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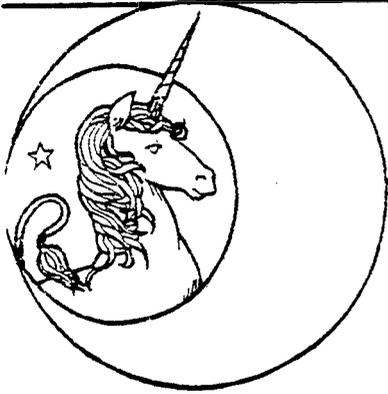
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THE UNICORN

AUTUMN EQUINOX

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A PUBLICATION OF the ROWAN TREE

Dear Incarnates,

May the beauty of Autumn fill your hearts with tranquility. Unicorns of all hues will gather Equinox night to partake of the prizes of the recent harvest. Awards are given among those who grew crops for those seeds saved from the harvest for spring's planting. A tour will be taken of alpha Romella, the new constellation born in the astarte solar system. Moon-dew will be served, but young one's will need permission of the elders to sip the visionary wine.

The gardens of Lothlorien are now fenced, and the ritual gardens being dug. An amazing variety of gifts will be given the Earth from you beautiful Readers. In response to your contributions, we are opening the Deva Sanctuary. Many of you are solitary people, and many of you have expressed a wish to join us astrally. The Calendar of Lothlorien is to be found on another page. Times are Lothlorien Local Time (13 minutes later than C.S.T.) & you are all invited to share...

The Rowan Tree has been amazing - little Pagans scurrying about. Special thanks to Jay of New York for giving of his vacation time to aid Paul & Cassidy, & to Nick, to Rich, & to all who helped. The new roof is on - the temple cauldron still catches a drip - and where once was a rotted porch no Unicorn could walk is now a sturdy deck - I love to lay there in the Sun & munch angelica... Cassidy has undergone an ordeal in roofing, & I doubt few realize how much he has given. (He made me promise not to say this, but I had my hooves crossed...) Please - send him thank yous.

My beloved Dragon friends were by recently to visit the little people. The gardens already have some new life. A few devas were too disturbed by the construction & went South for the season, but late at night fairy lights shine, and those who listen find the estreal rhythms of fairy chants among the herbes. It is

anticipated that next year at Pan-Pagan we will bring magickal soil of Lothlorien to share with you.

This morn the Queen of Wands came by with the news that she has decreed a Rowan Tree shall be planted here. May the Goddess bless her for the gift. A master carver hopes to take up his tools and put magick into a carved Rowan tree sign. I get so excited at all the new and exciting things that my mane gets curly & I can't do a thing with it.

The Higher Council of Elder Unicorns (of which I'm still not a member) met to discuss the situation of the "real" Unicorn in California. Although the official word has not been given, it is unlikely that they approve. Parentage has been argued, technology has been argued. True Unicorn's are hatched from eggs. I have been asked to extend to the founding an invitation to appear at the next Council gathering. The time & date should be determined by Unicorn Ken - as will be the site. All Unicorns, all, are requested to attend. Sight will be chosen, and relayed from horn to horn... as is our custom.

Some of you wrote that I seem quite interested in pretty Unicorn fillies. Why shouldn't I be? Really - I don't write to you about your Romance, though the Goddess knows some of your escapades would make spicy readings for us all...

And now, one last thing. Nov 28-30 will be a re-treat at the Rowan Tree. Rituals, workshops... a chance to get away and spend a few days in totally magickal surroundings. Open to Pagans and Wiccans of all positive paths, with limited accommodations here.

Before we finalize the details, we need to know the interest...

Love,
Andrius...

ps. Send all virgins, to me - gift-wrapping optional!...



Notes from an Herbalist

The Dream

I dreamt in the night, in my bed, in my room,
Of a search for something precious, lost in the gloom.
I searched through a building, I searched every floor,
Until no place was left to search anymore.

I stood, so dejected, in the faint light of the moon,
Filtering through a window, casting shadows in the

Room,
Suddenly I saw, with the clammy touch of fear,
Water was flowing in, and was coming very near.

There was no place to run, no place to hide,
For the only door stood open, and was letting in
this tide.
I had only time to think, as the waters swirled
around,
that I had never learned to swim, and now
would surkly drown.

The waves lapped at my legs, then my chest, then
my head,
I realized in a flash that all my clothing had been shed.
I opened my mouth, had to breathe, fight panic in
my chest,
I took a great gulp, and found it the sweetest and
the best.

With my eyes wide open, breathing in, as if in air,
I felt my body surge through the water, so cool
and quite bare,
Sea green & amber water, feeling beautiful & free,
Even the sweetest orgasms of passion had never
felt this good to me,

For I was one with the water, the cradle of life,
Ruled by the Silver Lady, shot through with her
liquid light,
Air and fire, water and earth,
To be one with these, is to find your birth.



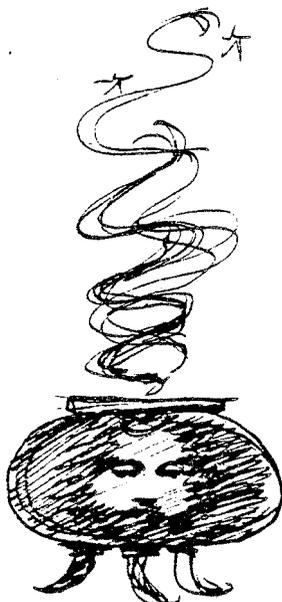
When ERdo started growing wings, he kept it from his friends. His slender frame was joke enough. Their witless torment of his weightless bones had left him knowing

he'd never have the pluck of other boys. At last it came to him: the lust to fly. And fly he did, after the wings had dried, trusting to gods and luck.

The wings were a noble sight, curving from shoulder blade to wrist, crimson as blood, each feather tipped with gold. No fear or caution held him back. Flying was right.

He climbed the schoolyard wall, spread the great wings with ease, soared over the staring eyes, the open mouths of friends, and beating the feathered fronds, knew he was above them all.

-Hope Athearn



The Twelfth Law of the Traditional Herbalist:

"And he knows from doing: Everything that happens affects everything else."

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

Saturn ♄

Herbs of Saturn may be brought into our rituals to aid us in growing past our shortcomings, to no longer be hindered by those things we perceive incorrectly as limitations, and to bring into our being the strength needed to endure restriction and trials. In dealing with intense changes, the herbs of Saturn can bring a sense of calm, a sense of something solid & stable which can lend support to the soul.

Some of the Saturnian herbs may be used to bring about manifestation within the physical realms of those images sent out into the spheres of magick. In this mode of work, one's ethics must be firmly rooted in positive ideals. There must be no element of greed attached to the magick, for Saturn's effects are binding. The symbol of the grim reaper is often attached to Saturn, for the magick brought about through Saturn's magick is eternally binding. Should your goals not be in line with the highest ideals of your magickal/spiritual path, it may bind your karma. Hence, the use of Saturnian herbs to fulfill greed would likely lead to the very uncomfortable trials & limitations until all of the karma has been worked out.

In the training of an herbal shaman, the herbs of Saturn are approached with deep respect and admiration. Herbs of Saturn include:

aconite	hemlock	monk's hood
barley	henbane	mosses
belladonna	holly	night shades
camphor	Irish moss	poplars
comfrey	ivy	snake weed
elms		Solomon's seal
		wolf's bane

Be a Witch!

Circles are drawn, spells are cast,
Many people think this has passed.
Said a witch that I once asked,
"Long in the Powers have we basked."

"Enjoying life is not a sin,
As they believe who are Christian."
He continued with a grin.
Ask yourself, what believe you in?

Are you a winner in this life?
Or only a sinner fraught with strife?
Then be a witch or midwife,
And learn the joys of living life!

I say to you, come, be a witch!
Who knows, you might enjoy the switch!
Be happy, fulfilled, even rich,
Don't sit at home, 'cause it's a cinch!

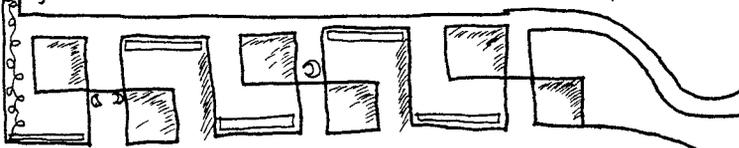
Join our ranks, you who will,
Be no more disturbed or ill,
Leave off taking shot or pill,
Life's the cure for any ill!

-Lillian Chamberlain

The Unicorn Rambles

May Unicorn blessings flow through Carol's new home. Andrius wants another letter! Hello to Nancy of Littleton. It was our delight to meet you.... Deep love to Rose & Tim, whose music brought us to tears. Andrius is impatient for a tape, he's so anxious! Hello to Alison when I told Andrius about your Unicorn photos, he seemed quite upset - said something about BLUE Unicorns being hatched from eggs, not from California.... Hello to secret admirer Cathy, who will get this issue at her bookstore hangout... .. Kieran - is that your footprint in the garden? Hello to Sylvia, our beautiful lady friend in Lawndale.... Thank you, Gary, for the amulet & the wonderful Aesop's Fables for our library. May the Goddess protect & keep you Andrius is very proud of the new Unicorn poster from Maud; of the new print from Stan & Brenda; of the calendar from Tim & Rose; & was in tears when he saw the gifts from so many readers we met at Pan Pagan! (He has taken to wearing a paper-clip necklace!!) Our garden is joyous over shared soil, new stones, & bits

of magick! The tooth fairy has been here ever since the gardens of Lothlorien were blessed by Katy.... Thanks to Gary for the most recent book - you certainly are a blessing for our library! Andrius is quite excited - we promised to purchase the November issue of "OUI" for we saw the "openers" article on a dear witch-friend of ours. Expectedly written for "OUI" readers, it communicates a lot of good information on the Craft. (Photo is not from author nor witch-lady).... Thanks to Bobbi for 13 seeds.... Many Unicorns will be gathering at a workshop in Plumas County, Cal. Given by Maud Reinertson (High School Astrology) & friends. The Equinox promises the Baby Blessing of Kiwani Ocean, beautiful son of Ahote Toho, & friend of Unicorns.... The National Astrological Society of New York charged \$7500 for natal charts. One word - ripoff!! (or is that two words?).... I hear we should send house-blessings to Jim Andris.... A lovely new mural of Disha is in Winnipeg, and the artist is a beautiful Virgo.... Hello to Khatannon.... A letter from the Blue Moon tells of a new moon-mobile and enclosed a beautiful bunny for the gardens of Lothlorien here at the Rowan Tree.... Jim Thomas is proud papa of a new lady Kitty! Tara survived living alone in Conn. while Laurel and the girls headed to the Midwest for a visit. We sure were happy to have the visit.... Rik Johnson shared designs of new B.O.S. paper he designed. It's wonderful!



