



February Newsletter

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Important February Dates

(All times are CST)

February 2 - Imbolc (Crossquarter February 4)

Imbolc

Animals/Mythical Creatures - firebird, dragon, groundhog, deer, burrowing animals, ewes, robin, sheep, lamb, other creatures waking from hibernation

Gemstones - amethyst, garnet, onyx, turquoise

Incense/Oil - jasmine, rosemary, frankincense, cinnamon, neroli, musk, olive, sweet pea, basil, myrrh, and wisteria, apricot, carnation

Colors/Candles - brown, pink, red, orange, white, lavender, pale yellow, silver

Tools/Symbols/Decorations - white flowers, marigolds, plum blossoms, daffodils, Brigid wheel, Brigid's cross, candles, grain/seed for blessing, red candle in a cauldron full of earth, doll, Bride's Bed; the Bride, broom, milk, birchwood, snowflakes, snow in a crystal container, evergreens, homemade besom of dried broom, orange candle anointed in oil (see above) can be used to symbolize the renewing energy of the Sun's rebirth.

Goddesses - Virgin Goddess, Venus, Diana, Februa, Maiden, Child Goddess, Aradia, Athena, Inanna, Vesta, Gaia, Brigid, Selene (Greek), Branwen (Manx-Welsh)

Gods - young Sun Gods, Pan, Cupid/Eros(Greco-Roman), Dumuzi (Sumerian)

Essence - conception, initiation, insight, inspiration, creativity, mirth, renewal, dedication, breath of life, life-path, wise counsel, plan, prepare

Dynamics/Meaning - first stirring of Mother Earth, lambing, growth of the Sun God, the middle of winter

Purpose - honoring the Virgin Goddess, festival of the Maiden/Light

Rituals/Magick - cleansing; purification, renewal, creative inspiration, purification, initiation, candle work, house & temple blessings, welcoming Brigid, feast of milk & bread

Customs - lighting candles, seeking omens of Spring, storytelling, cleaning house, bonfires, indoor planting, stone collecting, candle kept burning dusk till dawn; hearth re-lighting

Foods - dairy, spicy foods, raisins, pumpkin, sesame & sunflower seeds, poppyseed bread/cake, honey cake, pancakes, waffles, herbal tea

Herbs - angelica, basil, bay, benzoin, celandine, clover, heather, myrrh, all yellow flowers, willow

Element/Gender - earth/female

Threshold - midnight

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February 10 - Chinese New Year, Year of the Snake

Ancient Chinese wisdom says a Snake in the house is a good omen because it means your family will not starve. This could be taken metaphorically to mean that a Snake could never have a problem with his family starving because he is such a great mediator, making him good at business. Or it could mean that a Snake would be willing to sacrifice his possessions, something the Snake has a lot of, in order to pay for his family's food. Any way it is interpreted is representative of the Snake's character and is a measure of the value he puts on his material wealth. The Snake is keen and cunning, quite intelligent and wise.

Years of the Snake

Snake Years are sixth in the cycle, following the Dragon Years, and recur every twelfth year. The Chinese New Year does not fall on a specific date, so it is essential to check the calendar to find the exact date on which each Snake Year actually begins.

February 10, 1:20 am - New Moon

This New Moon is at 21° Aquarius 43' in the fishtail of Capricorn, but it is also within orb of "Luckiest of the Lucky" Sadalsuud in Aquarius. The closest aspect is Moon trine Ceres. It is conjunct asteroid Velleda, who was a Germanic prophetess circa 69 AD. Dare to dream big with this New Moon. Predicting a glittering future could generate a self-fulfilling prophecy. So be lucky, but be prepared to put in the work.

