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THE UNICORN

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A PUBLICATION OF the ROWAN TREE

1980
Hallows

Dear Readers,

Here come the icy winds of the dark side of the Earth.... All older Unicorns gather in the Nargan Woods this night. Each brings an egg - some are hooven-made by artisans, some are real, for on this eve a Unicorn buries an egg within the soil, a symbol of the descent of the source of life into the inner realms. We are mindful of the egg being the source of beginning, and so too, we plant our dreams... Younger Unicorns are free this night to romp & play, and many will carry candles as they proul about the moon-lit heavens.

Controversy continues over "Lancelot", the new unicorn born of California. Greyhairs, the Higher Council's Chairhorn has demanded a piece of natal eggshell; the opposition has called for an evaluation based on love and intention. Comments to us range from an anonymous drawing ("Eggs-BATH!") to the letter in Open Forum, also anonymous....

I intend to poke my nose (horn?) into a few dreams around here in a month.... The Rowan Tree will have a retreat for Herbal Shamans, & it means another dream quest. We're also having popcorn (not as good as cookies but I like it...)

as we see a presentation of images of the Goddess, which will feature Shelley Anderson.

Then, there's this news - the Rowan Tree has at last

perfected a recipe for Unicorn Balm. No, it's not made from horns; it's all herbal and plant substances. I brought Paul some older recipes, & now we have this neat-smelling balm!! 'Tis said it can be used to call up Unicorns to your dreams & visions....

The Queen of Swords drew an excellent portrait of a chess game had by one of her fine dragons & myself. 'Twas one of those fine, autumn days I set off down the great Mississippi River, sitting 'neath the Missouri cottonwoods playing chess. (I didn't win - dragons are such sharp-witted players!)

Here I am, writing this letter for the fourth year's first issue.... Times have changed since the first "Unicorn" went out; we didn't even know it would become a "real" newsletter back then... Adding Prairie's "Unicorn Tarot", adding a section for the gay & lesbian Pagans, changing from four to eight issues a year. Many of you have written to express joy at friendships made through the Unicorn.... I, too have made many friends - Sacred horns like Aradia, Unibella (who brought to me a heady herbal elixer the other night), Artemus, Elwyn, non-dragons, true-dragons, griffins, on & on & on.

Our Readers are joyful - some of you have been with us since the first sparse pages - amazing! May this coming year bring us all to a deeper knowledge of Our Lady's mysteries; may it keep us shining with the radiance of the Sun....

May we grow & prosper & become strong, that we turn our magick to Earth-survival.

Though the pages of the Unicorn often be of fun & mirth truly our work is of the most serious - it is life's survival...

A...



The Unicorn Rambles

II

Notes from an Herbal

Andrius sends love & imagination to a good friend in Bangor, who is writing a book of exciting, Goddess-oriented fiction Hello to Eatenfu, Bjoen, & a special person in Dallas Claude writes that the temps in Palm Springs, Ca. have moderated - we could use that warmth! Marsha of Earthsky sent some beautiful photos of the park where they gathered with Ellen Cannon & friends to celebrate the Goddess.... Smiles & giggles to our secret friend in Perry, Ohio Got a magnificent picture card of the Grand Canyon from Rik (Hello Patti!) Nancy McCaulley writes of joy at the friends she's found through the contacts column.... Goddess blessings to Bobbi, who is carrying within her the seed of life, waiting for the Vernal Tides.... Received a joyous letter from Leesa, who is in England for a time.... Special wishes for the Temple of Union, which is seeking an older house for a temple & healing center.... A super postcard from Scotland of a Rowan Tree came from Gordon Melton.... House blessings for Kalinda's new home! Andrew Wickler is a delightful person - he has a rainbow in his aura! We hear that Bev is getting alot of exercise now that the baby has achieved mobility! For those with crazy imaginations: A super Pagan invoking the Goddess during war games! Send moving magick to our favorite dragon-lady! Meant to thank Rik for the copy of the Arizona Daily Star (Fri., Sept. 26). The front photo is beautiful - the rising full moon with elegant cactus silhouettes.... Andrius sends 5000 kisses (of the Unicorn type) to Bobbi - he's going to wear his new Unicorn pin (with the secret compartment) to Elwyn & Moonbeam's anniversary fête.... Hello to F.C. Hazell of Ontario.... Merry Meet to the new member of the Moonfire coven.... Rowan - your article on the Triple Goddess is wonderful. "Spectrum" should be proud! Keep your hooves crossed for Jim Thomas - may he have a blessed Yule! Janice - the luffa seeds are wonderful, but we will wait until Spring to sow them.... Hello Kelly - welcome to the Unicorn. How 'bout dropping us a note?

Confessions of a Unicorn

Out of an egg, I have been born -
On my brow is a single horn.
I love to chase the stars & moonbeams
And communicate through Pagan dreams.

The forests & fields are special to me,
For I love to wander among the trees!
When the silvery moon is high and bright
I draw strength from her magical light.

With elven folk, I join in folly
(they decorate my horn with holly)
We plant the seeds of wilderness things,
And water them from cool, clear springs.

To some, I've been an object of scorn,
But I'm proud to be a Unicorn!
Of all I've told you, this is the gist -
Pagan humans - we do exist!!!
- Arlemus (& Nancy McCaulley)

The Thirteenth Law of the Traditional Herbalist:

"The Traditional Herbalist learns from his Craft, for the act of doing will bring about even greater knowledge, even if difficult to put into words."

(this concluded the laws... This issued herb column is a guest article by Prairie...

The Making of Talismans

"The most important thing is that the gift of the hands should speak to the heart of another; that the subtle languages of bone, wood, feather, seed, leather or root embody in some way the spirits of the creator & receiver... and to do this you must learn their dreams, their secret names... you must train your mind's eye to perceive essences, to intuit strengths and weaknesses & to balance the two... it is a very deep, personal magic, that requires wisdom of herbs, of the alchemy of transcendence, the uses of stones, of astrology... to make one is to participate in a healing art, in the sense that through the process of creation, you regain balance - and by evoking memory and dream, recall ourselves to a state of wholeness beyond words. Talismans speak the ancient tongue and talk in many ways, colors, shapes, forms... it's any gift that is truly given, whether a poem, a drawing, necklace, magic bag - because we mirror Her in this act of giving, the giving of life, love & care, we give in the same way that She sustains & protects all life - it's beyond rational understanding & springs from the impulse of a pure love that is far deeper & wiser than romantic love... the making of talismans keeps us true to our roots - the one spirit in all..."
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News of other Unicorns

"I'm so glad Autumn is finally here. It's my favorite season and Elwyn and I love to romp thru the fallen leaves.... it was 7 year ago this hallowmas that he and Moonbeam were hornfasted...." (Andrius will be flying to Louisiana for the party Oct 31....)
Rhiannon

"The 'real' unicorn was created by an operation on a baby angora goat. This info. was leaked by someone who is intimate with the 'breeders'. Please do not reveal the source of this note. Blessed Be Unicorns!!!"

