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ENCHANTED RADIO



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ENCHANTED RADIO
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We are trying to establish two new DJ's and we are looking for DJ's that can fill the Evening shift. . We do not expect any new DJ's to actual play for that whole period of time. We would prefer at least a commitment of 4 hours, if you wish to do more that of course would be fine. All new DJ's will be asked to please be present in chat during their time on air and to be actively participating in chat. We will expect all DJ's to play the requests of the room within reason.

Samhain in Scotland

By Lil Wren

Samhain is also the night of the Great Sabbat for the witches (Ban-Druidh, in Scots Gaelic). On Hallowmas, all the witches of Scotland gather together to celebrate, prophesy, and cast their spells. Tradition has it that on this night, they can be seen flying through the air on broomsticks and eggshells, or riding black cats, ravens, or horses on their wild Hallowmas Ride. The rural people did not dare step outside their doors for fear this night. Some say the Queen of Witches is the Irish Morrigan (also called Morgan le Fay). In other traditions, the Blue Faced Hag of Winter - the Calceach - rules this night.

A good example of a Scottish Highland ghost story (as told to me by Clan Donald member, Kenneth Wiepert), is about Clan Donald's own witch. He told me the following tale:

" The MacDonald's of Glen Coe have their own witch. Her name was Sidieth, and she was a Water Witch with fair skin and red hair. She was always seen in a white robe with a black cape. Sidieth often sings along the banks of Loch Linhe, near Glen Coe and sometimes she is weeping. Shortly before the massacre at Glen Coe in 1692, she was seen washing clothes at the ford of the river while she wept. (Ed. Note: often the bean sidhe (banshee), attached to a great household is seen washing clothes or shrouds while she weeps, prior to a tragic death or catastrophe.)

Sightings of this ghost go back as far as the 1100's. She is also known as the White Witch of Glen Coe. Loch Linhe is reported to have a kelpie, as well!"

Faeries migrated from the summer hillocks to the winter barrows on Samhain night. If you had families that were captured by fairies that year, this was the one night you could win them back, by snatching them off their faerie mounts as they rode by. The famous Scottish legend, Tam Lin, is the story of a faithful young maiden that rescued her lover from the faeries on this fateful night.

Many of the traditions of Halloween derive from Pagan and Druid customs. It is a time of prophecies, of disguising oneself to avert evil, of performing rites of protection from the dead and Otherworldly spirits. The ancient Druid practice was to circle the tribal Samhain bonfire with the skulls of their ancestors, who would protect the tribe from demons that night.

In modern Scotland, children have inherited the ancient custom of disguising themselves in costumes. These "guisers" wear masks, or blacken their faces. They carve turnips in the shape of skulls and place a candle within, creating an eerie effect. The children travel from door to door, performing or singing for their treats. When they are not rewarded for their antics, they resort to tricks.

Those with the Second Sight (Taibhsear, in Scots Gaelic) were often sought this night for traditional Halloween fortune telling. These persons were invited to gatherings to entertain guests with their arcane arts. One method was to prick an egg and let the contents drip into a glass of clear water. The Taibhsear could read the shapes, much like a crystal ball, and predict the supplicant's future.

Apples were the fruit of the Other World, a land sometimes called Avalon or Avallach - the Isle of Apples. They are often used for magic and fortune telling. A young woman would peel an apple all in one paring, and throw it over her shoulder on Samhain Eve. The peeling would take the shape of the first initial of the man she would marry. Eating an apple in front of a mirror while combing your hair will conjure your true love's image in the mirror. Another tradition is "dunking for apples". Apples are placed in a tub or barrel of water, and dunkers will try to retrieve these apples with their teeth. Those who succeed will have good fortune the following year.

Hazel nuts were also used in matrimonial divination. Two groups of "Sweetheart" hazel nuts were placed within the hearth fire; one group was marked with the names of the village's eligible maidens, and the other with the eligible bachelors. As the nuts popped, the names of the pairs were romantically linked. On a more somber note, people sometimes placed a hazelnut with their initials on them in the hearth fire. If the nuts were missing the next morning, the unlucky person would not survive the year. Hazel is a sacred tree in Irish and Scottish mythology. In Ireland, nine hazel trees grew around the Well of Segais, where the sacred Salmon lived. This was the source of all wisdom. Using hazel nuts at Samhain availed seers of that sacred wisdom.

Tha gliocas an ceann an fhithich!



EARTH HEALING

WITH THE USE OF CRYSTALS

By Ascention 148

Since my last posting on the forest magazine there has been a tremendous response but despite that I have decided to do another article (joke). With all the pollution/chemicals/global warming etc there has never been a better time to help heal the earth. Today I will show you a basic way in which you can send positive healing energies to the earth to help heal and raise the vibration of the people and planet being of benefit to all.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

