



## April Newsletter

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### **Important April Dates**

(All times are CDT)

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

#### The Fool Tarot Card

The fool is the fearless traveler. He leaps before he looks and speaks before he thinks. He is positively associated with innocence, new beginnings, joy, fearlessness, and spontaneity and negatively associated with thoughtlessness, immaturity, impulsiveness, lack of responsibility and lawlessness. In the story of the Tarot, the Fool appears as soon as the desire for knowledge is born. He reminds us to contemplate our positions in our own journeys for wisdom.

### **April 15, 2:42 am - Full Moon, 2:46 am - Lunar Eclipse**

#### Pink Moon

In colonial America, April brought the Pink Moon because the wild ground phlox would bloom (as would tulips) and leaves became lush. Spring-blooming trees such as dogwood and crab apple are covered with white and pink flowers. The air is sweet, and the winds can be gentle or wild.

The Pink Moon is an exciting time of unsettled energy. We feel the urge to try new things and move ahead. Tonight, as the Pink Moon rises, tap into this energy. Hopefully, tonight will be breezy. Begin by opening your windows--let the spring night air cleanse your space. Go outside and, as you look at the Moon, breathe deep. Love yourself for a moment. Smell the night air and earthy scents. Return inside and light a pink candle to honor the Moon. Stand near an open window and speak these words clearly:

*Riding above the world that is fresh and new  
Pink Moon hear this spell I speak to you--  
Just as the spring winds blow wild and free  
Let me find a new way, a new path--a new me!*

~ James Kambos in Llewellyn's 2014 Witches' Datebook -

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## **April 22 - Earth Day**

### Gaia Healing Spell

Typically, you would perform this spell during an eclipse or a waxing moon phase, but it can be adapted as an Earth Day ritual too. Arrange sea shells on a secluded beach, in the shape of a circle. If you do not have access to a beach, perform this ritual in a garden or forest using stones, branches or flowers to form the circle.

Kneel at the center facing the ocean (or north). Light a blue candle and an incense of your choice. Raise arms high and recite:

"With smoke and flame this spell's begun.  
O Goddess of the stars, moon, and the sun,  
Let the healing power begin.  
Let the Earth be whole again."

"The Earth is my mother and I am her child.  
The earth is my lover, free and wild.  
Heal on the outside, heal within.  
Land and sea, fire and wind."

"With love sincere,  
I chant this prayer to make mankind  
Begin to care.  
Let every sister and every brother  
Heal the wounds of the Great Earth Mother."

"Let the healing power begin,  
Let the Earth be whole again.  
Heal on the outside, heal within.  
Land and sea, fire and wind.  
So mote it be!"

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## **April 29, 1:04 am - Solar Eclipse, 1:14 am - New Moon**

Eclipses have a profound effect on our lives, for better or worse. When conscious energy and wise choices are applied, you can harness that energy to avoid potential disaster and do your best to harness the galactic forces for your benefit. So, it pays to see things coming and to be conscious about our choices!

Eclipses begin new chapters in our lives and their effects are strongly felt for 6 months to a year. Since the light of the sun is blocked in a solar eclipse, there are impactful messages implied regarding our vital life force. The April eclipse will be an annular one meaning that the moon is partially blocking out the light of the sun. Another way to think of this is that our gut reactions, emotions, subconscious mind and habit patterns, somehow interfere with our outward male yang energy. Are your security needs stopping you from expressing yourself?

Upsetting life changes can occur. If you are honest with yourself, you will realize that these changes have been brewing for quite some time. Remember, our thoughts and speech are powerful. Energy flows where the mind wanders so be sure you are setting the stage for the things you want to have happen in your life coming up to an eclipse period.

Since a new moon is part of this configuration, that lunar energy has a lot to do with how things play out. Investigate the house in your chart where this is taking place, in the sign of Taurus. What planets are triggered? What part of your life is due for an overhaul? Set intentions. This is a very potent time for making life changes and realizing your goals. Think shake up, shake down, breakthrough, change! Since the eclipse is in Taurus, there will be a tendency to hang onto things even if they aren't serving us well. Creature comforts, security, anything that delights the senses...these are the things we will have a hard time eliminating even if it is in our best interest. Eclipses can also mean beginnings so perhaps we will be gathering in the very resources we desire.

