



April Newsletter

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Important April Dates

(All times are CST/CDT)

April 1 - All Fool's Day

The Fool Tarot Card

The fool is the fearless traveler. He leaps before he looks and speaks before he thinks. Positively associated with innocence, new beginnings, joy, fearlessness, and spontaneity. Negatively associated with thoughtlessness, immaturity, impulsiveness, lack of responsibility and lawlessness.

April 7, 6:24 am - New Moon

New Moon April 2016 aligns with Uranus to create a link to the past and the future. The past is represented by the chaos and upheaval Uranus square Pluto. The future brings the more orderly and structured change of Saturn trine Uranus.

Other features of the April 2016 new moon horoscope indicate caution is needed when dealing with this transitioning change, especially if that change involves your love life or finances.

This New Moon represents a transition from one type of change to another, from chaotic and unexpected change to planned and structured change. Saturn retrograde 2016 suggests that this transitioning change should be taken slowly and cautiously in the beginning, especially in relation to love and money.

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This signals a time of excitement, unexpected change, freedom and rebellion. You should feel a strong urge to break free from routine, doing something totally different from your normal activities. To avoid restlessness and nervous tension, it is better to be active and look to do something out of the ordinary, rather than wait for change to happen to you.

Sun square Pluto increases your need to be in control, but can also lead to ego conflicts with other powerful people or authority figures. A crisis or conflict with someone makes for an intense experience which can lead to extreme or destructive behaviour. Such challenges can force you into a corner where you have to either defend your position or make a major change.

Sun trine Saturn brings achievement and recognition for previous effort. You are focused on achieving your long-term goals but are also well-balanced. This means that other areas of your life do not need to suffer from your strong work ethic and determination. It is easier to reach your goals now because of mutual respect and understanding.

The steadying influence of Sun trine Saturn will dominate over the manipulative Sun square Pluto aspect because Uranus square Pluto is waning, with the last exact square occurring over one year ago. Saturn trine Uranus still has two of three exact aspects to go this year.

Saturn retrograde has a major focus on addressing some previous or current disappointments involving your love life or financial situation. The new moon April 2016 astrology chart shows two other aspects that emphasize why extra care is needed during this moon phase.

Jupiter square Saturn creates inner tension as you face criticism or limiting circumstances in your life. You may experience financial hardship in which case you must limit spending on luxury items or entertainment. A relationship on rocky grounds may lead to a separation or major shakeup. Events may force you to reassess previously held strong beliefs.

Mars square Neptune can bring discouragement, weakness, and feelings of inadequacy. Self-deception and being deceived by others are more likely now. This is not the time to be taking risks or chasing rainbows. Your desire for all things fanciful does not match up with reality at this time. Your expectations in your career and sex life might be out of touch with reality.

April 22, 12:24 am - Full Moon

The Beaver Moon

April is known as the Beaver Moon. This is a time of growth and construction, both in nature and in civilization. Beavers are industrious creatures who build their own homes and change the landscape to meet their needs. By making dams across streams, they create ponds for safety and comfort. Calling upon their power can help you harness your own creativity and productivity.

For this ritual, you need any kind of wooden craft--toothpicks, popsicle sticks, a dinosaur skeleton. Begin by saying "Eager beavers, smart and strong, help me learn your building song." Start putting together your craft project. As you work, visualize beavers and their natural construction methods. Draw in the power of earth and water that beavers use. Think about other thing you would like to create in your life. Imagine building them as beavers build a dam and lodge. When you finish your project, say, "Eager beavers, strong and smart, thanks for giving me a start."

After the ritual, keep your completed craft project on your altar. Touch it for luck whenever you need a boost to your creativity. Look for ways to incorporate the productivity of beavers use in your everyday life.

~ Elizabeth Barrette in Llewellyn's 2016 Witches' Datebook -

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Join the **Moon Water Challenge** this Full Moon. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/MoonWaterChallenge>

April 28, 12:20 pm to May 22, 8:20 am - Mercury Retrograde

Mercury retrograde happens when the planet Mercury passes between the Earth and the Sun. As it passes, it appears as if it is spinning backwards. Because Mercury's orbit is about 84 days, this generally happens three times a year. While the retrogrades typically last about 22 days, there is an "entering" time frame on either side of two to three weeks where the influences are present. In other words, the influences can be felt about a week before and after the actually planetary positioning.

Why do we feel Mercury so intensely? Mercury has a huge core made almost completely of what astronomers have concluded to be iron. It is the only planet in our Solar System to contain this much of this metal. Because Mercury passes so closely between the Earth and Sun, it almost becomes like a huge magnet charging between polarities.

Mercury Retrograde if utilized properly, can be a kind of extra-sensory tool to contact and connect with the steps you need to take next on your path or that hidden piece of the puzzle you have been trying to figure out.

May 1 - Beltane/May Day

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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Herb of the Month

Yarrow - Water/Venus; Gender - Feminine Parts Used - Flowery Tops Magickal Properties - Love, Clairvoyance and Banishment Uses - Carried as a sachet or amulet it repels or rids of negative influences, said to keep a newly married couple together, keep any upsetting influences out of the relationship and keep their love alive. Aids in increasing courage and in any divinatory workings

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Stone of the Month

Ebony - Ebony is actually a very dense wood. It provides the power to change, positive luck, balance of energy, and it breaks down social barriers. Ebony is well-known as the most powerful magical wood. Scott Cunningham, trusted writer of over 30 books about magic and the occult, writes about ebony, "Ebony wood is protective and so is used in making amulets. Ebony wands give the magician pure, unadulterated power."

The power of ebony is non-discriminating. It is useful for any magical practice and with any element. Macassar ebony differs slightly from the energy of Gaboon ebony, in that it is more centered around emotions and intuition. This wood would be especially useful in the seeking of spiritual knowledge and exploring intuition and emotion. It would not be especially useful for healing. Historically, this wood was used in the handles of Samurai swords.

Rune of the Month

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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

The Nine of Swords - This card could signal enemies revealing themselves. It could also be interpreted as spiritual / divine protection in the face of extreme adversity. Adversaries are in a position to potentially screw you over royally. There could be some situation where the querent is vulnerable but has great resources at his/her disposal if proper action is taken.

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Correspondence of the Month

Astrological Phases of the Moon

Moon in Aries – spells involving authority, willpower and rebirth

Moon in Taurus – spells involving love, real estate, and money

Moon in Gemini – spells involving communication, public relations and travel

Moon in Cancer – spells involving domestic life and honoring lunar deities

Moon in Leo – spells involving power over others, courage, child birth

Moon in Virgo – spells involving employment matters, health and intellectual matters

Moon in Libra – spells involving court cases, partnerships and artistic matters

Moon in Scorpio – spells involving secrets, power and psychic growth

Moon in Sagittarius – spells involving publications, sports and the truth

Moon in Capricorn – spells involving career, political matters and ambition

Moon in Aquarius – spells involving science, freedom, personal expression, problem solving and friendship

Moon in Pisces – spells involving music, telepathy and clairvoyance

Moon Void of Course – The moon is said to be void of course when it is between astrological signs. You should avoid performing magick spells during a void moon because they may not have the result you desire. Instead, complete old business or perform divination. Avoid doing anything important while the moon is void-of-course. What you do during this period may not work.

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Spell of the Month

Spell to Protect a Home from Evil

Make a magical tea from any of the following herbs and then sprinkle some of it in the corners and doorways of your home to purify, defeat all wicked conjuring, and prevent evil forces from entering:

angelica root

broom tops

curry powder

holy thistle

poke root (which can also be added to your bath or cleaning water)

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