THE TAROT

The Guide (known in non-Unicorn decks as the hierophant) is that which calls to us within; it is the inner voice that speaks directly to our spirit by words, songs, whispers, dreams, and imagery. This card is the link between the invisible word and the world of form. As conscious beings, we function as the bridge connecting the two (which are not really separate. There is much power in this card and those who are channels for it must always remember that they must be of service to others and keep the balance. In the old decks, this card symbolized institutionalized spiritual authority. In the neopagan deck we are all our own best authorities as regards our inner path and accept no dogmas imposed from without. As mentioned, we must be aware (be-ware) our personal connections & attitudes about power. One intimation for readers to notice is the presence of the circle on the heart chakra, the circle of radiance that connects the two unicorns and the seekers. We circle to raise the power and the power returns to earth via the circle. We are all one, at root. The wisdom of this card says to lay aside personal egotism and reconnect in your heart to a much deeper, timeless source for knowledge and inspiration. The astrological attribution is Taurus, which rules the voice (inner & outer) and hearing. For those who may wish to color this card, tones are red, orange, yellow, in shimmering, vibrant colors... the forest is tinted deep green, to suggest the deep mind. If, in a reading, this card is reversed, it may suggest a closer look is needed into your attitudes toward others... absolutism, domination, dogmatism & power tripping could be possibilities. Herbal correlatives: any herb of Taurus or Venus; stones: again, all that fall under Taurus' rule or of Venus.

- Prairie



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the guide
the inner voice
(the hierophant)

Pan-Pagan '80-recap

Pan-Pagan '80 was a spectacular event. Although the numbers aren't known, it was perhaps 550-600 beautiful Pagans. Historic events took place, Pagans of fame attended, songs & wisdom were shared, a baby was blessed, & the atmosphere was joyous.

Many came to Lake Holiday with visions of Baraboo still in their heads. The weather was superb, once accustomed to Indiana/Lake Michigan humidity, and the convenience of stores made many find Lake Holiday a relief. The freeway noise continued to be a plague, but our voices rose above it. The power of the Goddess wins again...

There seemed to be too many workshops to attend, & it would have been impossible to attend them all. Last year Dr. Gordon Melton of I.S.A.R. took a survey & this year presented his findings. We found out that we are more middle class & professionally employed than we are wont to admit. We are young - most of us are under 35. We also use drugs less than is oft reported. This year saw workshops for a variety of minorities within the magical community: Herman Slater talked on homosexuality; Bill Shepardon spoke of problems for the physically challenged; A workshop by the Rowan Tree led to discussion between Dianic women & Fairy men, the result of which was the men lending their aid at a Dianic ritual, the results of which were both profound and controversial. There were many who thought an all-women's Circle beautiful and moving; some who thought it threatening to their masculinity.

We were a beautiful group: tents of all colors and sizes; some discreet, some flamboyant, some elegant with Oriental rugs. There were those who arrived in expensive Winnebagos, those who lived out of a truck. Some didn't stay with us at all, but left 'neath the moon for motels & televisions. We were colorful & many were coupled. For most it was an Aquarian vision; both heterosexual and same-sex couples finding the freedom to mingle without having to hide behind Christian patriarchal facades. And for some, this was controversial. Some Pagan folk felt it necessary to leave because they saw two men or two women hold hands or show affection, as did other couples.

Ray Buckland showed a collection of slides from his anthropological studies. Z. Budapest showed a magnificent collection of Goddess slides, & another night Guydon & Circle shared theirs (or was it the same night? Time became irrelevant). Pagan movies...

The air was purified by sacred incense, and kept mortal by cigarettes & occasional marijuana. Mostly it kept its rhythm of eternal life as chants were sung, as laughter and joy filled the sky, as songs were shared & jokes told. Some fried hamburgers on Coleman's, but there seem to be more vegetarians than ever (perhaps next year's feast will reflect this.) We learned that we are not yet perfect, but we are getting better & better.

All functioned on Pagan time. Workshops attempted to start on time, yet many never happened. Most often those who arrived & found no instructor trusted their inner voices, & chanted, danced, & shared wisdom, proved to have found the best times. The spontaneity & resourcefulness of the Community was ever to be found.

Yes, the Christians were across the pond. But the two learned that they are different, and that they are the same. Many, actually nearly all, of the local folk, the shopkeepers, waitresses, etc. were very kind, & had positive attitudes. The few who see us as a threat may convince us to locate a site that could be all-Pagan.

More - some found romance, some found teachers. The Amulet workshop Paul presented included the consecration of a special amulet for Prairie Jackson with Cassidy & Paul performing the Dea Ritual of Lothlorien. This year's workshop was taped by Stan of Sanctus Spiritus (First Temple

of the Craft of W.I.C.A., Po Box 664, Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411) who is offering tapes of some of the workshops.

As each year, Pagan unity brought together an incredible ritual on Saturday night. Many hundreds of beautifully-robed & levi-garbed bodies chanted and danced around the main circle. Not to let Christian ecumenical services outdo us, the inner circle was a collection of many priestesses & priests, each representing a different facet of the multi-colored gem of Wicca. Everyone "ooohed" & "ahhed" as the quavering were invoked - huge containers of "Moonshine" (from Pagan Way) set to glow on pillars - it was truly a night divine.

The true magick comes from the many letters from friends, telling how the magick of four days (& for some, seven) of living a Pagan lifestyle filled the soul with ambition & inspiration. To all, joy & love - next year better & better!!!

News of Other Unicorns

"Aradia is recovering from a wildly euphoric astral weekend in the Great Rite Islands - too much damiana salad for this Unicorn... the mars en scorio soufflé was stellar, especially with the Milky Way topping. Unearthly delights! Aradia notes, in the Georgian newsletter, which just came out, that her wisdom was quoted, but not properly identified! Alas! Where is Andrius keeping himself... Aradia says she will venture that way & Andrius must join with her as they dance the Spiral Dance in the falling leaves.."

Open Forum ~

"I have been receiving 'the Unicorn' for several months now.... I look forward to each issue, for the variety and beautiful illustrations (I hope Prairie Jackson enjoys the amulet). [Which we made at Pan-Pagan!]

Keep up the great work - It's obvious how much 'tender loving care' is put into your work.

Blessed Be,

a Perry, Ohio Reader

"The talisman is nice - it feels wonderful to hold - did you know it would fit exactly into the contours of the palm of my hand... its resting place is the center of a five element pentacle made for me by Jim Alan... I also wear it around my neck & put it on the back of a fine old bentwood oak chair I sit on in my studio.. if there were psychic geiger-counters, I'm sure it would emit loud buzzes... the shape of it reminds me of several things - my first impression was of a small leather womb containing ?? * stardust, spangles, moonbeams, all that and more...."

Prairie

Your Open Forum letter on sex magick has called forth a response from me: I feel that sex is one of Life's greatest gifts to its children, yet we do not often appreciate the power and glory of this gift. Pagans have the best, most natural grasp of the magick that is sex, and yet we too must always continue to grow and learn sexually.

(cont'd)



The Cabala explains sex in this way: The Universe is one super conscious Being. As soon as the Unity expresses Itself, it splits into two parts. Every manifested thing has two poles, as a coin has two sides. The two are opposite-yin and yang - and together they form a whole, the Unity. In Unity there is love. In togetherness there is love. The reason why the Unity divides itself up is so that love can happen. All creation exists in love, for love, and by love.

Pagans recognize the cosmic yin and yang as Goddess and God. All rites of lovemaking are reflections of the Eternal Embrace. The important thing to remember is that Divine Love is enacted within the being of each individual person, for we are microcosms. What I'm saying is that we don't necessarily need a physical partner to experience the bliss of sex magick. The two aspects of life itself are making love in us and through us all the time. Our whole self corresponds to the Unity; our psychic, feeling, inner nature is yin; and our practical, rational, assertive nature is yang. These parts of our being can respond to the same anywhere else in the universe - so that we can make love to a flower, a spirit, a star, or another human, all with equal intensity and sacred passion.

Forgive the length of this letter. Something very deep within my soul responds when I hear the phrase "sex magick." All my life I have loved sex and it has been one of my greatest teachers. For awhile I was a professional teacher of the subject myself - a sex therapist helping turn people on to the beauty and pleasure of this sacred act. Now I am experimenting with celibacy, and for the last four years I have found that celibacy can be as good a sexual adventure as any other! I have become increasingly attuned to the subtle delights of the inner planes.... It seems to me a bit primitive to "hash over" whether it's important for sex partners to "come together" or not, whether non-ejaculation can still be satisfying, or how unaware women can become pregnant. To me the really important thing is to LOVE life and all this beautiful, magical world (the letter you printed did not mention love) so much so that the power and glory of the Goddess and God will lift you to incredible heights of cosmic consciousness and unity with your Divine Self.

"In the garden of the Senses lies a pathway to the Spirit." - The Lotus Sutra
May Our Lady, the Mother of All, who gives birth to both male and female, bless you and keep you.

