



## January Newsletter

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## Important January Dates

(All times are CDT)

### January 1, 8:24 pm – Full Moon

Bearberry Moon

What herb could be more appropriate for a winter Moon than bearberry? High overhead, the Great Bear constellation, Ursa Major, stalks the night sky, even as her kin lie sleeping in their dens. Those that do stir, if only briefly, might be seen enjoying the last of the bright red berries of *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* that come on in late fall, though to humans they really don't have much flavor.

Like many plants that have fibrous, spreading roots systems that crawl just below ground level before erupting in leaves, bearberry is useful for kidney ailments and urinary tract disorders. Because it helps as a diuretic to remove excess uric acid, bearberry may be used to treat gout. In Native American traditions, dried bearberry leaves were burned to carry prayers to the heavens.

The plant itself is evergreen and is said to be circumpolar, meaning it tends to prefer colder climates. Its rich green leaves are another reminder that, though winter storms may howl, all is not lost. There is hope for the future in the gray, barren landscape.

~ JD Hortwort in *Llewellyn's Witches' Datebook 2018*

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### January 16, 8:17 pm – New Moon

The new moon in Capricorn rises dark and silent with a very clear message. On one hand, Capricorn represents patriarchal evils – outdated values and institutions so loathed by the spiritually conscious. But if we understand Capricorn only through this lens, we will never destroy old structures, never build anew. So remember that Capricorn is not just the man in the suit, but also the fresh-faced architect.

The Capricorn season is one of relaxation, rich foods, materialism and beloved rituals, but the sea goat is also known for his work ethic, so let's summon that too. As such, he demonstrates application of wisdom. Capricorn asks us to implement more self-control, more self-discipline, and more rigor.

New moons make us feel more tired than usual, and this is especially true with Capricorn. You may feel that solid, stagnant force in your bones. Earth is, by nature, heavy and drowsy. Sloth entrenched in the body's matter, deep enough to make us hurt, pushes us to the point of surrender. In Capricorn, the moon is strained. The moon is in her "detriment" in Capricorn, opposite the sign she rules (Cancer). A planet is weakest in detriment and life is therefore more challenging. Removed from her warm ocean, Luna is naked and vulnerable. Watch for mood swings and unusually low energy. Your inclination to stay home and meditate is perfectly natural.

There will be a grand total of six planets in Capricorn on the day of the new moon. The moon is leaden goat energy and will primarily interact with Venus in Capricorn in a harmonious conjunction, making this new moon especially warm and fuzzy in a domestic/interpersonal sense. The other influence is a hard square to Uranus, which is much less fortuitous. Any time a difficult angle is formed to Uranus, we must expect the unexpected. With Uranus, we need to be mindful of the possibility of accidents, sudden unfortunate events or anything which comes "out of the blue." Uranus lives to shock us. His lessons are designed to make us uncomfortable and show us that we don't really know what we think we know.

### **January 31, 7:27 am – Blue Moon Eclipse**

The lunar eclipse astrology centers on an extremely close alignment of the Moon and Ceres. The moon rules women and traditional motherhood, while Ceres rules independent women and modern motherhood.

This lunar eclipse will focus attention on single mothers and working mothers. Working single mothers really are super women. The rights and freedoms of women in general are major themes of the January 31 lunar eclipse. Social discussions and political debate in this eclipse phase will include parenting styles, custody rights, maternity leave, childcare and equal pay.

Like a regular full moon only stronger, a lunar eclipse focuses your attention on intimate relationships, your home and your family. A total lunar eclipse has an even strong influence on your private life. Sun strength opposing the Moon qualities of emotions and instincts reach their peak at a lunar eclipse. This lets you take an objective and balanced look at your close relationships. Because you will be in touch with your own needs and intentions, you will clearly see any relationship imbalances causing disharmony.

With a total lunar eclipse in particular, the blotting out of the Moon represents a resetting of your emotions, clearing away the emotional baggage of the previous six months. The January 31 lunar eclipse marks the end of an eclipse phase which began with the August 7, 2017 lunar eclipse. This new eclipse phase will include the solar eclipse on February 15th and last until the solar eclipse on July 12th.

