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Have you ever seen a Unicorn?
the beautiful sky child The moon and sun child

Oh to see one is a marvel. Have you seen one?

Thunderhorned
flame shod

Jocem manéd Earth born
Prancing and dancing
In fire bright starlight.
To please the Lady
To please the lady
70 please the Lady
Rowing spiral galexies
Racking angry storm clouds
Spotting in frantic seas pray laughing in magick ark circles
She dazzles ore eyes with her myrth
Her splendor
and waltzes spectre-like. Through our vague dreaming
Have you er seen a Unieann? I have Eric Hanks

Vicar Humans,
A Blessed Beltane to you all. Beltane is a special! frost for Unicorns, for it is then we honor our horns, and place magick circles of flowers around the horns of our dear ones. This is the truk origin of the Maypole, whin humans would dance around. their honoured guests, the Unicorns. A time of giving of sharing, the flowkr-circles are brought in special baskets. This issue of the UniSorn is in that spirit, is it is filled with extra poetry a goodies, for such is the way the qoodress treats us this season.

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Our contest winner is Rose wildermath, with her entry, "Bkitank Song" is we had no Entries for Beltane drawings, but it's spring $\frac{1}{}$ far too difficult to be disciplined !! Take time to frolic and play! Here in Minneapolis, the Equinox seeds have bekn sown, and we are watching our dreams bloom as May flowers. Wk will have some VERy good news to shark in the next issue. Love : Blessed Be,
And RAMs


Rosemarit is now in Rural Mo., "Surrounded by woods ifrkedom," and is planning a Pentagram garden. She writus of dukir, Racoons, and her brautiful Palomino, Sundance, who is a Uniconn at heart. * The newsletter from Unicorn Gardens (vol II \#1) had seeds in it. Comes the magick, comes the spring! * Still waiting for the letter haureli promised in hur postcard from Topeka. * Marsha Smith Newsom sent an incredible Sabbat card for the Equinox - thank you so much! * Finally heard from our "Overworked" Wizzard in Kalamazoo, who is busy putting togkther a catalog. Looking forward to skking Trerey at PanFagan this ykar. * Jouce Baker writks of spking, "Sunshine $60^{\circ}$ warm brekzes ruffling my hair, thre eich scent of the Earth filling my head - Ahh - what a delight! It's amazing how much the simple, pleasueks of working in the garder can do, I fekl full of enkrgy $t$ so vkry closk to the Ladyits wondcrful." $*$ Nancy writes that Brockport, N.U. nekts a frw more unizorns, and that the Equinox was a time of great wkathke ? geksk flying oukrhyad... * Da'oud is sponding spring in Tucson, writing of speing it growth, of watching the planets $x$ Our best wishes to im $\varepsilon$ ROSe Wildermath, who were hand estrd at the equinox. May your driams all be blust, and your new holusk a magick nest. * Dearkst haern writiks "Spring." is here, and urges those who would go skinny-dipping". Karen, say hullo \& give Unihugs to Gwies, Liu Shicn, and ail $\star$ Congratulations to Davyud. TRuly has the Godduss brought you the blessings of springs. Drink of tkR syl. van borexzes if Run naked benkath the staps. A The Equinox was celicbrated as a celtic Spring Equinox Fks. tival by Cirele and friknds in Madison. Andrius said SKVERA Unicorens had a vERy good timk! t Tanya has had an interksting speing... it sekms things havk been "moving" Right along, for hkr. * Thk ORdke of ganymedu has boken busy. The qoddiess told. Andrius that the "favorite follen angel" is a sparkle in her cye. $A$ Ted ByERS is soending spRing in Florida. Wk hopr to $s \in \in$ him in Augu'st. $A^{2}$ Nkeding to contact somkonk with a coven in Santa Fe. I have neked and don't know what else to do. Now is the time for activity. Tite blessings of warmth ark heating the earth. Ad Anan, Po Box 703, LEand $\in R$, TX. $7864!$. A Thanks to the Coven of the Rosk for the pretty card of chickadkes.. * Hello to Nick $*$ To Bobbi- use the following herbs in the charem: basil is angelica, and includk a moonstonk. (i.s. it's M) $\star$ ianya, is your grope ivy doing betke? Communing with the Devas is Really aclightful. *"Looking for, othkR Wicea folk in EasternCentral Iowa who would like contact with us, who, like us, view the Craft as a positive Religion... interested in Widsh traditions,"cte. To contact write "Ekling" \% The Unicorn. *

Notes from an Hrrbal - Cont'd.
This column will differ, and with the next is suk will return to the planktary enkrgies. As part of this issuk's Maybaskit of trkats, I would like to share with you this excerpt from my new herbal which will be published this summere.
"The song of herbs is written in the neart of nature. HkRbs recall the origins of all birth, for their source of lifk was the sea, that grkat, tumultuous ockan that gavk birth, the origin of lifk upon our planct. In the annals of plant life it is written:
'In the beginning was the soil, the earth of life, which fed the waters of time out of which sprung all being. And thus did the Earth Goddess, the Mother of all Noture, being into being the element $V \in R d a$, the essence of being, the being of all lifk...'

And thus it is Recorded in the holy books of the Devas, the plant spirits, how chlorophyll came to be. Chlorophyll is what makks plants plants, of a different consciousness than mammals, stones, $\%$ other beings. To the plant Kingdom, chlorophyll is one of the Sacred elkments, oftkn written as 'verda', but not pronounckd. It is a holy sound, sung by all the plants as the whispkeing of brekze, the tidal song of the ockan.....",

## - Paul

p.s. Illustrations for the book ark bking crratked by Prairik Jackson

## Tenth Law - Thk Traditional Herbalist

Because he practisks his Craft within both the smallest laws of the Univkrse and the greatest laws, even to glazk at the stars is to be aware.


Karkn W.


Thu TaRot Exumentad Invocations To tote

goddess - Paul BeykR1

The May gift in the Tarot column -an extra card, but findeius insisted these you must expkriknice your. suit.

Meditate upon these cards with in a circle. Light a candle, yellow in the East for air: Red in the south for fisk; blue in the wist for water; पRKLU in the North for Earth. As you light the candle, chant the elkmental chant -or that kikment. After complyting in the North sit inside a meditate en due Tarot. Lou have called upon the Goddess. The chants der from the cooks of int lokiun of The Rowan thew, MDló. They may be used privately by all who so mention 0 their source
O Beautiful Lady
Gentle Goddess fair;
Give to us thy wisdom
Fill us with think air!
Being to us thy wondrous might,
Gracious goddess of the light;
Ride the wings of Rapinaki. And bless this magick Rite!!
Held us cast this circle,
And build a Magick Ring!
Guide us to your bisunty;
Gar love to you we sing!! Goddess of the dawning light kiss the daw of morning's sight! Light the candle, ring the bell, And bless this Magick Rite !

## $\Delta$

Qeuderst Goddess of the fire.
Fill my heart with Your desiree Kktp my fact yo on thy path Fill my heart with mist el laugh! greyatest Goddess, burning bright kex me in thy magick might Dance around the tire brant Chant the sang i do the kite! Fires burning, fires bright Give my soil your magick light, hue me Risk ankw each day
k Kep mu in our Lady's way!

