



## April Newsletter

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### Important April Dates

(All times are CDT)

#### **April 1 - All Fools' Day**

April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day, although not a holiday in its own right, is a notable day celebrated in many countries on April 1. The day is marked by the commission of hoaxes and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends, family members, enemies, and neighbors, or sending them on fool's errand, the aim of which is to embarrass the gullible. Traditionally, in some countries, the jokes only last until noon: like UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada, someone who plays a trick after noon is called an "April Fool". Elsewhere, such as in Ireland, France, and the USA, the jokes last all day.

#### **April 9, 9:56 am - Full Moon**

##### *The Wind Moon*

Fertile Full Moon of April, we welcome your magical might, and for you we fill home, garden, and heart with color and light. Plant seeds in the readied soil and soul, knowing they will sprout. Vow to nourish these seeds with tender care, for what you plant now will grow through the fertile cycle and bear the fruits of harvest. Nourish your dreams that they may grow strong and healthy, creating and producing the magical life you have envisioned. Decorate sacred spaces with symbols of fertility and joy - eggs, rabbits, seeds, and sweets - to draw spiritual success and succulence to tender seedlings. And dance with joy, anticipating the coming warmth. Darkness wanes as light waxes bright, celebrate in Full Moon light.

*Hare Moon, Seed Moon, Moon of Budding Trees,  
Let fertile magic sprout within me,  
Kali, Hathor, Ishtar, Bast,  
The abundant, creative cycle now be cast.*

~ Dallas Jennifer Cobb

## **April 22 - Earth Day**

### ***Rite of Earth Pledging***

by Rowan Fairgrove

with chants borrowed from many sources

The purpose of this ritual is to recognize that work needs to be done to bring human life into harmony with the rest of life of life on earth and to pledge ourselves as Earth Stewards..

Acknowledge those who circle with us by doing a spiral dance:

*We walk together the ancient path,  
Harmony be among us all  
We dance together the sacred dance  
Magic be among us all*

Cast a circle, participants echo the Priestess:

*We acknowledge that this ground is sacred ground  
We bring our love and trust within  
We affirm our place within the Circle of Life*

Continue with circle casting in usual manner.

### ***The working:***

Take a piece of yarn.. Begin to tie knots in it. The knots may be simple or elaborate, but leave enough string to tie together at the end.

Priestess says: "As you chant, see the world as a network of connected systems. Breathe the air that comes from the top of the world, the tundra clean and free. Feel the living fire of an great cat's power, the blaze of the butterfly's wing. Taste the rain on the leaves at the tops of the trees and the deep power of the Pacific Ocean. Feel the delicate structure of the soil across meadow and forest and field. We are connected and we all rely upon each other.

Chant: (v1 Michael Thorn & v2 Starhawk)

*Tying the Cord, Renewing the Earth;  
We are Her Children, bringing Rebirth.*

*We are the Flow and we are the Ebb;  
We are the Weavers, we are the Web.*

Tie the cord to another cord, creating a symbol of the total web of life and Gaia. Priestess says: "As you join your cords, see yourself standing guard over all of the regions of the Earth. See yourself with others, protecting the verdant rainforest, the fragile tundra, the rolling plains, the mountains as you would protect yourself. See the streams and rivers running clear, the smog dissipating from the sky, the smoke of factories flow clean, the ozone layer healed, the rain once more nourish rather than burn when it falls." Begin chanting:

*The earth, the water the fire, the air  
Return, return, return, return (Starhawk)*

Once the web has been completed, the globe is passed around while recite the One World Earth Pledge in unison:

*I pledge to protect the Earth  
And to respect the Web of Life upon it,  
and to honor the dignity  
of every member of the global family  
One planet, one people, one world in harmony  
With peace, justice and freedom for all.*

When the circuit is complete, the globe is put in the center and the web wrapped over it. The spiral is danced, sending energy to the web of life and the unity of all beings.

*For we are the stewards of the Mother Earth  
And we the ancient arts sustain  
We are the shield, we are the blade,  
We are the Witches come again (Leigh Ann Hussey)*

When the drop has been made, the final chance is sung: (Starhawk/Ann Hill)

*When we are gone, they will remain  
Wind and rock, Fire and rain  
They will remain when we return  
The wind will blow and the fire will burn*

Cakes and juice are blessed and shared; and the circle is lifted.

## **April 24, 10:22 pm - New Moon**

### ***The New Moon in Taurus***

As the Moon in Aries wanes and moves steadily toward renewal by joining again with the Sun, now in Taurus, there is a corresponding shift in the focus of energy on earth away from the initiations, new beginnings, pioneering efforts, "planting seeds" that dominated last month's experiences. Taurus energy is the next step in the year-long creative process of growth and evolution. It's the next increment of development after the exuberant declaration of existence.

Now that something new exists, it needs support and the resources to nourish, strengthen, fortify itself ... and survive. With the arrival of Taurus energy -- in the sky with the New Moon's metaphor, and on earth in the practical affairs of everyday life -- you take a look at your new ideas, directions, options, opportunities, desires, and circumstances and decide how best to help them thrive.

The application of available energy moves from the inspirational to the practical. Taurus energy is concerned with growth, development, solidifying, stabilizing, increasing, sustaining, and becoming secure in the material world. The New Moon in Taurus marks a time when things are becoming real, beginning to take shape in the material world, moving into substantial, tangible form, and finding the resources that will establish them solidly in physical reality.

Taurus energy is stable, unflappable, practical, dependable, patient, nurturing, concerned with concrete physical goals and with solidifying those things which are taking root in the material world. It is steady, determined, purposeful, resistant to change (as in, stubborn), possessive, loyal, and gentle. Properly expressed, it operates to provide a safe, serene environment in which new life and newly created efforts can prosper and flourish.

