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Important June Dates

(All times are CST)

June 14, 10:13 pm – New Moon

Some say that a no magick should be performed during a new moon and others say that only binding and banishing should be done during the new moon. Each person should decide for themselves, but the new moon is the beginning of the waxing moon cycle and this is a time to draw things to you. From the full moon to the new moon, the moon is said to be waning and that is a time for eliminating or pushing things away from you. So, if you want something to manifest, a good strategy would be to begin during (or shortly after) the new moon and concentrate on that manifestation during the entire waxing phase.

The following is a simple new moon manifestation ritual:

You will need two notebooks, incense and candles.

1. Cleanse your sacred area with an opening prayer, a sage smudging, and/or by burning some incense.
2. Light one or more candles.
3. Center your being and calm yourself in whatever way is appropriate for you. You might enjoy sipping on a cup of chamomile or mint tea.
4. Open your notebook, and date it. Write down these words or similar words. "I accept these things into my life now or something better for my highest good and for the highest good of all concerned." Below this statement, begin writing down your desires. Your list may consist of only one item or you may have several pages written down. Try not to limit yourself. If having many things in your life helps to fulfill you, then don't deny yourself wanting these things.
5. During the month when an item on your new moon list comes to you, don't merely cross it off of your list, take the time to rewrite the list in its entirety eliminating the manifested item from the listing. This is highly recommended. At the same time you may add whatever else that you have decided you would like. Feel free to reword any of the original phrases if they better fit your life now. It is only natural that your desires change over days/weeks/ months/years.
6. A second notebook will be used as a manifestation scrapbook where you paste in pictures or catalog clippings of items that you want to manifest. This is a fun project so enjoy yourself. You will soon be amazed how these things begin to find their way into your life once you start this practice.

Rededicating your New Moon Intentions

Each month at the new moon, you rededicate your intentions by renewing the list at a repeated ritual. This is accomplished by rewriting them out, removing the items that no longer feed your soul and adding those that do. I like to salt and pepper my manifest list with smaller items that will manifest quickly, such as tickets to the ballet, or lunch with a friend, or a day of all play and no work. You may think that these are such small things that they don't apply or are not worth writing down. Wrong! Believing that these are things that we can easily acquire so it's not really manifesting upsets the balance. Manifesting smaller items on our lists actually gives life to the list. These smaller manifestations create movement....an ebb and flow of the tides. We are dealing here with the moon cycles after all. Besides, sometimes we forget to enjoy the smaller pleasures in our lives while we are waiting for the BIG stuff to come in. If you only write statements like, "I want to win the lottery" in your notebook then you are limiting yourself by not allowing abundance to flow to you from other avenues.

June 15, 6:40 pm – Mercury Retrograde (until July 9)

A planet is described as retrograde when it appears to be moving backwards through the zodiac. On June 15, Mercury, the cosmic magician, turns retrograde in Cancer, the sign of the Crab, sending communications, travel, appointments, mail and the www into a general snarlup! This awkward period begins a few days before the actual turning point (as Mercury slows) and lasts for three weeks or so, until July 9th, when the Winged Messenger reaches his direct station. At this time he halts and begins his return to direct motion through the zodiac.

The Mercury retrograde in June/July 2007 doesn't go back into the air sign preceding Cancer, it stays and hovers over the emotions of Cancer, which require that we address our true feelings. The intensity of June/July will demand that we face our emotions. That will be a necessary step in this transition process for the year of 2007.

In general, Mercury rules thinking and perception, processing and disseminating information and all means of communication, commerce, education and transportation. By extension, Mercury rules people who work in these areas, especially people who work with their minds or their wits: writers and orators, commentators and critics, gossips and spin doctors, teachers, travelers, tricksters and thieves.

Mercury retrograde gives rise to personal misunderstandings; flawed, disrupted, or delayed communications, negotiations and trade; glitches and breakdowns with phones, computers, cars, buses, and trains. And all of these problems usually arise because some crucial piece of information, or component, has gone astray, or awry.

It is therefore not wise to make important decisions while Mercury is retrograde, since it is very likely that these decisions will be clouded by misinformation, poor communication and careless thinking. Mercury is all about mental clarity and the power of the mind, so when Mercury is retrograde, these intellectual characteristics tend to be less acute than usual, as the critical faculties are dimmed. Make sure you pay attention to the small print!