## February 2 – Imbolc

### 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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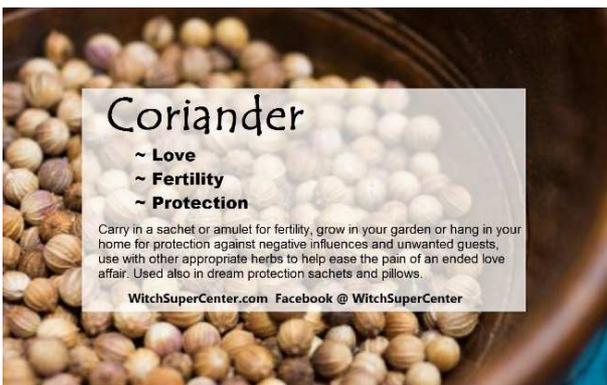
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### Herb of the Month

**Coriander** – Water/Venus; Gender – Masculine; Parts Used - The whole Herb; Magickal Properties - Love, Fertility and Protection; Uses - Carry in a sachet or amulet for fertility, grow in your garden or hang in your garden or hang in your home for protection against negative influences and unwanted guests, use with other appropriate herbs to help ease the pain of an ended love affair. Used also in dream protection sachets and pillows.

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## Stone of the Month

**Fluorite** - Fluorite is one of the most collectible and highly sought after crystals in the world, loved by mineralogists and metaphysical healers alike. Its remarkable cubes are at times, almost too perfect to believe, emerging like magic treasure in matrix rock, or tightly stacked cube on cube like a futuristic city in miniature. Fluorite is an extraordinary creation of Nature, beautiful and luminous, soft and glassy, often vibrant in color, with an internal structure of order and perfection that resonates with the human mind like no other crystal. It carries a calm, stable frequency that brings order to chaos, and scattered and discordant energies into cohesion and harmony. Fluorite supports spirituality and thought, focus and concentration, and balance in all aspects of one's life.



Known as the "Genius Stone," Fluorite represents the highest state of mental achievement, boosting aptitude and discernment, the absorption of new information, and helping one work through complex issues. Its energy stimulates the electrical charge of brain cells, drawing in more life force as it encourages both hemispheres to work harmoniously together in balance. Expanding the consciousness, it advances the mind to greater mental, spiritual and psychic awareness. It stirs creativity and provides a limitless range of avenues for exploration. Fluorite forms in many color varieties, and while each manifests its abilities in different ways, all serve the mental body, brain and energetic levels of being.

## 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

**Nine of Swords** - The Nine of Swords is often a card about anxiety and fear. Look closely at what you are worried about. Try not to blame people or situations for how you are feeling. Pay attention to your breathing. This helps with a feeling of calmness.

You will need to guard against a feeling of anxiety. If you are feeling anxious, take a good look at whether or not any of that is under your own power or control (and thus, you could lessen it) or if other things or people in your life are contributing to this anxiety. If it is the latter, take a good look at that, and see whether or not something in the relationship can be changed to make it more workable for you. There's something about this time period that can cause people to feel like their life should be, in some way, "more" or "bigger" than it is. Try to take comfort and joy in the ordinary things. That's where the beauty is.



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## Correspondence of the Month



### Eclipses

**Solar Eclipse** – Dramatic moments both for their observers as well as for witches. In the past, witches were urged not to perform magick during eclipses. Today, many natural witches use the suggestive power of an eclipse to fuel spells involving banishments, including the destruction of disease. All forms of magick are acceptable, omens, psychic ability, and Sun magick. Associated with Leo.

**Lunar Eclipse** – An astrological almanac is useful here to check dates and times during the year when these occur. Choose long-term goals you wish to work on well ahead of these events. Eclipses represent the perfect union of Sun and Moon, therefore practically any type of magick is acceptable. Many working witches prefer to work with the Dark Goddesses during this time, correcting long-standing problems. Others lean toward the Shining Ones and fairy magick. All forms of magick are acceptable, Moon magick, omens, and psychic ability. Associated with Cancer.

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## Spell of the Month

### Holly Driving Charm

To make a charm to protect you as you drive, place the following items in a small box: three holly leaves, one clove of garlic, one sprig of cedar, one piece of clear quartz, and one piece of dragon's blood resin.

Hold the box shut, and imagine you are driving your car. Envision yourself working in a clear, keen, and observant state. You make decisions as necessary when you are behind the wheel; you react with split-second timing, and you generally find joy in your role as a safe driver. Put the box in the glove compartment of your car and follow through by always driving in a safe and responsible manner.

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