Want books by mail? A large selection of books are available from: Dr. Leo Louis Martello, Hero Press, Suite 1B, 153 W. 80 St., N.Y., N.Y., 10024. Write for free price list.

Just published: Marion Weinstein's Earth Magic, A Dianic Book of Shadows.. "A complete personal witch's workbook, including Deity Alignments, chants, blessings, spells, individual and group work." Sounds real good, for almost all of us have read her last book, Positive Magic, and found it full of valuable information can be had by writing: Earth Magic Productions, P.O. Box 1202, FDR Sta, N.Y. N.Y. 10022

Viking Hoaxes in North America, is a fine, thorough book written by one of our subscribers, Jeffrey R. Redmond. If you want to understand the Viking influence in N.Am., this is a valuable book. Jeff shows us that many of the 'artifacts' previously thought real, are, in fact, frauds. Jeff has done a worthy job, for he does believe the vikings came here, but he is seeking honesty. If you're not intimidated by a scholarly book, and seek an understanding of Norse Pagan origins, you can order a copy direct from Jeff: Jeffrey R. Redmond, 1664 W. Tyrie Drive, Sarnia, Ont., Canada, N7V-3P7. Enclose \$5.00 and ask him to autograph your copy!

Nine Apples: A Neopagan Anthology is now available from Artemisia Press for \$4.35 (incl. postage); P.O. Box 6423, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80934. Divided by the four seasons, this book is full of poetry, much written by people we all know and love. It is a wonderful example of the creativity that flows out of a people when they open up the God Goddess within, and is joyous to read, to see how we are growing as a religious movement, creating our own literature. This is an anthology of poetry as it is being created now, and definitely belongs in all Pagan libraries.

A priestess book, The Book of Emmerettae will soon be available in limited edition from Acorn. The book was written in 1875 by a Catted Priestess, and is based largely on the text of a fifteenth century Priestess. For more information write: Acorn, Box 4141, Stn. D. Hamilton, Ontario, Canada 18V-4I5

Merchandise

Coven Gardens, Box 1064, Boulder, Colo., 80302 sent us a supplement catalogue of new scents. It is a most extensive listing of ritual oils, salts, crystals and incense. Also includes candles, herbs, etc.

Witch's runesticks are available from Unicorn Circle. We haven't seen any, we will share the address: Unicorn Circle, Box 45061, Dallas, Tx., 75245. Cost is \$4.50 per set of 12.

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Dear friends.

The response to the questions posed in the last issue of the Extra Pages was that of resounding silence. But since the mail has been a lot of letters about relationships, I'll go on from those. I hear from a lot of gay men who express a desire for a lover. I think that particularly for magickal people, finding a relationship takes on extra dimensions; and we're already dealing with the honosexual factor.

First - most of us are more sensitive, more aware, more intense... face it - we are different. People who live the Pagan lifestyles, (What is a Pagan Lifestyle?) accept this - know beforehand that you'll not likely find someone 'different' as you in places where only are people who are uncomfortable by nonconformity.

Second - Religious differences are just as problematic for differing Pagan paths as for other couples. It's not a matter of finding someone who will practice your religion, but a matter of two

people coming together, and in the creative energy of their union, finding a new way to share religion.

Third - it's nearly impossible to discover a healthy, working relationship when you feel you 'need' one. Relationships are tools of the Goddess - for growth, spiritual joy, love, sexual pleasure, and all sorts of creative magick; that magick is stifled if you burden the relationship with dependency. You cannot depend upon the relationship for fulfillment. Fulfillment is what each of you must bring to the union.

Fourth - you must make the effort of learning how to work together. Learn how to do projects; learn how to share simple ritual. Meditate together. Open up on the spiritual planes and create a sharing and knowing that surpass the physical planes. Be willing to let down barriers, and be willing to work towards making a real commitment of Perfect Love and Perfect Trust. Fifth - recognize the power of distrust, insecurity, doubt; fear of losing your partner, all those things that erode love and trust and cause relationships to whither away into negative situations. Then, do something about it. Be willing to turn to your 'other' Be honest. Express the need to work it out.