Queen of the water es,
Sparkling in the moonlight;
Lady of the Heavens.
-1 Incing in thu stares bright;
Dance in the laughing waves,
Cast the con Circle, chant the song! Goddess grant this boon?
Take us to thy homeland,
Bring the moon into my heart
Dare Mother Blessed B4!
Dance in the laughing waves! Call upon the moon
cast the cireciu, chant tine song. Goddess, grant this boon.

## $\nabla$

Walking on the earth this day, Sensing life within;
Living with the Gradus' song.
Wee are free from sin!
Dancing in the forest,
Chanting with the treks;
Casting Magick Circles,
Singing Blessed Be's!
Mother of the harvest,
Goddess of the fields;
You who bring ourdrecams to ripe,
You who bless the yields;
Join us dancing in the wood
ikear us singing to the trees?
HuMp us cast oar Circle
HLDR our "Blessed Be's!"

## Beltane Song

Plant your seed in me in springtime In the last deep drifting snow as your sun warms up the earth The Lady's love will surely grow. The mateing of the seasons makes The warmth that melts the snow Bath the Lord and Lady makes the early violets grow
Shine on me and make me feel it! Shine on me you make me grow! Inside us all the Lord and Lady grow.
as the greenbuds on the willows Glow round us soft and bright The deep dark still of nightime meets the mornings vernal light. and, as one, they dance inside us If were blessed enough to know It takes both sides of nature Jo let the blossoms grow.
Ring out clear bells of Mayday!
Ring out winters quiet yest!
as we sow the seed for summer Working soil the gods have blessed. Dance hound the garland maypole Dance round the silver moon as we gather fragrant flowers Bursting to loves tune.
Moon shine on, you make me feel it. shine night on you let me know. That the evicle's everlasting and at last it's time to grow. Shine on me cause on the monow Beltane bells will start te chime. I am of the earth Her bounty has been mine.
Here the piper as he courts The dark eyed lady of the night seel the promise of the summer coming on both full and bright one by one we come together Jwo-by-Jwo-it is so right The Golden sunshine and the dark moonlight.

Contest winner by
Rose wildermuth


Lunar Diana forestral Paw Be with us as maw Worships with man leach us wisdom Jo live for life Help us creates 909 from strife Paw and Diana Bless us this night make us sacred In your sight - SCOTT CUNNINGHAM

Who stirs the ashes who brings the flame none but the ancient dream the old ones we call by name
by flowkr and fruit we know them who still sing to the moon Running Round a circle of time chanting the forgotten rune

- leap high the danckr1 swirling bright with stars the evening bell is Ringing in the midnight sabbat hour
O do you remember do you believe
tach is a call in the greater life that no one will leave

O do you hear the echo that moves us Even now the sound we always know
io Evoke lo Evoke lo evoke lo

Diana of the cresent barge Who travels in the night
Who lights the way to Sabbat ground
with glowing lunar light We call thee to be one with us As men we call thee nigh Charge us with your love and luck and bless us with your sigh fou though we be but mortal men Who dance the ancient round We pray that you'll attend to us and send your Moon-love down



The Third Annual Gathering of the Tribes is being huld at Unicoi Statk Park, Hklkn, Ga. This is a fine plack. to spend July 18-22, and an opportunity to mekt alot of Pagan friknds. Mork intormation will apprare in the nuxt issuk. Write "R. Gawr, Box 4152, Athens, Ga. 30602.
Hky, all you Tkxans (we hauk alot of Texans in our File? contact Nexus, Box 45061 , Dallas, Tx., $752 A 5$, to find out mork about a spucial. gathkRing for all you folk. It will


## Books ~

I just bought a fantastic- I repeat, fantastic-book on the Craft entitlkd The Spiral Dance: A Rebirth of the Religion of the Great Goddess. Writtkn by Miriam Simos (under her coven name of Starhawk, published by Harpkr i. Row, its maroon covkr sports a circle containing four pentagrams which touch each other. Bectukkn thosk covkrs I found simple andkRstandable ExkRCisus, Rituals, invocations, and straightforward explanations of witchcraft (as god. dess religions), the coven, and the world vikw of witchcraft. ' I have yet' to get to the chaptres on the goddess, the God, Crkating Sacred Spack, Magical Symbol's Eneregy: The Copk of Fowke, TRance, Initiation, Moon Rituals, The Whek of the Year, and Creating Rkligion: Toward the Futurk. According to Starhawk, the view of the CRaft presknted in this book was from the Facry Tradition, but that shouldn't be huld against it. It is a truly kxckllent book $\%$ is the typk of material that wk nonpagans would do well to latch onto. I give it four Stors for its balanced uet positive vikw of the CRaft. Tell youre Rkadkiरs to g\&t it!"
(Miks livks in MYC: is non-pagan).
Earth Magic is the titke of Marion Weinstein's new Dianic Book of Shadows. It's a wonderful book, in a most practical format (each page is a Readable-by candlulight-8i $\frac{1}{2} x$ 11".) We found some of the illustrations to be exceptional if decply moving, such as the wise, old tree on the page of introduction, and other deliants signed " $m f w^{\prime}$ ". It is good to ske material often kft out of Books of Shadous, such as a section devoted to familiars which Explains the Karmic workings of such relationships and wiskly includes the responsibilities. Some approaches to zitual ark dkscribed that are kxcellent to ske in print. Marion Wiskly avoids a Book of specific rituals, offering, Rather, a guidelink so that each may practise in her/his own way. This book also is pleasan't Reading, avoiding the tendency of older (Piscean Agk) Books to takk on the tone of witchcraft the occult; Rather we find a presentation for those who foilow the Path to the Lady as natural flow of life. Marion is the author of the book Positive Nagic which did so much to demystify, t to take the "cult" out of "occult." She is to be highly commended fore her work in teaching Craft thought is occult principles so onk doesn't have to sort out all the garbage. Earth Magic is excullent. For further information, write Earth Magic Productions, Po Box 1202, FDR Station, Ny, Ny, 10022.

Earth Magic is availabik from Earth Magic Productions, DOBOX 1202, FDR Station, Nkw Yुork, N.iy., 10022 . Sund 54.95 plus 50 c postagk $5 k k$ our revicurs for mork info. On this neat book from Marion hikinstkin.

A Priculist for mail order books of a general metanysical nature came from "Joan Marik Bruna, 121550 tom bard Auk., Chicago, III. 60650 ." Don't thow' any mork, so writk for a copy if you re interkested.

## Publications ~ <br> Bircle Network News" has krown into a commendable publication. Now published quarterly, it is expanded into

 a good nuwspaper, with thik potkntial of preksenting news of our Community in a scale beyond other news kettrrs à journals. It offers a contact service, space for classifikds, and Room for articlks long enough to contain valuable knowledge. Cost is ${ }^{\circ}=$ (u,s.) pur yuar and we highly Recommend beginning with vol II No 1 frad the articiks by Selina ig De-Anna. A large art icle applars in this issuk on the Pagan Sanctuory and Nature Retrkat Centur. This is 0 working of Circle worthy of support from all who ark able. Writk De-Anna for further information - Circle, Box 9013 , Madison, Wise 53715 AndRius said, about the, Sancuary itis delightfu to ske humans create the dreams of the Lady..."The most comprenensive cataloque of astedogical books I rkcall skking arrived in the mail. As kach previous catalogue Doug has sknt, "Astrology! (A quidk to astrological bookts is supplics' is kxeetlent. Each book is brikfly (and fairly) kevikwkd, so you can assess books with which you might not be familiar. Included in the cotalogue is a subject indiex, an authore index, even a suggested reading list for all levels of ability. We understand the catalogue to be frek, but feel it is worth including a dollar to help in the postage, ctc. Writk "Mystic Arts Book Stonk", 10202-152nd St., Surrky, B.C. Canada. Y3R $6 N 7$.