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

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The Tarot



Open Forum

The LOVERS.... "union of all that seems opposite ... in the spiritual light of awakened perception, all separation is illusion... the fires of passion are the forces which bring us out of our selves and into the greater dance of unity. In this card, all unite-subconscious with conscious, male with female, within & without. Some esoteric writers refer to this state by the phrase 'divine marriage'. The unicorn's presence suggests the spiral dance, of lifetimes, of seasons, memories, and the basic biological dna codes that sustain physical existence. In the LOVERS, we realize the spiral dance within & without ourselves... all dualities unite in the passion of the life force... in relation to humans, this card forms a vital linking up of the sexual, emotional & spiritual, intuitive knowledge - the forces entertwine, as lovers embrace one another to discover their essential unity... the lovers also symbolizes the union between the Lady & Her Consort, the climactic moment when what is sought is revealed and entered into, whether it be physical union or initiation into Her mysteries.



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the lovers.

Let me begin by defining and clarifying the terms 'magick' and 'sex magick'. Magick, as I understand it, is internal or external change in response to controlled and directed will. It follows then that sex magick is a technique of tuning into oneself to bring energy forth, control it, direct it, and release it for magickal purposes.

As Maud Reinkensan so correctly pointed out in her interesting letter [see Open Forum, last issue], the act of making love is a magickal experience, perhaps in the manner that it enables one to transcend the identity/ego and become 'one' with one's partner. However in my previous letter I was referring to sex magick not to the experience of making love for pleasure and/or the expression of affection. This is not to say that two people who care for one another should not allow their love to flow out during the ritual, quite the contrary, as the ecstasy of the sex act is, and should be, more intense than 'regular' love-making, only that you don't have to be 'in love' with your partner to use sex magick.

Sex magick has been used throughout history from the Sumerian rites of Ishtar and the orgiastic rites of Dionysus to the eastern 'yoga of sex', tantra. The common theme of the rites are to lose oneself, lose one's ego in order to become one with the universe, to identify and merge with the Divine. Indeed, sex is the supreme sacrament because it is the union of the opposites - the union of yin & yang, magnetic and electric, positive and negative, giving & receiving.

Wiccans recognize this union in the Great Rite ceremony. His ritual is the union of the Hqs & Hp in their roles as Goddess & God. The Great Rite is considered mandatory at two times during the year - at the Beltane and Samhain sabbats. These are the times of the year when the rulership of the year is exchanged. Do we now celebrate the Great Rite to exemplify the conference of authority and the investment of power upon the Goddess by the God at Beltane and the subsequent exchange of authority & power at Samhain from the Goddess to God? So here we see the union of opposites celebrated at the two holiest festivals of the year.

Just as the union of opposites, male & female, serves to create a third, the child, in the act of love making, so does an act of sex magick serve to create a third, known in various texts as the magickal child. Normally this third would be a closer synthesis of the God/ess/head & mortality. However, sex magick can also be used to serve mundane interests.

The basic formula to a successful sex rite is:

1. Determine the purpose of the rite.
2. Name the purpose and in doing so identify with it - see it as outside of yourself but soon to become part of yourself.
3. Generate the desire, call upon your will.
4. Visualize the occurrence of the desire.
5. Maintain the visualization while orgasming.
6. Both partners should now partake of the intermingled semen & vaginal fluids to seal the rite.

K. A.

[Editor's note: A long column by K.A. was published in the open forum section of our Lammast (Vol. 3 #7) issue. Address any letters of response to the open forum of the Unicorn.]



Diana ☽

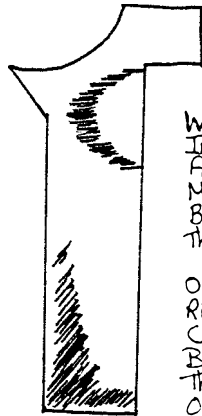
I'm the spark of life in every grain of wheat,
I'm the heavy perfume of the wildflowers sweet.

You see me soar each day as a bird in flight -
I'm the twinkling stars in a moonlit night.

I'm the smile on your face and the
twinkle in your eye,
I'm the song in your heart which
will NEVER, NEVER die.

I'm the rich brown Earth and
the huge oak tree -
My spirit is contained
in all things wild & free,

Call my name and I'll be by your side -
Diana's my name, may you speak it with pride
- Joyce L. Baker

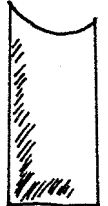


Witches, spirits, gods of old,
In many tales of them we're told,
And of the glories of times past,
Mighty circles then were cast,
By mage and priestess, witch and priest;
The wondrous doings NEVER ceased.

On Samhain, Lammass, or Beltane,
Rites were held, blessed and profane.
Called upon were Horned God and Devil,
Both were parts of midnight revel.
The dances went on, a widdershins chain
Or a sunwise spiral in the rain.

The days of wonders come again.
It's up to us to build the chain
Of united Pagans, friendly Witches,
To push aged buttons and pull ancient switches.
To RENEW once more our faith lost,
And save our Earth, no matter what
the cost.

Lillian Chamberlain



☼ Child's Self-Blessing Ritual ☽

This ritual is best done during the New Moon, but can be performed at any time during the waxing of the Moon (it's especially powerful when the Moon is in the Child's sign.)

Bring the child into the Circle that you have prepared - you will need to have two white candles and a vial of sandalwood (or the child's favorite) oil on the altar.

Have the child say:

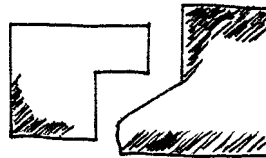
O Gentle Goddess I stand before thee
Asking that you purify me.
Please bless me now that I may
See the wisdom of your way; (anoint eyes)
Listen to the words you say; (anoint ears)
Speak to you kindly every day; (anoint mouth)

Guide me, O Great Mother -
And favor me with your smiles.
So Mother it Be!

Turn to the child now with a smile, draw a pentagram on their forehead with the oil and say:

"You have been blessed."
Give the child a kiss and end the Circle with a cheerful "Blessed Be!"

