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Welcome To Our First Issue

Or is it the second?

Dreamweaver

Dragon Palm Circle

Here we are with the first issue of Palm Beach Pagan and I know some of you who have seen our prototype will look at this as our second issue.

For those of you who are new to us, we are hoping to start a forum for the local Pagans. A newsletter you can read about what is happening locally in the Pagan community. A Place you can write into with questions or a place to have that poem or story published. A place where you can meet like minded people.

We will also try to let you know what is going on in the area. We will have pictures of events that happen in the area and we always welcome pictures of your events.

Much this issues is from members of Dragon Palm Circle, but we are hoping by next issue we will have input by many more people than those of our Coven.

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When the Gods Call

Wyndsong

Dragon Palm Circle

. Sometimes I wonder if anything we do is ever really spontaneous.....

My coven is lucky in that we have the perfect place to hold rituals in the covenstead's backyard. We affectionately call it "The Grove". This is indeed a mystical place. It is our belief that it is the location for the crossing of lay-lines. This makes ritual a fun (if charged) experience. One evening a few of our Wiccan group were sitting around the fire-pit talking. (We are in the habit of doing this most nights and it is a wonderful way to unwind.) As we were sitting there we started to tell about the wondrous things we had seen and experienced with-in our religion - inside and outside of circle. As we were relating these tales we found ourselves becoming more and more charged with the passionate fire that is Wicca. I leaped out of my seat and proceeded to cast circle with all's definite approval. We called quarters with such poetic fire that when the East was invited we felt a strong breeze flow through our hair, the South, a fire's heat upon our faces, the West, the scent of the sea and the coolness of an autumn mist, the North, an answering tremor below. It was Magickal. It was mystical. It reminded one of the magick which exists in all of us.

After then inviting the Lady, and her consort, the Lord, we began once again to sit and talk of many things, "of ships, and shoes, and sealing wax, of cabbages, and kings," heck , even the kitchen sink was mentioned. In this discussion we let go of a tremendous amount of emotional baggage. Things that had been festering quietly with in us for, yes, even years. We talked of fears, of the burning times, how

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Many of us are out of the broom closet, but we would like to have a place for those of you who are still in the broom closet to relax also. This can be the place. Drop us a line and let us know a little about you and we do not require your mundane name, just you Pagan name.

Our forum is open to all Pagans, not just Wiccans. Until we get others writing us, we will have a Wiccan slant.

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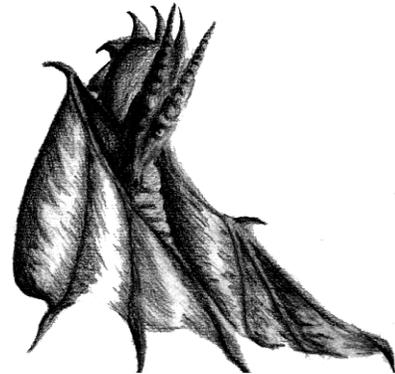
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1. e-mail: dragonpalm@worldnet.att.net
2. snail mail: PO Box 17903, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-7903.
3. If you know one of us, give it to us in person.

If you have a computer e-mail is the fastest way of getting in touch with us. Its checked at least once a day and sometimes as many as three times a day or more. The PO boxes sometimes goes way longer than we mean before checking.

Anyone with a store or business that would like to give out free copies of Palm Beach Pagan for us, we will give you a free business card size ad in each issue of the newsletter. If you are interested in this or in advertising with us. Get in touch with us, and if you leave us a phone number we will call you or get back to you via e-mail.

Hopefully by next issue we will have a letters page, but this is the one things that you must do, we can't. So write to us at either of the two address above. And letters can be about the newsletter, happening in the Pagan world, or any topic you want. We can't promise to print them all, but we will print as many as possible.



Palm Beach Pagan Dragon by Wyndsong

Moonlit Muse

By Wyndsong

Dragon Palm Circle

The Goddess' light,
The iridescence of what is.
The power-filled trickle
that spirals within.

My Lady,

She of the Lunar Kat.

Keeper of secrets,
Guardian of the path
within the trees,
Mother of all
that be.

Come be one
with Your daughter.

Smile with Your grace,
let Your love fill her.

Bless her thoughts
and guild her pen,
that all who hear her words,
shall know Your presence again.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OPEN MIKE NIGHT

ANCIENT WAYS - OCTOBER 2, 1998
8PM TILL MIDNIGHT
Come sing, play, read your poems.

COFFEE HOUSE

ANCIENT WAYS - OCTOBER 3, 1998
8PM TILL ?