It was with grecat pleasure that I rkckived a copy The Arohn", a quarterly publication of «sotkrica, anosis, Chiristian mysticism : philosophy. Vol 2 No 3 Uis, for kxample, filkd with 116 pages of incredible Reading. A regular column on the mystical use of herebs, an orticlus on chiropractics, on invocation. This journal is Represkntative of a New Age movement among the Christian faiths and feels itskf compatible with the multitudk of anciknt traditions, including ourown. As a special offer to Readkrs of The Unicorn, they will offir a year's subscription at ${ }^{*} 6^{\circ}$ - for thk first ykar. (It is normaily $\$ 8^{\circ 0}$. "The Arohn" is the official voice of the Holy ORdKR of the Rosk and CROSS, and is a forum for other skekkrs, particularly occultists issotrricists. I also wish to cummknt on somk camphixts Fr. Ed ward sknt mk on the Libkral Catholic church, which I was delighted to ske includes homagk to the Divink Mothke. For thosk of you who wish intelligent Rkading, write "the ARohn"; PO Box 314, Burlington, Wa. 98235
"Rosk Runks" is a very nice newsikitzer from Pittsburgh, Pa. printed 8 times a year (sabbotically) ay the Coven of the Rose. Cost is 1990 . Pocrry, illustrations, and our favoritk sketion, "Littk Pagans' Pages", a part for childern. The spring issue inclualkd little Recuiveus of children's books which have magickal plots, and also a wonderfuil story called "the Recturn of SpRing." "Rose funes is a good newsiktter. Wk bid some of their Staff a special "merry mectil!"
"The Uppur Triad" began in 1974, in Albuqukeque, NM, as a group meditation effort. The cruation of the Journal happened a few months latere, and since that timk "The Uppur Triad" has been a crkative, well-thought journal of metaphysics, thkosophical ! esotkric matkRials. The journal is distributed frke of change, but we ask that yau send along a contribution. Non-Pagan journa's can usk sur suxpport, particularly when they are of such fink quality. For information, write: The Upper Triad, PO Box 1370, Manassas, va., 22110.

## Merchandise~

Songs of Pagon Folk is the name of the new tape that comks from circle. As Circlk has grown, so has the sound of theire music, and on this tape we hear more voices, more instruments, a fuller, richce sound - that of friknds. Each side of the tape opens? closks with onk of Sclena's chants, and in butwekn a skikction of Sim Alan's new songs. Therk is one old song, "The circle Round" which has a wondkrful favor, with the exotic buat of drums in the magick of the music. The tape skems fare too shore, and there skem to be fare too fkw of the beautiful songs that wk hear circle sing in conckert but listikning to it brinas memorics of songfiests, of Jim: Selkna at homk, playivg music, of the joys of friendship. Cost is $\mathbf{1 9 0 0}$ plus $95 \%$ for postagk from CiRcle. Box 9013 , Madison, Wirc., 53715.

The Rites of Summke is the Xitle of two musical fantasiks dficned by Gwydion, at \$450 ka. For more information writa: Nemeton, Po Box 212 , Redwood valky, Cal. 95470

Recciuved a nick flyer from ArcaneCoafts, PO Box 383, Mastic Brach, NY, 11951 . Thiky are an Exceilent sourcie of jwwelry e tools for Ritual workings. If you havkr't skin their suluction, write for their cataloguk.



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

This ykar's Pan-Pagan Fiestival should be alot of fun. The Midwest Pagen Council (sponsors of the festival) havk approued a workshop called "gays, Lesbians, and thkir spirituality." I am not ciretain just what we will cover in this workshop, but it is to quarantue that we have a scheduled time it all get together, to find each other, and to be able to Xalk about cur common situations. Cassidy? I ark looking forward to mekting many of you, for a larger number of gays ithsbians will be attending than in past years. Quitk a frew Ruadurs of ithe Extra Paqks will attend this ykar, from many statks (i statks of bking!)

## A Spiritual Gathering For Radical Fairies

"to be held. August $11^{\text {th }}$ thru $15^{\text {th }}$ in the Colorado Mts." \$900 fek includes campsite feke vequtarian meals. we have heard only the highest praise from those who attendro last ykar. This ykare promises to sharee healing, dance, music, a Fairy kirelk, and murk. Write:

## Soiritual Gathrering For Radical Fairiks Po Box 18583 <br> D4NVKR, Colorado, 80218

## People gark $\sim$

Dezr Everyonk,
What an Exciting time this has been since the Equinox. So much Rksponse to. the last issuk of the Extra Pagks has me doing this issuk in fink print. Pleask continue to skend your comments, lititers, opinions, questions, stc.
May wk Encourzagk you to triy and attend Pan Pagan this year? It is pkerhaps the largert pagan gathering to be heid this ykos, is having the gay : lisbian puoplus wkll Repreksinted would be info., write us. Wk.l' be aoing it noving a grkat time. Wk arke not attunding the Gavineting in Denucke, due to timk and monky, but would appreciatic inkaring from any of you who plan to attend. Good nkws is that wK will bk doing a handfastivig for two gay min this summike. Thky will have bkun toquther a yuar, is wish to culkbraty their union. SEk - there dre storiks of magick ? happy endings.
Apologies $\frac{1}{0}$. Adiman for incorrectly listing his add Ress last issur, spucial thanks to each of you who took Timk to write us with your tomments. Chris Sheribak is now in Sar Francisio, i Ted Byers is in Florida. Evkryonk usk has the samk address, is wh havk nkw readkrs.
-That's what spring is all about. Bultank in Mpls. is a Ritual at the RivkR, weivk beun sunning skuciad for thesk wondGRfuily hot : sunny werks.

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& \text { Love } \text { Io you all, }^{\text {Paul \& Cassidy }}
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Milks Michakl II:
"I have noticed in my involukment with the occult (which is outsidx the Craft) that there is a pronouncke bias toward heteroskxuality as the micRo. Cosmic Reflection of the interaction of the "malk" $\ddagger$ "fkmalk" preinciples in Nature - and a corressponding antagonism toward homoskxuality (and by application homoskxuals) as 'abckrations" of the "natural law. Despite claims to the contrary, what has becen labuled as unnatural' outside the Occult community has bekn similarly labkled within itthus offering no alternativk for us in what thas bukn called part of the alternativk-Rkality tradition! If such an attitudk exists within thre Ceeft it would account for the aliknation of gay Pagans the difficultirs Expkrikncud, by gay proplc treying
to drol with straight Pagand,"

## Mel:

"Gke Paul, pagens (sinckre, positivk onks) skem to be fare fkw butwekn ... But finding a gay, positive pagon is almost like looking for a nekdlk in a haystack. Cut of the few pagans there are, the gay population of that is even smaller. ... I's hard for m. to talk about a pagan goy Relation ship beccuuse I've nuvikR had one.... Exing dedicatkd to Wicca can causk problems, because it takes a lot of time, and othre people arkn't crazy about gour bking mixkd up in somkthing really unorthodox. How does one cope with wicca and a pkrson you like who's antagonistic towards it? I gukss if the issuk is presskd, it depends on which you consider most important.ine answer isn't tasy, but aelationships don't survive on dishonksty kither. That's probably why therek ark a lot of gay pagans out there who are still aione."

