



December Newsletter

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Important December Dates

(All times are CST)

December 13, 2:42 am - New Moon

The new moon in Sagittarius takes place in the early morning on December 13th at 21 degrees. Uranus turns direct in Aries a few hours later. This emphasis on the fire signs will compel us to get motivated. We'll be able to clear all the sticking points that jammed up operations at the end of November.

Near the end of the month, there will be an unpredictable abundance of energy. This is not energy you're going to be able to control, so you can ride it, let go or be dragged.

Your New Moon intention should correlate with Sagittarius, a buoyant, expansive sign. What would you do if the sky were the limit and the odds in your favor? This is a wonderful time to make a wish!

December 21 - Yule/Winter Solstice

Yule

Animals/Mythical Creatures – Yule goat (Nordic), reindeer stag, squirrels, Yule cat, Sacred White Buffalo, Kallikantzaroi-ugly chaos monsters (Greek), trolls, phoenix, Yule elf, jule gnome, squirrels, wren/robin

Gemstones – cat's eye, ruby, diamond, garnet, bloodstone

Incense/Oils – bayberry, cedar, ginger, cinnamon, pine, rosemary, frankincense, myrrh, nutmeg, wintergreen, saffron

Colors/Candles – gold, silver, red, green, white

Tools/Symbols/Decorations – bayberry candles, evergreens, holly, mistletoe, poinsettia, lights, gifts, Yule log, Yule tree. spinning wheels, wreaths, bells, mother & child images

Goddesses – Great Mother, Befana (Strega), Holda (Teutonic), Isis (Egyptian), Triple Goddess, Mary (Christian), Tonazin (Mexican), Lucina (Roman), St. Lucy (Swedish), Bona Dea (Roman), Mother Earth, Eve (Hebrew), Ops (Roman Holy Mother), the Snow Queen, Hertha (German), Frey (Norse)

Gods – Sun Child, Saturn (Roman), Cronos (Greek), Horus/Ra (Egyptian), Jesus (Christian-Gnostic), Mithras (Persian), Balder (Norse), Santa Claus/Odin (Teutonic), Holly King, Sol Invicta, Janus (God of Beginnings), Marduk (Babylonian) Old Man Winter

Essence – honor, rebirth, transformation, light out of darkness, creative inspiration, the mysteries, new life, regeneration, inner renewal, reflection/introspection

Dynamics/Meaning – death of the Holly (winter) King; reign of the Oak (summer) King, begin the ordeal of the Green Man, death & rebirth of the Sun God; night of greatest lunar imbalance; sun's rebirth; shortest day of year

Purpose – honor the Triple Goddess, welcome the Sun Child

Rituals/Magick – personal renewal, world peace, honoring family & friends, Festival of light, meditation

Customs – lights, gift-exchanging, singing, feasting, resolutions, new fires kindled, strengthening family & friend bonds, generosity, Yule log, hanging mistletoe, apple wassailing, burning candles, Yule tree decorating; kissing under mistletoe; needfire at dawn vigil; bell ringing/sleigh-bells; father Yule

Foods – nuts, apple, pear, caraway cakes soaked with cider, pork, orange, hibiscus or ginger tea, roasted turkey, nuts, fruitcake, dried fruit, cookies, eggnog, mulled wine

Herbs – blessed thistle, evergreen, moss, oak, sage, bay, bayberry, cedar, pine, frankincense, ginger, holly, ivy, juniper, mistletoe, myrrh, pinecones, rosemary, chamomile, cinnamon, valerian, yarrow

Element/Gender – earth/male

Threshold – dawn

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December 28, 4:21 am - Full Moon

The Reconnecting Reindeer Moon

The modern representation of an old shaman is said to have traveled with the help of eight tiny reindeer...or was that nine with Rudolph? Reindeer have light-brown fur that turns white in the winter. They instinctively know to eat lichens and mosses containing a compound that acts as an antifreeze for their cells. These animals are completely in tune with their environment.