A standing phantom quartz point/four pencil quartz/four small tumbled crystals moss agate/citren/carnilian/blue tigers eye/a white candle and incense if required. The main crystal is the phantom quartz it has been said that the phantom quartzes mission is to save the earth through humanity it has a direct link to the outer and ancient worlds .the phantom also acts as a transmitter and receiver for incoming and outgoing energies whose intelligence is able to decipher where healing is required. The pencil quartz are generators which pass the energies from the phantom to the healer(you) the semi-precious stones relate to the elements and are there to help transmute the energies and help stabilise the planets energy fields. working with this crystal combinations will help the healer capture, build and release energy forces which can be sent across space/time to aid the healing of our beloved planet earth. THE CRYSTAL LAYOUT is in the picture. Before beginning its good to cleanse the crystals there are many ways to do this you can soak them in clean cold water then lay them out on a bright sunny day and where possible leave out under a full moon to really charge them for the work that's needed (still reading good let's begin).to start with I recommend grounding and protection from your angels/god/goddess covered basic grounding and shielding in the previous magazine. Light the white candle as you ask for protection and dedicate it to whomever you have asked to help you in this meditation you may light incense also if you wish. Place the four tumbled stones as shown in photo moss agate north, earth/citren east/air, carnilian south, fire and blue tigers eye, west/water and dedicate each one to the element they represent as you place them. Next place the four pencil quartz between the tumbled stones with points pointing in a clockwise direction. Hold the phantom in your hand and touch it to the pencil quartzes in a clockwise direction see each pencil quartz lighting up as you touch them with the phantom and the energy forming a ring of white light as you go round to each point until you touch the same first point you touched completing the circle then place the phantom into the centre of the crystals.se the ring of white light surrounding the phantom in the centre. Check you are still grounded then you can begin. THE MEDITATION sit with your eyes closed remember it is the power of you visualisation and intent that will help focus the healing energies to earth. See in your mind's eye that you are standing in a beautiful field of grass you can feel a cool breeze on your face and smell the sweet scent of blossom(wait for a moment to experience these sensations now reach up to the sky and feel your body being lifted see yourself raising up over the tree tops see the fields laying out before you like a patchwork quilt feel the wind getting stronger and the sun getting warmer as you raise higher and higher the sky gradually turns to a darker blue as you find yourself in outer space.

you look down at the earth below you see her azure blue seas/white topped mountains/bright yellow deserts and forests of emerald green hold out your arms to her. Now focus on your heart centre the phantom quartz rests there pointing to the earth then see and feel the energy surging out of the point of the crystal in bright white/silver/gold light rays going into the centre of the earth then radiating out giving the earth an amazing brilliant aura of rainbow colours that pulsate and almost makes the earth herself glow .hold this image for as long as possible(no more than five minutes for the first time no burn outs please)then when you are ready see the rays stop streaming from your heart crystal but see the earth still glowing as you slowly return down through the atmosphere seeing the small squares of the fields growing bigger and then down over the tree tops back gently and safely to the ground .open your eyes at the end of the meditation thank the elements and your angels/god/goddess for their protection and snuff out the candle. If you wish you may leave the crystals set up on your table or in your garden until next time you wish to help again or you can put them in a pouch or draw for safe keeping remember to cleanse them and charge in the next full moon so they are ready for when you need them next. Congratulations you are now an earth healer now go and have a drink of water and a little food to help ground you back into your body. I wish you all the best in your future earth healing and good luck



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Follow Your Passion

by

Nancy A. Kaiser

I came out of the womb with an innate love for animals - all animals. As a small child vacationing in Florida, my folks took me to a dolphin show. We went each night. The owner felt sorry for my folks and stopped charging admittance. It is apparent to me that my passion was firmly in place at birth as was my fascination with horses.

My first riding lesson wasn't until eight years old due to an age restriction by the County Park System. My mother took me to gaze at the horses until I was old enough. By thirteen my dream of having my own horse was realized.

I was blessed with parents that nurtured my love for animals. We started with kittens, but they gave way to family dogs. My folks encouraged my love for horses and supported my showing from childhood through college.

Upon graduating high school, I made a mind-based decision to become a pharmacist like my father and grandfather. The only thing I really loved was riding and showing horses, and I didn't want to risk losing that. I never wanted to hate going to the barn, so I followed my mind and not my heart, i.e. my passion.

Feeling I'd made a very mature decision, I headed to pharmacy school with my horses and continued to show until graduation. While working in my family's pharmacy, I still rode, but no longer showed. Eventually, my mind-based decision turned ugly.

Having grown up at the barn I was ill-prepared for spending long hours inside practicing pharmacy. Even though I was still riding whenever I could, I was in tears on my way to work. So much for mature decisions; mine was turning into a real mistake - an opportunity for learning.

The Universe came to my rescue and righted my course. I fell in love and married my horse vet. I left pharmacy to run our veterinary office, equine hospital and breeding farm. I was back where I belonged. For 27 years I worked ceaselessly caring for clients' horses and our own.

I'd have never envisioned this possibility. I had briefly considered vet school, but whenever my own horses needed sutures I got queasy. Little did I know that it was caused by my emotional connection. I had no problem treating others' horses.

One of our client's foals showed me just how significant my passion for animals was. Through her battle with scoliosis, she taught me about my hidden abilities in telepathic communication. Her appearance in my life took my passion to a new and unexpected level.

Thanks to my passion for animals, I discovered my purpose in life. Through my animal communication and healing work, I help animals and people better understand one another. I'm working every day to heal the human-animal bond.

Personally, my greatest passion is jumping horses. I've devoted 50 years to that pursuit. I'm happy to say I still love it as much as when I was young, perhaps more. The sense of freedom and sheer joy experienced when Stormy (aka Follow your Heart) and I are jumping is indescribable. There is nothing else like it. It is my bliss.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, I have so much to be thankful for. Not many people are fortunate enough to make a living doing something they love. I am one of them. Even before I was shown my life's work of communicating with and healing animals and people, I loved being a horse vet's wife.

I am so thankful to my folks for the fabulous childhood they allowed me, to my ex-husband for our life on our beautiful farm, and especially to all the animals that chose to be with me, as well as all those who agreed to speak to me and let me help them live happily with their people.

I was waylaid somewhat by my mature, mind-based decision years ago, but the strength of my passion prevailed. My passion led me to my true path and charts the course of my life. I've learned to use my intellect for analysis, but I make decisions with my heart. I *follow my passion*. Always!