## Try Evkry witch way

"he most common complaint that puns through my corRespondence with othier gay witches is the futitity or difficulty of forming stabik pelation ships. While this is by no means unusual in the gay community, a further strain dkvklops betwiken a Wiccan-Non agan Relationship.
I myskif know that only anothere like musklf will be able to fekl what I fkkl for the CRaft and bk able to understand and share my joy. I therefore turn to my own kind for anything stable or of any dippth. This does not mean that I deny or Rkferain from all other gay contacts. As followers of the craft, a dkkpke mork meaningful fexling can be brought into our contacts. "An it harm nonk, do what you will."
I find that card Rkading à palmistrey ark Readily accupted by my non-pagan gay friknds. I fekl no need to teil them I am a witch. It oftkn leads the conversation to dekper luvels and starts them on a cikarer vision of their path. Just as our oukrall task in the Craft is to enlightien the public that we have parallkl paths going to the same Crestive Sourck, our gay community shouid be guided to acckpt us."

## Scott Cunningham:

"I. too, feal that my homosexuality has deepened my religious is spiritual de velopment. It is easieR to attune mysdf with the Goddess and God, because I am aware of both of them withing unlike [hererosexpals], who usually identify only with that Goddess that fits their genitalia. Also, being of a minority, it has helped me to strengthen my own beliefs and values in EUKRY aspect of my life, in addition to wicca. Being a member of a racial minority is one. thing a sexual [minority] is guitic another, but it has had almost totally positive Results. ... most of my wiccan friends are aware of my sexual orientation. In fact, it usually draws me close to the straight women-not the men, necessarily, but I have had no problems with this at all... I guess I have been lucky..."
"O Great God Pan, Lover to Man, Shepherd of goats and Lord of the Land; Wk call thee to attend our rites On this the magic night of nights. God of the Wine, God of the Vine,
God of the cattle $\varepsilon$ God of the kine, Attend our Circle with your love And send your energy from above. Help us to heal, Help us to fowl. Hap us to bring forth low weal. Pan of the Forests. Pan of the glade; $B_{k}$ with us as our magic is made!" "

## Adinan:

"I thank you for publishing my letterer in "The Unicorn" The Re is one small problem, however. In publishing my addRess the zero was lift out of my box numb kr:'
Adinan's address should Read,

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { "Adinan, } \\
& \text { Box } 703 \\
& \text { Lander, Tx. } 78641 \text { " }
\end{aligned}
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Adinan is open to corresponding, and is most int crested in what is going on with gay craft. Would EVE Ry one include in their Requests of the Goddess a boon foe him, so he makes it to Pan Pagan Festival this August!!

## Eric tanks:

"My Priestess is writing a book of rituals for Wiscan couples, and she would like me to write one or two Rituals designed for Gay couples : Since I'm not an initiate y kt and Ir not too sure on several aspects of the task (ic. How would the count handle the God Goddess Roles; how they would Raise energy, etc.) I was hoping for some advice from someone who knows. I Would appreciaticall the advick I could gut from all quartics. Also we would like some input on Lesbian Rituals if possible... Tm definitely coming to Par Pagan this summer if I have to $_{0}$ hitchhike..."

> "ERic Hanks 2604 W. Idaho Boisk, Idaho, $83702 "$

Bruce talky:
"I am in the process of Revising many Craft Rituals to fit gay men. I feel the structure of the cen is loose enough to do the Revising (if it isn't-it needs to be). Actually, the CRaft probably needs as
many now traditions and Rituals as possibik. How Else can We provide for every Pagan-CRafter what hu/she nukes?" Bruce writes of a weckiknd in the mountains, "wk backpacked up, set up camp on the North slope a built a fire in front of the cave we planned on skewing in. We sang praises to the Gods and drank libations till the wk hours.... on our delve home everyone promised to come to at likast one Pagan Way meeting to ser what it is all about. Shows you what happens when you throw me into, a group of open-miniked agnostics fore one night.

Ron Paul:
"There appears to be a major Rightist, Conservative ChRistian move meat going on. This posks a threat to the frekedom of not only Gay Propik and Womyn (in regards to their bodice \& abortion) but kuntually to Pagan/wiccan Folk as we!!. I ask if wk are owing. confronted with the possibility of a "New Burning?"
I suggest that all Fegan/Wiccons should make conscious efforts to protect and guard our Fritdams. As the Briton Brethren and Sistren have done (the Spanish Armada, the Isle of Mans, etc.) may wee also unite our efforts to usk our Power to stop the wave of persecution which kukn now is gaining in strength. May the Gods prescrevk the Craft. perform hare in Minneapolis at a benefit for the Minnesota Gay Deffest Fund. Charlie has a growing Reputation as singer/songwritere who is active in the men's movement and in gay politics. It was a plikasant kuening-songs of gay liberation, of saving the earth, of people opening up is being alive. The concert concluded with a wonderful story of the burning time, \& a goddess chant we all sang together. Charlie appears throughout the usS., is we'd like to encourage you to hear him if he appears in your aka.


One finial notu-the Pan -Pagan brochure has arRived, with a beautiful illustration by Dirk Dykstra. In the workshop listing is the following:
"Homosexuality witchcraft, with Herman Slater (New York)."
It's good to suck two scheduled workshops acting with homosexuality. The worksino we of Minneapolis will bk giving is skill unwritten. (It may bk $<u k n$ we give it ...) Wk would ask of our Readers to let us know what topics you wish discussed, what information you wish shared, ifc. Aatin-try \& attend. Wiz' ie going to look at the site in May.
hic plan to usk in May of the Extra Pages for the workshop. If any of you cannot attendFEe! free to Write an open |kttke-we will Read it at the workshop. (If you wish your name confidential, please so indicate.).

By k for now - I! Enjoy the !usty month of May!

## The Unicorn

Box 8814-Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408-871-7287
A publication of the Rowan Tree Vol 3 \#5 Beltane
Have you ever seen a Unicorn?
The beautiful sky child
The moon and sun child
Oh to see one is a marvel
Have you seen one?
Thunder horned
Flame shod
Foam maned
Earth born
Prancing and dancing
In fire bright starlight
To please the lady
To please the lady
To please the lady
Roaming spiral galaxies
Racing angry storm clouds
Sporting in frantic sea spray
Laughing in magick oak circles
She dazzles our eyes with her myrth
Her splendor
And waltzes spectre-like
Through our vague dreaming
Have you ever seen a unicorn?
I have
Eric Hanks

Dear Humans
A blessed Beltane to you all. Beltane is a special feast for unicorns, for it is then we honor our horns, and place magick circles of flowers around the horns of our dear ones. This is the true origin of the Maypole, when humans would dance around their honoured guests, the Unicorns. A time of giving and of sharing, the flower-circles are brought in special baskets. This issue of the Unicorn is in that spirit, and it is filled with extra poetry and goodies, for such is the way the Goddess treats us this season.

