



April Newsletter

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Important April Dates

(All times are CST)

March 12, 2:49 am to April 4, 5:11 am - Mercury Retrograde

Three times every year for around three weeks' time, Mercury, the planet of communication turns retrograde. During this Mercury Retrograde period, time seems to come to a standstill, making it feel like one long break. It's a time to turn inward and re-evaluate, redo or revamp whatever has been done earlier. Do not venture into unknown areas taking risks. Be sure to back up your resources, double check all details, and prepare for delays or misunderstandings in life. Don't make any important changes because they might not materialize.

The first Mercury retrograde will bring major events of challenge, transition and transformation. In the July/August Mercury retrograde, the fiery energy of Leo activates the winds of change and creates situations that branch out into many new directions. The November Mercury retrograde gives our goals and aspirations a deeper perspective through Scorpio being activated during this process.

As Mercury slows down before the Retrograde period, we call it the Pre-Retrograde. Mercury starts losing power then and hence new ventures cannot do well in this period. Then, there is the Post-Retrograde when Mercury picks up or gains speed but is still moving slowly enough to cause a slow progress in the projects undertaken. During the

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Mercury Retrograde period it is best advised not to venture into any new territory and to stay put.

April 6, 3:19 pm - Full Moon

The Peaceful Crane Moon

In Asia, it is said that folding 1,000 origami cranes will make your dreams come true. That's why a Japanese girl named Sadako tried to do so during her treatment for leukemia, a result of the bombing of Hiroshima. Sadako never finished, but people from all over the world fold cranes and send them to the Children's Monument at the Hiroshima Peace Park. The monument reads: "This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world."

On this Libra Full Moon, work for peace and harmony. Draw a rough outline of a crane in salt on a plate pouring into the salt all your beliefs about finding inner peace or witnessing world peace. Allow the salt's bitterness to soak up your fears and doubts. Pour the salt into a bowl of water. As you watch those beliefs and emotions dissolve, recite the Druid's Peace Prayer:

*Deep within the still center of my being, may I find peace.
Silently within the quiet of the Grove, may I share peace.
Gently and powerfully within the greater circle of humankind.
May I radiate peace.*

~ Kristin Madden in [Llewellyn's 2012 Witches' Datebook](#)

April 21, 2:18 am - New Moon

As the clamor of the colors of spring begin to unfold, the drama connected with the coming presidential elections, the slow recovery of the global economy, and the subtle whispers of the predictions of doom and gloom for 2012 begin to weave and reveal stories, stranger than fiction could ever tell. Under the shadows of this underlying dramatization, the Taurus New Moon appears on the horizon emphasizing the need to review our accomplishments if we are to make the right decisions for the coming year. With Ceres and Vesta flanking the New Moon and Juno trine Mercury conjunct Uranus, these asteroids are aiding and supporting us to stand firm, to nourish, to encourage and to commit unselfishly to work for the benefit of everyone and everything created by the Universe.

Realizing that everyone and everything is connected, and that we need to work together for the good of all is the message. Understanding and comprehending that our worth should not be measured by material or financial abundance that has been stored up, but by the joy, satisfaction, and peace of mind we have accumulated. Have we developed the qualities and assets of seeing, experiencing, living and being in the moment? These aspects in the night sky are telling us that our greatest possession is not what can be

seen, touched, or accumulated, but that which is unseen, for example our attitude, emotions, and our thirst for knowledge, et cetera that can make a big difference in our lives. These are possessions greater than any amount of gold we can attain.

May 1 - Beltane

Beltane

Animals/Mythical Creatures – the white cow, goats, giants, rabbits, honey bees, faeries, satyrs, Pegasus

Gemstones – emerald, orange carnelian, sapphire, rose quartz, lazuli, sapphire, yellow agate, bloodstone

Incense/Oil – passion flower, frankincense, tuberose, vanilla, lilac, rose

Colors/Candles – red & white (symbolizing God and Goddess), dark green, dark yellow, rainbow spectrum, blue, pastels, all colors

Tools/Symbols/Decorations – maypole & ribbons, flower crowns, fires, bowers, fields, May baskets, white flowers and ribbons, daisy chain, flower chaplet, white wine in clear crystal glass, chalice, butter churn, blackthorn & hawthorn branches, seasonal fruit

Goddesses – May Queen, Flora, Maia, Flower Goddesses, Lady of the Greenwood, Divine Couples, and Goddesses of the Hunt, Aphrodite(Greek) Blodewedd (Welsh), Erzulie (Voodun), Baubo (Greek)Rhea (Cretean), Prithvi (Hindu)

Gods – May King, Jack in the Green, Horned God (European), Herne (Greek), Green Man, Bel (Celtic), Baal (Phoenician), Gods of the Hunt,

Essence – compassion, youthful play, exuberance, sensuality, pleasure, action

Dynamics/Meaning – sacred marriage of the Lord and the Lady, arrival of the Tuatha de Dannan in Ireland