(I wrote in response to my son Justin's curiosity & interest in what we were doing in the Circle. Now after each Circle, we have a "family Circle" with Chuck & I teaching our boys a little about the meaning of the Rite, the Elements, etc. We toast the God & Goddess and dance & sing. They look being Pagan kids!)
- Joyce Baker



Solstice

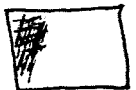
Now we are closer
To the Great Beginning.
The golden sun-egg fades,
Gathers strength from darkness,
Gleams renewed
Across the year's boundary.
In the grey nests of winter
New life slumbers,
Waiting for the passing
Of snow and storms.

Noel-Anne Brennan

The Unicorn

The unicorn,
A long loved myth
Told oft by
Elders, to their
Little children.
A magic horse,
O noble creature
Of milky mane
And gilded horn
Prancing in the soft
Sweet moonlight,
The eternal spirit
Of child hood
And Love.

Lillian Chamberlain





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Every so often a book appears which
deserves extra attention; within the com-
munity of those who pay homage to the
Goddess, such books need be seen by
each & every one of us. This book is an
amazing anthology drawn from our commu-
nity.... pages of artwork by many artists,
(including our beloved Fraire), essays
which I found outstanding, for Pagan
literature has not often done well in
that field.

This is a book of love, a love of the
Goddess in all her forms... poems
which sparkle in their imagery, words
of power and magick which can aid us
in feeling Her presence; this is incred-
ible. When my review copy arrived,
I was awestruck, for it felt to my
hands like a large catalogue....

And it is, in essence, with page upon
page of our Lady's essence. A Pagan's
wish book... p151, Isis, the Enchantress;
p229, an invocation to the waxing moon;
p138, a terracotta Goddess... but not
like any mundane catalogue.

I can sit, night upon night, and
leaf through this book in any order,
and find myriad things to wish for!
No money to send, no orders to fill
out, yet my wishes all arrive, for
this volume brings them through the
heart.

This book will endure. Each who
brings it into home (or better yet, finds
it as a Yule gift, hidden beneath the
altar) will never tire of paging through
this book. Poems for meditation; fur-
ther knowledge of our past, our
present, & our future.... More love
of the Goddess from many origins....
Would you like a chant for Beltane?
Page 270; & on the facing page
photographs of laughing faces winding
the Ribbon'd-pole... An incense to
evoke Diana? The recipe is there,
within a loving, tender poem to Diana
on page 57....

I wish my words could capture
this book for all our readers to
see... but, trust that this is a
book well worth skipping a bit of
partying, or whatever. It is worth
every penny - (it is 346 filled pages).
Our deep thanks to Ann Forfreedom
& Julie Ann for their many hours of
labour in assembling all the joy we
find within these covers.

Andrius said it's short on unicorns,
but it hasn't stopped him from dragging
the Book of the Goddess off to the
study for hours on end..... Paul



That Which is Ours

At birth you knew no wrong
Your cry was for sorrow & pain....
That you felt upon entering this realm.
Why were you brought into this world?
You know...
Remember the peace, joy & happiness you
felt before your birth?
It is still here!
Our God & Goddess placed us here
to re-spread that feeling.
It never left, but was only misplaced.
We of the Craft have the knowledge
& power,
To restore to the world that which is ours!
Love & Blessed Be
Bobby Lee



The Rowan Tree

Shamanic Retreat

Nov 28-30 at the Rowan Tree. A journey to meet the herb deval. The process of taking the time to learn the inner mysteries of Herb Magick, which will include a Dream Quest (to learn through our dreams) and the opportunity for each to make her/his own amulet. Learning by doing, & all participants will have a wonderful time. Cost includes meals and lodging; begins Friday Nov 28 with an herb ritual & closes Sunday after-noon. The arts of communion with the spiritual aspects of herbs are alive & well in the land of Lothlorien, home of the Rowan Tree; and we promise you spiritual regeneration and revitalization of your childlike, magical self... All herbs & materials furnished. Total fee: \$50⁰⁰

Hooray for Economy Yule-Gifts

Andrius & Paul have been at work on a secret recipe for Unicorn Balm... Many of you have explored Tiger Balm, well, now here's something for we magical folk. Unicorn Balm is a magically-tuned ointment to soothe frayed nerves, to aid in meditation, & is said, brings visions of unicorns. Best of all, its inexpensive - a 2 oz tin costs only ONE DOLLAR - so order enough for friends... May we also suggest giving some Rowan Tree publications as gifts - perhaps subscriptions to the Unicorn, or a copy of The Holy Book? Well - do remember to give LOVE - for that's the most needed gift of all.
Unicorn Balm - \$1.00 ppd from the Rowan Tree!

Contacts

Circle's busy at work doing things to help the unity of the Pagan Movement. Their latest endeavor is to have created the "Pagan Spirit Alliance," to help folks on Circle Network who share a common commitment to Pagan Spirituality principles better link up with each other. They've created the Pagan Spirit Alliance as an international ecumenical Pagan networking group which has legal status as a religious association on both state & federal levels. This is a chance to see members of the community who wish to cooperate begin to do some true work together. Write:

CIRCLE
Box 9013
Madison, Wisc. 53715

"I am just beginning my study of the craft and Goddess Religion. It is my desire to return to Newport News, Virginia soon to join my lover and I would like to communicate with some people in that area who can guide me towards initiation. I am particularly interested in Feminist groups, but any contact is welcomed."

Kathy Tadlock
3335 E. Overland
Meridian, Idaho 83642

Rose Barenchi would like to make known that classes are offered in Celtic Wicca. For more information contact her by mail:
RT 2 Box 634A
ARROYO GRANDE, Ca. 93420

Books

Ancient Mirrors of Womanhood - Vol II is on its way. This volume includes Goddess images of India, N. Amer., Egypt, & more countries. The Sibyls wish to offer you a discount on orders placed through Nov. 13 - cost only \$6.25 ea. (will be \$7.95).

New Sibylline Books
Box 266
NYC., NY, 10014

"For those witches & pagan folk who have a keen interest in vampires or vampirism, drop a line to DR. Steven Kaplan, PO Box 252, Elmhurst, Queens, NYC. 11373 and ask for info on his "Vampire Census".... and his new book Vampires Are...." - Rhannon

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Publications

"FOREVER FORESTS," those folk who have been busy these past years planting trees for the future, now have a newsletter. Volume I (Sept. 89) is 50¢ & well worth the price - lots of info on trees & forests.

FOREVER FORESTS
PO Box 212
Redwood Valley, Ca. 95470

"Stillwaters" is seeking poetry, articles, etc.