Maud Reinertsen

The Rowan Tree

Recharge Your Spiritual Batteries

The weekend of Nov. 28-30, the Rowan Tree will offer a Spiritual Retreat. Open to all traditions, we will offer vegetarian cooking, workshops which will provide inspiration & knowledge in ritual work, & in helping those who are both serious & joyful in their priest/esshood. This is an opportunity to shed the mundane world, to visit with unicorns, elves, faeries, to take a few days of freedom to allow your magical self its full reign... We encourage the solitary & the coven leader, and promise you a joyous time. Total registration will be limited to eleven. We can collect you at the bus depot or airport, & are happy to offer you the facilities of the Rowan Tree. Cost, including meals & workshops is \$50.00 (\$85.00 for a couple) and we will make both magick and merriment. To pre-register, please send \$5.00 deposit per person. Workshops will include Creative Rituals and a Dream Quest, & we will have time to play & sing & divine our magick....

- September 27th 1:30 pm. Herbcraft I - 6 wks. Introduction to herbal healing; principles & ethics of the herbal physician; techniques of healing; the making of herbal compounds. This course is required of all students intending to study shamanistic herbcraft or prognostics.
- September 28th 1:30 pm. Amulet Workshop - this is the first time this will be presented in its complete form, explaining the nature of amulets of healing, etc. This will include the Deva Ritual of Lothlorien as presented at Pan-Pagan, 1980. A fun time and Aquarian approach to magick!!
- October 19th 3:00 pm. The Unicorn Ensemble will perform in the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.
- October 31st Spiritual Retreat all weekend.

Herbal Shamanism

A special course will be offered beginning Sept. 29, temporarily taking the Monday night class time from Creative Thinking. This course will run 5 consecutive Mondays.

Prerequisites are established: students will be making magickal incense, oils of herbs to increase clairvoyance, to use in divination. Students must be capable of performing simple ritual, of maintaining ethics of wisdom. This class will share the magickal working of herbs... because this wisdom is passed by inner sight, students must agree to make all lotions, blends, philtres, amulets, as guided in the course.

Submit letter of application to Paul, and contact him for further information. 871-7287.

Calendar of Lothlorien

- 22 ix 80 CE 5:47 pm LLT (7:00pm CDT) To celebrate the Autumnal Equinox, a ritual to heal the earth will be held in the ritual gardens...
- 23 ix 80 CE 8:15 pm LLT. The eve of the full moon in Aries will have a ritual of celebration in the ritual gardens. The soil will be blessed; sacred objects, stones, gems, etc. will be given to the garden. Seeds sent will be planted. Circles will be cast within both temple and garden to link this space as eternally sacred to the Goddess.
- 9 x 80 CE 10:00 am LLT. New Moon ritual to prepare the magickal space of this waxing ☾. Cleansing of all tools and meditation on the magick within. Magickal workings to be initiated include the use of beauty's creation to heal, to nurture, & to spread love.
- 23 x 80 CE 2:45 pm LLT. As the Moon waxes full in Taurus, all will consecrate a new tool of healing, which may be any new object made during the cycle in the Taurian mode. Healing energies & love will be sent to our families.
- 31 x 80 CE 8:00 pm LLT. Halloween will be celebrated by a Circle of Faery Shamans in the garden of Lothlorien

Contacts ~

The Rowan Tree (Lothlorien) and Circle hope to see a Midwest Council of C.O.G. members, all united in working towards the health and stability of the Pagan community. If you are willing to commit you and your group to positive-only expressions of your being, and can see greater work gone through unity, this might be of interest to you. Because of her incredible ability to know who's who, we'll give you Selena's address: Selena Fox, Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wisc. 53715. And send her Unicorn Kisses!!

"If you know any Druids, can you ask them for info on their Rites for Lady Day, the feast for Young Mothers on 25 March and The Feast of Expectant Mothers on 2 July? I would like to have a type of Sabbat on a regular day for these events." Rik Johnson, 246 W. Jacinto, Tucson, AZ. 85705

"Please do mention Earthsky in the newsletter. It is so difficult getting in touch with Crafters here in L.A. If any of them get [the Unicorn], maybe they'll get in touch with me. We are 1/2 dozen strong, eclectic pagans. We meet for the festivals and some moons. Earthsky borrows from all traditions and sets no god/dess above another, seeing all as manifestations of the infinite creativity of the universe." Contact: Marsha Smith-New Some, 6333 Canoga Ave #124, Woodland Hills, Ca. 91364. phone 1-213-884-0503



Books ~

The Holy Books of the Devas: An Herbal for the Aquarian Age by Paul V. Beyerl. #700 from The Rowan Tree, Box 8814, Mpls, Minn. 55408. Fans of unicorns will love the art of Prairie Jackson (whose smile is a sparkle in the heart of the Goddess)... From the delightful unicorn on the first page, with flowers twined around her horn, to the picture of the Goddess with four unicorns from the four directions, the spirit of the Goddess and her creatures is found in the pen-and-ink drawings of Prairie.... This book is one that will repay repeated readings. I found much on second or third reading that I had not noticed the first time around.
-Mary Lee George-G
fr. "The Source"

Between Worlds: Fragments of a Faceted Crystal, a book of poems by Susan Sigl. #223 from Susan Sigl, 4361 No 61st, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53216. all copies signed and numbered. A book which is revealing in the emotions of poetics & pagan. Sometimes angry at the system, sometimes showing a deep sense of the mystery of the Goddess, this is a good book & merits attention.

A Handbook of Botanical Incenses, compiled by Rowan Fairgrove. #100 from Rowan Fairgrove, PO Box 1013, Tallahassee, Fl., 32302. This book is excellent - listing magical properties of a wide array of herbs. The information is simply put and straightforward, and is of use to all who are students of herbal magick. It is difficult to locate a collection of herb lore, & the lady Rowan is to be loved and thanked for the work she has done. In having seen the smile of the Goddess in Rowan, I am proud to know her. Having spent many years in seeking herb lore, this book is valuable - far beyond the dollar she is asking. If you haven't a copy already - get this book! It will unlock the doors to much magick!!

Visionary Lore: A Spirit Book of Gay Mythology and Trans-mutational Faerie, by Mitch Walker & Friends, fr. TreeRoots Press, PO Box 684, Berkeley, Calif. 94704, #570 ppp. We've heard good comments but review copies are unavailable.

A Brief Assessment of Neopagan Theology - by Houston Roberts, 2108 Old Lebanon Road, Nashville, Tenn. 37214. No Price; we suggest a three dollar donation. This is an incredible work of love by a Pagan deeply loved by all, presented at Pan Pagan, 1980. It delves into many: Reincarnation, the nature of god and evil, look at ethics. May the Goddess bring unto Houston manyfold blessings for this work of love!!

Book of the Goddess ed. by Ann FortFreedom, and Julie Ann fr. The Temple of the Goddess Within, P.O. Box 19241, Sacramento, Calif, 95819, #14.95. A feminist anthology. Have not yet seen a review copy.

Publications ~

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Circle Publications from Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wisc. 53715. Circle's new, updated catalogue has some very exciting new things to offer. Fans of Prairie Jackson will delight in seeing posters of the Goddess, done in her visionary & beautiful style. Two new books (which we will soon review) are the new Guide to Wicca & Pagan Resources, which will be incredible, & a promised book which leaves our curiosity tingling: Spirit Wand Handbook. At last a new book about magick that isn't merely recycled info. If you hurry & contact Circle, you may be able to order these books at special pre-publication prices. The new catalogue also offers spirit wands - less common tools for the wise Magician... Do write Circle & ask for their new catalogue.

Still Waters, PO Box 395, Littleton, Co., 80120 Quarterly, \$10.00 (#3.50 per issue). A beautifully published journal, new this season, appears to brighten our reading. "Still Waters" stands out, having excellent articles of value to student and teacher alike, covering such as herbal magick, Pictish history, & Neatung. Andrius, of course, was disappointed at the lack of unicorns, but he kept on reading...

The Vegetarian Astrologer, 4216 Tod, East Chicago, Ind. 46312, send donation. A newsletter we found at Pan Pagan by Ted Zagare, who is very knowledgeable of Astrology and Health. Excellent - going further in depth than most sources. We urge you to inquire & support his work.

Thunderbow, Church of the Seven Arrows Newsletter, 4385 Hoyt St. #103, Wheat Ridge, Co., 80033, \$5.00/12 issues (monthly). All kinds of news & info in a delightfully inexpensive newsletter. Lots of good reading within its pages - hope you all check it out. We're glad we found out about it!!

Phoenix Rose, 50 Kindle Lane, Levittown, Pa, 19055, \$7.00 yr. (8 issues). The gentleness & good magick of the Temple of the Phoenix Rose spread throughout the pages of poem, magickal lore, & even an occasional cartoon. May the Phoenix Resurrect itself & fly the skies with the Lady's smile.

Happenings

Samain Seminar '80 will be held Oct 18-19 in Amarillo, Texas. The theme will be philosophical unity, & will feature Ray Buckland, Sabrina, & others. This is the 8th annual gathering, and as always, there is no charge, which we feel is very admirable. Lots of fun things - a huge pyramid to meditate in, and more. For more information write Tom Sonquinet, Rt. 3 Box 154, Hereford, TX. 79045

A course of study in "True Celtic Paganism (Known generally as Wicca)" is offered by Thalassa, PO Box #2275, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15203. Fifteen hours of study, lecture & field trips for \$110.00

Wonderful, joyous, delightful Puppet Shows! We met Director Ray Nelson at Pan Pagan, & the Goddess shines in his smile! Inquire by writing Ray Nelson, The Puppet Place, 2146 N. Halsted, Chicago, Ill. 60614.

