



March Newsletter

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Important March Dates

(All times are CST)

March 4, 2:46 pm - New Moon

Pisces dominates this New Moon. There are five planets in the twelfth sign of the zodiac, immersing us in this subtle water sign – the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Mars and Uranus along with the asteroid, Chiron.

Where ever Pisces falls in your chart deserves your full attention on this lunation because if you have unfinished business there, now is the time to address it. If there ever was an ideal time to quietly sort through the matters of the house Pisces rules in your chart, this is it. Once the Aries volume starts cranking up, that's it, folks!

Remember Jupiter leads the way into Aries with Mercury following him on March 9 and the biggie, Uranus, on March 11.

Speaking of Jupiter in Aries, he is part of a small triangular formation with Mars in Pisces at the apex and the waning square to Pluto in Capricorn as the base. This gives Mars in Pisces far more edge than he usually has and normally mild mannered types could surprise their friends and co-workers by standing up for themselves and speaking out in defense of their cherished compassionate values. Pisces is often the champion of the underdog and those who cannot defend themselves. Besides most Pisces folks often have a Scorpio or three for back up, not to mention friends in high places (Pluto in Capricorn).

Pisces is often underestimated because they are chameleons, happy to show others the face they want to see while keeping far more to themselves. It has been said Pisces has a bit of all the signs within them and that's why they are so good at blending in. Whimsical, amusing, generally kind and as tough as nails is a fair description of your average Pisces.

Saturn in Libra is inconjunct the New Moon, providing support with reservations. Libra and Pisces are generally pretty friendly but they do have different priorities. Saturn in Libra is committed to fairness and equity from an intellectual perspective while the New Moon in Pisces illuminates the need for compassion first and foremost. Both parties can be satisfied though because compromise is in both Libra and Pisces vocabularies.

Venus is newly arrived in cool, detached Aquarius and forms no major aspects at this time. Venus in Aquarius can be described as faithful but not rigid and not given to jealousy. Love is more of an intellectual exercise than expression of passion under this influence. Besides, most of us will be too busy taking care of old business to make time for romance right now anyway.

This is a very focused New Moon chart with Saturn in Libra as the leading planet of a Bowl Pattern, making it easier than usual for normally languid Pisces to step up and get things done. Just remember to be kind and forgiving of others as you bustle around wrapping up all those loose ends!

March 8 - Mardi Gras

In medieval times, a similar-type festivity to that of the present day Mardi Gras was given by monarchs and lords prior to Lent in order to ceremoniously conscript new knights into service and hold feasts in their honor. The landed gentry would also ride through the countryside rewarding peasants with cakes (thought by some to be the origin of the King Cake), coins (perhaps the origin of present day gifts of Mardi Gras doubloons) and other trinkets. In Germany, there still remains a Carnival similar to that of the one held in New Orleans. Known as Fasching, the celebrations begin on Twelfth Night and continue until Shrove Tuesday. To a lesser degree, this festivity is still celebrated in France and Spain. A Carnival season was also celebrated in England until the Nineteenth Century, originating as a type of "renewal" festival that incorporated fertility motifs and ball games which frequently turned into riots between opposing villages, followed by feasts of pancakes and the imbibing of alcohol. The preparing and consumption of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (also known as "Pancake Day" or "Pancake Tuesday" and occurring annually between February 2 and March 9, depending upon the date of Easter) is still a tradition in the United Kingdom, where pancake tossing and pancake races (during which a pancake must be tossed a certain number of times) are still popular. One of the most famous of such competitions, which takes place in Olney, Buckinghamshire, is said to date from 1445. It is a race for women only and for those who have lived in the Parish for at least three months. An apron and head-covering are requisite. The course is 415 yards and the pancake must be tossed at least three times during the race. The winner receives a kiss from the Ringer of the Pancake Bell and a prayer book from the local vicar. "Shrove" is derived from the Old English word "shrive," which means to "confess all sins."