Stillwaters
PO Box 395
Littleton, Colo 80120

(We reviewed their great newsletter last issue!)

Changes in "The Bard's" subscription rates: \$80/yr U.S. & Canada; \$100 foreign. All checks & m.o. payable to R.A. DeVowe. The Bard is carrying a series of interviews with Pagan notable - most interesting! Annwn Temple of Gwynfyd
4332 N. Longview #1
Phoenix, AZ. 85014



Happenings

A "Witches Ball" will be presented by Forekver Forests, with 24 hours of live music and dancing... booths, prizes, costumes, etc. To be held in San Francisco - for all you west coast Pagans!! Cost is \$1300 for two days & will be held at Cine Rent West, 991 Tennessee, S.F. For info, call: 1-415-752-9394

Saturday, Nov 11, Jim & Selena of Circle will be at Sanctum Regnum, 615 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, Wisc., presenting two workshops; "Witchcraft & Shamanism Today" & "Magick Ritual Dynamics." Sounds like lots of fun. Phone 272-1818 for more info.

Last minute notice (we didn't hear in time for Equinox issue). A Samhain Retreat near San Antonio Texas. Can you believe this? No FEES - but bring food. If you can attend, go. More information can be had by phoning 1-512-533-4535 (ask for Bertie).

Big, exciting weekend at Phoenix Metaphysical Books - which was previously known as Mystic Arts... Nov. 14-16, lots of people and activities.
Phoenix Metaphysical Books
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Surrey, Brit. Col.

Luffa Sponge Kits (grow your own). Why buy them in the store when you can grow them yourself. \$1.25 will get you two, mailed from Florida. Oh, go ahead - try it!
Craeftgemot Witancoveyne
RR1 - Box 601-C
Pompano Beach, Fl. 33067

A delightful newsletter/pricelist came from the Natural Science folk of Florida, who work at Pan Pagan this summer - herbs, stonks, books, etc. Write:
Johnny & Vera Dawson
Box 142
Fountain, Fl., 32438

Wow - A new collection of magickal artwork is now available. We got a flyer, sent for samples to review, & it's wonderful... One item is Lady Elstred's Magickal Year, a delightful calendar - & it's only \$2.25, which is amazing; highly recommended as a Yule gift. (it gives lunar phases at GMT). Also offered, a set of four elemental cards (5 1/2 x 8 1/2 w/ envelopes, \$2.40) - these are now on our temple altars, for they beautifully evoke the symbols of our workings. (Sue - we will frame them for our temple walls!)... So, what to do? Find out for yourself - write:
Susan B. Fisher
831 Reed Ave.
Kalamazoo, Mi. 49001

At last - something exciting, unique, & joyous! Crowns, headdresses, wreaths, Pagan sculptures. A flyer is available from:
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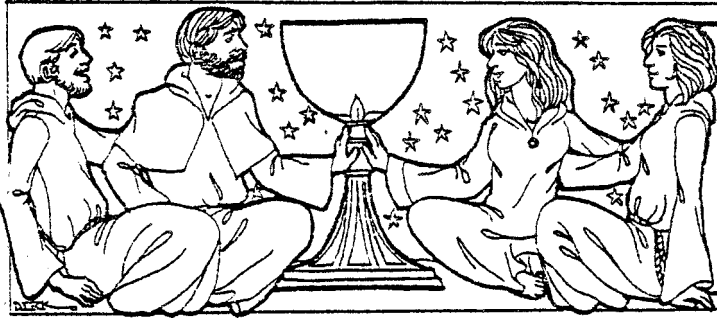
Merchandise

A new mail-order pricelist is available, filled with an amazing variety of things. To check it out, write: Inner Light Trading
608 Summer
Kalamazoo, Mi., 49007

"Rose Runes" is no longer being produced. We remember it with fondness....

<p>The Unicorn began Yule, 1977, & is a newsletter dedicated to sharing the good news of our Craft & Pagan friends. It is a Rowan Tree publication, with eight issues to coincide with the Sabbats.</p> <p>Editor: Paul V. Baygel Production Editor: Cassidy Associate Artist: Prairie Jackson Resident Unicorn: Andrius</p>	<p>Enclosed is my hard-earned money for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 - a one-year subscription to The Unicorn, (8 issues)* <input type="checkbox"/> \$8.00 - not only The Unicorn, but also the Extra Pages for gays & lesbians <input type="checkbox"/> \$7.00 - The Holy Books of the Devas (Vol. 1) an herbball for the Aquarian Age <input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 - Andrius' Colouring Book of Numbers - numerology & mythology <input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 - A Child's Wish Book - a book of delight for little people <input type="checkbox"/> enclosed is a S.A.S.E. Please send a copy of your catalogue <p>Total enclosed is <input type="text"/> Make checks and money orders payable to The Rowan Tree</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Hallows '80</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to maintain secrecy. <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in making contact with others. <input type="checkbox"/> You may mention my name in The Unicorn <input type="checkbox"/> You may give my address, also <input type="checkbox"/> I love Unicorns & nice Pagans <p>* \$10.00 US currency outside of U.S. & Canada</p>
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The Unicorn Provides These
Extra Pages
to aid communication between
Gay and Lesbian Pagans

MERRY MEET,
With this Hallows coming up, we are offering a special issue of the Extra Pages... Enough readers have expressed a desire to share magick with us, even though unable to attend; and we ask our women friends to think kindly of us this night... The following are excerpts from the ritual we will use as our Halloween Ritual for Samhain.... Please feel free to use & share them, but please accompany their use by saying they are property of the Coven of Lothlorien....
Thank you.

All are gathered inside the darkened circle - except for a single, black candle. The two altar candles are lit as the Samhain mythology is begun by the two Priests. They, in turn, scribe the circle with waxes, a total of 4 times this night... As they do so, all chant "OHM." Then salted water & incense are prepared - as the circle is prepared with these, the following chant is said by all:

Turn the seasons
from this night
Charge the circle
Seal this rite
Light the path
through Avalon
Start anew as
Time moves on!

To represent the eternal dance of the Sun & Moon, the altar candles are carried round the circle as we light the path for the descent into the underworld.... As the Priests do this, all chant the following:

Turn the seasons from this night
Charge the circle, Seal this rite
Candles moving round about
Keep all evil demons out
Mother come into our rite
Keep us in this Sabbat night.
Light the path through Avalon
Start anew as time moves on.