Hana, Saba & I

**My horse Stormy,
aka Follow Your
Heart, and I Nov. 09**



Lovers

By Mandi Chetister

The calm silence sweet and satisfying twixt the two lovers.
Hearts beating in unison speaking sugar cubes under the covers.
Arms and legs entangle.
Touches left to dangle.

Driving both to the brink of passion's madness.
Old souls knowing ages of deepened sadness.
Never acknowledging.
Creeping farther from the edging.

Loving glances telling each other life's true and simplifying meaning.
Bodies moving and swaying feeling each others desires careening.
Joining hands and lives.
Swooning thru the dives.

Time, space, and legalities keeping apart.
One beat pulling together from each others heart.
Through time and space.
Each true love give chase.

Loving arms holding ever tighter grabbing each other close.
Words whispered softly sweetly in each others ear giving a sense of loving prose.
Lips meeting in a kiss.
Beginning another lovers tryst.



MoonDancers Curiosities

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This is a picture of the first candle carved for a customer.

Candles can be carved to your picture or can be painted.

All our pillar candles are poured and carved. This candle is 3" around and approximately 9" high. Candles can be poured to different sizes .

The basic pour cost is \$5.99 USD*

The cost of carving is additional, please ask for an estimate of what you would like to have carved on it. All artwork is subject to your approval before carving.

Votive candles can also be poured in single colours or multiple colours , also with scent for each layer of colour or single scent for the entire candle.

Votive candles are \$1.25 USD*



All candles are hand-dipped/ poured. Candles can be

dipped to be 4", 6" or 8" taper candles .

4" Tapers are \$.50 US D*

6" Tapers are \$1.00 USD*

8" Tapers are \$1.50 USD*

Larger candles will be priced according to size

Our current scents include (with new scents being created by our family as we create new candles):

Beltane
Mulberry

Cinnamon
Rose

Jasmine
Unscented

Lavender
Ocean

Coconut
Mint

*Shipping is additional based on weight of order.

Wands

By Lil Wren



The Enchanted Forest, has allowed me to sell my wands ,in the safe keeping of the forest realm. To keep harmony of good will and honest terms,I myself will only be selling my wands on line, and sending to those who wish to purchase from me.

##NEWSFLASH##

I have a small batch of special wands and talking sticks The wood is taken from the horrific storms we have had here,with most of the wood being taken down by tornadoes. so they should be fired up with energy and have been laid out in the light of the full moon and the eclipse. These are special wands !!!!

I would like to help the forest with the cost of the site fees with these creations, if someone donates money to the site for site fee costs – I will be willing to sell the wand to them for \$20 instead of the usual \$25 plus postage and packaging. This is a BIG DISCOUNT

I will put aside 5 willow and 5 maple pieces of wood for this special thing – these are truly powerful tools !!!

If you are interested and wish further details on my wands contact me on site

<http://enchantedforrest.ning.com/profile/EinNOR>

Limping Path

By Mandi Chetister

I give to all so willingly.
Never taking, never asking.
Their questions I provide answers to.
Broken hearts I mend whole again.
Wounded bodies I heal to walk free.
All of this while my body limps along the path of life.
My heart left aching and yearning for my children.
My mind searching for more knowledge.

Aye, tis a hard life I lead.
By choice... No.
It is however my choice to continue on through it.
I could end it right here and now.
But then what would happen to those I love and care for?
Who will answer their questions as I do so so freely?
Who will mend their broken hearts and ask for nothing in return?
Who will heal their bodies and not charge them any currency?

Could there be another person just like me out there doing the smae good?
Aye, there could be.
But do they know all and none as I do?
Do they have my misery and pain to guide them?
No, I doubt they do.
For it is my pain, my misery.
Not theirs.
They do not feel as I do.
See as I see.

So this is the path I limp thru life.
Helping, guiding, healing.
I could not do any good without love in my heart.
So I thank thee all for giving me love as a return for all I have done for you.
Without this love in my heart given so freely to me, I could not give anything freely to
you.

My One

By Mandi Chetister

Here I go on my way to a place I have never been before.
To do something I have done before.
She needs this.
She wants this.
She is beautiful, smart, and young.
Too young to really understand.
Yet smart enough that she understands better than I.
She is my one.
My one who is better than me.
My one that is smarter than me.
My one that deserves more and better things than I got in life.
To her I write these words in hopes that she learns from them.
In her I believe.
Believe that the world is a better place because of her in it.
Believe that she will achieve all that she desires.
Believe that she will reap all of the rewards that life has to offer.
Believe that she will be better than me.
Brianna, I love you more than life itself, more than I will love anything in my life.
I give you the gift you desire.
I give you the gift of sincere love and trust.
I give you the family you love and cherish so much.
You will always be tied to me for you are my child.
But now I bind you to another mother.
A mother who will guide you in life.
A mother who will dry your tears when a boy has broken your heart.
A mother who will help you when you're in trouble.
A mother who will hold you whenever you want.
Trust her to do all of these things for you because she did them for me.
She is wise and knows instinctively when you need her most.
Treasure her for she will treasure you.
Love her for she will always love you.
She helped to make part of me what I am today.
She will help to make you all that you can be.
She will always be the light at the end of a dark tunnel.
Welcoming you with open arms.
To her I give you,
With open arms.
I love you and always will and always have.
I wish you all the best in life my one.
All the best.

lil*Wren,s

Wands,for the enchanted forest

The Forest

By Infinity

I have always been interested in the craft since I was young , I have enjoyed my studies so much it has helped me to be a much better person inside and out . My studies are of very many wonderful and helpful things. I have studies in all types of the craft, and many different cultures. I follow the Wiccan path with studies in Pagan, Egyptian , Myan, I also have studies in old and new craft to the highest , and most complexed, as well as reiki and I-ching. as well as languages and calendars , codeworking and metaphysics , planets and alignments, candleworking and much more, I am a guardian member of the witches counsel , I have been in groups of the highest magik, and I work very hard on my studies , I am a level 4 , and a teacher . Before I joined the forest I only had a little study. I now have a wealth of information , I read and work diligently on my path. I have had many very good teachers, they say if it feels good it is right, and that is the best way to know if it is working the way you want it to. on this day of giving to the earth I give wisdom and good wishes to my brothers and sisters and friends, may today and after be blessed with happieness, joy

Love and Light, for all of you.