On this Full Moon, reconnect with the natural world. As an individual or with a group, take a walk in as undisturbed an area as possible. As you enter, offer a prayer of thanks. Breathe deeply and allow your awareness to expand. Focus on your hearing. Close your eyes and listen to all you can hear. Next, focus on your sense of touch. Feel the trees, the rocks, the dirt. Next, focus on smell and taste. Sniff the air, the land; open your mouth to taste the wind. Then, focus on your sight. Look with the eyes of someone who is in tune with the natural world. Open all five senses to the landscape and simply wander, following your attractions by approaching objects and spaces that call to you. Don't think, just be with each space and feel your connections to All That Is.

~ Kristin Madden in Llewellyn's 2012 Witches' Datebook

December 31 - New Year's Eve

New Beginnings Ritual

When we want to make changes and new beginnings in our lives, we must first make room for the new changes by releasing old habits, people or ways we currently use our energies that are no longer working for us. This can be in any area of your life, so before doing this ritual, begin by looking at the person, job or lifestyle that you feel is hampering your efforts. Decide what you need to release to allow change and new attitudes to have room to grow in your life. Next, determine where you want to grow or change: spiritually, monetarily, emotionally, physically or intellectually. Once you know where you need to let go and what you wish to change about your life, you will be ready to do the ritual.

The supplies you will need for this spell are a piece of parchment, Dragon's Blood ink and green quill, thin black silk or cotton cord about 3" or 4" long (NOT polyester), a small box (like a match box), a purple candle, Uranus incense and oil, charcoal and burner (if using loose incense), and an object which will represent the new you. This object can be a piece of jewelry with clear quartz or a lovely art object that you feel sums up the changes that you will make. If you use an art object, you will set this in a prominent place in your home after the ritual, so that you can see it every day to reinforce your changes. If you have chosen a piece of jewelry, you will wear it every day after you have charged it in your ritual.

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On an evening when you will not be disturbed, arrange your altar with your candle at the left top edge, your incense burner at the right top edge, your ink, quill and parchment at the right bottom edge and your jewelry or art object at the left bottom edge, leaving the center for the cord and box. Cast your circle and light your incense. Anoint your candle with your Uranus oil from the bottom of the candle to the wick. Light it and then place some Uranus incense on the lit charcoal in your burner. In the center of the piece of parchment, draw with your ink and quill a symbol that represents the thing that you are releasing from your life. If this is a person, you can draw his or her astrological sign or initials. If it is your employment, draw the logo of the company or name; if it is a bad habit draw a simple image which represents this lifestyle choice. Around this symbol, draw a square which represents the limitations that this has set on you.

Place this parchment/sigil in the center of your altar. Pick up the black cord and knot the two cut ends together, concentrating on the problems or limitations that you have encountered with this person/job/lifestyle. Place the energy of the problem in the knot. Lay the cord in a circle around the parchment in the center of your altar. For a few moments, continue to focus on the problem, while you begin to also become aware of your breathing. Each time you exhale, imagine yourself exhaling the hold that this problem has on you. Feel yourself becoming lighter and more relaxed. After each exhalation, say "I release you." Work on this release for about 3 minutes, or until you feel very relaxed and light.

Pick up your cord and carefully hold the knot in the flame of the candle, igniting the knot and burning away the problem. Set the remainder of the cord in the box. Next, holding the parchment by the very edge, ignite it with the candle flame. Let it burn toward your fingers and go out. If it burns dramatically, you can blow on it lightly to control the flame and it blow out while concentrating on release. Place any unburned parchment in the box with the burned cord and put the box to the side. When you have finished with this part of the ritual, relax for a few moments, enjoying the release and lightness.

Now, hold the piece of jewelry or art object in your hands, concentrating again on your breathing and what you are bringing into your life. With each inhalation, breathe in energy, motivation and optimism. As you exhale, breathe on the jewelry or object, filling and charging it with this new, exciting change. After you have filled it, set the energies by anointing it with your oil, then hold it in the smoke of your incense and place it next to the candle. Leave the candle to burn down all the way and go outside to dig a hole to bury the box with the parchment ashes and cord.

The next morning, take the jewelry from the altar and go to a mirror. Watch yourself adorn yourself with the jewelry, focusing on the changes it represents. If you have chosen an object, take it up from the altar and place it in a place in your home where it will be prominent, being mindful of the changes it represents.

**You are using Uranus oil because Uranus is the ruling planet of Aquarius, astrological sign of change, originality, and transformation.