Merchandise

Moonshine, the magick light that made "ooohs" & "ahhs" at Saturday nights ritual at Pan Pagan, consists of magick powders which make water glow. An incredible toy for the child within when doing ritual. \$3.00 per kit from: Temple of the Pagan Way, PO Box 60151, Chicago, Ill. 60660.

these were all at Pan Pagan

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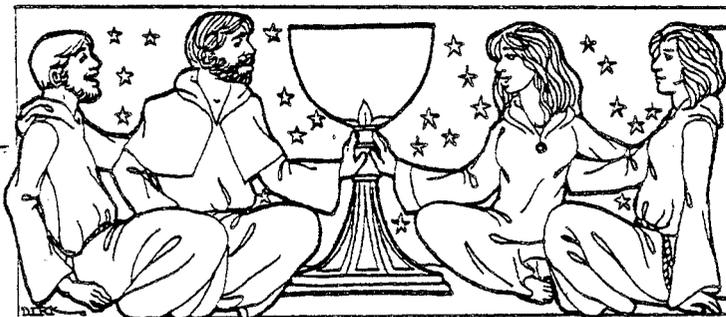
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The Unicorn Provides These Extra Pages to aid communication between Gay and Lesbian Pagans

Hallowmas Retreat

Yes, there is still room. It is all coming together, and will be exciting. Workshops include the following: "Gays and the Craft" - looking at the role of gay men as Priests moving into the Age of Aquarius; our Relationship to the Gay community; conflicts between a personal commitment to the Priesthood & lovers, babes, etc.; our Relationship to Feminist Wicca and Dianics; the perspective of a homosexual Priest in a heterosexual Pagan community.

A chant workshop, to explore the nature of chant and the energy it raises; to share chants; to feel and experience the energy of chant by a Fairy Circle...

Sexual Magick: how solitaires and couples can learn to understand the magick of our sexuality, and use it to balance and channel magickal energy for healings, consecrations, etc.

Best of all is the opportunity to spend a few days allowing the inner, magickal self freedom of expression. Registrations are here from Georgia, Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, & other places. We still have room - and are hoping to have a circle of 15 for Hallowmas and for Sunday's Fairy Circle in the ritual gardens of Lothlorien.... Call us if you have any questions, 1-612-871-7287 (not collect...). Cost 50.00 incl. meals; \$15.00 will hold your place.

Sexual Magick

The response to the article has been good, & questions have been asked. Aquarian Tantra, as practised at Lothlorien, is a freedom of imagination approach. Rather than presenting a dull series of steps, try these examples in your fantasy.

A young man is doing a ritual to charge a new altar tool... Pan comes in to the temple space from the forest, dancing, cavorting, playing music upon his pipes... Although the young man is physically distracted, his will and imagination take all of the intensity & increase the amount of magick flowing into the new tool. Pan helps in the dance to raise a spiral cone of energy, & direct it into the tool. When the work is done, man & Pan share their love & joy...

Light several blue candles in the bathroom. Bring in symbols of Water: shells, a chalice of ritual drink (Damiana-Honey tea is delightfully stimulating), seaweed to sprinkle in the water, incense. With the both of you in the tub, explore the loving and natural relationship between water and earth... the wash of the tide - moving slowly and surely with the moon; the caressing of the earth by rain... At times water is strongest, at times the earth...

In position to align your chakras (there are so many) sexually or platonically: Take each other on a guided meditation; or agree on a place to both go to, simultaneously. Attempt to do a ritual together, in trance...

Until next issue - Blessed Be! Paul & Cassidy

A Gathering for Our Lady

The call went out to the Faeries of the land. Our Lady Goddess summoned a gathering of her children. From all parts the vibration was received - North, South, East, West, France, Norway, Germany, Australia - and the children began their treks, by land or air.... Denver Faeries were there.... to greet the influx. I, myself, received the call in the rural plains and mountains of Georgia's Holy Appalachians. We gathered to go into the mountains.

Upon arriving, and after wrestling with my backpack (this was really roughing it!!) on city buses, I was greeted by the shining faces of my brother Faeries and waited for the bus. Three hundred Faeries were quite a sight for the average Denver person.

We boarded our bus and made way to Buffalo Creek, some 50 plus miles north of Denver. Jagged bluffs, rolling hills, and the singing devas greeted us at our stopping place. Still there were six miles to go. While waiting for the trans-vans, we talked, shared food, laughter, and cigarettes. Soon our caravans came.

Some of the Faeries were already at the site of true primitive glory - the only civilized concession being permanent outhouses. Where do I pitch my tent? Hmm!! The camps were everywhere, all shapes, sizes, colours, so I picked a small triangular enclosure of pine trees. Suddenly "Blessed Be" rang out in my direction - how did I know my sthane was conspicuous - and I met Peter of the Celtic tradition. Then other greetings came as Gardnerians, Druzes, O.T.O.'s, Spiral Dancers Recognized my Tyrwy Dryw robes - which were quite popular...

Rain swept through shortly and Iris' twin rainbows swept the sky. Someone started "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" others cried that Judy was PLEASED!! The ecstatic insanity started and supper was served.

We gathered each evening and morning around the Piscean Maupole to invoke power, send healing, laugh, cry, support, dance, chant, listen, & love. Some would sweat each morning in the sweat lodge after dancing to the rising sun and singing the praises of light. Tai Chi, Sufi Dancing, Yoga, Massage, Rituals, Poetry, Music, Garland Making, all were offered and much more - love and support.

Then there were those children who had never opened before. Shyly, grudgingly, they allowed us to touch them, heal their hurts, and love them to health. Names flashed - Mitch, Byron, Steve - across my mind. We healed each other. The word was CATHARSIS.

I met... Bill Shepardson of the FCN Newsletter, Harry Hay, Psi, Pearl, Clover, Jade, Ross, Kali, Astarte, Diana, Star, Herman Saddhu, quiet Patrick, Sister Missionary Position, many others and we were all one.

But, my dears, perhaps the most memorable experience was when six of us witches - Celtic, Druze, Gardnerian, Seax - held a joint ritual of consecrating the ground. The power that was raised released us from all anxiety.

Soon the last day arrived. Sunburned, tired, sad, but powerful we congregated for one last circle and worshipped the Goddess. Tears flowed down our cheeks, addresses were exchanged, kisses were given along with hugs, and we departed the magickal site with the devas' songs of farewell until next time.

-Daibhidh Gesth

"Check out the "Chronicles of Tornor" by Elizabeth A. Lynn, a new trilogy. Vol. I is "Watchtower," Vol. II is "Dancers of Arum." "Two to Conquer" is M.Z. Bradley's new Darkover book; it's pretty good too."
BRUCK (Tacoma)

"The really great extra attraction in "The Unicorn" for me is the Gay section. When my Lover & I are out together, we're obvious, but when apart, not so.... All this great un-accepting society at times makes me ill. If people would only judge & like us for just being us..... Anyhow, I think your publication is super great, and please, please keep on-n-on-n-on forever, o.k.?"
Sylvia
(Lawndale, Calif.)

"Many Gay Pagans are not completely comfortable in a magical atmosphere. In my own opinion, it is because many Pagan groups either are not aware of the Gay element within them or are not aware of the strictly straight elements within most branches of the Craft and other Pagan groups.

For instance, when passing the wine and Meat around, it is traditional to pass it from man to woman to man. Suppose the man has a feminine radiance? In that case, the meat and drink would pass by three feminine beings before finally reaching a masculine being.

If a person is not comfortable in a non-sexual magical atmosphere, it is because it (the group) is out of balance.

Then there is dance. I think too many Pagans ignore dance in their rites and rituals. To be sure, everybody holds hands and dances deasil around the circle a few times to raise energy, but what about the earth dances, the other elemental dances, the ethereal. Dance of the Sacrifice, the wild and heady dance of the storms? Personally, I feel every Pagan should take at least one course in belly-dancing or at least study it at home... Dancing is also a damn good exercise..."
BRUCK (Tacoma)

"My name is Paul Lewis.... have been actively involved in the Pagan community in Cleveland for some time. I am a pianist (classical) by profession - performing & teaching. Would love to meet you all at Pan-Pagan, but unfortunately am in the midst of moving to Cincinnati..."
Paul Lewis
2735 Grandin Rd.
Cincinnati, Oh. 45208

"[Visionary Love] is concerned with spirit & genocide & gay as gay originated & evolutionary flowering fairy fate & is really not a book at all."

Mitch Walker
TreeRoots Press
PO Box 684
Berkeley, Ca. 94704

Don Kilhefner (Los Angeles) sent us a copy of Mitch's article in "Yoga Journal." It is excellently written, and deserves your reading. Unfortunately, we don't know which issue - but Pagan Resourcefulness can find it - we hope! Titled "on Gay Spirituality" it discusses gay attitudes, homosexuality & reincarnation, & spiritual paths.

Check out the August issue of "Blueboy." A very interesting article on witchcraft titled "Love Craft." The entire article deals with sex as being the focus of the coven discussed. Although it may be representative of that group, it is likely to portray a misleading image to many. Track it down, read, & send your response to

Mr. Donald N. Embinder
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6969 NW. 69 St.
Miami, Flor. 33166

Thanks to Gary of Dallas for calling it to our attention.

The Rite of Pan

SHEPARD of Goats and lover of man,
HORRID God of the horny thigh -
Summon we now the Rite of Pan
HERE 'twixt the verdant earth and sky.

BRIGHTER than stars the sacred fire
Burns from the spark of life within,
REARING the shaft of all desire,
Charging the mysteries to begin.

Hold us within your warm embrace,
As we entwine in ecstasy.
Help us to feel in our heart's race
All life, and love, and destiny!

NOW MERGES more than flesh and flesh,
HERE where the Sons of Pan unite;
Two mortal minds and souls enmesh
In this our sacred, ancient Rite.

NOW the spark roars; the flames leap high;
FASTER we dance the Rite of Pan,
Swirling our love up to the sky;
Oh bless us, bless us, bless us Pan!

"I'm enclosing another [poem] with a more specific use in mind - it is to be used before, or during a gay sex ritual. If used before, a few changes should be made....

Line 13 - May we merge more...

" 14 - Here when...

" 17 - May the spark roar;...

" 18 - Faster we'll dance...

" 19 - And send our love....

[The Lammas] ish of Unicorn was superb! My, the Extra Pages grow! That's great! I especially appreciated the comments on same-sex magic... I still have plans on getting a gay Wiccan group together here in San Diego but don't know how to do it! Any suggestions?