June 21 – Litha

Litha is one of the eight Wiccan Sabbats, or holiday festivals. It is also known as Midsummer and is the Summer Solstice. A solstice is the mid point of the solar cycle. The Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year and the shortest night. The Solstice marks the high point of the summer and the beginning of the decline of the Wheel of the Year. Celebrations include marriages, music, dancing, feasting and rituals

Animals/Mythical Creatures – wren, robin, horses, cattle, satyrs, faeries, firebird, dragon, thunderbird

Gemstones – lapis lazuli, diamond, tiger's eye, all green gemstones, especially emerald and jade

Incense/Oil – heliotrope, saffron, orange, frankincense & myrrh, wisteria, cinnamon, mint, rose, lemon, lavender, sandalwood, pine

Colors/Candles – blue, green, gold, yellow and red

Tools/Symbols/Decorations – the Sun, oak, birch & fir branches, sun flowers, lilies, red/maize/yellow or gold flower, love amulets, seashells, summer fruits & flowers, feather/flower door wreath, sun wheel, fire, circles of stone, sun dials and swords/blades, bird feathers, Witches' ladder

Goddesses – Mother Earth, Mother Nature, Venus, Aphrodite, Yemaya, Astarte, Freya, Hathor, Ishtar, all Goddesses of love, passion, beauty and the Sea, and Pregnant, lusty Goddesses, Green Forest Mother; Great One of the Stars, Goddess of the Wells

Gods – Father Sun/Sky, Oak King, Holly King, Arthur, Gods at peak power and strength.

Essence – humility, fire, partnership, nourishment, relationships, fertilization, nurturing

Dynamics/Meaning – crowning of the Sun God, death of the Oak King, assumption of the Holly King, end the ordeal of the Green Man

Purpose – rededication to the Lord and Lady, beginning of the harvest, honoring the Sun God, honoring the pregnant Goddess

Rituals/Magick – nature spirit/fey communion, planet healing, divination, love & protection magick. The battle between Oak King, God of the waxing year & Holly King, God of the waning year (can be a ritual play), or act out scenes from the Bard's (an incarnation of Merlin) "A Midsummer Night's Dream," rededication of faith, rites of inspiration

Customs – bonfires, processions, all night vigil, singing, feasting, celebrating with others, cutting divining rods, dowsing rods & wands, herb gathering, handfastings, weddings, Druidic gathering of mistletoe in oak groves, needfires, leaping between two fires, mistletoe (without berries, use as a protection amulet), women walking naked through gardens to ensure continued fertility, enjoying the seasonal fruits & vegetables, honor the Mother's fullness, richness and abundance, put garlands of St. John's Wort placed over doors/ windows & a sprig in the car for protection

Foods – honey, fresh vegetables, lemons, oranges, summer fruits, summer squash, pumpernickel bread, ale, carrot drinks, mead

Herbs – anise, mugwort, chamomile, rose, wild rose, oak blossoms, lily, cinquefoil, lavender, fennel, elder, mistletoe, hemp, thyme, larkspur, nettle, wisteria, vervain (verbena), St. John's Wort, heartsease, rue, fern, wormwood, pine, heather, yarrow, oak & holly trees

Element/Gender – fire/male

Threshold – evening/dawn

To learn more about this and other Sabbats, get A Year of Ritual Book at www.The-Witches-Apothecary.com/a-year-of-ritual-book.html

June 30th, 8:49 am – Full Moon

The June full moon is known as the Mead Moon.

The Full Moon is also known as an Esbat. An *Esbat* is a time for working magick and healing, for special worship, and to conduct Wiccan business. This is opposed to a *Sabbat*, which is a festive celebration of one of the eight Wiccan holidays.

A nice solitary activity on the Esbats is to take a deck of Tarot cards and separate them into the four suits and the Major Arcana, then place each of the piles at their respective points on the circle or altar (Pentacles for north, Wands for east, Swords for south, Cups for west, with the Major in the center). Then ask each element and the God and Goddess to reveal to you, through picking a card, one bit of advice you should heed between now and the next month's Moon. Write these down and interpret them later or interpret them immediately, but try to keep a record so that you can properly heed the advice.

The Witch's Apothecary June Sale Items

Rune Dice – Regular Price \$7.99, Sale Price \$6.99

Sabbat Blends Incense Kit – Regular Price \$9.99, Sale Price \$7.99

Three eBook Combo, Magickal Herbs, Magickal Correspondences & Making Magickal Incense – Regular Price \$12.97, Sale Price \$9.99

Wicca Starter Kit w/Money Spell – Regular Price \$26.99, Sale Price \$24.99

Rune Magick Cards – Regular Price - \$12.95, Sale Price \$10.95

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Herb of the Month

Angelica ~ Element – Air, Planet – Venus, Gender – Masculine, Parts Used – Roots and Fruits, Magickal Properties – Protection, Healing, Attracts the gift of temperance, Uses – Burn sun-dried herbs while you announce your desire and retain it in your mind. Candle Magick is also very useful with this herb.