Our contest winner is Rose Wildermuth, with her entry, "Beltane song" and we had no entries for Beltane drawings, but it's spring and far too difficult to be disciplined!! Take time to frolic and play!
Here in Minneapolis, the Equinox seeds have been sown, and we are watching our dreams bloom as May flowers. We will have some very good news to share in the next issue.

## The Unicorn Rambles

Rosemarie is now in rural Mo., "surrounded by woods and freedom," and is planning a Pentagram garden. She writes of deer, racoons, and her beautiful Palomino, Sundance, who is a Unicorn at heart. The newsletter from Unicorn Gardens (vol. II, no. 1) had seeds in it. Comes the magick, comes the spring! Still waiting for the letter Laureli promised in her postcard from Topeka. Marsha Smith Newsom sent an incredible Sabbat card for the Equinox - thank you so much! Finally heard from our "overworked" Wizzard in Kalamazoo, who is busy putting together a catalog. Looking forward to seeing Terry at Pan Pagan this year Joyce Baker writes of spring "sunshine 60 degrees warm breezes ruffling my hair, the rich scent of the Earth filling my head Ahh - what a delight! It's amazing how much the simple pleasures of working in the garden can do, I feel full of energy and so very close to the Lady - it's wonderful" Nancy writes that Brockport, N.Y. needs a few more Unicorns, and that the Equinox was a time of great weather and geese flying overhead... Da'oud is spending spring in Tucson, writing of spring and growth of watching the planets. Our best wishes to Tim and Rose Wildermuth, who were handfasted at the Equinox. May your dreams all be blest and your new house a magick nest. Dearest Karen writes "Spring is here, and urges those who would go skinny dipping. Karen say hello and give unihugs to Gwyr, Liu Shien and all. Congratulations to Davyyd. Truly his Goddess brought you the blessings of spring. Drink of her sylvan breezes and run naked beneath the stars! The Equinox was celebrated as a Celtic Spring Equinox Festival by Circle and friends in Madison! Andrius said several unicorns had a very good time! Tanya has had an interesting spring... it seems things have been moving right along for her. The Order of Ganymede has been busy. The Goddess told Andrius that the favorite fallen angel is a sparkle in her eye. Ted Byers is spending spring in Florida. We hope to see him in August. Needing to contact someone with a coven in Santa Fe. I have need and don't know what else to do. Now is the time for activity. The blessings of warmth are heating the Earth!" Adinan, P.O. Box 703, Leander, Tx. 78641. Thanks to the Coven of the Rose for the pretty card of chickadees... Hello to Nick. To Bobbi-use the following herbs in a charm: basil and angelica and include a moonstone (P.S. it's Virgo) Tanya is your grape ivy doing better? Communing with the Deva's is really delightful. Looking for other Wicca folk in Eastern Central lowa who would like contact with us, who, like us view the craft was a positive religion... interested in Welsh traditions, etc. to contact write Erling c/o The Unicorn

Notes from and Herbal - cont'd

This column will differ, and with the next issue will return to the planetary energies. As part of this issue's Maybasket of treats I would like to share with you this excerpt from my new herbal which will be published this summer.
"The song of herbs is written in the heart of nature. Herbs recall the origins of all birth, for their source of life was the sea, that great, tumultuous ocean that gave birth, the origin of life upon our planet. In the annals of plant life it is written:
'In the beginning was the soil, the earth of life, which fed the waters of time out of which sprung all being. And this did the Earth Goddess, the Mother of all Nature, bring into being the element Verda, the essence of being, the being of all life...'
And this it is recorded in the holy book of Devas, the plant spirits, how chlorophyll came to be Chlorophyll is what makes plants plants, of a different consciousness than mammals, stones, and other beings. To the plant kingdom, chlorophyll is of the sacred elements, often written as 'verda' but not pronounced. It is a holy sound, sung by all the plants as the whispering of breeze, the tidal song of the ocean..."
P.s. Illustrations for the book are being created by Prairie Jackson

Tenth law - traditional herbalist

Because he practises his craft within both the smallest laws of the Universe and the greatest laws, even to gaze at the stars is to be aware.

The Tarot
The Chariot Ace of Cups by Prairie Jackson

The tarot and elemental invocations to the Goddess - Paul Beyerl
The May gift in the Tarot column - an extra card, but Andrius insisted these you must experience yourself.
Meditate upon these cards within a circle. Light a candle, yellow in the East for Air; Red in the South for Fire; Blue in the West for Water; and Green in the North for Earth. As you light the candle, chant the elemental chant for that element. After completing in the North, Sit inside and meditate on the Tarot. You have called upon the Goddess.
The chants are from the Coven of Lothlorien of the Rowan Tree. Mpls. They may be used privately by all who so mention their source.

O beautiful Lady
Gentle Goodes fair;
Give to us thy wisdom,
Fill us with thine air!
Bring to us they wondrous might,
Gracious Goddess of the light;
Ride the wings of Raphael
And bless this magick rite!
Help us cast this circle
And build a magick ring!
Guide us to your beauty;
Our love to you we sing!
Goddess of the dawning light
Kiss the dew of morning sight!
Light the candle, ring the bell

And bless this magick rite!
Greatest Goddess of the fire
Fill my heart with your desire
Keep my feet upon thy path
Fill my heart with mirth and laugh!
Greatest Goddess, burning bright
Keep me in thy magick might
Dance around the fire bright
Chant the song and do the rite!
Fire burning, fire bright
Give my soul your magick light;
Help me rise anew each day
Keep me in our lady's way!

Queen of the waters
Sparkling in the moonlight;
Lady of the heavens
Dancing in the stars bright;
Dance in the laughing waves
Call upon the moon
Cast the circle, chant the song.
Goddess grant this boon!
Take us to thy homeland.
Deep within the sea.
Bring the moon into my heart
Dear Mother Blessed Be!
Dance in the laughing waves
Call upon the moon
Cast the circle, chant the song/
Goddess, grant this boon!
Walking on the Earth this day
Sensing life within;
Living with the Goddess' song.
We are free from sin!
Dancing in the forest
Chanting with the trees
Casting magick circles
Singing Blessed Be's!
Mother of the Harvest
Goddess of the fields;
You who bring our dreams to ripe.
You who bless the yields!

Join us dancing in the wood!
Hear us singing to the trees!
Help us cast our circle
Hear our Blessed Be's!

## Beltane Song

Plant your seed in me in springtime In the last deep drifting snow As your sun warms up the earth The Lady's love will surely grow.
The mating of the seasons makes
The warmth that melts the snow
Bath the Lord and Lady
Makes the early violets grow
Shine on me and make me feel it!
Shine on me you make me grow! Inside us all the Lord and Lady grow.