Purpose – fertility festival, celebrate 1st day of Celtic summer, 1st day of the light half of the year

Rituals/Magick – The Great Rite, love, romance & fertility magick, elf & faery power, offerings to elementals, crop blessings, relighting sacred fires, divination, building shrines, fire-calling, honoring house guardians, snake dancing, bathing faces in the morning dew of May to retain their youthful beauty

Customs – maypole erection, dancing around the maypole, bonfires, jumping fire, mating, picking flowers, making flower baskets, frolicking throughout the countryside, archery tournaments, sword dances, feasting, drinking and music, moving the herds to high pasture

Foods – dairy, honey, oats, red fruits, herbal salads, red/pink wine punch, large round oatmeal/barley cakes, sweets

Herbs – almond, angelica, damiana, hawthorn, hibiscus, saffron, ash tree, bluebells, cinquefoil, daisy, frankincense, hawthorn, ivy, lilac, marsh marigold, meadowsweet, primrose, roses, woodruff, yellow cowslip, yarrow

Element/Gender – air/male

Threshold – dawn

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Pentacle Tote Shopping Bag - Regular Price - \$7.99, Sale Price - \$6.99
Magickal Herbs Kit, 45 Herbs - Regular Price - \$37.99, Sale Price - \$33.99
Dream Interpretation eBook - Regular Price - \$4.99, Sale Price - \$3.99
Herbal Headache Tea - Regular Price - \$5.99, Sale Price - \$4.99

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Herb of the Month

Angelica - Element - Air, Planet - Venus, Gender - Masculine, Parts Used - Roots and Fruits, Magickal Properties - Protection, Healing, Attracts the gift of temperance, Uses - Burn sun-dried herbs while you announce your desire and retain it in your mind. Candle Magick is also very useful with this herb.

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Stone of the Month

Hematite - The root "hem/o" means "blood". When ground or cut, this blackish gray metallic stone forms a reddish powder. Hematite forms a reflective shield around the wearer, letting negativity bounce off and return to the sender. The bearer should remember however, that their own negativity will be reflected to them if they are its source. It is therefore a "lesson stone," teaching the aware to release and ground their negativity. It heals and cleanses the blood and improves memory.

Rune of the Month



Fehu (F: Domestic cattle, wealth.) - Possessions won or earned, earned income, luck. Abundance, financial strength in the present or near future. Sign of hope and plenty, success and happiness. Social success. Energy, foresight, fertility, creation/destruction (becoming). Fehu Reversed or Merkstave: Loss of personal property, esteem, or something that you put in effort to keep. It indicates some sort of failure. Greed, burnout, atrophy, discord. Cowardice, stupidity, dullness, poverty, slavery, bondage.

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Tarot Card of the Month

King of Pentacles

This king exudes all manners of wealth. His scepter shows his dominion over all. His robe is embroidered with grapes and vines. His castle lies in the distance. The focus is on expansion, media, arts, communication, contacts with those in power or authority, and finishing old projects while starting new ones. As with all Court cards, it is also possible for a King to represent a person. The astrological sign for the King of Pentacles is Gemini. This could indicate a banker, or captain of industry - a solid, steady man with great financial gifts. Other adjectives to describe this person might be: versatile, energetic, capable, alert, enterprising, curious, communicative, and diversified. This King may represent the vocations of: motion pictures, directing, lecturing, fashion, arts, radio, dealing with the public, and having two or more jobs at a time.

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Correspondence of the Month

Day of the Week

Monday - ruled by the Moon, spells involving emotions, the subconscious, domestic issues and feminine issues, a good day for psychic pursuits and dream work

Tuesday - ruled by Mars. spells for self-assertion, more energy, and courage, victory and passion are also indicated, as well as masculine goals in general

Wednesday - ruled by Mercury, spells involving mental issues, communication, education and self expression, a good day for consulting oracles (tarot, runes), planning magickal work, and writing

Thursday - ruled by Jupiter, spells for prosperity and money, luck and business, a day for political power, influencing people in high places, law and courts

Friday - ruled by Venus, spells for love, friendship, beauty, sensuality, healing, peace and harmony, a good day for spells for artistic ability and creativity generally

Saturday - ruled by Saturn, spells to overcome obstacles, neutralizing harmful energy, binding and banishing, a day for protecting by blocking or pushing away negative forces

Sunday - ruled by the Sun, spells of many kinds may be done on Sunday, the Sun giving energy to them all, but best for healing and success, physical strength, obtaining goals, illumination, and initiating any magickal activity

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Spell of the Month

Lavender Money Spell

A lucky money spell is made by placing in a conjure bag seven pieces of money, each different, such as a penny, nickel, dime, quarter, a half dollar, \$1.00 bill, and \$5.00 bill, all of which are sprinkled liberally with lavender.

Take the bag with you for seven days and your money should multiply seven times (this would give you \$41.46 above your original investment) or, in some instances if the gods are smiling in your direction, seven times seven! This would result in a tidy sum of \$338.50 and seems well worth trying for!

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