



December Newsletter

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Important December Dates

(All times are CST)

December 11, 4:29 am - New Moon

There's a time for looking within, and a time for looking beyond. The New Moon in adventurous Sagittarius is one of those moments to stretch our mind and call forth our inner visionary to guide us toward new horizons of hope.

New Moons are cosmic doorways to fresh starts; they allow us to shed our old skin and break ground for new cycles. The start of every lunation marks the ideal time to pursue a spiritual and emotional reboot. It's like an open gateway that invites the roaming, rambling Sagittarius archetype to head out and set its restless eyes on the next exciting destination.

Fiery and intrepid, Sagittarius craves the euphoria of wide open spaces in which to roam, either in a literal or metaphorical sense. The glyph for this sign pictures an arrow pointing skyward while lifting up a cross; it's the Higher Mind that spiritualizes the matter, in search of a perfect integration of worldly action and noble aims. The centaur of the Zodiac comes alive when galloping towards a higher aspiration, transcending the grey walls of mundane existence, keeping sight of the "Big Picture" with its fiery arrows aimed at its goals. The connection with our Higher Mind and our inner explorer is something that needs to be restored at this time, so that the seeds of the intentions we

sow under this audacious New Moon can sprout into a journey toward the destination that warms our hearts and gives meaning to Life. It's no accident that this sign rules both the search for truth, and unflinching optimism. We may celebrate this lunation in many ways: taking a walk in the forest (Sagittarius loves nature and the outdoors) to absorb the wisdom of nature, performing rites or spells to communicate our wishes to the Cosmos, praying for guidance or meditating to get in touch with our Higher Self but it's important that we renew our faith in our Life purpose and muster the courage to trust the call of our heart. For once, we might even try to immerge ourselves in the vision of the manifestation of our will, and feel it as if it is already coming true – a little trick to solidify our motivation. The intrepid, yet truth-seeking energy of this New Moon facilitates the search for an inspired vision that can put losses and grief of the past into perspective, illuminating the future Path that lies in front of us and the place all those events hold in the broader picture of our fate. We're being asked to move steadily in the direction of our most meaningful life goals, so that we can share our happiness and gifts with the world.

December 21 - Yule

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 25, 5:12 am - Full Moon, Christmas Day

Unduvap (Sri Lanka)

This Full Moon is Unduvap, which celebrates the arrival of the Bo tree sapling in Sri Lanka, and also the transmission of Buddhism to that island. It was brought there from India in 288 BCE by Buddhist nun, Sanghamitta Theri. This bo tree, the oldest tree in existence whose specific planting was documented, is a large fig tree (*Ficus religiosa*) located in India, under which the Buddha is said to have achieved enlightenment, or Bodhi, and this tree is known to be an offshoot. Later, there were many saplings planted in Sri Lanka, from this Bo Tree. Theri also established the Bhikkhuni Saana (the Order of Nuns). Adherents commonly go to temples to chant and pray, and if they can, make a pilgrimage to venerate the bodhi tree.

Many Pagans worship trees in some way. If you can visit a really old tree, it would be worthwhile. What is the oldest tree near your home? Some of the oldest trees are sequoia, bristlecone pine, redwoods, olive trees, cypress, yew, and of course, the sacred fig or bo tree. And of course, this is a perfect day to decorate a tree in your own home or appreciate one that has already been decorated. Spruce and pine are traditional.

~ Magenta Griffith in Llewellyn's 2015 Witches' Datebook -

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

December 31 - New Year's Eve

Out with the old, in with the new. Here's a spell to remove negativity from your home so that the energy of the new year can enter and bless you and your family in the coming year.

To Remove Negativity from the Home

Sprinkle the floors with salt and rosemary, visualizing all discord and negativity being swept away. Burn scented white candles to purify the air and lend an aura of peace and contentment. Wear white for simplicity. Place some rose quartz on the windowsill, to invite love in. Spend the day in calm reflection and be aware of the love, contentment, and peace that fills your life.

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Yule Log Blank, Make Your Own - Regular Price - \$19.99, Sale Price - \$14.49
Pendulum Divination eBook - Regular Price - \$4.99, Sale Price - \$3.99
Peppermint Herbal Tea - Regular Price - \$5.99, Sale Price - \$4.99
2016 Witches' Datebook - Regular Price 11.99, Sale Price 10.99

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Yule Log Centerpiece - \$24.99
Pentacle Chest Travel Altar Kit - \$39.99
Pendulum Divination Kit - \$29.99
Himalayan Salt Candle Holder - \$14.99

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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 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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