Scott Cunningham
4349 Orange Ave
San Diego, Ca. 92105

"Oh, what a joy was Pan-Pagan. It has taken me a couple of weeks to come down from the incredible natural high of the festival and return to the insanity of the normal world. I truly thank the Lord and Lady for making the way relatively easy for me to attend. Pan Pagan was an experience no Craft person should miss....

The ability to meet other Gay Pagans was an experience in itself. For a long time I was despairing that there even existed other Gay Pagans. There are quite a lot of us out there apparently. Perhaps next year we can have our own organized Circle.... And for those who left because of Gays being natural, then they have forgotten what the true nature of the Craft is all about... The Craft... is a brotherhood/sisterhood and should be recognized as such. In this insane world we are the ones who are looked on by the outside world as being insane. And that is one reason we are a closed society. To discriminate against anyone who follows the Positive Path is not in the nature of the Craft."

Adrian
(Liberty Hill, Tx.)

"The gay supplement is always interesting, and it's helped me get rid of the silly notion that there has to be a male & a female (separate bodies) to have a proper polarity in a ritual, for we are all both in one, within..."
Amber

Priestess of Winnipeg,
Betess, Artist, and
one of Andrius' favorites...

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Dear Incarnates,

May the beauty of autumn fill your hearts with tranquility. Unicorns of all hues will gather Equinox night to partake of the prizes of the recent harvest. Awards are given among those who grew crops for those seeds saved from the harvest for spring's planting. A tour will be taken of alpha romella, the new constellation born in the astarte solar system. Moon dew will be served, but young one's will need permission of the elders to sip the visionary wine.

The Gardens of Lothlorien are now fenced, and the ritual gardens being dug. An amazing variety of gifts will be given the Earth from you beautiful readers. In response to your contributions, we are opening the Deva Sanctuary. Many of you are solitary people, and many of you have expressed a wish to join us astrally. The Calendar of Lothlorien is to be found on another page. Times are Lothlorien Local Time (13 minutes later than C.S.T.) and you are all invited to share...

The Rowan Tree has been amazing - little Pagans scurrying about. Special thanks to Jay of New York for giving of his vacation time to aid Paul and Cassidy, and the Nick and Rich, and to all who helped. The new roof is on - the temple cauldron still catches a drip - and where once was a rotten porch no unicorn could walk is now a sturdy deck - I love to lay there in the sun and munch angelica... Cassidy has undergone an ordeal in roofing, and I doubt few realize how much he has given. (He made me promise not to say this, but I had my hooves crossed...) Please - send him thank yous.

My beloved Dragoun friends were by recently to visit the little people. The gardens already have some new life. A few devas were too disturbed by the construction and went South for the season, but late at night faery lights shine, and those who listen find the estrel rhythms of faery chants among the herbs. It is anticipated that next year at Pan Pagan we will bring magickal soil of Lothlorien to share with you.

This morn the Queen of Wands came by with the news that she has decreed a Rowan Tree shall be planted here. May the Goddess bless her for the gift. A master carver hopes to take up his tools and put magick into a carved Rowan Tree sign. I get so excited at all the new and exciting things that my mane gets curly and I can't do a thing with it.

The Higher Council of Elder Unicorns (of which I'm still not a member) met to discuss the situation of the "real" unicorn in California. Although the official word has not been given, it is unlikely that they approve. Parentage has been argued, technology has been argued. True unicorns are hatched from eggs. I have been asked to extend to the foundling an invitation to appear at the next council gathering. The time and date should be determined by unicorn ken - as will be the site. All unicorns, all, are requested to attend. Sight will be chosen, and relayed from horn to horn... as is our custom.

Some of you wrote that I seem quite interested in pretty unicorn fillies. Why shouldn't I be? Really - I don't write to you about your romance, though the Goddess knows some of your escapades would make spicy readings of us all...

And now, one last thing. Nov. 28-30 will be a retreat at the Rowan Tree. Rituals, workshops... a chance to get away and spend a few days in totally magickal surroundings. Open to Pagans

and Wiccans of all positive paths, with limited accommodations here. Before we finalize the details, we need to know the interest...

Love, Andrius

ps. send all virgins to me - gift wrapping optional

The Dream

I dreamt in the night, in my bed, in my room,
Of a search for something precious, lost in the gloom.
I searched through a building, I searched every floor,
Until no place was left to search anymore.

I stood, so dejected, in the faint light of the moon,
Filtering through a window, casting shadows in the room,
Suddenly I saw, with the clammy touch of fear,
Water was flowing in, and was coming very near.

There was no place to run, no place to hide,
For the only door stood open, and was letting in the tide.
I had only time to think, as the waters swirled around,
That I had never learned to swim, and now would surely drown.

The waves lapped at my legs, then my chest, then my head,
I realized in a flash that all my clothing had been shed.
I opened my mouth, had to breathe, light panic in my chest,
I took a great gulp, and found it the sweetest and the best.

With my eyes wide open, breathing in, as if in air,
I felt my body surge through the water, so cool and quite bare
Sea green and amber water, feeling beautiful and free,
Even the sweetest orgasms of passion had never felt this good to me,

For I was one with the water, the cradle of life,
Ruled by the silver lady, shot through with her liquid light,
Air and fire, water and earth
To be one with these, is to find your birth.

- Amber (from a real dream)

Erdo

When Erdo started growing
Wings, he kept it from
His friends. His slender frame
Was joke enough. Their witless
Torment of his weightless

Bones had left him knowing

He'd never have the pluck
Of other boys. At last
It came to him: the lust
To fly. And fly he did,
After the wings had dried
Trusting to gods and luck,

The wings were a noble sight,
Curving from shoulder blade
To wrist, crimson as blood,
Each feather tipped with gold.
No fear or caution held
Him back. Flying was right.

He climbed to schoolyard wall,
Spread the great wings with ease,
Soared over the starting eyes,
The open mouths of friends,
And beating the feathered fronds,
Knew he was above them all.

- Hope Athearn

Notes from an Herbalist

The Twelfth Law of the Traditional Herbalist:

“And he knows from doing: Everything that happens affects everything else.”

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

Herbs of Saturn may be brought into our rituals to aid us in growing past our shortcomings, to no longer be hindered by those things we perceive incorrectly as limitations, and to bring into our being the strength needed to endure restriction and trials. In dealing with intense changes, the herbs of Saturn can bring a sense of calm, a sense of something solid and stable which can lend support to the soul.

Some of the Saturnian herbs may be used to bring about manifestation within the physical realms of those images sent out into the spheres of magick. In this mode of work, one's ethics must be firmly rooted in positive ideals. There must be no element of greed attached to the magick, for Saturn's effects are binding. The symbol of the grim reaper is often attached to Saturn, for the magick brought about through Saturn's magick is eternally binding. Should your goals not be in line with the highest ideals of your magickal/spiritual path, it may bind your Karma. Hence, the use of Saturnian herbs to fulfill greed would likely lead to the very uncomfortable trials and limitations until all of the Karma has been worked out.

In the training of an herbal Shaman, the herbs of Saturn are approached with deep respect and admiration. Hers of Saturn include:

Aconite
Barley
Belladonna
Campions
Comfrey
Elms
Heart's ease
Hemlock
Hemps
Henbane
Holly
Irish moss
Ivy
Monk's hood
Mosses
Nightshades
Poplars
Snakeweed
Solomon's seal
Wolf's bane

Be a Witch!

Circles are drawn, spells are cast,
Many people think this has passed,
Said a witch that I once asked
Long in the powers have we basked.

Enjoying life is not a sin,
As they believe who are Christian
He continued with a grin
Ask yourself, what believe you in?

Are you a winner in this life?
Or only a sinner fraught with strife?
Then be a witch or midwife
And learn the joys of living life.

I say to you, come, be a witch!
Who knows, you might enjoy the switch!
Be happy, fulfilled, even rich
Don't sit at home, 'cause it's a cinch!

Join our ranks, you who will
Be no more disturbed or ill
Leave off taking shot or pill
Life's the cure for any ill!
- Lillian Chamberlain

The unicorn rambles

May Unicorn blessings flow through Carole's new home. Andrius wants another letter!.... Hello to Nancy of Littleton. It was our delight to meet you.... Deep love to Rose and Tim, whose music brought us to tears. Andrius is impatient for a tape, he's so anxious!.... Hello to Alison- when I told Andrius about your unicorn photos, he seemed quite upset - said something about California.... Hello to secret admirer Cathy, who will get this issue at her bookstore hangout... Kienan, is that your footprint in the garden? Hello to Sylvia, our beautiful Lady friend in Lawndale.... Thank you, Gary, for the amulet and the wonderful Aesop's fables for our library. May the Goddess protect and keep you.... Andrius is very proud of the new unicorn poster from Maud; of the new print from Stan and Brenda; of the calendar from Tim and Rose; and was in tears when he saw the gifts from so many readers we met at Pan Pagan! (He has taken to wearing a paper clip necklace!)... Our garden is joyous over shared soil, new stones, and bits of magick!.... The tooth fairy has been here ever since the Gardens of Lothlorien were blessed by Katy Thanks to Gary for the most recent book- you certainly are a blessing for our library!.... Andrius is quite excited- we promised to purchase the November issue of "Out" for we saw the "openers" article on a dear witch friend of ours. Expectedly written for "oui" readers, it communicates a lot of good information on the Craft. (Photo is not from author nor witch lady).... Thanks to Bobbi for 13 seeds Many unicorns will be gathering at a workshop in Plumas County, Cal. Given by Maud Reinertsen (High School Astrology) and friends. The Equinox promises the baby blessing of Kiwani Ocean, beautiful son of Ahote Toho and friend of unicorns.... The National Astrological Society of New York charges \$75.00 for natal charts. One word - Ripoff!! (or is that two words?).... I hear we should send house blessing to Jim Andris.... A lovely new mural of Diana is in Winnipeg, and the artist is a beautiful Virgo.... Hello to Rhiannon... A letter from the Blue Moon tells of a new moon mobile and enclosed a beautiful bunny for the gardens of Lothlorien here at the Rowan Tree... Jim Thomas is proud pappa of a new Lady Kitty!.... Tara survived living alone in Conn. While Laureli and the girls headed to the Midwest for a visit. We sure were happy to have the visit... Rik Johnson shared designs of new B.O.S. paper he designed. It's wonderful!