This Is Words From An Elder

By Marty Stompingelk

I think one of the hardest things for me to realize was how to see that every thing is a lesson. I can't state how anyone else is but from my experience, I have gone through the years of my life blind to my own actions and the results of those actions relative to the impact on others. We start this life as a child that has no awareness of its action or impact on others. Just as a child will cry out when it is hungry. It has no concern of the conditions that exists around it other than the fact that it is experiencing a discomfort from hunger. It is unaware that its mother may be ill or suffering from an accident that is life threatening, its only concern is that it feels discomfort and is intent upon making this known to the world around it. As we grow from that stage of total dependence and self interest and become aware of the world around us, we slowly learn to temper our own needs and interests relative to the conditions that exist. At least that is the way it supposed to work.

Just as we were as small children in school, we sometimes are quick to be aware of others not complying with the "rules" and give alarm to those "in charge" of this infraction. We were concerned so much that others were the reason something wasn't going right was because the "other person" wasn't doing as they were supposed to. As a child I was very often the person not conforming to the correct behavior. When attempted to conform, I was the apex of self-righteousness in policing others behavior patterns. I said this as it takes place with children but we do these same things as adults. As children, we do things that as long as no one knew and it didn't involve others, we felt there was nothing wrong with it. We never had the foresight to see that this would effect us and in turn as the result of our actions, might change us and from that change in us that we would by our actions effect the lives of others in our interactions with them.

Many feel it is no one's business if we drank but as a result of our inability to think and react, we might cause someone else to be killed by some action such as driving while intoxicated. We may not get enough sleep and while at work the next day, by not being alert, be responsible for an accident that would cause injury to someone. It is not hard to realize many examples but the main purpose is to realize what our responsibilities are in all things.

I know of no one more experienced than I as an example of how to make these mistakes that effect others for I feel I have committed about everything that could have been done wrong. Just as a child when we make an effort to correct our behavior, we become self-righteous in judging others. At this point I always became so wrapped up in how great I was doing that I would make mistakes. When others would point these mistakes out to me I would feel a great wrong had been done to me. They refused to see how perfect I had been and only wanted to destroy the credit I deserved for my achievement. Self pity and bitterness would well up in me and couldn't see my imperfections, being too busy indulging in my "importance". It is like the saying, "there is nothing like a reformed drunk".

This applies to a reformed anything. One of the first stages in any change that is major in our lives is how quick we are to judge others from where we just came from. It is only later when we are comfortable in this new place that we are able to set aside judgment and see that person with compassion and

understanding from being there and see those ways that if they wish, we might help them move on from that place.

It is one of the lessons to stop judging other people's behavior but to see that behavior and use it to as a lesson to confirm what ours should be. Also to realize what a blessing that we might see this as a lesson by observation and not have to experience it to learn. The lessons in this life are tested many times over in our interactions with those we have contact with in this world. My answer used to be for this was to withdraw from any social contact and therefore I might be able to live as I should. This way is saying that I was perfect if only I didn't have to suffer the company of the rest of the world. This is such a lot of B.S. We are a part of this world. If this concept would be correct then if we as a person were the only human upon this earth, we would be in perfect harmony.

We all need times where we are to be alone to not be distracted from looking within ourselves but a lifetime is to be cast out of all life. Our very being yearns to be not alone. I believe it is like being a piece of a puzzle. We need to realize our unique shape and to find that place where we fit into the whole of the picture of life. It is the contact on all sides that bring about the happiness we search for. As long as some part doesn't match then it is like trying to put the north pole of two magnets together. They both push apart. To view life in this manner is to experience a life time of frustration. We are given the tools to find the shape of how we are to be. These are the tools and the rules we are to use. If we learn this then we will understand how these tools are to be used and the rules will be self evident as to how they will apply.

One of the frustrations for me was how to deal with those around me in that by their actions would cause me to find it hard to live as I perceived I should be living. I would think of how they could cause me to fall short of how I know I should be. One of the things that work for me is to remove myself to a place where I can see or hear this as I would if it was happening to someone else instead of me. I find myself saying it doesn't matter. I say this a lot in trying to understand how to deal with others in my life. Most things are really not of importance unless we give power to others by giving it importance. If someone is angry at you and says something to try and hurt you or degrade you it doesn't matter if you view it as something a small child would say to you. It only has effect if you give that person power for that to be meaningful. If someone physically harms you, then it is your responsibility to remove yourself from that situation then review how you allowed yourself to be placed in such a situation for this to happen. There is always a lesson in every thing. If you have placed yourself in that situation then prior to that time see what you did to make this possible for this to occur. It may be that you allowed someone other than yourself to have control over your being in that place at that time. If this is the situation then you have been guilty of not taking responsibility for you to let someone else determine that.