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At this point, a few moments of silence. Then the cauldron fire is lit, & all chant the following chant three times:
Hallowmas Chant (over)

Then the ritual cup is passed. Each dips in a finger & shakes a few drops into the fire; the cake is passed. Each breaks off a crumb & drops it into the fire for the dead. This is done in silence.

At this point a group "OHM" is sung out into the night, to pierce the illusive veil that hangs between worlds.

When the chant dies away, total silence is brought to the circle. We meditate on the fire, on the night, on the new birth we are all experiencing. If any wish to communicate with friends & relatives passed into the otherworld, it is done now.

Then the cake & ritual cup are shared by all present, on this night in total silence, except for the "blessed be's" as they pass from one to another.

Goddess Chant

Come dear Goddess, come this night!
Join us in this magic rite!

Come Ashtoreth, come...
Come O Ceres, come...
Come O Freya, come...
Come Demeter, come...
Come Ceridwen, come...
Aphrodite, come...
Come O Hertha, come...
Come O Hecate, come...
Come Astarte, come...
Come Ariadne, come...
Come Cardea, come...
Come O Cybele, come...
Aradia, come...
Come O Bridget, come...
Come O Isis, come...
Come Diana, come...
Come Great Mother, come...
Come Young Maiden, come...
Come Old woman, come...
Come Great Goddess, come...

The Priests close the Circle by
banishing the pentagrams. At each
quarter all answer with "Hail & Farewell."
Homage is paid the God & Goddess,
the final cup shared, & the Circle
broken.

Hallowmas Chant.

Gone to the Summerland
Distant shores gone past
Winter draws upon us now
Summer didn't last.
Though the maid has gone away
She'll be back again
She has gone to grow to full
(The God-child is within)
Sleeps she now within his arms
The child is in the Womb.
The magic that is loose this night
Has opened up the tomb.
Summers warmth has come & gone
Let us light the fire
Call our friends from Avalon
If they so desire
Near we now the gates of death
On this fearsome night
We'll call lost loved ones from within
To join us in this rite.

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Dear Readers

Here come the icy winds of the dark side of the Earth... All older unicorns gather in the Naryan Woods this night. Each brings an egg - some are hooven-made by artisans, some are real, for on this eve a unicorn buries an egg within the soil, a symbol of the descent of the source of life into the inner realms. We are mindful of the egg being the source of beginning, and so too, we plant our dreams... younger unicorns are free this night to romp and play, and many will carry candles as they prowl about the moon-lit heavens.

Controversy continues over "Lancelot," the new unicorn born of California's grey hairs, the higher council's chairhorn has demanded a piece of natal eggshell; the opposition has called for an evaluation based on love and intention. Comments to us range from an anonymous drawing ("Egg-Bah!") to the letter in Open Forum, also anonymous...

I intend to poke my nose (horn?) into a few dreams around here in a month.... The Rowan Tree will have a retreat for Herbal Shamans, & it means another dream quest. We're also having popcorn (not as good as cookies but I like it...) as we see a presentation of images of the Goddess, which will feature Shelley Anderson.

Then, there's this news - The Rowan Tree has at last perfected a recipe for unicorn balm. No, it's not made from horns; it's all herbal and plant substances. I brought Paul some olde recipes, and now we have this neat-smelling balm!!! 'Tis said it can be used to call up unicorns to your dreams & visions....

The Queen of Swords drew an excellent portrait of a chess game had by one of her fine dragouns and myself. 'Twas one of those fine, autumn days I set off down the great Mississippi River, sitting 'neath the Missouri cottonwoods playing chess. (I didn't win - dragouns are such sharp-witted players!)

Here I am, writing this letter for the fourth year's first issue... Times have changed since the first 'Unicorn' went out; we didn't even know it would become a "real newsletter back then... Adding Prairie's "Unicorn Tarot," adding a section for the gay & lesbian Pagans changing from four to eight issues a year. Many of you have written to express joy at friendships made through the Unicorn... I, too have made many friends- sacred horns like Aradia, Unibella (who brought to me a heady herbal elixer the other night), Artemis, Elwyn, ... non-dragons, true-dragons, griffins, on and on and on.

Our readers are joyous- some of you have been with us since the first sparse pages - amazing! May this coming year bring us all to a deeper knowledge of our Lady's mysteries; may it keep us shingin with the radiance of the sun... May we grow and prosper and become strong, that we turn our magick to Earth-survival. Though the pages of the Unicorn often be fun and mirth truly our work is of the most serious- it is life's survival.

The unicorn rambles

Andrius sends love and imagination to a good friend in Bangor, who is writing a book of exciting, Goddess-oriented fiction..... Hello to Eaenu Bjorn, and a special friend in Dallas ... Claude writes that the temps in Palm Springs, Ca. have moderated - we could use that warmth! Marsha of Earthsky sent some beautiful photos of the park where they gathered with Ellen Cannon and friends to celebrate the Goddess ... Smiles and giggles to our secret friend in Perry, Ohio .. Got a magnificent picture card of the Grand Canyon from Rik (hello Patti) ... Nancy McCauley writes of joy at the friends she's found through the contacts column ... Goddess blessings to Bobbi, who is carrying with her the seed of life, waiting for the Vernal tides ... Received a joyous letter from Leesa, who is in England for a time ... Special wishes for the Temple of Union, which is seeking an older house for a temple and healing center --- A super postcard from Scotland of a Rowan tree came from Gordon Melton ... House blessings for Kalinda's new home ... Andrew Wicker is a delightful person- he has a rainbow in his aura ... We hear that Bev is getting a lot of exercise now that the baby has achieved mobility .. For those with crazy imagination: a super Pagan invoking the Goddess during war games ... Send moving magick to our favorite dragoun lady ... Meant to thank Rick for the copy of the Arizona Daily Star (Fri. Sept. 26): the front photo is beautiful - the rising full moon with elegant cactus silhouettes... Andrius sends 5,000 kisses (of the unicorn type) to Bobbi - he's going to wear his new unicorn pin (with the secret compartment) to Elwyn and Moonbeam's anniversary fete ... Hello to F.C. Hazell of Ontario ... Merry Meet to the new members of the Moonfire Coven .. Rowan - your article on The Triple Goddess is wonderful. "Spectrum" should be proud ... Keep your hooves crossed for Jim Thomas - May he have a blessed Yule! ... Janice - the luffa seeds are wonderful, but we will wait until spring to sow them ... Hello Kelly - welcome to The Unicorn. How 'bout dropping us a note?