Whatever your sign and wherever Taurus is placed in your Natal Chart, this moment of renewed alignment between your sense of personal direction and your sense of emotional commitment marks the place where stability is important to you. Here is where you want things to be predictable, harmonious, and pleasant -- and where resources, both financial and in terms of personal relationships, are applied and exchanged.

### **New Items at Witch SuperCenter**

**Incense Gift Pack -**

[http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=544](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=544)

**Belly Dance Skirts & Hip Scarves -**

[http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=index&cPath=30](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=30)

**Ganesh Statue -** [http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=537](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=537)

**Celtic Cross Tote Bag -**

[http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=530](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=530)

**Dragon Oil Warmer -**

[http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=529](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=529)

**Sun Face Wall Plaque -**

[http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=527](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=527)

To see all of our new items, visit [http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=products\\_new](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=products_new)

### **Witch SuperCenter April Sale Items**

**Book of Shadows Pentacle Design** – Regular Price \$34.99, Sale Price \$29.99

**Love Spell Kit** – Regular Price \$11.99, Sale Price \$10.99

**Magickal Herbs Kit, 13 Herbs** – Regular Price \$9.99, Sale Price \$8.99

**Magickal Herbs eBook** – Regular Price \$5.99, Sale Price \$4.99

**Herbal Sleep Tea** – Regular Price - \$5.99, Sale Price \$4.99

To see all of our sale items, visit [http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=specials](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=specials)

### **Herb of the Month**

**Catnip** - Water/Venus, Gender - Feminine, Parts Used - Roots and Leaves, Magickal Properties - Happiness, Animal Magick, Psychic Enhancement, Healing Pets, Uses - Use as a tea for happiness and increasing pet healing. Can also be used as a relaxant during meditation, burn dried leaves for love wishes

To learn more about this and other herbs, get our Magickal Herbs eBook at

[http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=9&products\\_id=120](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=9&products_id=120)

## **Stone of the Month**

**Fire Agate** - Fire agate is a stone of courage, protection, and strength. Mystical lore says that it relieves fears, halts gossip and even reflects any threat of harm back to the source. Fire agate can help with spiritual advancement and progression. It promotes and enhances energy, including meditation, ritual, and spiritual healing energies. It also balances masculine (active) and feminine (receptive) energies. It is also said that it can take the edge off the emotional charge of problems. Fire agate is often used in spells to increase skills in communication in writing and speaking. It can also heighten creative visualization. It can be used for amplifying psychic talents. It has been used by shamans for stimulating clairvoyance and in order to evoke images and memories of other lives. In healing, it is considered to increase the natural talents and abilities of healing. Metaphysical healing lore professes that fire agate assists with healing of the circulatory system, lymph system, intestines. Fire agate is associated primarily with the sacral and root chakras.

## **Rune of the Month**

∴ **Eihwaz** (EI: Yew tree.) - Strength, reliability, dependability, trustworthiness. Enlightenment, endurance. Defense, protection. The driving force to acquire, providing motivation and a sense of purpose. Indicates that you have set your sights on a reasonable target and can achieve your goals. An honest man who can be relied upon. Eihwaz Reversed or Merkstave: Confusion, destruction, dissatisfaction, weakness.

To learn more about this and other runes, get our Rune Dice Book at

[http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=9&products\\_id=124](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=9&products_id=124)

## **Tarot Card of the Month**

**The Tower** - The Tower shows the crumbling of stability and the breaking down of all things. It represents change, upheaval and unwanted change. Positively associated with re-evaluation, necessary change, and a blessing in disguise. Negatively associated with sudden change, downfall, disruption, and disaster.

To learn more about this and other Tarot Cards, get our Basic Tarot Card Reading eBook at

[http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=9&products\\_id=107](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=9&products_id=107)

## **Correspondence of the Month**

### ***Weather***

**Lightning storms** - This is a period of intense energy. All spells cast during storms will be empowered. Protection rituals are ideal.

**Rainstorms** - purification, love, compassion, friendship, beauty rituals, releasing guilt and jealousy

**Snowstorms** - gentle magick, purification, emotions, letting go of love

**Heavy winds** - travel spells, study spells, breaking addictions

### ***Wind directions***

#### ***North Wind***

The North Wind is useful for breaking bad habits, perform any this type of spell while the North Wind is blowing for added power. The North Wind is also the wind of the element Earth, and can be used for fertility and prosperity magic, as well as healing.

### *West Wind*

The West Wind is useful for Water magic, love, healing and fertility. It is especially useful for spells involving cleansing and purification or celebratory rituals.

### *East Wind*

The wind blowing from the East is associated with thinking, intellect and new beginnings. The East Wind is useful for spells involving the mind and all spells involving the element of Air.

### *South Wind*

Because the South Wind is related to the element of Fire, spells of the same nature should be cast while it is blowing. It's a good time for love spells and other spells of a passionate nature.

To learn more about this and other correspondences, get our Magickal Correspondences eBook at [http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=9&products\\_id=118](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=9&products_id=118)

## **Spell of the Month**

### ***Protection Spell***

white candle  
protection incense  
photo of your loved ones

Light the incense. Place the candle on top of your photo(s) and light it. Envision a protective white light surrounding your loved ones and say:

*O Goddess, protect my loved ones every day, as they sleep and as they play.  
Help them to always smile bright, and keep them safe in Your loving light.  
Protect them from harm and from all they fear.  
For they are the ones that I hold dear.  
I thank the Goddess for helping me.  
I trust in Her aid So mote it be*

Let the candle and incense burn down.

To receive more spells, get our Wicca 101 and Beyond: A Witch's Grimoire eBook at [http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=9&products\\_id=108](http://witchsupercenter.com/zencart/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=9&products_id=108)