There is no way for someone else to lead you by the hand through this life and therefore keep you from harm. Each of us are on our own in the walk in this life. We are responsible and alone in this. This is not to say that we may not receive help and listen to others that try to help us. It is to say that no matter what the source of information that we seek it is still our own responsibility to determine the direction we take. I also went through a period of time that I would seek out a mentor to help me but realized the greatest mentor we will ever find lives within each of us and it is only to listen that makes it possible to never have to turn to another for that which lies within each of us. We each are complete within ourselves if only we seek that from which we were created. No matter who we see as a mentor upon this earth, we should first realize they too are but what we are. We may seek them out for information and therefore become dependent upon them. To do this creates a co-dependency which does not work. We can only help others by being examples of the results of how we perceive we must be and use our own awareness to know if this is truth or is that person full of B.S.

and self-importance which needs your dependency to feed their illusion of self-importance. Using the term, "spirituality" to describe this concept we are seeking which is Truth. Spirituality is the most intimate and personal thing that we are to experience in this life. It is something no one else can do for you and something no one else can lead you to. Just as when the time comes that you will cast aside this body that contains your spirit you will realize you are alone in journey to what awaits each of us.

There will be no parent figure to do this for you because this is for you alone. All the things that you are responsible for in this life time are what will be your guide in that which awaits each of us. I can speak of only that which has been realized by me in what lies ahead and also that I am as all others so therefore it is the same for each of us.

In stating that this life is for the purpose of learning the lessons does not mean that it is one that is a great burden. It is the opposite of that. The more we learn of the lessons that this life's experiences, the greater is the satisfaction we come to realize and therefore the greater becomes the enjoyment of this life and the pleasures this will bring to us. Sometimes events or circumstances are presented to us of events which we may feel a strong desire to experience and therefore may feel different emotions on trying to bring about that which we perceive as something we want. This can be a bad distraction in that we get tunnel vision upon this thing or event and forget how we are to be getting there. In this lies the pitfalls of this life.

Picture something ahead of you and it seems a direct route to there. If your total attention is focused upon this thing, you may not notice that the direct route to it is a patch of thorns or poison plants that would harm you or a den of rattlesnakes that would kill you. It is good to focus upon that place you wish to be but it is also important to focus upon the path that leads to that place.

In this life we may use many different means and ways to bring about that sense of connection and experience with that world that exists for us in spirit. It is from this desire that brings about our seeking those methods which we have hopes of the beliefs and convictions that this is the means to achieve that experience. In all of this creates that judgment that this way is right and some other way is wrong or that way is pure and the other way is evil. If nothing else has been resolved or confirmed for me the one thing I have come to feel is that I live my time upon this earth and feel it is too important for me to waste time in judgment on the practices of others instead of concerning myself in doing as I need to do to prepare myself in the time I have left. If one feels their way is the best then the best way to convince others is to live this way and by example convince others this is what is BEST FOR YOU. This still doesn't mean anything other than this is what has helped you, nothing more. I am not responsible for others other than if I cause them to not seek that which is for them. We each are on our own to find the way.

There are many things that are good ways to realize in rituals and ceremonies that can be positive effects upon us. It is also my conviction that I have found there are also many truths found in the Quran, the Bible, the Zen teachings and in the concepts of Buddha. It is our perceptions of these truths that will guide or hinder our path to the one Truth which is our higher Power as we envision our higher Power to be, our Creator. In those things that I have written are the concepts which are mine. It is your responsibility to determine that which you accept or embrace to be the truth and to see that which will enable you to realize that which holds meaning for you as TRUTH..



Submitted by Gordon Rush



Submitted by Lil Wren

Mabon Magick

By Janus Blume

Harvest home; gold, red, rust and a million shades of brown; the last of the berries are growing wild by the side of the road. The dog days of summer gradually give way to the first shivers of a special kind of breeze, one that hints of cooler weather to come. Once again, the year rests for an infinite moment at that perfect balance point between light and dark.

It's time to taste the sweetness of the harvest and give thanks. The wheel continues to turn, and the Lord and Lady continue to abundantly provide. Summer fruits give way to pumpkins and winter squash. Planting, watering, fertilizing and waiting are done for this season. Now we reap what we have sown.

This is the second of the Witches' harvest celebrations. The first occurred at Lughnassadh, at the beginning of August, when the first grain became ripe enough to harvest and bake into bread. The third and last will take place at Samhain, when the fields have all been cut bare and the veil between the worlds is thin.

As above so below, and as without so within. The harvest of the crops, the fruits of the land are public and shared. There is another harvest, the internal, personal one. What have you planted and harvested this season? Sorrow? Joy? If you're like most of us, probably both. As we revel in the colors, fragrances and culinary delights of apples, berries, pumpkins and peas, let us also take a look inside. Did we sow seeds of intention in the spring? Did they take root? What grew in your life this year?

Just as the crops are tied to the weather and the conditions created by nature, so our own lives reflect the conditions of our world. If our magickal intentions have included material abundance, we must realize that our own fiscal reality exists within the context of a world economy. Of course there is a paradox here, and with it, the opportunity to expand our abilities to experience the power to connect with infinite Source.

Is it possible for our magick to produce wealth during a recession? Is it likely? If our intention is to use our resources for the benefit of all, and if we are acting in harmony with that power which was before anything (any **THING**; any gasses, stars, planets or biological life) then, well, duh! Anything is possible. Now that's easy to say (write), but not so easy to remove our barriers to manifesting it. (Actually, depending on your magickal skill, it isn't even necessary to have honorable intentions to manifest your will, but that's not a place I want to go.)

Maybe you planted something else entirely, such as a creative project or love and harmony in romance, family or community. Maybe your vision was broader and you were working toward global transformation, world peace, social and economic justice or a sustainable environment. No matter what you planted, now is the time to take a look at what actually transpired. Celebrate your harvest and prepare for the growing darkness.