FULL MOON

OCTOBER 5, 1998 3:12 PM

COFFEE HOUSE

Ancient Ways - October 10, 1998
8pm till?

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NEW MOON

OCTOBER 20, 1998 5:10 AM

COFFEE HOUSE

ANCIENT WAYS - OCTOBER 24, 1998
8pm till ?

DRUMMING CIRCLE OPEN MIKE

ANCIENT WAYS - OCT. 30
8PM - MIDNIGHT

SAMHAIN

OCTOBER 31, 1998

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they are still, but a thought away. Of the different, yet equally steep, prices we had paid for our faith. We formed a very strong bond.

When we had finished shedding many a tear, stanching the flow of blood from old, painful wounds reopened, and had dispelled as much negative energy, with the help of the Lady and Lord, as we possibly could, we stood and joined hands.

As we stood with our hands joined, feeling each other as well as we felt ourselves. Gazing with new eyes on the old realization that we are all connected with each other and with everything around us. I started to speak. I pointed out the blatantly obvious in saying that, in that circle, we had formed a bond that would not be easily broken. I asked them to open up and feel our interconnectedness with all around us. To push all the negative energy that had been released that night into the circle we has created with-in a circle, and to let it go. We proceeded to thank our Lady, Lord, and the Guardians with a passion we knew not we had. After dispensing the circle we shared hugs with tears in our eyes.

I call such circles "spontaneous circles". In a way, though, I don't think they are. We all needed to be in that circle that night. It was something that was ment to be. It our Mother and Father watching over the mental and emotional well being of their children. Sometimes I wonder if anything we do is ever really spontaneous.....



Mask by Hawk



Raining

By Lady Sky

Dragon Palm Circle

Patterns on my window pane
Puddles on the ground
Umbrellas in the corner
And no one around.

Clean and peaceful
Persistently poring
Quiet and gray
Violent and boring.

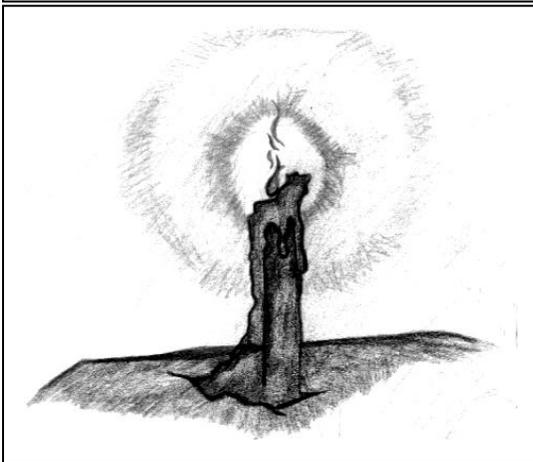
Animals undercover
People complaining
They may get wet
But it keeps on raining.

Nowhere to go
Nothing to do
Rain is not spoiling plans
For me and for you.

We need the water
The weathermen say
But when it rains
We wish it away.

I like to listen
To the rain at night
If it is okay with you
Just turn off the light.

Come lay here beside me
And do not complain
Hold me and love me
And listen to the rain.



Candle by Hawk

DIONYSOS

South Florida's First Pagan Rock Band

Review by Dreamweaver

The first time we saw DIONYSOS was at a Lammas celebration at Markham Park in Hollywood, Florida. The band is great and different. They play our kind of music! To hear them play you want to start casting circle!!

All I can say is you need to hear this Great band play. And you can hear them play at Ancient Ways, 2321 NE 5th Ave., (off Copans Rd). Pompano Beach. At their drumming circle and open mike nights. The next one should be October 12, but call Ancient Ways at 954-788-3693 to make sure.

The following information I got from their commemorative song lyric booklet.

Dionysos consists of Bel Geode on rhythm and bass guitars, and lead male vocals; Jondalar on percussion, drums, rhythm and vocals; Swyn Carbh on ethnic percussion, drums and vocals; Ferren on didgerido, flutes, harmonica and Vocals; Paul on lead and rhythm guitar; and Willow on lead female vocals....

Lammas Celebration

At Markham Park in Hollywood.

Palm Beach Pagan staff

This was a great gathering of South Florida Pagans. It was pot luck and there was some great food to be shared by all. To mark the day it was the Inaugural engagement of the band DIONYSOS. Fun was had by all. We had a Pagan Tree, Hawk swimming with the gators, corn doll making, horseshoes, and singing.



World Congress of Ethnic Religions.

In June of 1998, the World Congress of Ethnic Religions was held in Lithuania. The following declaration was issued by the delegates.