In this ritual, you are literally 'playing with fire,' so BE CAREFUL. You may wish to also have a cast iron cauldron with lid on your altar to contain burning materials in case you get nervous. That way you can let it continue to burn without burning your fingers. If any fire gets out of control, you can smother it with the lid. Also, since you are letting the candle burn all the way down which will take several hours, your altar needs to be set up in a room that is closed off to all children and pets. You do not want to set your altar up near curtains or other flammable things. Your jewelry or object is going to be on the altar next to the candle and you don't want it covered with melted wax in the morning. Be sure that the candle holder you choose has a bottom which can contain melted wax and you may wish to place your jewelry or object in a small container set next to the candle just to be safe. Avoid using glass candleholders because they can break when they get too hot as they sometimes do when a candle is close to burning itself out.

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Herb of the Month

Basil - Element - Fire, Planet - Jupiter, Gender - Masculine, Parts Used - Flowery tops and leaves, Magickal Properties - Money and Riches, Protection, Love, Uses - Burn crushed powdered Basil while you announce your desire. You can also sprinkle a little on your person. Can be mixed with other herbs for protection and love.

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Stone of the Month

Tiger's Eye - Ruled by the Sun and possessing a golden flash of light, tiger's-eye is worn to strengthen convictions and create courage and confidence. This is a warm stone, and it promotes energy flow through the body when worn. It is also beneficial for the weak or sick. Tiger's Eye enhances personal power. When this stone is placed upon the body it gives a feeling of strength to the person and the belief that they can undertake the necessary searching and make the necessary changes to enable the healing to take place. This is important because the person needs to feel that the healing is taking place because of his or her own efforts and not because you are doing something to them. Tiger's Eye carries the energy of emotional balance and removes fears. It is therefore useful for people who may have doubts about the healing process and a lack of belief that healing will take place.

Sometimes the lack of belief may manifest in stubbornness and the Tiger's Eye will soften this feeling and allow the belief to come through. Tiger's Eye is a very highly spiritually evolved stone and builds a firm foundation for spiritual expansion. Because all metaphysical healing is rooted in spiritual practice, it is the ideal third chakra stone. Its added benefits are its grounding qualities and its ability to assist the person in centering themselves and focusing on the task ahead. Tiger's Eye benefits the spleen, pancreas, digestive organs and colon.

With its vibrant golden color, tiger eye is used to increase wealth and vitality. It enhances courage, brings passion and physical strength, and allows these attributes to be tempered with mental clarity and a joyful outlook. Tiger's Eye is a mystical looking gemstone that resembles a cat's (domestic and exotic) eye. It is covered with colored stripes of red, brown and golden yellow. It has a silky, lustrous appearance and is typically described as a brown stone with bands of light. It is very beautiful to look at and simply gazing into it can calm your mind.

This stone has been used in meditation to help the mind focus. The colors and vibrations from tiger's eye allows us to concentrate and control our thoughts. If you are doing spellcraft use this stone to meditate with before starting your spell or use it in a "ground and center" type of meditation. When doing spells it is important to visualize your goals to put them into action. Tiger's eye is perfect to assist you in this process. It can also be used as a protective stone against spirits and ghost. Wear it during a full or new moon to protect against negative energies that might surround you. Some other added magical properties of this stone are courage, energy, luck and divination. Tiger's eye is ruled by the Sun. Holding it in your hands can promote courage and confidence whenever you need it. It is also known to give people patience.

Rune of the Month

Isa (I: Ice.) – A challenge or frustration. Psychological blocks to thought or activity, including grievances. Standstill, or a time to turn inward and wait for what is to come, or to seek clarity. This rune reinforces runes around it. Isa Merkstave (Isa cannot be reversed, but may lie in opposition): Ego-mania, dullness, blindness, dissipation. Treachery, illusion, deceit, betrayal, guile, stealth, ambush, plots.

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Tarot Card of the Month

Judgment

Judgment heralds a time of reward. It is the card of wisdom and acceptance. It represents new phases in life and new relationships with the self. Positively associated with rebirth, rejoicing, absolution, new potential, and rewards for past efforts. Negatively associated with guilt, loss, self-reproach, delays, fear, and obstinacy.

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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.

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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.

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