The tarot

The Guide (known in non-unicorn decks as the Hierophant) is that which calls to us within; it is the inner voice that speaks directly to our spirit by words, songs, whispers, dreams,, and imagery. This card is the link between the invisible word and the world of form. As conscious beings, we function as the bridge connecting the two (which are not really separate). There is much power in this card and those who are channels for it must always remember that they must be of service to others and keep the balance. In the old decks, this card symbolized institutionalized spiritual authority. In the neopagan deck we are all our own best authorities as

regards our inner path and accept no dogmas imposed from without. As mentioned, we must be aware (be-ware) our personal connections and attitudes about power. One intimation for readers to notice is the presence of the circle - on the heart chakra, the circle of radiance that connects the two unicorns and the seekers. We circle to raise power and the power returns to Earth via the circle. We are all one, at root. The wisdom of this card says to lay aside personal egotism and reconnect in your heart to a much deeper, timeless source for knowledge and inspiration. The astrological attribution is Taurus, which rules the voice (inner and outer) and hearing. For those who ay wish to color this card, tones are red, orange, yellow, in shimmering, vibrant colors... the forest is tinted deep green, to suggest the deep mind. If, in a reading, this card is reversed, it may suggest a closer look is needed into your attitudes toward others... absolutism, domination, dogmatism and power tripping could be possibilities. Herbal correlatives: any herb of Taurus or Venus; stones: again, all that fall under Taurus' rules or of Venus.

- Prairie

The Guide, the Inner Voice (the Hierophant) copyright Prairie Jackson

Pan Pagan '80 recap

Pan Pagan '80 was a spectacular event. Although the numbers aren't known, it was perhaps 550-600 beautiful Pagans. Historic events took place, Pagans of fame attended, songs and wisdom were shared, a baby was blessed, and atmosphere was joyous.

Many came to Lake Holiday with visions of Baraboo still in their heads. The weather was superb, once accustomed to Indiana Lake Michigan humidity, and the convenience of stores made many find Lake Holiday a relief. The freeway noise continued to be a plague, but our voices rose above it. The power of the Goddess wins again...

There seemed to be too many workshops to attend, and it would have been impossible to attend them all. Last year, Dr. Gordon Melton of I.S.A.R. took a survey and this year presented his findings. We found out that we are more middle class and professionally employed than we are want to admit. We are young - most of us are under 35. We also use drugs less than is off' reported. This year saw workshops for a variety of minorities within the magickal community: Herman Slater talked on homosexuality; Bill Shepardson spoke of problems for the physically challenged; A workshop by the Rowan Tree led to discussion between Dianic Women and Fairy men, the result of which was the men lending their aid at a Dianic ritual, the results of which were both profound and controversial. There were many who thought an all women's circle beautiful and moving; some who thought it threatening to their masculinity.

We were a beautiful group: tents of all colors and sizes; some discreet, some flamboyant, some elegant with Oriental rugs. There were those who arrived in expensive Winnebagos, those who lived out of a truck. Some didn't stay with us at all, but left 'neath the moon for motels and televisions. We were colorful and many were coupled. For most it was an Aquarian vision: both heterosexual and same sex couples finding the freedom to mingle without having to hide behind Christian patriarchal facades. And for some, this was controversial. Some Pagan folk felt it necessary to leave because they saw two men or two women hold hands or show affection, as did other couples.

Ray Buckland showed a collection of slides from his anthropological studies. Z. Budapest showed a magnificent collection of Goddess slides, and another night Gwydion and Circle shared theirs (or was it the same night? Time became irrelevant). Pagan movies....

The air was purified by sacred incense, and kept mortal by cigarettes and occasional marijuana. Mostly it kept its rhythm of eternal life as chants were sung, as laughter and joy filled the sky, as songs were shared and jokes told. Some fried hamburgers on Colemans, but there seem to be more vegetarians that ever (perhaps next year's feast will reflect this.) We learned that we are not yet perfect, but we are getting better and better.

All functioned on Pagan time. Workshops attempted to start on time, yet many never happened. Most often those who arrived and found no instructor trusted their inner voices, and changed, danced, and shared wisdom, proved to have found the best times. The spontaneity and resourcefulness of the community was ever to be found.

Yes, the Christians were across the pond, but the two learned that they are different, and that they are the same. Many, actually nearly all, of the local folk, the shopkeepers, waitresses, etc. were very kind, and had positive attitudes. The few who see us as a threat may convince us to locate a site that could be all Pagan.

More - some found romance, some found teachers. The amulet workshop Paul presented included the consecration of a special amulet for Prairie Jackson with Cassidy and Paul performing the Deva ritual of Lothlorien, This year's workshop was taped by Stan of Sanctus Spiritus (First Temple of the Craft of W.I.C.A. P.O. Box 664, Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411) who is offering tapes of some of the workshops.

As each year, Pagan unity brought together an incredible ritual on Saturday night. Many hundreds of beautifully robed and levis garbed bodies chanted and danced around the main circle. Not to let Christian ecumenical services outdo us, the inner circle was a collection of many priestesses and priests, each representing a different facet of the multicoloured gem of Wicca. Everyone "oohed" and "ahhed" as the quarters were invoked - hugh containers of "moonshine" (from Pagan Way) set to glow on pillars - it was truly a divine night.

The true magick comes from the many letters from friends, telling how the magick of four days (and for some seven) of living a free Pagan lifestyle filled the soul with ambition and inspiration. To all, joy and love - next year better and better!!!

News of other unicorns

Aradia is recovering from a wildly euphoric astral weekend in the Great Rite Islands - too much damiana salad for this unicorn... the mars en Scorpio souffle was stellar, especially with the Milky Way topping. Unearthly delights! Aradia notes, in the Georgian newsletter, which just came out, that her wisdom was quoted, but not properly identified! Alas! Where is Andrius keeping himself... Aradia says she will venture that way and Andrius must join with her as they dance the spiral dance in the falling leaves..

Open Forum

"I have been receiving 'The Unicorn' for several months now... I look forward to each issue, for the variety and beautiful illustrations (I hope Praire Jackson enjoys the amulet). [which we made at Pan Pagan]

Keep up the great work - It's obvious how much 'tender loving care' is put into your work."

"Blessed Be, a Perry, Ohio reader

"The Talisman is nice - it feels wonderful to hold - did you know it would fit exactly into the contours of the palm of my hand.. Its resting place is the center of a five element pentacle made for my by Jim Alan... I also wear it around my neck and put it on the back of a find old bentwood oak chair I sit on in my studio.. If there where psychic geiger-counters, I'm sure it would emit loud buzzes.... My first impression was of a small leather womb containing ???* stardust, spangles, moonbeams, all that and more...

- Prairie

Your Open Forum letter on sex magick has called forth a response from me: I feel that sex is one of Life's greatest gifts to its children, yet we do not often appreciate the power and glory of this gift. Pagans have the best, most natural grasp of the magick that is sex, and yet we too must always continue to grow and learn sexually.

The Cabala explains sex in this way: The Universe is one super conscious Being. As soon as the unity expresses itself, it splits into two parts. Every manifested thing has two poles, as a coin has two sides. The two are opposite - yin and yang - and together they form a whole, the unity. In unity there is love. In togetherness there is love. The reason why the unity divides itself up is so that love can happen. All creation exists in love, for love, and by love.

Pagans recognize the cosmic yin and yang as Goddess and God. All rites of lovemaking are reflections of the Eternal Embrace. The important thing to remember is that Divine Love is enacted within the being of each individual person, for we are microcosms. What I'm saying is that we don't necessarily need a physical partner to experience the bliss of sex magick. The two aspects of life itself are making love in us and through us all the time. Our whole self corresponds to the unity; our psychic, feeling, inner nature is yin; and our practical, rational, assertive nature is yang. These parts of our being can respond to the same anywhere else in the universe - so that we can make love to a flower, a spirit, a star, or another human, all with equal intensity and sacred passion.

Forgive the length of this letter. Something very deep within my soul responds when I hear the phrase 'sex magick.' All my life I have loved sex and it has been one of my greatest teachers. For awhile I was a professional teacher of the subject myself - a sex therapist helping turn people on to the beauty and pleasure of this sacred act. Now I am experimenting with celibacy, and for the last four years I have found that celibacy can be as good a sexual adventure as any other. I have become increasingly attuned to the subtle delights of the inner planes... It seems to me a bit primitive to hash over whether it's important for sex partners to 'come together' or not, whether nonejaculation can still be satisfying, or how unaware women can become pregnant. To me the really important thing is to love life and all this beautiful, magical world (the letter you printed did not mention love) so much so that the power and glory of the Goddess and God will lift you to incredible heights of cosmic consciousness and unity with your Divine Self. In the Garden of the Senses lies a pathway to the Spirit. - the Lotus Sutra 'May Our Lady, the Mother of all, who gives birth to both male and female, bless you and keep you.

- Maud Reinertson

The Rowan Tree

Recharge your spiritual batteries

The weekend of Nov. 28-30, the Rowan Tree will offer a Spiritual Retreat. Open to all traditions, we will offer vegetarian cooking, workshops which will provide inspiration and knowledge in ritual work, and in helping those who are both serious and joyful in their priesthood priestesshood. This is an opportunity to shed the mundane world, to visit with unicorns, elves, faeries, to take a few days of freedom to allow your magickal self its full reign... We encourage the solitaire and the coven leader, and promise you a joyous time. Total registration will be limited to eleven. We can collect you at the bus, depot or airport, and are happy to offer you the facilities of The Rowan Tree. Cost, including meals and workshops is \$50.00 (\$85.00 for a couple) and we will make both magick and merriment. To preregister, please send \$5.00 deposit per person. Workshops will include creative rituals and a Dream Quest, and we will have time to play and sing and divine our magick...

