



February Newsletter

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Important February Dates

(All times are CST)

February 2 - Imbolc (Cross quarter February 3)

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

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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, poppy seed 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 6, 3:43 pm to February 28, 8:00 am - Mercury Retrograde

Mercury goes retrograde February 6, 2014 and the traditional advice is "Don't travel, Don't sign contracts. Don't marry. Don't touch electrics!" But the whole Mercury retrograde cycle actually lasts eight weeks and happens three times, sometimes even four times in a year! That's a long time to hide under the duvet and a real waste of a truly magickal time.

Mercury generally zips between two worlds, or rather, the two hemispheres of our brain. So during the retrograde period it is like Mercury has gone down into the Underworld. In the realm closer to spirit, we become more right-brain oriented. It is dark, so other senses are heightened. We will feel extra sensitive here. Everything will seem surreal. You will notice things you had overlooked before and this will prompt you to re-evaluate, renovate, re-invent and re-form. It's true you might have to redo things, because Mercury will hit the same degree three times, but what this transit won't let you do is to go into autopilot.

There are danger spots though. When Mercury is stationing retrograde we are at the wobbly stage where we are likely to slip-up, make mistakes, and misinterpret another's communications. But once we are over the threshold and into the Underworld, we can safely go about our business knowing we are in another realm. The same goes for when it is stationing direct. Make sure you give your brain a few days to adjust back to solar thinking. Whichever houses Mercury retrogrades in, will be your Underworld zone, where you will question everything. It will make you jittery about signing contracts, because you will be constantly thinking, "Is this what I really want?" Before the retrograde is a good time to finish off those Solar left-brain projects and gather information to bring down into your cave at its retrograde point. Then, you can slow things down, let yourself be taken into other dimensions, try on different filters, experiment, shine a light on your demons, then recharge and reboot.

Mercury turns retrograde on February 6, 2014 and it is pretty much a mermaid-drenched Neptunian affair. The most difficult thing will be just trying to think straight, as it will feel like you have somehow ingested 5 kilos of magic mushrooms without realizing it. The vibrations between Aquarius and Pisces can be a little tricky however, as water and electricity do not mix. Mercury here is taking you through two zones that are going to overlap and bleed into each other slowly which they do not do ordinarily. You will get flying fish and colorful electric eels. In technical terms this means you get shocks off your computer, so be very careful about leaving cups of coffee near keyboards during this time. Communications over the internet are going to be the most sensitive to this sopping wet Mercury retrograde. For once, sludgy snail mail might actually be more reliable, as odd stuff is going to happen with cyber post. Jpegs are corrupted in transit and emails get eaten by mallards.

The Mercury retrograde chart is pretty dramatic with a red-hot poker of a Jupiter opposite Pluto. Dusky Pluto is still so near a fresh-out-of-retrograde Venus, in her Lucifer phase right now, making her more provocative than usual. All things considered, this is a very seductive Mercury retrograde. The Sun on happy-go-lucky Sualocin adds to the feeling of a naive Persephone being whisked away by a rugged pirate. Mercury turns very close to the waning quarter Moon, so emotionally we will be feeling extra vulnerable to any saviors. The Moon opposite Saturn drives us to "man-up," despite a huge urge to burst into tears. However, we do need to be kind to ourselves and shut off that inner critic and judgmental voice. So what, if we want to let things go a bit. Those effected strongly by this retrograde will feel like feigning helplessness for a while, hoping to be rescued. Why not? If you are usually the rescuer it will make a nice change. The thing about all retrogrades is they are great for turning things upside-down and inside-out.

February 14 - Valentine's Day, 5:53 pm - Full Moon

Snow Moon

In colonial America, February's Full Moon was known as the Snow Moon, a time when fierce blizzards would sweep across the land. To some, it was the Quickening Moon, a time when nature began to reawaken. Even though early snow crocus may bloom, most regions are blanketed with snow. Now is the time to ask the Snow Moon to assist you in making positive changes in your life. Just as nature is poised to awaken from its winter rest, we can also awaken to a new purpose or calling. The Snow Moon is when you should plant your "seeds" for change, then let them take root. Make a plan now and stick to it. Anything is possible--a new career, going back to school--you decide. On this night, announce your magical intentions to the Snow Moon. As a token of thanks, light a violet candle and speak to her.