As the green buds on the willows
Glow round us soft and bright
The deep dark still of nighttime
Meets the mornings vernal light
And, as one, they dance inside us
If we're blessed enough to know
It takes both sides of nature
So let the blossoms grow.
Ring out clear bells of Mayday!
Ring out winter's quiet nest!
As we sow the seed for summer
Working soil the gods have blessed
Dance 'round the garland Maypole
Dance 'round the silver moon
As we gather fragrant flowers
Bursting to love's tune
Moon shine on, you make me feel it
Shine right on you let me know
That the circle's everlasting
And at last it's time to grow
Shone on me cause in the morrow
Beltane bells will start to chime
I am of the Earth

Her bounty has been mine.

Hear the piper as he courts
The dark eyed Lady of the night
Feel the promise of the summer
Coming on both full and bright
One by one we come together
Two by two - it is so right
The golden sunshine
And the dark moonlight.
Contest winner by Rose Wildermuth

Lunar Diana
Forestral Pan
Be with us as man
Worships with man
Teach us wisdom
To live for life
Help us creates
Joy from strife
Pan and Diana
Bless us this night
Make us sacred
In your sight

- Scott Cunningham

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Who stirs the ashes who brings the flame none but the ancient dream the old ones we call by name
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by flower and fruit we know them who still sing to the moon running round a circle of time chanting the forgotten rune

O leap high the dancers
swirling bright with stars
the evening bell
is ringing in
the midnight Sabbat hour
O do you remember
do you believe
each is a cell
in the greater life
that no one will leave

O do you hear the echo
that moves us even now
the sound we always know
io evohe lo
evohe lo
evohe lo

- Prairie Jackson

Diana of the crescent barge
Who travels in the night
Who lights the way to sabbat ground
With glowing lunar light
We call thee to be one with us
As men we call thee nigh
Charge us with your love and luck
And bless us with your sigh
For though we be but mortal men
Who dance the ancient round
We pray that you'll attend to us
And send your moon love down

- Scott Cunningham

Jowren
I met a gnome, one sunny day,
His home? Beneath the hill,
He said "you'll stay? You'll talk with me?"
O yes, I said, I will.

He told me of his lifetime, Past, present future dreams.
He revealed to me our destiny,
Life's much more that it seems.

His name, he said, was Jowren, A common one, he said.
His stories enchanted, delighted me, We laughed, the time just sped.

His voice was soft and musical,

But deep, and old and true.
The music came from o'er the trees,
We sang - our friendship grew.

We've shared long afternoons, since then, He's taught me many things -
Love and laughter, peace and song -
And joy, to what life brings.

He said "Accept the way you are, Build on what you see,
You are unique, quite beautiful, The only way to be."
"Learn the secrets of the Earth,
For she is always true,
Love, protect, remember her
In every thing you do"
"For she will always be there
When all the rest is gone,
And she protects and cares for hers
From darkness to the dawn."
"Remember these words, my child," he said
"Let them be your guide
For you are a child of the universe,
From this you cannot hide."

- Joyce L. Baker

We are fire watchers
Ourselves the ash
Our faces carved by glow
Strong and brimfull
Of life
We are those among you
Who pour ourselves out
To drink again
And deeper still
Into the human current
We swirl up from the flames
Reaching for the higher sky
Seeking opening
To be reborn

As fire
In the hands of the living
As fire in the step's
Of those who follow
The echo across
The gypsy sand

- Prairie Jackson


## Open Forum

"We are hoping that perhaps you could help us... What we would like to do is to make contact (within a radius of say 300 miles) with other Pagans in this part of the country. Except for the lower Hudson Valley, New York State seems to be sadly underdeveloped as far as the Pagan Community is concerned ... we thought we might try to see what we could accomplish on a more local basis. We suspect that there must be others in upstate New York, Western Pennsylvania and Canada who would benefit from a common interest coalition, resource center and referral network, ... and possibly sponsoring a gathering."
The Eastern Crescent Pagan Council
P.O. box 264

Ellicott Station
Buffalo, N.Y. 14205

## Happenings

An Open Sabbat celebration will be held on Solstice Day, Saturday, June 21. This gathering will be sponsored by Circle and by Lothlorien, with the intention of forming a Midwest Council of Covenant of the Goddess, also known as COG. (Lothlorien is the coven name for the Rowan Tree and The Unicorn.) The location will be in Southern Wisconsin. So friends from lowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois may all come together to share rituals, workshops, a potluck feast, and some special events. Songs from Circle's new tape (see reviews) will highlight the songfest, and Paul Beyerl (of the Unicorn) will read excerpts from his new herbal, which is written in the tradition of the Devas and will be published in August. To Receive a flyer on this fun weekend, send a SASE to Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wisc, 53715.

Everyone we know is looking forward to the 4th annual Pan Pagan Festival, August 21-24. It will be held in a beautiful location near Baraboo, Wisconsin, which is near the Wisc. Dells and Devil's Lake State Park - breathtaking scenery and a real sense of the Earth abounds here. Registration for the entire event is $\$ 15.00$. A multitude of ritual workings will be presented by many varied traditions. Workshops will be given by teachers and leaders from all over the U.S. This is one of the most delightful of all gatherings (we are unabashedly prejudiced) and also one of the largest. Pan Pagan is sponsored by the members of the Midwest Pagan Council, which is an ecumenical, fun loving collection of Wiccans and Pagans. For free info in the Festival, write: Circle, Box 9013 Madison, Wisc. 53715, attn. Pan Pagan Festival.

Covens One is comprised of three craft-oriented groups in the Illiana Region of the Midwest, which were among the co-founders of the Mid West Pagan Council. Covens One is sponsoring
a Summer Solstice gathering - a three day campout weekend at Lake Holiday, Indiana, site of last years Pan Pagan Festival. Dates are June 20-22nd and cost is $\$ 8.50$ per adult, $\$ 4.50$ per child. Scheduled are rituals, discussion groups, a communal 'witches stew' and a large group ritual. For more information and for registration forms contact:
Woods Park Pagan Temple
Sanctus Spiritus
P.O. Box 664

Chicago Heights, III.

The third annual Gathering of the Tribes is being held at Unicoi State Park, Helen, Ga. This is a fine place to spend July 18-22, and an opportunity to meet a lot of Pagan friends. More information will appear in the next issue. Write: 'R. Gawr, Box 4152, Athens, Ga. 30602.

Hey, all you Texans (we have a lot of Texans in our file!) contact Nexus, Box 45061, Dallas, Tx., 75245 , to find out more about a special gathering for all you folk. It will be held to correspond with the Solstice.