Declaration

We, the delegates of the World Congress of Ethnic Religions, held in Vilnius, Lithuania, from 20 to 24 June 1998, have gathered to express our solidarity for the ethnic, indigenous, native and/ or traditional religions of Europe and the other regions of the world.

All cultures and all native religions and faiths should be equally valued and respected. Each region and each people have their distinctive local traditions (native faith, world outlook, mythology, folklore, etc.) which articulate their love of their land and history, and cultivate a regard for the sacredness of all life and the divinity of Nature. Just as nature survives through a wide variety of cultural expressions.

According to our ancient traditional ethics, the Earth and all creation must be valued and protected. We as human beings must find our place within the web of all life, not outside or separate from the whole of creation.

We share a common understanding of our position in the world, based upon our common historical experience of oppression and intolerance. Ethnic and /or "Pagan" religions have suffered great injury and destruction in the past from religions claiming they possess the only truth. It is our sincere wish to live in peace and harmony, and to strive for cooperation with the followers of all other religions, faiths and beliefs.

We believe that the dawn of a new area of individual and intellectual freedom and global exchange of views and information gives us an opportunity to start again to return to our own native spiritual roots in order to reclaim our religious heritage. We are worshippers of Nature just as whole mankind was, for the last 96% of its history.

True indigenous religions should give love and respect for all that we see and feel around, to accept all forms of worship which emphasize sincere hearts, pure thoughts and noble conduct at every moment of our life, towards all that exists.

Let us be proud of our reborn ethnic religions. Our new Universalism induces people not to remain closed

within walls of hatred and jealousy against those who are not inside our walls. Let us break these walls and expand the horizon and vision of the whole humanity.

We establish the "World Congress of Ethnic Religions" (WCER) to help all ethnic religious groups survive and cooperate with each other. Our motto is "Unity in Diversity".

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The Three Fold Law.

We want to hear from YOU.... and we will be giving opinion type questions every issue. And we will print responses and results of the responses.

This issues question:

How do you define the Three Fold Law.

Now you can tell us if you believe in it or if its a Pagan boogieman. Is it Karma or something else. Is it caused by the Goddess and God. How soon before you can see the results.

Now don't forget it returns both GOOD and BAD to you.

I think this should be interesting. But remember unless you send in something, their will be no article. Also sign what you send with how you want it to be signed in print.

Sent to our E-mail: dragonpalm@worldnet.att.net or send to PO Box 17903 West Palm Beach, FL 33416-7903.

Also send in suggestions for other Feedback Questions.

When The Moon Is Full

By Brandy

When the moon is full, I see a pretty smile that shows warmth and its like she is telling me it OK.

I see her once every month smiling and talking to me. I don't understand her just yet. I see her dancing in the stars far up above. I see her laughing with happiness flowing. I know why she is happy. She is happy that her children have remembered her once again.

She is the mother to all of us. The Earth, the animals, the trees, the clouds, and us. We show her love by remembering her day in and day out. She shows us love by warming our faces with the light of the moon. I call her GODDESS.



Last Words

Let us know what you would like to see in the Palm Beach Pagan. More art, more pictures, puzzles, jokes, stories, more poems. Also send in any of the above to be printed. We are always looking for material.

When you submit material to be printed. Let us know how you want your name and if you want to be connected with a group.

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Dreamweaver's Pagan Stew

2 tablespoons of oil or margarine
1 1/2 cups diced onions
1 cup diced celery
2 lb. stew beef
3/4 teaspoon granulated garlic
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon Spanish paprika
1 1/2 quarts water
6 beef bouillon cubes
salt to taste
2 - 3 cups cut potatoes or a couple dozen baby red potatoes
1 cup white onion or one pack pearl onions
2 cups sliced carrots
1 cup sliced celery
1 can green beans
5 tablespoons instant potato mix

Heat oil or margarine in large pot and sauté diced onions and diced celery for 3 to 5 minutes. Add meat and brown. Add garlic, pepper, paprika, water and bouillon cubes. cover and simmer for one hour. Then add potatoes, pearl onions, carrots, sliced celery, and green beans. Cook for another hour. add potato mix and let simmer five minutes longer (or until thickens)

NOTE: You can add more or less of the final veggies to taste or add others of your liking.)



Calendar cont.

COFFEE HOUSE 8PM SAMHAIN CIRCLE MIDNIGHT

ANCIENT WAYS - OCT. 31, 1998

SAMHAIN MINI GATHERING

DRAGON PALM CIRCLE - NOV. 1, 1998

6PM - MIDNIGHT

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SAMHAIN FLORIDA PAGAN GATHERING

NOVEMBER 12 - 15, 1998

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