An eclipse represents a period of darkness, throwing us off balance. We grapple for answers and have to squint to find the truth. Don't worry! Lightness always follows the dark and in time, everything will be illuminated. There is grace in the Universe and every event in our lives happens for a reason. The South Node of the moon is attached to this particular eclipse which means that you are more likely the "receiver" than the quarterback in this play...so the actions of others have a big impact on you. The ball is in somebody else's hands and separations may occur.

Though this probably makes you feel a bit out of control, there are some favorable, harmonizing influences on this eclipse. Taurus is ruled by Venus, which often brings pleasant earthly treasures. Neptune and Pluto are sextile, indicating that you have the power to transform your life and bring your dreams to reality. What does a house visit look like when an eclipse shows up at your door? The choice is yours! What really matters is how we consciously choose to harness these energies in our lives, or in how we react to what is thrown at us.

## May 1 (cross quarter May 5) - 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 (Voodoo), 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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## Herb of the Month

**Flax** - Fire/Mercury; Gender - Masculine; Parts Used - Seeds; Magickal Properties - Money, Protection, Psychic Powers, Healing; Uses - Money spells, blue flax is worn to protect against sorcery, flax seed and mustard seed mixtures to protect while sleeping, red pepper and flax seed to protect home from evil, used in healing rituals and mixtures.

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## Stone of the Month

**Peridot** - Peridot gemstones have been in use for many thousands of years and were historically called Olivine. The vibration of these lovely lime green stones resonates with the frequency of increase, so it is a noteworthy gemstone for manifestation of all desired things. It may increase confidence and assertiveness, balanced by patience and clarity of thought. It is known as a stone for prosperity and happiness. These lovely lime-green stones are birthstones for August, September and October. The green color is caused by its iron content. It is an important stone to use for cellular rejuvenation and to help the problems associated with aging.

## 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.

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## Tarot Card of the Month

**Strength** - The Strength cards represents your inner resolve. It symbolizes the emotional, physical and spiritual strength associated with the situation. It is positively associated with strength, willpower, compassion, patience, courage, triumph, and fortitude and negatively associated with over compensation, fear, inertia, defeat, loss of opportunity, and entropy.

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## Correspondence of the Month

### Eclipses

**Solar Eclipse** – Dramatic moments both for their observers as well as for magicians; In the past, magicians were urged not to perform magick during eclipses. Today, many natural magicians use the suggestive power of an eclipse to fuel spells involving banishments, including the destruction of disease. All forms of magick are acceptable, omens, psychic ability, Sun magick; Leo

**Lunar Eclipse** – An astrological almanac is useful here to check dates and times during the year when these occur. Choose long-term goals you wish to work on well ahead of these events. Eclipses represent the perfect union of Sun and Moon, therefore practically any type of magick is acceptable. Many working Witches prefer to work with the Dark Goddesses during this time, correcting long-standing problems. Others lean toward the Shining Ones and fairy magick. All forms of magick are acceptable, Moon magick, omens, psychic ability; Cancer

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## Spell of the Month

### Maiden Healing Ritual

Perform this at the new moon. Decorate the altar with fresh flowers, sprouts, spring water, and images of maiden goddesses. Light some white, pink, and blue candles and some incense of your choice. Prepare a ritual bath with lavender, saffron, and laurel. Say:

"I am Maiden, beautiful,  
Renewed, Refreshed, Reborn."

Let the water drain out, and imagine all the negative emotions and thoughts draining away from you. Sit at the altar and light the candles. Say:

"With this flame I ignite within me  
The spirit of the maiden."

Now would be a good time to either meditate, or invoke a maiden goddess to whom you are drawn.

"I am whole unto myself  
I am the bright maiden  
Strong, invincible, free.  
I am the dark maiden  
Cloaked in veils and mystery.  
I am the pulse of the sun  
And the pull of the moon.  
Flowing from one to the other  
In perfect harmony.  
Where I walk, no one can hinder me.  
I am maiden, forever young and free."

Drink the blessed spring water. Say:

"Maiden Goddesses,  
I drink of thy sweetness and strength  
And am thus filled with thy spirit."

Eat some sprouts. Say:

"As this seed bursts with new life,  
So am I filled with vitality."

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