Before I was a Witch, I used to dread the dark time of the year. Now I relish it. Every tick on the cycle is beautiful in its own way. Depending on where your ancestors are from, they may have mythologized the sun's glory as God energy. In Witchcraft, we see His divine spark as being transformed into the grain that will feed us through the year. Now He descends into the underworld to be re-born at Yule. We, too, will find our sense turning inward. As the days grow colder and shorter, we will make time for

introspection, taking stock of all that we have experienced, and planning our harvest for next year.

Ever turns the wheel. Turn, turn, turn.

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I call upon the Goddess to watch and protect
to see all things and hear the message I send
Find the one to guide me on my journey. To
help me reach my destiny and to begin anew
Discard the old and tattered thinking of my youth
and fill me with the knowledge of today.
I beseech thee to help me find the way

Teach me all that I may need
Lead me not down the road
of destruction and despair
but to the land of green and blue
where I shall meet others who
share these gifts which you have
bestowed upon

Let us use them for the greater
good and not for personal gain

May we always help instead of harm
and never turn a blind eye to those in need
I wish these things for all who wish to know
This is my will so mote it be.

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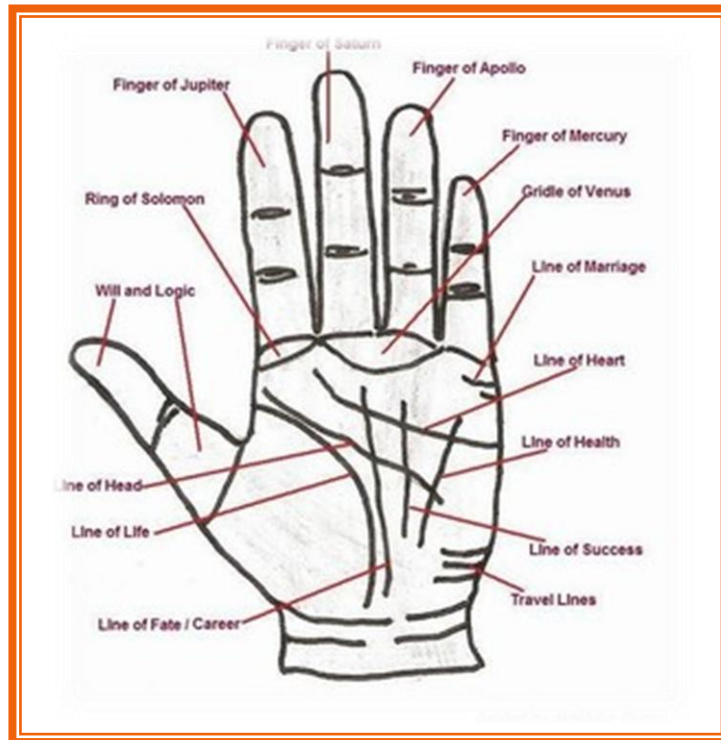
The Magickal Kitchen

By Spellcaster and Lil Wren

Ah, the magickal kitchen
Sacred space for blending the elements
Dry & liquid
Frothy & whipped
Tools of steel, plastic, wood and glass
--modern alchemical marvels--
The implements for destruction and creation
Powered by machine or human sweat
Separate and put back together
Something original or traditional,
Undiscovered or familiar
An aura of tastes, smells, sounds and textures permeate us
Earthy and pungent
Sharp and smooth
Knives scraping
The clatter of metal upon metal
The crackling of roasting meat
The sizzle of the frying pan
The powdered residue of flour
The grit of salt and sugar
--all mark the boundary of the circle
As each dish is tempered by heat or cold.
Measured against intention
The cooperation of oft times disparate ingredients
Come together
To feed our hungry soul.

Palm Reading Diagram

by: Debopriya Bose - Submitted by Lil Wren



With the help of the palm reading diagram in this article, learn the basics of palm reading and acquire the insight into one's personality, that according to palmistry are revealed by the lines and mounts on one's palms. Read on...

Palm reading is believed to have originated in India from where it spread to neighboring countries like China, Egypt, Persia and then to other European countries. Almost every country has the tradition of palm reading with little variations. Also known as palmistry, palm reading or *chiromancy* characterizes an individual and tries to predict his future based on certain lines and general features of the palm. With the help of the palm reading diagram in this article, I have tried to explain certain palm reading basics that would help one to understand the practice better.

Palm Reading Diagram - The Main Lines

In the art of palm reading, there are certain lines - the major lines that are considered to play very important role. They are:

Lifeline

This line begins from the space between the thumb and the index finger and runs down towards the wrist. It is the lowest main line as is clear from the palm reading diagram. A discontinuous life line indicates changes in life. If there is a break in this line in one hand, it means that a person may suffer from an illness from which he will recover soon. However, if there is a break in this line in both hands, it indicates a serious illness. Small lines running up to the life line represent good health and wealth, whereas, small branches running down indicate just the opposite. An ideal lifeline should be semicircular, thin deep and without too many branches. You can also refer to diagram of hand.

Line of Head

This line also starts from the edge of the palm between the thumb and index finger, but instead of curving towards the wrist it runs straight to the other side of the palm. A horizontal line of head stands for a logical mind with aptitude for mathematics and computers. On the contrary, an artistic inclination with romantic disposition is reflected by a sloping line of head. A short line indicates few interests. Such a person tends to specialize in some particular field. Broken line represents diverse interests and different jobs.

Line of Heart

It is the uppermost main line and it runs from the edge of the palm, a little below the little finger towards the index finger. A long and curved line stands for a warmhearted person, a straight line indicates a self centered character whereas, a short and faint line refers to a person who lacks the feeling of love. However, that does not mean that a person with a long and deep line is the ideal romantic. On the contrary, people with such a line are believed to be jealous and possessive.