Sixth - understand the magick of sex. Share your lovemaking in knowledge that each of us has within both God and Goddess. Let down inhibitions and discover the fullness of each other. Make love freely, sensually; show yourself and your lover that these joys are special. The fear of touching, of caressing and cuddling will interfere. Take delight in your union.

Seventh - Believe! They do happen they do work. There are a lot of myths around - such as that of anonymous sex being freer than developing a relationship. Keep in mind that a monogamous union is a possible reality - but it will occur later, when two people so choose. Monogamy is not part of first meeting and falling in love.

No bonds. Now exploring the joys of creative union, I better understand the many years of either going without, or falling into relationships that weren't magickally creative. Vive là difèrence. Paul

And now I'll share my feelings with you on the questions you presented in the 'Extra Pages.' Since I'm not gay this will be from a heterosexual point of view but I doubt it will differ that much. I think that it is very difficult if not close to impossible for two people to cohabit when one is a Pagan and the other not. And by Pagan I mean one who is living the lifestyle, not just following the latest craze. Altho we Pagans are a very open-minded and tolerant group, non-Pagan mates are not so. Even if at the beginning they espouse an "I don't care - it's your life" attitude, sooner or later it will come down to "I thought you'd get over that foolishness," from the mate. My exhusband was like that (altho when I filed for divorce he suddenly wanted to study Wicca!)... A dear friend just split up with her lover of 5 years. It finally got to the point where he was convinced that she was either crazy or stupid to 'think she was a witch' and she found his earthbound materialistic attitudes stifling. When I was married I coped with it by keeping an 'if you don't like, lump it' attitude. It made me realize just how precious my views and lifestyle were to my wellbeing and growth.

- Karen Alexander

"Please send copies of the "Unicorn" to my new address. I intend on working on the Pagan directory from here. Right now I don't have enough names but if all goes well, I should be able to put it out by the summer"

Ted Byers 725 Acirema Drive Holly Hill, Florida 32017

Ted is working on a directory of gay/pagan activities. It as the potential of being of value to each of us - but we need to help him. Write to Ted - it may be the closest to Florida you'll get this Spring.

Because Eric has so well described Spring we'd like to share some of his letters: "Spring has finally arrived here, and boy have we needed it! Today a friend of mine and I went for a long walk (3 hours) and saw all the new shoots and buds turning green. Spring is my favorite time of the year - everything so fresh and bright reaffirms my love for the Lady and Her gifts. I never cease to be amazed at the renewal of life that happens every year at this time. It makes me see things through a different light - especially this year when I'm finally following the path the Lady has set before me."

Boise, Idaho

"Greetings, Unicorn,

What is going on in the country with gay Pagans and it particular gay Craft? Are there such as Gay Craft? The discrimination I found in the Craft against Gays appalled me. Why can not heteros understand that gays are often balanced within themselves? Is it because they themselves lack that inner balance? And as a result discriminate against gays because of jealousy? Even though my instructors were aware of my being gay, I was the only known gay in my Order at that time. Since then they have disbanded and I am still teaching. But I seek assistance of a sort. Now I have 2 students who are exclusively gay and would like some input from somewhere as to incorporate only gay men within a Circle."

Adinan

Box 73

Leander, Texas 78641

"What do you think of the astrological aspects for the rest of the month? We're finding people everywhere to be reacting to the Mars Zeus conjunction. At night when I'm out I find myself constantly drawn to those two luminaries in the sky, musing on just what subtle forces they must be exerting on the World and all Earth life. And I think one doesn't have to look too far to see their Karmic effects on a world level right now. So we're planning... to maybe help right the balance on the side of Peace.

Gay Spirituality is offered by the Gay Community Services Center, 1213 N. Highland Ave. Los Angeles 90038. Write them for a flyer or the classes and workshops offered.

We of the Unicorn, Paul and Cassidy and friends intend to conduct a large (we hope) workshop and rap session at the Pan Pagan Festival which will be August 21-24th. We know many of you plan to be there. It's one time many gay Pagans may be at one festival think about it - it's gonna be a fun time and a chance for many of us to meet on the physical plane!!