The New Moon chart contains two triangles reflecting each other. On one side, Venus is connected to Saturn sextile Pluto. Use steely determination and endurance to practical use to create something of value, something lasting. This could be a romantic union or

an art project. Venus square Saturn suggests there is some hardship involved; maybe some delayed gratification or a separation in order to create something more solid in the future. Jupiter sextile Uranus is across the New Moon. This aspect favors innovation, experiments and freedom. In some ways, it is the very opposite of the learning triangle above it. This sextile is fuelled by impatient Mars. It is a warrior, brave, bold, risk taking, but it can be a tad reckless.

February 12 - Fat Tuesday

"Tomorrow is Fat Tuesday, and of course, this being America, it will be followed by Even Fatter Wednesday, Obese Thursday and Fat-Ass Friday."

--Jay Leno

February 14 - St. Valentine's Day

"Must, bid the Morn awake,
Sad Winter now declines,
Each bird doth choose a mate;
This day's Saint Valentine's.
For that good bishop's sake
Get up and let us see
What beauty it shall be
That Fortune us assigns."

--Michael Drayton

February 23, 3:41 am until March, 17, 3:03 pm - Mercury Retrograde

The forever messenger and traveler, Mercury, enters with gusto into Retrograde. This period is asking us to retrace our thoughts and feelings, and to prioritize what is really important to us.

Many times during these periods when a computer, car or electronic instrument is going haywire, our biggest annoyance is the frustration and the time involved. The real problem is not paying attention to the details and that the results of our actions come back to haunt us with delays and misunderstandings, which we could have avoided. We will usually get a surprise which we did not expect, because we have not paid attention when it was happening. The fault is not all due to the planet Mercury, but with us in this fast pace world of today. We seem to always be anticipating the future, or reminiscing about the past, instead of living and paying attention to the present. We are mostly to blame, as we tend to be careless and not pay attention to the details. We need to become aware of the consequences of our actions or non-actions, to avoid the frustration and delays retrograde can bring.

Instead of avoiding certain situations, we need to be prepared and mentally alert for whatever comes our way in order to avoid the pitfalls. Knowing that delays and unexpected outcomes are possible, our attitude toward the situation should be more of calmness, rather than agitation. As we meet each negative situation with a positive action, we will begin to create a positive force around us. Mercury Retrograde in Pisces is telling us to shakeup our priorities and to reshuffle them to be in line with what we truly believe in, and truly stand for. At this time, we are being asked to find our own inner spiritual voice, and to allow it to have its place in the limelight.

February 25, 2:26 pm - Full Moon

Quickening Moon

The Quickening Moon is a time of subtle awakening. There is a stirring in the land, barely recognizable. Honor this month's Full Moon by making time to clear the way for a new season--make plans for the future. Write a goal or project you hope to complete on a piece of paper and burn a white candle on top of it (in a safe container, or on a plate). Make a promise to yourself or pledge your effort to a project, lifestyle change, or other goal. The Moon is your witness. In August, revisit this goal and check your progress. If you'd like, dedicate a piece of jewelry during this ritual; something you can wear as a reminder of your goal. Burn incense of myrrh, sage, spikenard or a combination of these and chant as you visualize your goal:

*Constant Moon
Quicken my heart,
Quicken my blood,
This is the start.*

~ Ember Grant in [Llewellyn's 2013 Witches' Datebook](#)

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Herb of the Month

Sandalwood - Element - Air, Planet - Moon, Gender - Feminine, Parts Used - Wood, Resin, Magickal Properties - Protection, Cleansing, Meditations and Healings, Uses - Burn to enhance your meditations and healing wishes, use the wood also for a healing wand or tie a piece on a healing wand, burn to cleanse and purify yourself or the home by passing the smoke over your body or through the house, used with other herbs in developing your spirituality.

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Stone of the Month

Obsidian - Obsidian is a fire stone, born of the volcano. Used to create tools and weapons by many primitive people, it lets us slice to the core of a matter and to release and ground negativity. It is an excellent grounding stone, helping to release negativity and to stabilize. This powerful stone makes a strong shield of protection around the wearer. As a scrying tool, obsidian can offer an accurate reflection of the changes that need to be made. Its answers can be quick and somewhat pointed, as obsidian walks the shadow side of the void. It will help to provide a clear course of action, and let you know what challenges are the most necessary to face - but not always the easiest or most pleasant lessons. Obsidian blades are excellent for cord-cutting workings.