## Books

"I just bought a fantastic - I repeat, fantastic - book on the Craft entitled The Spiral Dance: A Rebirth of the Religion of the Great Goddess. Written by Miriam Simos under her Coven name of Starhawk and published by Harper \& Row, it's maroon cover sports a circle containing four pentagrams which touch each other. Between those covers I found simple and understandable exercises, rituals, invocations, and straightforward explanations of witchcraft (as Goddess religions), the coven, and the worldview of witchcraft. I have yet to get to the chapters on the Goddess, the God, creating sacred space, magical symbols, energy, the Cone of Power, trance, initiation, moon rituals, the Wheel of the Year, and creating religion : toward the future. According to Starhawk, the view of the Craft presented in this book was from the Faery Tradition, but that shouldn't be held against it. It is truly excellent book and is the type of material that we non-Pagans would do well to latch onto. I give it four stars for its balanced yet positive view of the Craft. Tell your readers to get it!
Sincerely, Miles
Miles lives in NYC and is non-Pagan
Earth Magic is the title of Marion Weinstein's new Dianic Book of Shadows. It's a wonderful book, in a most practical format (each page is a readable - by candlelight $81 / 2 \times 11 \mathrm{in}$ ) We found some of the illustrations to be exceptional and deeply moving, such as the wise, old tree on the page of introduction, and other delights signed "mfw." It is good to see material often left out of Books of Shadows, such as a section devoted to familiars which explains the karmic workings of such relationships and wisely includes the responsibilities. Some approaches to ritual are described that are excellent to see in print. Marion wisely avoids a book of specific rituals, offering, rather a guideline so that each may practise in her/his own way. This book also is pleasant reading, avoiding the tendency of older (Piscean Age) books to take on the tone of Witchcraft and the occult; rather we find a presentation for those who follow the path to the Lady as natural flow of life. Marion is the author of the book Positive Magic which did so much to
demystify, and to take the cult out of the occult. She is to be highly commended for her work in teaching Craft thought and occult principles so one doesn't have to sort out all the garbage. Earth Magic is excellent. For further information, write Earth Magic Productions, P.O. Box 1202, FDR Station, NY NY 10022.

Earth Magic is available from Earth Magic Productions, P.O. Box 1202, FDR Station New York, N.Y. 10022. Send $\$ 4.95$ plus $50 \phi$ postage. See our reviews for more info. On this neat book from Marion Weinstein.

A pricelist for mail order books of a general metaphysical nature came from "Joan Marie Bruna, 1215 So. Lombard Ave., Chicago, III. 60650." Don't know any more, so write for a copy if you're interested.

Publications
Circle Network News has grown into a commendable publication. Now published quarterly, it is expanded into a good newspaper, with the potential of presenting news of our community in a scale beyond other newsletters and journals. It offers a contact service, space for classifieds, and room for articles long enough to contain valuable knowledge. Cost is $\$ 5.00$ (U.S.) per year, and we highly recommend beginning with Vol. II No.1, and read the articles by Selena and DeAnna. A large article appears in this issue on the Pagan Sanctuary and Nature Retreat Center. This is a working of Circle worthy of support from all who are able. Write De-Anna for further information - Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wisc., 53715. Andrius said, about the Sanctuary, 'it's delightful to see humans create the dreams of the Lady ..."

The most comprehensive catalogue of astrological books I recall seeing arrived in the mail. As each previous catalogue Doug has sent, "Astrology! (A guide to astrological books and supplies) is excellent. Each book is briefly (and fairly) reviewed, so you can assess books with which you might not be familiar. Included in the catalogue is a subject index, and author index, even a suggested reading list for all levels of ability. We understand the catalogue to be free, but feel it is worth including a dollar to help in the postage, etc. Write "Mystic Arts Book Store; 10202 152nd St., Surrey, B.C. Canada Y3R 6N7.

It was with great pleasure that I received a copy of "The Arohn," a quarterly publication of esoterica, gnosis, Christian mysticism and philosophy. Vol. 2 No. 3 is, for example, filled with 116 pages of incredible reading. A regular column on the mystical use of herbs, and articles on chiropractics, on invocation. This journal is representative of the New Age compatible with the multitude of ancient traditions, including our own. As a special offer to readers of The Unicorn, they will offer a year's subscription at $\$ 6.00$ for the first year.) It is normally $\$ 8.00$ ) "The Arohn" is the official voice of the Holy Order of the Rose and Cross, and is a forum for other seekers, particularly occultists and esotericists. I also wish to comment on some pamphlets Fr. Edward sent me on the Liberal Catholic Church, which I was delighted to see includes homage to the Divine Mother. For those of you who wish intelligent reading, write "The Arohn," P.O. Box 314, Burlington, Wa. 98235
"Rose Runes" is a very nice newsletter for Pittsburgh, Pa., printed 8 times a year (sabbatically) by the Coven of The Rose. Cost is $\$ 9.00$. Poetry, illustrations, and our favorite section, "Little Pagans' Page: a part for children. The Spring issue included little reviews of children's books which have magickal plots, and also a wonderful story called "the Return of Spring." "Rose Runes is a good newsletter. We bid some of their staff a special "merry meet!"
"The Upper Triad" began in 1974, in Albuquerque, NM, as a group meditation effort. The creation of the journal happened a few months later, and since that time "The Upper Triad" has been a creative well thought journal of metaphysics, theosophical and esoteric materials. The journal is distributed free of charge, but we ask that you send along a contribution. Non-Pagan journals can use our support particularly when they are of such fine quality. For information, write: The Upper Triad, P.O. Box 1370, Manassas, Va., 22110.

Merchandise

Songs of Pagan Folk is the name of the new tape that comes from Circle. As Circle has grown, so has the sound of their music, and on this tape we hear more voices, more instruments, and fuller, richer sound - that of friends. Each side of the tape opens and closes with one of Selena's chants, and in between a selection of Jim Alan's new songs. There is one old song, with the exotic beat of drums in the magick of the music. The tape seems far too short, and there seem to be far too few of the beautiful songs that we hear Circle sing in concert, but listening to it brings memories of songfests, or Jin and Selena at home, playing music, and of the joys of friendship. Cost is $\$ 9.00$ plus $95 \not \subset$ for postage, from Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wisc., 53715.

The Rite of Summer is the title of two musical fantasies offered by Gwydion, at $\$ 4.50$ ea. For more information write: Nemeton, P.O. Box 212, Redwood Valley, Cal. 95470

Received a nice flyer from Arcane Crafts, P.O. Box 383, Mastic Beach, NY 11951. They are an excellent source of jewelry and tools for ritual workings. If you haven't seen their selection write for their catalogue.
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Pan Pagan 1980
This year's Pan Pagan Festival should be a lot of fun. The Midwest Pagan Council (sponsors of the festival) have approved a workshop called "Gays, Lesbians, and their Spirituality." I am not certain just what we will cover in this workshop, but it is the guarantee that we have a scheduled time to all get together, to find each other, and to be able to talk about our common situations. Cassidy and I are looking forward to meeting many of you, for a larger number of gays and lesbians will be attending than the past years. Quite a few readers of the Extra Pages will attend this year, from many states (and states of being!)

A spiritual gathering for Radical Faires
To be held August 11th thru 15th in the Colorado Mts. $\$ 90.00$ fee includes campsite fee and vegetarian meals. We have heard only the highest praise from those who attended last year. This year promises to share healing, dance, music, a fairy circle, and more. Write:
Spiritual Gathering for Radical Faires
P.O. Box 18583

Denver, Colorado, 80218

People Talk
Dear everyone,
What an exciting time this has been since the Equinox. So much response to the last issue of the Extra Pages has me doing this issue in fine print. Please continue to send your comments, letters, opinions, questions, etc.
May we encourage you to try and attend Pan Pagan this year? It is perhaps the largest Pagan gathering to be held this year, and having the gay and lesbian peoples will represented would be of incredible value. If any of you need more info, write us. We'll be going and having a great time, we are not attending the gathering in Denver due to time and money, but would appreciate hearing from any of you who plan to attend.