September 27th 1:30pm. Herbcraft I - 6 wks.

Introduction to herbal healing; principles and ethics of the herbal physician; techniques of healing; the making of herbal compounds. This course is required of all students intending to study shamanistic herbcraft or prognostics.

September 28th 1:30pm. Amulet Workshop

This is the first time this will be presented in its complete form, explaining the nature of amulets of healing, etc. This will include the Deva Ritual or Lothlorien as presented at Pan Pagan 1980. A fun time and Aquarian approach to magick!!

October 19th 3:00pm The Unicorn Ensemble will perform in the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

October 31st Spiritual Retreat all weekend

Herbal Shamanism

A special course will be offered beginning Sept. 29, temporarily taking the Monday Night class time from Creative Thinking. This course will run 5 consecutive Mondays.

Prerequisites are established: students will be making magickal incense; oils of herbs to increase clairvoyancy, to use in divination. Students must be capable of performing simple ritual, of maintaining ethics of wisdom.

This class will share the magickal working of herbs... because this wisdom is passed by inner sight, students must agree to make all lotions, blends, philtres, amulets, as guided in the course. Submit letter of application to Paul, and contact him for further information 871-7287.

Calendar of Lothlorien

22 ix 80 ce 5:47pm LLT (7:00pm CDT)

To celebrate the Autumnal Equinox, a ritual to heal the Earth will be held in the ritual gardens...

23 ix 80 ce 8:15pm LLT. The eve of the full moon in Aries will have a ritual of celebration in the ritual gardens. The soil will be blessed; sacred objects, stones, gems, etc. will be given to the

garden. Seeds sent will be planted, Circles will be cast within both temple and garden to link this space as eternally sacred to the Goddess.

9 x 80 ce 10:00am LLT. New Moon Ritual to prepare the magickal space of this waxing moon. Cleansing of all tools and meditation on the magick within. Magickal workings to be initiated include the use of beauty's creation to heal, to nurture, and to spread love.

23 x 80 ce 2:45pm LLT. As the Moon waxes full in Taurus, all will consecrate a new tool of healing, which may be any new object made during the cycle in the Taurean mode. Healing energies and love will be sent to our families.

31 x 80 ce 8:00pm LLT. Halloween will be celebrated by a circle of Faery Shamans in the Garden of Lothlorien.

Contacts

The Rowan Tree (Lothlorien) and Circle hope to see a Midwest Council of C.O.G. members, all united in working towards the health and stability of the Pagan community. If you are willing to commit you and your group to positive-only expressions of your being, and can see greater work done through unity, this might be of interest to you. Because of her incredible ability to know who's who, we'll give you Selena's address: Selena Fox, Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wisc. 53715. And send her unicornkisses!!

"If you know any Druids, can you ask them for info on their rites for Lady Day, the feast for Young Mothers on 25 March and the Feast of Expectant Mothers in 2 July? I would like to have a type of Sabbat on a regular day for these events." Rik Johnson, 246 W. Jacinto, Tucson, AZ. 85705.

"Please do mention Earthsky in the newsletter. It is so difficult getting in touch with Crafters here in L.A. If any of them get [The Unicorn], maybe they'll get in touch with me. We are 1/2 dozen strong, eclectic Pagans. We meet for the festivals and some moons. Earthly borrows from all traditions and sets no God Goddess above another. Seeing all as manifestations of the infinite creativity of the universe." Contact: Marsha Smith-Newsome, 6333 Canoga Ave. #124, Woodland Hills, Ca. 91364 phone 1-213-884-0503

Books

The Holy Books of the Devas: An herball for the Aquarian Age by Paul V. Beyerl, \$7.00 from the Rowan Tree, Box 8814, Mpls., Minn., 55408. Fans of unicorns will love the art of Prairie Jackson (whose smile is a sparkle in the heart of the Goddess)... From the delightful unicorn on the first page, with flowers twined around her horn, to the picture of the Goddess with four unicorns from the four directions, the spirit of the Goddess and her creatures is found in the pen and ink drawings of Prairie... this book is one that will repay repeated readings. I found much on second or third reading that I had not noticed the first time around.

- Mary Lee George-G from "The Source"

Between Worlds: Fragments of a faceted crystal, a book of poems by Susan Sugl. \$2.95 from Susan Sigl, 4361 no. 61st, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53216, all copies signed and numbered. A book which is revealing in the emotions of poetess and Pagan. Sometimes angry at the system,

sometimes showing a deep sense of the mystery of the Goddess, this is a good book and merits attention.

A handbook of Botanical Incenses, compiled by Rowan Fairygrove. \$1.00 from Rowan Fairygrove, P.O. Box 1013, Tallahassee, FL, 32302. This book is excellent - listing magickal properties of a wide array of herbs. The information is simply put and straightforward, and is of use to all who are students of herbal magick. It is difficult to locate a collection of herb lore and the Lady Rowan is to be loved and thanked for the work she has done. In having seen the smile of the Goddess in Rowan, I am proud to know her. Having spent many years in seeking herb lore, this book is valuable - far beyond the dollar she is asking. If you haven't a copy already - get this book! It will unlock the doors to much magick!

Visionary Love: A spirit book of gay mythology and transmutational Faerie, by Mitch Walker and friends, Fr. Treeroots Press, P.O. Box 684, Berkeley, Calif. 94704, \$5.70 ppd. We've heard good comments but review copies are unavailable.

A Brief Assessment of Neopagan Theology - by Houston Roberts, 2708 Old Lebanon Road, Nashville, Tenn. 37214. No Price; we suggest a three dollar donation this is an incredible work of love by a Pagan deeply loved by all, presented at Pan Pagan, 1980. It delves into many [topics] reincarnation, the nature of good and evil, looks at ethics, May the Goddess bring unto Houston manifold blessings for this work of love!!

Book of the Goddess. Ed. by Ann Forfreedom, and Julie Ann, fr. The Temple of the Goddess Within, P.O. Box 19271, Sacramento, Calif., 95819, \$14.95. A feminist anthology. Have not yet seen a review copy.

Publications

The Emerald Star now offers classified advertising subscription rates for this excellent quarterly are still \$6.00 year. For further information contact: Society of the Evening Star, P.O. Box 558, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, 02818

Circle Publications from Circle. Box 9013, Madison, Wisc. 53715. Circles new, updated catalogue has some very exciting new things to offer. Fans of Prairie Jackson will delight in seeing posters of the Goddess, done in her visionary and beautiful style. Two new books (which we will soon review) are the new Guide to Wicca & Pagan Resources, which will be incredible, and a promised book which leaves our curiosity tingling: Spirit Wand Handbook. At last a new book about magick that isn't merely recycled info. If you hurry and contact Circle, you may be able to order these books at special pre-publication prices. The new catalogue also offers spirit wands - less common tools for the wise magician... Do write Circle and ask for their new catalogue.

Still Waters, P.O. Box 395, Littleton, Co., 80120. Quarterly, \$10.00 (\$3.50 per issue). A beautifully published journal, new this season, appears to brighten our reading. "Still Waters"

stands out, having excellent articles of value to student and teacher alike, covering such as herbal magick, Pictish history, and healing. Andrius, of course, was disappointed at the lack of unicorns, but he kept reading...

The Vegetarian Astrologer, 4216 Tod, East Chicago, Ind. 46312, send donation. A newsletter we found at the Pan Pagan by Ted Zagar, who is very knowledgeable of astrology and health. Excellent - going further in depth than most sources. We urge you to inquire and support his work.

Thunderbow, Church of the Seven Arrows Newsletter, 4385 Hovt St., #103, Wheat Ridge, Co., 80033, \$5.00 12 issues (monthly). All kinds of news and info in a delightfully inexpensive newsletter. Lots of good reading within its pages - hope you all check it out. We're glad we found out about it.

Phoenix Rose, 50 Kindle Lane, Levittown, Pa. 19055, \$7.00 yr. (8 issues). The gentleness and good magick of the Temple of the Phoenix Rose spread throughout the pages of poems, magickal lore and even an occasional cartoon. May the Phoenix resurrect itself and fly the skies with the lady's smile.

Happenings

Samain Seminar '80 will be held Oct. 18-19 in Amarillo, Texas. The theme will be philosophical unity, and will feature Ray Buckland, Sabrina, and others. This is the 8th annual gathering, and as always, there is no charge, which we feel is very admirable. Lots of fun things - a huge pyramid to meditate in, and more. For more information write Tom Sanguinet, Rt. 3 Box 154, Hereford, Tx. 79045

A course of study in "true Celtic Paganism (known generally as Wicca) is offered by Thalass, P.O. Box 42275, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15203. Fifteen hours of study, lecture and field trips for \$110.00.

Wonderful, joyous, delightful Puppet Shows! We met Director Ray Nelson at Pan Pagan, and the Goddess shines in his smile! Inquire by writing Ray Nelson, The Puppet Place, 2146 N. Halsted, Chicago, Ill, 60614.

Merchandise

Moonshine, the magick light that made 'oohs' and 'ahhs' at Saturday nights ritual at Pan Pagan consists of magick powders which make water glow. An incredible toy for the child within when doing ritual. \$3.00 per lit from: Temple of the Pagan Way, P.O. Box 60151, Chicago, Ill. 60660.

These were all at Pan Pagan

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Sanctum Regnum, 615 No Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53202

Sanctus Soiritus, 2735 Chicago Rd., So. Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411

Magickal Childe, 35 West 19 St., New York City, NY 10011

Ambrosial Herbals, 1204 West Ave., Austin, Tx. 78701 or 32 Rambush, Burnsville, Minn., 55337

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

Hallowmas Retreat

Yes, there is still room. It is all coming together, and will be exciting. Workshops include the following: "Gays and the Craft" - looking at the role of gay men as priests moving into the Age of Aquarius; our relationship to the gay community; conflicts between a personal commitment to the priesthood and lovers, bars, etc.; our relationship to feminist Wicca and Dianics; the perspective of a homosexual priest in a heterosexual Pagan community.