*As the Earth wears a cocoon of white,
In icy splendor Snow Moon, you guard the night.
Let me make changes, let me be reborn,
Now I plant the seed of magic; I am transformed.*

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

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February 17 - Presidents' Day

Our Presidents

George Washington, Adams and Jefferson three
First rulers of Uncle Sam's land of the free:
Then Madison, Monroe and Adams again
All clever and upright and good honest men;
The Jackson, Van Buren and Harrison first,
Tyler and Polk whose terms were so curst
By war with the Mexicans who lost in the fray -
Then Taylor and Fillmore and Pierce held their sway.
Buchanan and Lincoln, Johnson and Grant,
Then Hayes, martyred Garfield, despiser of cant,
Arthur and Cleveland, Harrison (Ben)
McKinley the martyr, beloved by all men;
Then most energetic and strenuous Teddy
And plump William Taft for a second term ready
When Wilson was placed in this nation's great chair
And promised to always rule wisely and fair.

~ Winifred Sackville Stoner, Jr.

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Herb of the Month

Chamomile - Water/Sun; Gender - Masculine; Parts Used - Flowers; Magickal Properties - Prepares body and mind for magick, Healing and Prosperity wishes; Uses - Drink as a tea, place small amount in the bath to prepare for magick, use as an amulet for prosperity, burn for restful sleep, visualize your desire.

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Stone of the Month

Jet - Jet is a stone of grounding and balancing, and as it carries a negative electrical charge, is good for drawing power and knowledge to the bearer. Made of burned, then fossilized trees, it helps to tap into the ancient wisdoms and transformative powers of the Earth. It is also helpful in stabilizing finances, and is said to soothe migraines.

Rune of the Month



Algiz (Z or -R: Elk, protection.) – Protection, a shield; The protective urge to shelter oneself or others; Defense, warding off of evil, shield, guardian; Connection with the gods, awakening, higher life; It can be used to channel energies appropriately. Follow your instincts. Keep hold of success or maintain a position won or earned. Algiz Reversed or Merkstave: Hidden danger, consumption by divine forces, loss of divine link; Taboo, warning, turning away, that which repels.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The Hierophant - The Hierophant is a symbol of moral law and convictions. He is also a welcomed advisor and spiritual guide. Positively associated with advice, wise counsel, spiritual consolation, knowledge, identification, faith, conformity, and traditions. Negatively associated with misinformation, lack of faith, deviousness, bad advice, confusion, and disorderly conduct.

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Correspondence of the Month

Elements

Earth – Earth is the element that rules the north and that is most stable and dependable. It represents abundance, prosperity, and wealth, and is creative but in a practical, physical manner. Earth is that which sustains all life and on which the other elements rest. Types of magick: gardening, grounding, magnet, image, stone, tree, knot, binding. These types of spells should be performed when the moon is in one of the astrological signs governed by this element: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn.

Air – The element of air rules the east and is associated with mental processes and the mind. It is creative and is that which causes magickal intentions to manifest. It is also associated with higher consciousness and wisdom, divination, and purification. Types of magick: divination, concentration, prophecy, visualization, wind magick, karma. These types of spells should be performed when the moon is in one of the astrological signs governed by this element: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius.

Fire – The element of fire rules the south and is associated with change and passion. It is both physical and spiritual, being related to sexuality and to divinity. Fire magick is quickly manifested and filled with primal energy. Types of magick: candle, storm, time. These types of spells should be performed when the moon is in one of the astrological signs governed by this element: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius.

Water – The element of water rules the west and is associated with the subconscious mind, intuition, and emotions. As the primal substance of life, it is symbolized by the womb and is related to fertility. Types of magick: magick involving the sea, snow or ice, mirror, magnet, rain, cleansing and purification. These types of spells should be performed when the moon is in one of the astrological signs governed by this element: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces.

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Spell of the Month

Lust Enhancing Spell

one large fresh red rose petal
cinnamon
red sewing thread

Place the cinnamon in the center of the rose petal, and tie the petal shut with the red thread. Chant:

Red of life,
red of spice,
bring to me,
the spice of life.

Place the rose petal pouch under your pillow. This spell is best cast on the new to waxing Moon.

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