Confessions of a Unicorn

Out of an egg, I have been born -
On my brow is a single horn.
I love to chase the stars and moonbeams
And communicate through Pagan dreams.
The forest and fields are special to me
For I love to wander among the trees!
When the sil'vry moon is high and bright
I draw strength from her magickal light.
With elven folk, I join in folly
(They decorate my horn with holly)
We plant the seeds of wilderness things
And water them from cool, clear springs.
To some, I've been an object of scorn,
But I'm proud to be a Unicorn!
Of all I've told to you this is the gist -
Pagan humans - I do exist!

- Artemus (& Nancy McCauley)

Notes from an herbal

The thirteenth law of the traditional herbalist:

“The traditional herbalist learns from his craft, for the act of doing will bring about even greater knowledge, even if difficult to put into words”

(this concludes the laws .. this issues herb column is a guest article by Prairie...)

The making of Talismans

“The most important thing is that the gift of the hands should speak to the heart of another; that the subtle languages of bone, wood, feather, seed, leather or root embody in some way the spirits of the creator and receiver... and to do this you must learn their dreams, their secret names... you must train your mind's every to perceive essences, to intuit strengths and weaknesses and to balance the two ... it is a very deep, personal magic that requires wisdom of herbs, of the alchemy of transcendence, the uses of stones, of astrology ... to make one is to participate in a healing art, in the sense that through the process of creation, you retain balance- and by evoking memory and dream, recall ourselves to a state of wholeness beyond words. Talismans speak the ancient tongue and talk in many ways, colors, shapes, forms ... it's any gift that is truly given, whether a poem, a drawing, a necklace, majik bag- because we mirror Her in this act of giving, the giving of life, love and care, we give in the same way that She sustains and protects all life- it's beyond rational understanding and springs from the impulse of a pure love that is far deeper and wiser than romantic love ... the making of talismans keeps us true to our roots- the one spirit in all...” Prairie Jackson, '76.

News of other unicorns

“I'm so glad autumn is finally here. It's my favorite season and Elwyn and I love to romp thru the fallen leaves... it was 1 year ago this Hallowmas that he and Moonbeam were hornfasted...”
(Andrius will be flying to Louisiana for the party Oct. 31) - Rhiannon

“The ‘real’ unicorn was created by an operation on a baby angora goat. This info. Was leaked by someone who is intimate with the ‘breeders’ Please do not reveal the source of this note.
Blessed Be Unicorns.

Love is like the cloud
It has no fixed range
It is never lost
No matter its shape
Or name
Its name is everywhere
For love is never lost...
- Prairie Jackson

The tarot

The Lovers... “union of all that seems opposite ... in the spiritual light of awakened perception, all separation is illusion ... the fires of passion are the forces which bring us out of our selves

and into the greater dance of unity. In this card, all unite - subconscious with conscious, male with female, within and without. Some esoteric writers refer to this state by the phrase 'divine marriage'. The unicorn's presence suggests the spiral dance, the lifetimes, of seasons, memories, and the basic biological dna codes that sustain physical existence. In the Lovers, we realise the spiral dance within and without ourselves... all dualities unite in the passion of the life force... in relation to humans, this card forms a vital linking up of the sexual, emotional, and spiritual, intuitive knowledge - the forces intertwine, as lovers embrace one another to discover their essential unity... the lovers also symbolizes the union between the Lady and her consort, the climactic moment when what is sought is revealed and entered into, whether it be physical union or initiation into her mysteries.

Open Forum

Let me begin by defining and clarifying the terms "magick" and sex magick, as I understand it, is internal or external change in response to controlled and directed will. It follows then that sex magick is a technique of tuning into oneself to bring energy forth, control it, direct it, and release it for magickal purposes.

As Maud Reinertsen so correctly pointed out in her interesting letter [see Open Forum, last issue], the act of making love is a magickal experience, perhaps in the manner that it enables one to transcend the identity/ego and become 'one' with one's partner. However in my previous letter I was referring to sex magick not to the experience of making love for pleasure and or the expression of affection This is not to say that two people who care for one another should not allow their love to flow out during the ritual, quite the contrary, as the ecstasy of the sex act is, and should be, more intense than 'regular' love-making, only that you don't have to be 'in love' with your partner to use sex magick.

Sex magick has been used throughout history from the Sumerian rites of Ishtar and the orgiastic rites of Dionysus to the eastern "yoga of sex," tantra. The common theme of the rites are to lose oneself, lose one's ego in order to become one with the Universe, to identify and merge with the Divine. Indeed, sex is the supreme sacrament because it is the union of the opposites - the union of yin and yang, magnetic and electric, positive and negative, giving and receiving. Wiccans recognize this union in the Great Rite ceremony. This ritual is the union of the Hps and the Hp in their roles as Goddess and God. [The ritual is the union of the High priestess and the High priest in their roles as Goddess and God] The Great Rite is considered mandatory at two times during the year - at the Beltane and Samhain Sabbats. These are the times of the year when the rulership of the year is exchanged. Do we now celebrate the Great Rite to exemplify the conference of authority and the investment of power upon the Goddess by God at Beltane and the subsequent exchange of authority and power at Samhain from the Goddess to God? So here we see the union of opposites celebrated at the two holiest festivals of the year.

Just as the union of opposites, male and female, serves to create a third, a child, in the act of love making, so does the act of sex magick serve to create a third, know is various texts as the magickal child. Normally this third would be a closer synthesis of the Godhead goddesshead and mortality. However, sex magick can also be used to serve mundane interests.

The basic formula to a successful sex rite is:

1. Determine the purpose of the rite

2. Name the purpose and in doing so identify with it - see it as outside of yourself but soon to become part of yourself
 3. Generate the desire, call upon your will
 4. Visualise the occurrence of the desire
 5. Maintain the visualization while orgasming
 6. Both partners should now partake of the intermingled semen and vaginal fluids to seal the rite
- K.A.