Rune of the Month

Raidho (R: Wagon or chariot.) – Travel, both in physical terms and those of lifestyle direction. A journey, vacation, relocation, evolution, change of place or setting. Seeing a larger perspective. Seeing the right move for you to make and deciding upon it. Personal rhythm, world rhythm, dance of life. Raidho Reversed or Merkstave: Crisis, rigidity, stasis, injustice, irrationality. Disruption, dislocation, demotion, delusion, possibly a death.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The Chariot

The Chariot symbolizes conflict and victory. It also represents unknown forces pulling you forward quickly. Positively associated with triumph, movement, change, self-belief, assertiveness, and good news. Negatively associated with rage, tyranny, over-inflated ego, selfishness, arrogance, delays, and frustration.

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Correspondence of the Month

Mythical Creatures

Centuar – the arts, creative inspiration, divination

Dragon – protection, transformation, spiritual guide, long life, strength against fear

Gargoyle – silence, shadows, freedom

Griffin – spiritual clarity, faith, understanding

Leviathan – influence, foresight, time for meditation

Manticore – embodiment of evil, dark force, powers working against you

Minotaur – defense against harm, protection, power, fertility

Pegasus – inspiration, astral travel, divination, romance

Phoenix – rebirth, reincarnation, new beginnings, courage, adaptation

Unicorn – prosperity, adventure, purity, of gentle nature, mental strength

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Spell of the Month

Astral Projection

The following is a basic instruction for astral projection. Begin by calling your guide or guardian to protect you from harm during this trip. As you do this, you should either hear a voice or see a face in your mind. Speak directly to your guide, and ask it for protection and guidance. Once you are assured of their protection you can proceed with the next step.

RELAXATION

The easiest way to place yourself in a deep state of relaxation is to first begin with your toes. Visualize a soft warm light moving slowly through your toes until it engulfs your feet. As each part of your body becomes submerged in the warm light, allow it to go completely limp. Visualize each body part turning to mist. When you are done relaxing, you should visualize yourself as pure mist. Because you are no longer solid, it will be possible for you to move away from your physical form. If this is your first time, try to stay inside a boundary, such as your home. When traveling to the astral plains, one can encounter many things which only an experienced traveler will know how to handle. Visualize your misty form separating from your physical form. Don't be alarmed if you see a cord that attaches you to your body. This is a line that can bring you back if needed. Only a very experienced traveler should disengage this cord. For the beginner, it is important to leave it attached. The cord will lengthen itself to suit your travels, so drift as much as you like within your set boundaries. When you are ready to return, simply will yourself gradually back to your body. Allow a moment to think earthly thoughts and then open your eyes.

TRAVEL WITH FAMILIARS

For extra protection, it is nice to have your familiar along. The only thing you need to do is communicate your desire to travel to your familiar. Animals travel the astral plains constantly, and are more than happy to accompany you. They often make excellent guides. To communicate your desire, look deep into your familiar's eyes, and concentrate. Stroke them soothingly. Soon they will lay down, and that will be your signal that they are ready to begin. If you are a novice, and your familiar seems unwilling to travel, give them time. Sometimes we doubt our own abilities, and our familiars can sense this. After you have traveled several times on your own, your familiar will most likely be happy to join you.

JOURNAL

It is a good idea to document your travels in a journal. You are the one who will benefit from this. As you travel, make note of everything you see. Upon your return, write every detail in your journal. As you become more experienced at astral travel, this record will be invaluable. It will serve as your future guide.

GIVE THANKS

Always remember to thank your guide or guardian for their protection. It is also nice to say a prayer of thanks to the Cerridwyn. Remember that without the Lord and Lady, we are adrift in a sea of uncertainty.

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