Line of Fate

This line runs from the center of the bottom end of the palm towards the ring finger or the middle finger. Absence of this line represents a life free of struggles. The ideal line should be straight and unbroken as that stands for a successful life. If the line ends at head line it means the person will have strong relationships. The line ending at the heart line indicates that sacrifices need to be made for love. Chain like formations on the fate line indicates unhappy times.

Palm Reading Diagram - The Minor Lines

Health Line

Palmists believe that it is best not to have any health line at all as a strong line denotes wear and tear of the nervous system and a strong line with breaks indicates health and stress related problems. This line is most subject to change. Instead the lifeline is considered to be a better indicator of one's health and illness.

Marriage Line

It is situated on the mount of Mercury (at the base of the little finger). The closer it lies to the heart line, an earlier marriage it indicates. There may be more than one marriage line. However, the deeper and longer line(s) indicates marriage(s). Others stand for deep affection or affairs. Read more on [palm reading: the marriage and lifeline](#).

Travel Lines

They stand for important trips taken and their impact in life. The stronger the line, the important the trip. Breaks in travel line indicate delay, whereas, a square on it shows protection during the trip. If travel line intersects with the lifeline, it means that the trip would be made due to health reasons or that health will be affected due to travel.

Girdle of Venus

It relates to emotional intelligence and people with this line are both creative and of a nervous and delicate temperament. People with this line show great enthusiasm in doing things of their interest but fluctuate between high and low spirit.

Palm Reading Diagram - The Fingers

Jupiter or Index Finger

A long index finger indicates ambition and leadership qualities. It reflects magnetism in the individual and ability to command over others. However, the drawback is that a person will be short tempered and quick to react when his authority is challenged.

Saturn or Middle Finger

The middle finger stands for balance and maturity in life. It reflects how good one is in dealing with responsibilities. The middle finger is the longest finger. If this finger is only 1/4 of an inch longer than the ring finger then it means that the person is wise. If the difference is larger than 1/4 of an inch then it indicates a life of struggle.

Apollo or Ring Finger

Ring finger or the finger of Apollo reflects love for aesthetics, creativity, a romantic and emotional disposition. If the ring finger reaches the bottom of the nail of the middle finger, then it reflects a balanced character. Shorter length reflects a person's inability to express his emotions whereas, if the ring finger crosses the base of the nail of the middle finger, then it means that the person expresses his emotions very easily and lacks caution in this regard.

Mercury or Little Finger

This finger stands for communication abilities and business acumen. The ideal length of this finger is that it should be the base of the first phalange of the finger of Apollo. A shorter finger of Mercury indicates poor business skills and difficulty in communication. Conversely, if the little finger is longer than the ideal length, the person is believed to be good in business and communication.

Thumb

A large space between the thumb and the index finger reflects a trustworthy personality. A well developed first phalange of the thumb indicates determination to achieve one's goals. However, if it is over developed or extra long as compared to the lower section, it reflects a stubborn and inflexible disposition. The lower phalange gives an idea of one's capability for logical reasoning. A short second phalange indicates lack of logic whereas, a second phalange which is longer than the first one means that there is a lack of proper will power to carry out one's tasks.

The Mounts

Below are mentioned a few important mounts that are found at the base of the finger with the corresponding planet name:

- *Mount of Venus*: Situated below the thumb. Well developed mount of Venus endows love, physical beauty and aesthetic sense.
- *Mount of Jupiter*: Lies below the index finger. It represents fortune, ambition, enthusiasm, leadership qualities, inclination towards education and religion.
- *Mount of Saturn*: Lies below the middle finger. This mount stands for hard work, resolution, wisdom, patience and practicality.
- *Mount of Apollo*: Lies at the base of the ring finger, it bestows energy, vitality, creativity, success and compassion.
- *Mount of Mercury*: Lies at the base of the little finger, it indicates communications and business skills, wit, shrewdness and versatility.

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- 3.) Type the artist/song title into the slot. (If you wish to included an email, you may do so. We do not require it.)

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My Alters

By Forest Fairy

These are my altars that I use either for healing work or honoring The Goddesses of Avalon.

The first altar is to The Lady of The Lake. I feel really in tune with Her and call upon Her as my patron. The jar on the right contains Fairy Dust. In front of it lays a willow wand. The little gold teapot is for peace & serenity.

On the shelf next to my Lady of The Lake altar is the sword of Arwen. I like it there because She controls Excalibur.

The third picture shows the wall all together. I like the clear fairies hanging under The Lady's altar. They make me think of water sprites.

This is my Avalon altar. I have representations of the 5 guardians of Avalon displayed here as well as a picture of Morgan le Fey.

=Black Raven is a starling in disguise(lol) to represent Branwen.

=Flowers with the Owl Dangly to represent Blodeuwedd

=Silver Candle Holder & Pentacle Wheel to represent Arianrhod

=Castle to represent our future home, as well as, the magick & mystery of Avalon.

=Small Leather Book with Cauldron on its front is to represent the wisdom & knowledge of Cerridwen.

=Red Horse Statue with the blond horse hair laying in front to represent Rhiannon.

=Small Granite Piece from an actual cemetery for ancestor energy.

=Home-Made Wand laying in the front is made from a piece of driftwood. I added the copper wire to help conduct energy. There's a good-sized quartz on the top of it that I didn't get into the picture.

I have been re-arranging altars forever and have finally found the perfect ones for me. The last altar is the actual work area for healing. I liked the simple look and the huge rock crystal that a friend gave me. On the shelf below is a bowl of large quartz so between the two there's a lot of energy to work with.