[Editors note: A long column by K.A. was published in the Open Forum section of our Lammas (Vol. 3 #7) issue. Address any letters of response to the Open Forum of the Unicorn]

Diana

I'm the spark of life in every grain of wheat,
 I'm the heavy perfume of the wildflowers sweet.
 You see me soar each day as a bird in flight-
 I'm the twinkling stars in the moonlit night
 I'm the smile on your face and the twinkle in your eye,
 I'm the song in your heart which will never, never die
 I'm the rich brown Earth and huge oak tree-
 My spirit is contained in all things wild and free
 Call my name and I'll be by your side-
 Diana's my name, may you speak it with pride
 - Joyce L. Baker

Witches, spirits, gods of old,
 In many takes of them we're told,
 And of the glories of times past,
 Nightly circles then were cast,
 By mage and priestess, witch and priest;
 The wondrous doings never ceased.
 On Samhain, Lammas or Beltane
 Rites were held, blessed and profane
 Called upon were Horned God and Devil,
 Both were parts of midnight revel.
 The dances were on, a widdershins chain
 Or a sunwise spiral in the rain
 The days of wonders come again
 It's up to us to build the chain
 Of united Pagans, friendly witches
 To push aged buttons and pull ancient switches
 To renew once more our faith lost
 And save our Earth, no matter what the cost
 - Lillian Chamberlain

Solstice

Now we are closer
To the great beginning
The golden sun-egg fades
Gathers strength from darkness
Gleams renewed
Across the year's boundary
In the grey nests of winter
New life slumbers
Waiting for the passing
Of snow and storms

- Noel-Anne Brennan

The Unicorn

The unicorn,
A long loved myth
Told oft by
Elders, to their
Littelle children
A magic horse
O noble creature
Of milky mane
And gilded horn
Prancing in the soft
Sweet moonlight
The eternal spirit
Of childhood
And love

- Lillian Chamberlain

Child's Self-Blessing Ritual

This ritual is best done during the New Moon, but can be performed at any time during the waxing of the Moon (it's especially powerful when the moon is in the child's sign)
Bring the child into the Circle that you have prepared - you will need to have two white candles and a vial of sandalwood (or the child's favorite) oil on the altar.

Have the child say:

O gentle Goddess I stand before thee
Asking that you purify me
Please bless me now that I may
See the wisdom of your way (anoint eyes)
Listen to the words you say; (anoint ears)
Speak to you kindly every day; (anoint mouth)
Guide me, O Great Mother-
And favor me with your smiles

So mote it be!

Turn to the child now with a smile, draw a Pentagram on their forehead with the oil and say:
"You have been blessed."

Give the child a kiss and end the Circle with a cheerful "Blessed Be!"

(I write in response to my son Justin's curiosity and interest in what we were doing in the Circle. Now after each Circle we have a "Family Circle" with Chuck! I teaching our boys a little about the meaning of the rite, the elements, etc. We toast the God and Goddess and dance and sing. They love being Pagan kids!

- Joyce Baker

Book of the Goddess edited by Ann Forfreedom and Julie Ann; Copyright The Temple of the Goddess within, P.O. Box 19241, Sacramento, Cal., 95819. Paperbound 8 1/2 x 11, 346 pp, \$14.95.

Every so often a book appears which deserves extra attention; within the community of those who pay homage to the Goddess, such books need to be seen by each and every one of us. This book is an amazing anthology drawn from our community ... pages of artwork by many artists, (including our beloved Prairie), essays which I found outstanding, for Pagan literature has not often done well in that field.

This is a book of love, a love of the Goddess in all her forms... poems which sparkle in their imagery, words of power and magick which can aid us in feeling her presence; this is incredible. When my review copy arrived, I was awestruck, for it felt to my hands like a large catalogue... And it is, in essence, with page upon page of our Lady's essence. A Pagan's wish book ... p151, Isis, the Enchantress; p229, an invocation to the waxing moon; p138, a terracotta Goddess... but not like any mundane catalogue.

I can sit, night upon night, and leaf through this book in any order, and find myriad things to wish for! No money to send, no orders to fill out, yet my wishes all arrived, for this volume brings them through the heart.

This book will endure. Each who brings it into home (or better yet, finds it as a Yule gift, hidden beneath the altar) will never tire of paging through this book. Poems for meditation; further knowledge of our past, our present, and our future... More lore of the Goddess from many origins... Would you like a chant for Beltane? Page 270; and on the facing page photographs of laughing faces winding the Ribbon's-pole... An incense to evoke Diana? The recipe is there within a loving, tender poem to Diana on page 57...

I wish my words could capture this book for all our readers to see... but, trust that this is a book well worth skipping a bit of partying, or whatever. It is worth every penny - (it is 346 filled pages). Our deep thanks to Ann Forfreedom and Julie Ann for their many hours of labour in assembling all the joys we find within these covers.

Andrius said it's short on unicorns, but it hasn't stopped him from dragging the Book of the Goddess off to the study for hours on end... Paul

That which is ours

At birth you knew no wrong

Your cry was for sorrow and pain...

That you felt upon entering this realm.

Why were you brought into this world?

You know...

Remember the peace, joy and happiness you felt before your birth?

It is still here!

Our God and Goddess placed us here to respread that feeling

It never left, but was only misplaced

We of the Craft have the knowledge and power

To restore to the world that which is ours!

Love and Blessed Be

Bobby Lee

The Rowan Tree

Shamanic Retreat

Nov 28-30 at the Rowan Tree. A journey to meet the herb Devas. The process of taking the time to learn the inner mysteries of Herb Magick, which will include a Dream Quest (to learn through our dreams) and the opportunity for each to make her/his own amulet. Learning by doing, and all participants will have a wonderful time. Cost includes meals and lodging; begins Friday Nov 28 with an herb ritual and closes Sunday afternoon. The arts of communion with the spirited aspects of herbs are alive and well in the land of Lothloriën, home of the Rowan Tree; and we promise you spiritual regeneration and revitalization of your childlike, magickal self... All herbs and materials furnished. Total fee: \$50.00

Hooray for Economy Yule Gifts

Andrius and Paul have been at work on a secret recipe for Unicorn Balm... Many of you have explored Tiger Balm, well, now here's something for we magickal folk. Unicorn Balm is a magickally tuned ointment to soothe frayed nerves, to aid in meditations, and is said, brings visions of unicorns. Best of all, it's inexpensive - 2 1/2 oz tin costs only One Dollar - so order enough for friends... May we also suggest giving some Rowan Tree publications as gifts - perhaps subscriptions to the Unicorn, or a copy of "The Holy Books" well - do remember to give Love - for that's the most needed gift of all.

Unicorn Balm - \$1.00 ppd from the Rowan Tree

Contacts

Circle's busy at work doing things to help the unity of the Pagan Movement. Their latest endeavor is to have created the "Pagan Spirit Alliance," "to help folks on Circle Network who share a common commitment to Pagan spirituality principles better link up with each other. [They] have created the Pagan Spirit Alliance as an international ecumenical Pagan networking group which has legal status as a religious association on both state and federal levels." This is a chance to see members of the community who wish to cooperate begin to do some true work together. Write: Circle Box 913 Madison, Wisc. 53715

"I am just beginning my study of the Craft and Goddess religion. It is my desire to return to Newport News, Virginia soon to join my lover and I would like to communicate with some people

in that area who can guide me towards initiation. I am particularly interested in Feminist Groups, but any contact is welcomed.”