A chant workshop, to explore the nature of chant and the energy it raises; to share chants; to feel and experience the energy of chant by a Faery Circle...

Sexual magick: how solitaires and couples can learn to understand the magic of our sexuality, and use it to balance and channel magickal energy for healings, consecrations, etc.

Best of all is the opportunity to spend a few days allowing the inner, magickal self freedom of expression. Registrations are here from Georgia, Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, and other places. We still have room - and are hoping to have a circle of 13 for Hallowmas and for Sunday's Faery Circle in the ritual gardens of Lothlorien... Call us if you have any questions 1-612-871-7287 (not collect...) cost \$50.00 incl. Meals; \$5.00 will hold your place.

Sexual magick

The response to the article has been good and questions have been asked. Aquarian Tantra, as practised at Lothlorien, is a freedom of imagination approach. Rather than presenting a dull series of steps, try these examples in your fantasy.

A young man is doing a ritual to charge a new altar tool... Pan comes into the temple space from the forest, dancing, cavorting, playing music upon his pipes... Although the young man is physically distracted, his will and imagination take all of the intensity and increase the amount of magick flowing into the new tool. Pan helps in the dance to raise a spiral cone of energy, and direct it into the tool. When the work is done, man and Pan share their love and joy...

Light several blue candles in the bathroom. Bring in symbols of water: shells, a chalice of ritual drink, (Damiana-Honey tea is delightfully stimulating) sea salt to sprinkle in the water, incense. With the both of you in the tub, explore the loving and natural relationship between water and earth... the wash of the tide... moving slowly and surely with the moon; the caressing of the earth by rain... at times water is strongest, at times the earth...

In position to align your chakras (there are so many) sexually or platonically: take each other on a guided meditation; or agree on a place to both go, simultaneously. Attempt to do a ritual together, in trance...

Until next issue - Blessed Be. Paul and Cassidy

A gathering for our lady

The call went out to the Faeries of the land. Our Lady Goddess summoned a gathering of her children. From all parts the vibration was received - North, South, East, West, France, Norway, Germany, Australia - and the children began their treks, by land or air... Denver Faeries were there... to greet the influx. I, myself, received the call in the rural plains and mountains of Georgia's holy Appalachians. We gathered to go into the mountains.

Upon arriving, and after wrestling with my backpack (this was really roughing it!) on city buses, I was greeted by the shining faces of my brother Faeries and waited for the bus. Three hundred Faeries were quite a sight for the average Denver person.

We boarded our bus and made way to Buffalo Creek, some 50 plus miles north of Denver.

Jagged bluffs, rolling hills, and the singing devas greeted us at our stopping place. Still there were six miles to go. While waiting for the trans-vans, we talked, shared food, laughter, and cigarettes. Soon our caravans came.

Some of the Faeries were already at the site of true primitive glory - the only civilized concession being permanent outhouses. Where do I pitch my tent? Hmmm!!! The camps were everywhere, all shapes, sizes, colours, so I picked a small triangular enclosure of pine trees. Suddenly "Blessed Be" rang out in my direction - how did I know my athame was conspicuous - and I met Peter of the Celtic tradition. Then other greetings came as Gardnerians, Druzes, O.T.O.'s, Spiral Dancers recognized my Tyrw Dryw robes - which were quite popular... Rain swept through shortly and Iris' twin rainbows swept the sky. Someone started 'Somewhere over the Rainbow,' others cried Judy was PLEASED! The ecstatic insanity started and supper was served.

We gathered each evening and morning around the Piscean Maypole to invoke power, send healing, laugh, cry, support, dance, chant, listen, and love. Some would sweat each morning in the sweat lodge after dancing to the rising sun and singing the praises of light. Tai Chi, Sufi Dancing, Yoga, Massage, Rituals, Poetry, Music, Garland making, all were offered and much more - love and support.

Then there were those children who had never opened before, shyly, grudgingly, they allowed us to touch them, heal their hurts, and love them to health. Names flashed - Mitch, Bryan, Steve - across my mind, we healed each other. The word was CATHARSIS.

I met ... Bill Shepardson of the FCN Newsletter, Harry Hay, Psi, Pearl, Clover, Jade, Ross, Kali, Astarte, Diana, Star, Herman Saddhu, quiet Patrick, Sister Missionary Position, many others and we were all one.

But, my dears, perhaps the most memorable experience was when six of us witches - Celtic, Druze, Gardnerian, Seax - held a joint ritual of consecrating the ground. The power that was raised released us from all anxiety.

Soon the last day arrived. Sunburned, tired, sad, but powerful we congregated for one last circle and worshipped the Goddess. Tears flowed down our cheeks, addresses were exchanged, kisses were given along with hugs, and we departed the magickal site with the devas' songs of farewell until next time.

- Daibhidh Gesith

"Check out the 'Chronicles of Tornor' by Elizabeth A. Lynn, a new trilogy. Vol. I is 'Watchtower,' Vol. II is 'Dancers of Arum.' Two to conquer is M.E. Bradley's new Darkover book, it's pretty good too." - Bruce (Tacoma)

"The really great extra attraction in "The Unicorn" for me is the gay section. When my lover and I are out together, we're obvious, but when apart, not so... All this great un-accepting society at times makes me ill. If people would only judge and like us for just being us... Anyhow, I think your publication is super great, and please, please keep in N on N on forever, O.K.? - Sylvia (Lawndale, Calif.)

"Many gay Pagans are not completely comfortable in a magickal atmosphere. In my own opinion, it is because many Pagan groups either are not aware of the gay element within them or are not aware of the strictly straight elements within most branches of the Craft and other Pagan groups.

For instance, when passing the wine and meat around, it is traditional to pass it from man to woman to man. Suppose the man has a feminine radiance? In that case, the meat and drink would pass by three feminine beings before finally reaching a masculine being.

If a person is not comfortable in a non-sexual magical atmosphere, it is because it (the group) is out of balance.

Then there is dance. I think too many Pagans ignore dance in their rites and rituals. To be sure, everybody holds hands and dances deosil around the circle a few times to raise energy, but what about the earth dances, the other elemental dances, the ethereal dance of the sacrifice, the wild and heady dance of the storms? Personally, I feel every Pagan should take at least one course in belly dancing or at least study it at home - Dancing is also a damn good exercise..." - Bruce (Tacoma)

"My name is Paul Lewis... have been actively involved in the Pagan Community in Cleveland for some time. I am a pianist (classical) by profession - performing and teaching. Would love to meet you all at Pan Pagan, but unfortunately am in the midst of moving to Cincinnati..."

Paul Lewis
2735 Grandin Rd.
Cincinnati, OH. 45208

"[Visionary love] is concerned with spirit and genocide and gay as gay originated and evolutionary flowering fairy fate and really not a book at all"

Mitch Walker
Treeroots Press
P.O. Box 684
Berkeley, Ca. 94704

Don Kilhefner (Los Angeles) sent us a copy of Mitch's article in the "Yoga journal." It is excellently written, and deserves your reading. Unfortunately we don't know which issue - but Pagan resourcefulness can find it - we hope! Titled "On gay spirituality" it discusses gay attitudes, homosexuality and reincarnation, and spiritual paths.

Check out the August issue of 'Blueboy.' A very interesting article on witchcraft titled 'Love craft.' The entire article deals with sex as being the focus of the coven discussed. Although it may be

representative of that group, it is likely to portray a misleading image to many. Track it down, read, and send your response to:

Mr. Donald N. Embinder

Blueboy, Inc.

6969 NW. 69 St.

Miami, Flor. 33166

Thanks to Gary of Dallas for calling it to our attention.

The rite of Pan

Shepherd of Goats and lover of man,

Horned God of the horny thigh -

Summon we now the Rite of Pan

Here 'twixt the verdant earth and sky.

Brighter than stars the sacred fire

Burns from the spark of life within,

Rearing the shift of all desire,

Charging the mysteries to begin.

Hold us within your warm embrace,

As we entwine in ecstasy.

Help us to feel in our heart's race

All life, and love, and destiny!

Now merges more than flesh and flesh,

Here where the sons of Pan unite;

Two mortal minds and souls enmesh

In this our sacred, ancient rite.

Now the spark roars; the flames leap high;

Faster we dance the Rite of Pan,

Swirling our love up to the sky;

Oh bless us, bless us, bless us Pan!

"I'm enclosing another [poem] with a more specific use in mind - it is to be used before, or during a gay sex ritual. If used before, a few changes should be made...

Line 13 - May we merge more

Line 14 - Here when ...

Line 17 - May the spark roar; ...

Line 18 - Faster we'll dance...

Line 19 - And send our love ...

[the Lammas] ish of Unicorn was superb! My, the Extra Pages grow! That's great! I especially appreciated the comments 'on same sex magic...' I still have plans on getting a gay Wiccan group together here in San Diego but don't know how to do it! Any Suggestions?

Scott Cunningham
4349 Orange Ave
San Diego, Ca. 92105

“Oh, what a joy was Pan Pagan,. It has taken me a couple of weeks to come down from the incredible natural high of the festival and return to the insanity of the normal world. I truly thank the Lord and Lady for making the way relatively easy for me to attend. Pan pagan was an experience no craft person should miss...

The ability to meet other gay Pagans was an experience in itself. For a long time I was despairing that there even existed other gay Pagans. There are quite a lot of us out there apparently. Perhaps next year we can have our own organized Circle... And for those who left because of gays being natural, then they have forgotten what the true nature of the Craft is all about ... The Craft ... is a brotherhood sisterhood and should be recognized as such. In this insane world we are the ones who are looked on by the outside world as being insane. And that is one reason we are a closed society. To discriminate against anyone who follows the positive path is not in the nature of the Craft.”

Adinan (Liberty Hill, Tx.)

“The gay supplement is always interesting, and it’s helped me get rid of the silly notion that there has to be a male and a female (separate bodies) to have a proper polarity in a ritual, for we are all both in one, within...”

Amber
Priestess of Winnipeg
Poetess, Artist, and
One of Andrius’ favorties