Defensive Magick

By Gawain

MM,

I would like to use this blog to create a space where anyone can ask questions and learn about defensive magick I will be posting ways to magickly defend yourself if you have any questions feel free to ask, even out of this blog you can message me I would like to start with a way of defence most of you might know but I know out of experience that alot of people still have problems with it:

schielding 101 : sphere of light

with this technique you need to start by taking a position you feel calm but firm in >when you are doing this you must search the one point in your body where you feel all the energy comes from. >if you succeed at this then it's time for the real work from that centre point you see in your mind's eye as well as feel it - a ball of light forming once you have a little ball you can add energy to it to make it expand while it expands the white light from the ball intensifies. Make the ball so big and bright it covers your complete body and pushes away the shadow once you have this your shield is up, a hint for all of you - practise this until you can do this in a matter of seconds



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By Cougar Blackstaff

The Herbal Encyclopedia – E

Echinacea

Echinacea purpurea

MEDICINAL: Echinacea, also known as Purple Coneflower, is a natural antibiotic and immune system stimulator, helping to build resistance to colds, flus, and infections. It increases the production of white blood cells, and improves the lymph glands. The tea from this herb should be used in all infections, and has been used in treating skin cancers and other cancers. Please note that if you suffer from any auto-immune disorder, you should use Echinacea, or any other immune stimulant herb, only under the guidance of a professional, such as a naturopathic doctor, TCM practitioner, etc.

RELIGIOUS: Echinacea is used as an offering to the spirits or gods and goddesses to strengthen a spell or ritual.

GROWING: Echinacea likes the prairies and other open, dry places. It adapts to most soils, in full sun, except wet ones. It grows over most of North America. It is a perennial, and reaches to about 2 feet tall. The root is used ground, and the leaves are used for teas.

Elder

Sambucus nigra

MEDICINAL: Elder flowers, mixed with mint and yarrow blossoms, are excellent internal cleansers when fighting flu and colds. A tea of the elder flowers and sassafras is a remedy for acne. Elder flower oil is a remedy for chapped skin. Elder is used to cleanse the body, build the blood, treat inflammation, fever, and soothes the respiratory system. The leaves can be used as an antiseptic poultice for external wounds, and as an insect repellent. The Greeks used a tea from the root as a laxative. Elder can be toxic, especially if fresh, most notably the stems as they contain cyanide. This herb should not be used internally by pregnant or lactating women.

RELIGIOUS: The branches of the sacred elder are used to make magickal wands for ritual. Scattering the leaves in the four winds will bring protection. Elderberry wine, made from the berries, is used in rituals. In Denmark, it is believed to be unlucky to have furniture made of elder wood. Grown near your home, elder will offer protection to the dwellers. It is used at weddings to bring good luck to the newlyweds. Flutes made from the branches are used to bring forth spirits.

GROWING: Elder is a tree or shrub, growing to 30 feet tall. It prefers moist areas throughout North America. The leaves, bark, and roots of the American varieties generally contain poisonous alkaloids and should not be used internally.

Elecampane

Inula helenium

MEDICINAL: Elecampane is used for intestinal worms, water retention, and to lessen tooth decay and firm the gums. It gives relief to respiratory ailments. It is usually used in combination with other herbs. Externally it is used as a wash for wounds and itching rashes. It is burned to repel insects.

RELIGIOUS: Add this herb to love charms and amulets of all kinds. Used with mistletoe and vervain, it is especially powerful. Use when scrying for better results.

GROWING: Elecampane enjoys roadsides and damp fields and pastures. Plant it in full sun in a damp, but not soggy, location. It is a perennial that grows 3 - 6 feet tall. The root is most commonly used.

Eucalyptus

Eucalyptus globulus

MEDICINAL: Eucalyptus oil is a powerful antiseptic, and is used to treat pyorrhea (gum disease), and is used on burns to prevent infections. The oil breathed in will help clear the sinuses, as will the steam from boiling the leaves. When mixed with water or vegetable oils, it makes a good insect repellent. A small drop on the tongue eases nausea.

RELIGIOUS: Healing energies come from the leaves. A branch or wreath over the bed of a sick person will help spread the healing energies. The oil is added to healing baths, and for purifications.

GROWING: Eucalyptus reigns among the tallest trees in the world, capable of reaching heights of over 250 feet tall. It thrives only in areas where the average temperature remains above 60 degrees, and is adaptable to several soil conditions.

Evening Primrose

Oenothera biennis

MEDICINAL: Evening Primrose oil stimulates to help with liver and spleen conditions. In Europe, it has been used to treat Multiple Sclerosis. It lowers blood pressure, and eases the pain of angina by opening up the blood vessels. It has been found to help slow the production of cholesterol, and has been found to lower cholesterol levels. Used with Dong Quai and Vitex, it is a valuable part of an herbal remedy for treating the symptoms of pre-menstrual syndrome (PMS) and menstrual cramping.

GROWING: The American variety is found throughout North America. It enjoys dry soils and full sun. It is a biennial, and grows 3 - 6 feet tall. The seed oil is the most commonly used portion of the plant. Some nurseries sell evening primrose, but they are actually a small, showy hybrid of the perennial Missouri Primrose, and does not have the same medicinal uses, so be sure you are buying the plant you really want

Eyebright

Euphrasia officinalis

MEDICINAL: Eyebright stimulates the liver to remove toxins from the body. It has been used internally and externally to treat eye infections and afflictions, such as pink-eye. The herb strengthens the eye, and helps to repair damage.

RELIGIOUS: Eyebright is used to make a simple tea to rub on the eyelids to induce and enhance clairvoyant visions.

GROWING: Eyebright is adaptable to many soil types in full sun. It is a small annual, growing 2 - 8 inches high. It attaches itself by underground suckers to the roots of neighboring grass plants and takes its nutrients from them. To be cultivated, it must be given nurse plants on whose roots it can feed.

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