Kathy Tadlock 3335 E. Overland Meridian, Idaho 83642

Rose Barenchi would like to make known that classes are offered in Celtic Wicca. For more information contact her by mail. Rt.2 Box 634-A Arroyo Grande, Ca. 93420

Books

Ancient Mirrors of Womanhood - Vol II is on it's way. This volume includes Goddess images of India, N. Amer. Egypt, and more countries. The Sibyl's wish to offer you a discount on orders placed through Nov 13 - cost only \$6.25 ea. (will be \$7.95)

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“For those witches and Pagan folk who have a keen interest in vampires or vampirism, drop a line to Dr Steven Kaplin, P.O Box 252, Elmhurst, Queens, Nyc. 11373 and ask for info on his ‘Vampire Census’ --- and his new book Vampires are...” - Rhiannon

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Publications

“Forever Forests” those folk who have been busy these past years planting trees for the future, now have a newsletter. Volume 1 (sept. 80) is 50¢ and well worth the price - lots of info on trees and forests. Forever Forests P.O. Box 212 Redwood Valley, Ca. 95470

“Stillwaters” is seeking poetry, articles, etc.

Stillwaters P.O. Box 395 Littleton, Colo 80120 (we reviewed their great newsletter last issue)

Changes in “The Bard’s” subscription rates: \$8.00/yr U.S. and Canada; \$10.00 foreign. All checks and M.O. payable to R.A. DeVowe. The Bard is carrying a series of interviews with Pagan notables - most interesting

Annwn Temple of Gwynfyd 4332 N. Longview #1 Phoenix, Az. 85014

Happenings

A “Witches Ball” will be presented by Forever Forests, with 24 hours of live music and dancing.. Booths, prizes, costumes, etc. To be held in San Francisco - for all you West Coast Pagans!!! Cost is \$13.00 for two days and will be held at Cene Rent West, 991 Tennessee, S.F. For info, call: 1-415-752-9394

Saturday, Nov. 11, Jim and Selena of Circle will be at Sanctum Regnum, 615 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, Wisc. presenting two workshops; "Witchcraft and Shamanism Today" and "Magick Ritual Dynamics" sounds like fun. Phone: 272-1818 for more info

Last minute notice (we didn't hear in time for Equinox issue). A Samhain retreat near San Antonio, Texas. Can you believe this? No fees - but bring good, if you can attend, go. More information can be had by phoning 1-515-533-4535 (ask for Bertie)

Big exciting weekend at Phoenix Metaphysical Books - which was previously known as Mystic Arts... Nov. 14-16, lots of people and activities.

Phoenix Metaphysical Books 10202 152 St Surrey, Brit. Col.

Merchandise

A new mail-order pricelist is available, filled with an amazing variety of things. To Check it out, write: Inner Light Trading 608 Summer Kalamazoo, Mi., 49007

Luffa sponge kits (grow your own). Why buy them in the store when you can grow them yourself. \$1.25 will get you two, mailed from Florida. Oh, go ahead - try it!
Craeftgemot Witancoveyne RR 1 - Box 601-C Pompano Beach, Fl. 33067

A delightful newsletter/pricelist came from the Natural Science folk of Florida, who were at Pan Pagan this summer - herbs, stones, books, etc.

Write: Johnny and Vera Dawson Box 142 Fountain, Fl., 32438

Wow - a new collection of magickal artwork is now available. We got a flyer, sent for samples to review and it's wonderful ... One item is Lady Elstrid's Magickal Year, a delightful calendar - and it's only \$2.25, which is amazing; Highly recommended as a Yule gift. (It gives lunar phases at GMT). (5 1/2 x 8 1/2 w/envelopes, \$2.40) - These are now on our temple altars, for they beautifully evoke the symbols of our workings. (Sue - we will frame them for our temple walls!)... So, what to do? Find out for yourself - write:

Susan B. Fisher 831 Reed Ave. Kalamazoo, Mi. 49001

At last - something exciting, unique and joyous! Crowns, headdresses, wreaths, Pagan sculptures. A flyer is available from:

Joe Stephen Theater Masks 179 W. Houston St. New York, NY 10014

"Rose Rues" is no longer being produced. We remember it with fondness ...

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Merry Meet,

With this Hallows coming up, we are offering a special issue of the Extra pages... Enough readers have expressed a desire to share magick with us, even though unable to attend; and we ask our women friends to think kindly of us this night... The following are excerpts from the ritual we will use as our Halloween Ritual for Samhain... Please feel free to use and share them, but please accompany their use by saying they are property of the Coven of Lothlorien... thank you

All are gathered inside the darkened Circle - except for a single black candle. The two altar candles are lit as the Samhain mythology is begun by the two Priests. They, in turn, scribe the Circle with blades, a total of 4 times this night... As they do so, all chant "Ohm" then salted water and incense are prepared - as the Circle is prepared with these, the following chant is said by all:

Turn the seasons
From this night
Charge the circle
Seal this rite
Light the path
Through Avalon
Start anew as
Time moves on!

To represent the eternal dance of the Sun and Moon, the altar candles are carried 'round the Circle as we light the path for the descent into the underworld... As the Priests do this, all chant the following:

Turn the seasons from this night
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Keep all evil demons out
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Keep us in this Sabbat night
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Come dear Goddess, Come this night!

Join us in this magic rite!

Come Ashtoreth, come

Come O Ceres, come

Come O Freya, come

Come Demeter, come

Come Cerridwen, come

Aphrodite, come

Come I Hertha, come

Come) Hecate, come

Come Astarte, come

Come Arianrhod, come

Come Cardea, Come

Come, O Cybele, come

Aradia, come

Come O Bridget, come

Come O Isis, come

Come Diana, come

Come Great Mother, come

Come Young Maiden, come

Come Old Woman, come

Come Great Goddess, come

The Priests close the Circle by banishing the pentagrams. At each quarter all answer with "Hail and Farewell" Homage is paid God and Goddess, the final cup share, and the Circle broken.

Hallowmas Chant

Gone to the Summerland

Distant shores gone past

Winter draws upon us now

Summer didn't last
Though the maid has gone away
She'll be back again
She has gone to grow to full
(The God-child is within)
Sleeps she now within his arms
The child is in the womb
The magick that is loose this night
Had opened up the tomb
Summer warmth has come and gone
Let us light the fire
Call our friends from Avelon
If they so desire
Near we new the gates of death
On this fearsome night
We'll call last loved ones from within
To join us in this rite.