To learn more about this and other herbs, get our Magickal Herbs eBook at www.The-Witches-Apothecary.com/magickal-herbs-spells--recipes-ebook.html

Stone of the Month

Amethyst – Cool and relaxing, amethyst is a stone of psychic power. Wearing it helps promote meditation, peace, tranquility and oneness with your spiritual goals. It enhances and strengthens the powers of the bearer and helps attune with the higher self, dispelling fears, heightening intuition and helping to embrace your own intuitive wisdom. Amethyst enhances mental and emotional stability. It relieves depression and can help conquer unwanted habits and addictions, particularly alcoholism. It relieves stress and diseases associated with overindulgence such as gout. Amethyst is associated with the Crown and Third Eye chakras, and the astrological sign Pisces. Amethyst is a powerful protective stone and it guards against psychic attack.

Rune of the Month

F **Fehu** (F: Domestic cattle, wealth.) Possessions won or earned, earned income, luck. Abundance, financial strength in the present or near future. Sign of hope and plenty, success and happiness. Social success. Energy, foresight, fertility, creation/destruction (becoming). Fehu Reversed or Merkstave: Loss of personal property, esteem, or something that you put in effort to keep. It indicates some sort of failure. Greed, burnout, atrophy, discord. Cowardice, stupidity, dullness, poverty, slavery, bondage.

To learn more about this and other runes, get our Rune Dice Book at www.The-Witches-Apothecary.com/rune-dice-divination.html

Tarot Card of the Month

King of Pentacles – This king exudes all manners of wealth. His scepter shows his dominion over all. His robe is embroidered with grapes and vines. His castle lies in the distance. The focus is on expansion, media, arts, communication, contacts with those in power or authority, and finishing old projects while starting new ones. As with all Court cards, it is also possible for a King to represent a person. The astrological sign for the King of Pentacles is Gemini. This could indicate a banker, or captain of industry – a solid, steady man with great financial gifts. Other adjectives to describe this person might be: versatile, energetic, capable, alert, enterprising, curious, communicative, and diversified. This King may represent the vocations of: motion pictures, directing, lecturing, fashion, arts, radio, dealing with the public, and having two or more jobs at a time.

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Correspondence of the Month

Colors – Color correspondences may be used with candle magick or other forms of magick. Below are some common colors and their representations.

White – Elemental spirits, Angels, Gods of wisdom, divination and prophecy. Purification and cleaning on all levels, contact with higher self and spiritual helpers, aura-healing, truth seeking, consecration, spiritual enlightenment, protection against negativity, breaking curses, exorcism, meditation, divination, inspiration, and clairvoyance. White can be a replacement for any other color.

Yellow – The color of elemental air. Vitality, change, progress, contact, communication, trade, confidence, joy, cheerfulness, learning, knowledge, mental clarity, concentration, speaking, writing and visualization

Red – The color of elemental fire. It represents deities of love, passion, sexuality and war. Courage, will-power, determination, speed, assertiveness, aggression, masculinity, independence, physical strength, sports, competition, conflicts, health, sexual attraction and potency, love and passion, fertility

Green – The color of elemental earth. It represents nature and fertility deities, Mother goddesses, nature, fertility, growth, rejuvenation, recovery, healing, harvest and abundance, prosperity, harmony, balance, peace, hope, home, plants and animals

Blue – The color of elemental water. It represents deities of the sea and sky, truth and wisdom. Peace and tranquility, calmness, truth, wisdom, justice, counsel, guidance, understanding and patience, loyalty and honor, sincerity, devotion, healing, femininity, prophetic dreams, protection during sleep, astral projection

Black – It represents deities of the Underworld. Repel and banish evil and negativity, protection, breaking free from bad habits and addictions, deep meditation, opens up deep unconscious levels.

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Spell of the Month

To Obtain Money

Done During the Full Moon

Fill your cauldron half full of water and drop a silver coin into it. Position the cauldron so that the light from the moon shines into the water. Gently sweep your hands just above the surface, symbolically gathering the Moon's silver.

While doing this say...

Lovely Lady of the Moon, bring to me your wealth right soon. Fill my hands with silver and gold. All you give, my purse can hold.

Repeat this three times. When finished, pour the water upon the earth.

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