



December Newsletter

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Important December Dates

(All times are CST)

December 6, 6:27 am - Full Moon

Long Nights Moon

Winter covers the land, but tonight the Long Nights Moon owns the sky. With icy brilliance as fragile as glass, it casts charcoal shadows across the snow and glints off the rooftops. We walk in darkness on this night, but know the light will return.

It's easy to lose our way in the dark--sadness, grieving and death touches each of us. But no night lasts forever. The Long Nights Moon teaches us to accept the darkness, not fear it. This ritual focuses on purification and trusting fate. Cover your altar with a white cloth, representing a future shrouded in mystery. Honor the Moon by lighting one white candle. Before the candle, lay one pine branch. Meditate about this year and what you hope for next year. In an act of purification, brush yourself with the pine branch from head to toe. Say:

*During this, the darkest time of the year,
Long Nights Moon keep me safe and free from fear.
I trust in the future, I trust fate,
I trust in the Divine Spirit and whatever awaits.*

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

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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 21, 7:36 pm - New Moon

New moon rituals are perfect for planting new seeds and starting afresh. We are essentially working on the blank canvas of the dark moon where our ideas can gestate in the new moon soil. These thought-seeds are slowly activated by the growing crescent moon as the days progress towards the illumination of the full moon. The darkness of the new moon provides peace and tranquility while our seed intentions slowly take root and gain sustenance from the fertile earth below. This period cannot be rushed and it is a great time to have some quiet dark-moon time to compose our goals and plans for the month ahead. Any wishes made at this time carry great force.

The moon is waxing (growing), so we are working in tune with nature if we are setting in motion things that we want to expand or blossom. This is also the best time to write a list of cosmic orders, which can be big or small. Large-scale projects can bear fruit in six months' time when the full Moon is the Capricorn again. Smaller wishes have a two-week timescale to be birthed at the next full moon. The manifestation spell will be that much more powerful if the subjects that you want to birth resonate with the mood of the current new moon.

The New Moon in Capricorn's themes are letting go and paving the way for rebirth and aligning with quality and integrity. The climb to the top of the symbolic mountain may feel rough, yet imagine the new possibilities and view when you arrive at the peak. With persistence and gentle discipline, all things may be achieved.

December 31 - New Year's Eve

At the beginning of the New Year or just after Yule, gather together a garland and some small candles. Using the garland, create a spiral on the floor and surround it with candles. If this is included in a group ritual, create a grouping of three spirals like those found at Newgrange in Ireland. Walk the spiral as you would a labyrinth.

Pause at the entrance to visualize what you wish for the New Year. Begin your walk at a pace that feels right, repeating the incantation:

*With each step I take,
with each breath I create,
let my spirit awake
for this wish I make.*

Once you reach the center, step over the innermost boundary of the spiral and verbalize your wish. Retrace your steps out of the spiral, repeating the incantation again.

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Hand Crafted Cedar Wand with Crystal Point -

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Cedar Slice Pentacle & Tree of Life Ornaments -

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Yule Log Blank, Make Your Own -

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Cedar Garland, 20 Feet -

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Herb of the Month

Holly - Fire/Mars; Gender - Masculine; Parts Used - The whole Herb; Magickal Properties - Protection; Uses - The wood is used for all magickal tools, as it will enhance any wish you have. A powerful protection in the home, also said to heighten masculinity if the fruit and leaves are carried by a man.

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Stone of the Month

Bloodstone - love confidence, strength; control over your life, luck (fire); Bloodstone is known as "the stone of the warrior." This stone enhances courage and brings understanding of the benefits behind each hard-won victory. It helps us to revitalize and open our hearts, tempering strength with compassion. It is a protective stone, and in ancient times was thought to slow bleeding. This stone is often used by athletes to give them both courage and physical vitality. It is also a prosperity stone, helping to manifest wealth.

Rune of the Month



Laguz (L: Water, or a leek.) – Flow, water, sea, a fertility source, the healing power of renewal; Life energy and organic growth; Imagination and psychic matters; Dreams, fantasies, mysteries, the unknown, the hidden, the deep, the underworld; Success in travel or acquisition, but with the possibility of loss. Laguz Reversed or Merkstave: An indication of a period of confusion in your life; You may be making wrong decisions and poor judgments. Lack of creativity and feelings of being in a rut; Fear, circular motion, avoidance, withering; Madness, obsession, despair, perversity, sickness, suicide.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The Seven of Swords - This card appearing in your reading generally highlights mind games but it depends on surrounding cards as to whether this is helping or hurting your situation. Being resourceful, thinking on your feet and trying to outsmart your opponent or competitor is part of everyday life and there are times when we all have to try to get into someone's head to find out what it is that makes them tick. Athletes do it constantly. If they didn't, they would never get a chance to win competitions. They spend much time getting to know their opponent by watching and analyzing their opponent's tactics so that they can go out and play a psychological game along with the physical. Those in marketing and sales do likewise and of course, we see mind games being played out consistently in the Courtroom.

The Seven of Swords suggests that you might be analyzing your opponent or customers or need to do that. It does not necessarily imply that you are going out to play a game of rugby or golf. You are in a situation at present that requires you to be alert and smart. Those around you and involved in your situation are very clever and intelligent. You need to be too in this instance. You must start contemplate the facts using logic and reason before coming up with some sort of plan that will put you on top. It needs to be something that they haven't considered or better still, something they never thought you would conceive. You may not think that this is possible but you need

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to start believing in yourself. You may see the other side as being way ahead of you and that they have held all of the power in your situation. You more than likely have suffered defeat to them in the past which has dis-empowered you. The thing is, they think you are dis-empowered too for they hold all of your Swords. This could be their downfall for they underestimate you. Their guard may be down as a result. You making a comeback or threat is the furthest thing from their minds right now. You have the upper hand now and need to make your strike before they wake up to what you are doing. You need to come up with a brand new strategy and game plan, then come at them from their blind sides. They won't see it coming and they won't believe you have it in you but with careful effort on your part you can prevail. It's time to use your head and think on your feet.

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Correspondence of the Month

Days 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 it is best for healing and success, physical strength, obtaining goals, illumination, and initiating any magickal activity.

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Spell of the Month

Yule Log

Materials:

A log

Natural materials such as holly, mistletoe, pine cones, sprays of evergreen, berries, etc.

Some herbs such as cinnamon sticks

Twine or wire (to secure everything to the log)

Secure everything to the log in a way that looks pleasing. Traditionally, a Yule log is burned and a piece of the log saved for kindling the next year's log. This is thought to bring health and prosperity to the household for the entire year.

If you don't have a fireplace, or for whatever reason don't want to burn your Yule log, you can place candles on it and make a centerpiece.

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