Good news is that we will be doing a handfasting for two gay men this summer. They will have been together a year and wish to celebrate their union. See - there are stories of magick and happy endings.
Apologies to Adinan for incorrectly listing his address last issue, and special thanks to each of you who took the time to write us with your comments. Chris Sherbak is now in San Francisco and Ted Byers is in Florida. Everyone else has the same address and we have new readers. That's what spring is all about. Beltane is Mpls. is a ritual at the river and we've been sunning skyclad for these wonderfully hot and sunny weeks.
Love to you all,
Paul and Cassidy
Miles Michael II
"I have noticed in my involvement with the occult (which is outside the craft) that there is a pronounced bias toward heterosexuality as the microcosmic reflection of the interaction of the "male" and "female" principles in nature - and a corresponding antagonism toward honosexuality (and by application homosexuals) as 'aberrations' of the 'natural' law. Despite claims to the contrary, what has been labeled as 'unnatural' outside the occult community has been similarly labeled within it - thus offering no alternative for us in what has been called part of the Alternative Reality Tradition! If such an attitude exists within the Craft it would account for the alienation of gay Pagans and the difficulties experienced by gay people trying to deal with straight Pagans."

Mel:
"Gee Paul, Pagans (sincere, positive ones) seem to be far and few between ... But finding a gay positive Pagan is almost like looking for a needle in a haystack. Out of the few Pagans there are, they gay population of that is even smaller... It's hard for me to talk about a Pagan gay relationship because l've never had one... Being dedicated to Wicca can cause problems, because it takes a lot of time, and other people aren't crazy about your being mixed up in something really unorthodox. How does one cope with Wicca and a person you like who's antagonistic towards it? I guess if the issue is pressed, it depends on which you consider most important. The answer isn't easy, but relationships don't survive on dishonesty either. That's probably why there are a lot of gay Pagans out there who are still alone."

Try Every Witch Way
"The most common complaint that runs through my correspondence with other gay witches is the futility or difficulty of forming stable relationships. While this is by no means unusual in the gay community, a further strain develops between a Wiccan non-Pagan relationship. I myself know that only another like myself will be able to feel what I feel for the Craft and be able to understand and share my joy. I therefore turn to my own kind for anything stable or of any depth. This does not mean that I deny or refrain from all other gay contacts. As followers of the Craft, a deeper more meaningful feeling can be brought into our contacts. 'And it harm none, do what you will.'
I find that card reading and palmistry are readily accepted by my non-pagan gay friends. I feel no need to tell them I am a witch. It often leads to conversation to deeper levels and starts them
on a clearer vision of their path. Just as our overall task in the Craft is to enlighten the public that we have parallel paths going to the same Creative Source, our gay community should be guided to accept us."
Blessed Be,
Ted Byers
Scott Cunningham:
"I too feel that my homosexuaity has deepended my religious and spiritual development. It is easier to attune myself with the Goddess and God, because I am aware of both of them within; unlike [heterosexuals], who usually identify only with the God Goddess that fits their genitalia. Also, being of a minority, it has helped me strengthen my own beliefs and values in every aspect of my life, in addition to Wicca. Being a member of a racial minority is one thing; a sexual minority is quite another, but it has had almost totally positive results. ... most of my Wiccan friends are aware of my sexual orientation. In fact, it usually draws me closer to the straight women - not the men, necessarily, but I have had no problems with this at all... I guess I have been lucky..."
"O Great God Pan,
Lover to Man,
Shepherd of goats and Lord of the Land;
We call thee to attend our rites
On this the magic night of nights.
God of the Wine,
God of the Vine,
God of the Cattle and God of the Line,
Attend our Circle with your love
And send your energy from above.
Help us to heal,
Help us to feel
Help us to bring forth love and weal
Pan of the Forests, Pan of the glade;
Be with us as our magic is made!

## Adinan:

I thank you for publishing my letter in "The Unicorn" there is one small problem, however, In publishing my address the zero was left of my box number.
Adinan's address should read
Adinan
Box 703
Leander, Tx. 78641

Adinan is open to corresponding, and is most interested in what is going on with gay craft. Would everyone included in their requests of the Goddess a boon for him, so he makes it to Pan Pagan Festival this August!

## Eric Hanks:

My Priestess is writing a book of rituals for Wiccan couples, and she would like me to write one or two rituals designed for Gay couples and since l'm not an initiate yet and l'm not too sure on several aspects of the task (i.e., How would the couple handle the God and Goddess roles; how they would raise energy, etc.) I was hoping for some advice from someone who knows. I would appreciate all the advice I could get from all quarters. Also we would like some input on lesbian rituals if possible... I'm definitely coming to Pan Pagan this summer if I have to hitchhike...

Eric Hanks
2604 W. Idaho
Boise, Idaho 83702
Bruce Hadley:

I am in the process of revising many Craft rituals to fit gay men. I feel the structure of the Craft is loose enough to do the revising (if it isn't - it needs to be). Actually, the Craft probably needs as many new traditions and rituals as possible. How else can we provide for every Pagan Crafter what he she needs? Bruce writes of a weekend in the mountains "we backpacked up, set up camp on the North slope and built a fire in front of the cave we planned on sleeping in. We sang praises to the Gods and drank libations 'till the wee hours... on our drive home everyone promised to come to at least one Pagan Way meeting to see what it is all about. Shows you what happens when you throw me into a group of open minded agnostics for one night.

Ron Paul:
There appears to be a major Rightist, Conservative Christian movement going on. This poses a threat to the freedom of not only Gay people and Womyn (in regards to their bodies and abortion) but eventually to Pagan Wiccan folk as well. I ask if we are being confronted with the possibility of a New Burning?
I suggest that all Pagan Wiccans should make conscious efforts to protect and guard our freedoms. As the Briton Brethren and Sistren have done (the Spanish Armada, the Isle of Mans, etc.) may we also unite our efforts to use our power to stop the wave of persecution which even now is gaining in strength! May the Gods preserve the Craft.

One of Our Own
Charlie Murphy
Recently Cassidy and I went to hear Charlie Murphy perform here in Minneapolis at a benefit for the Minnesota Gay Defense Fund. Charlie has a growing reputation as singer songwriter who is
active in the men's movement and in gay politics. It was a pleasant evening - songs of gay liberation of saving the Earth of people opening up and being alive. The concert concluded with a wonderful story of the burning times, and a Goddess chant we all sang together. Charlie appears throughout the U.S. and we'd like to encourage you to hear him if he appears in your area.

One final note - the Pan Pagan brochure has arrived with a beautiful illustration by Dirk Dykstra. In the workshop listing is the following. In the workshop listings is the following: Homosexuality and Witchcraft with Herman Slater, New York It's good to see two scheduled workshops dealing with homosexuality. The workshop we of Minneapolis will be giving is still unwritten. (It may be even as we give it...) We would ask of our readers to let us know what topics you wish discussed What information you wish shared, etc. Again - try and attend we're going to look at the site in May. We plan to use topics of the Extra pages for the workshop. If any of you cannot attend - feel free to write an open letter - we will read it at the workshop. (If you wish you name confidential, please so indicate.)
Bye for now - and enjoy the lusty month of May!