March 13, 2:00 am - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

The truth about St Patrick's Day

While St. Patrick's day is not officially recognized as a "National" Holiday, it is certainly one the most recognized in the United States. Celebrations began in Boston, MA in the year 1737. Irish immigrants missed their home country and with the help of the Catholic Church they came to honor the arrival of Spring with the legend of St. Patrick bringing Christianity to Pagan Ireland.

As the legend goes, St. Patrick was born in Kilpatrick Scotland in 387. His real name was believed to be Macwyn Succat. His parents were of Roman high rank. At 16, he was captured by Irish Marauders and sold as a slave to chieftain Milchu in Dalaradia. Milchu was a Druidical High Priest, leaving Patrick to tend sheep in the fields. Patrick remained in captivity for 6 years. He learned the Celtic language as well as all the facets of Druidism. However, as he remained a slave, he grew in his belief in Christianity and prayed to the Christian God. Finally, one day he fled, traveling 200 miles and boarded a ship and sailed to Britain.

Patrick stayed in Britain for 18 years bring Christianity to various cultures through war and conquering lands. Pope Celestine allowed Patrick to return to Ireland and bring Christianity to the country and named him

"patritius" derived from "ater civium" meaning "father of the people." A legend says that St. Patrick chased all the snakes out of Ireland. With Ireland being an island, there actually were no snakes to begin with. Patrick's chasing out the snakes is in reference to chasing out the Druid's, Ireland's indigenous religion.

As the legend continues, in 433, Patrick fought in Ireland with the Druids and was able to infiltrate the culture since he knew the language of the ancient pagan religion. Legend has it that St. Patrick died on the 17th of March 460 and this is the reason he is honored on this date. However, the Spring Equinox occurs anywhere from the 19th to the 22nd of March. Celebrating St. Patrick's day on the 17th was actually symbolic of the famous legend where Patrick arrived on Tar hill and lit the ritual fire before the Druid priests arrived and overtook the site.

Another symbolic act of Patrick overtaking Ireland's Druid heritage involves his use of the Shamrock (three-leaf clover). It is said that Patrick used the clover to explain the Trinity of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. However, the shamrock (Persian word for three-leaf clover), known as a "Seamroy" to Ireland, was a symbol used in Druidism to explain the three faces of the Goddess found in the Moon: Maiden, Mother, and Crone.

All the symbols used in St. Patrick's Day celebration are pagan in origin. The wearing of the green is associated with Ireland's green fields and nickname "Emerald Isle." The Leprechaun is the face figure of the Faeries known in Ireland.

The legend of the Leprechauns is that they know all the secrets of hidden treasures. Their affiliation with shoe-making, rainbows, and pots of gold is really symbolic of them being earth elemental spirits. They are the spirits that take raw material to work and shape it into something useful for humans. Trolls are the raw materials, found in their raw state, in their original locations.

Leprechauns are one of the many tribes belonging to the Faerie gods known to pagan Ireland. They live in the Land of Faeries known as "Tir Non Og" which lies in the West. The Irish originally called all faeries the Tuatha de' Danann, a pantheon of gods from which Lugh and Danaan were a part. Other such faerie gods include the high king "Fin Bheara." He is known to be skilled at the game of chess and running the hunt.

There are also the Banshee, angels of death. They are beautiful women in white or sometimes seen as old hags. They can be heard before seen because they are mournful. Their responsibilities are actually like guardian angels in that they help the deceased reach their designation. There are variety of others including: Lhiannon Sidhes - the faerie sweethearts, Phookas, Fir Darrig, Merrows - faerie mermaids, Roanes - the Seal People, and the Glaitigs - female water spirits.

Each family has his/her own protective Faerie spirit according to ancient Ireland and Druid tradition. These family spirits are cared for, fed, and given gifts. to do this strengthens the spirit and in time one can actually communicate with his/her spirit faerie. Among other things, one can learn the name of his/her family spirit faerie and acquire favors.

The myth of finding gold at the end of the rainbow contains hidden meanings because in ordinary reality there is not end of a rainbow. Rainbows are circular. They are created by water particles in the sky. A rainbow can only be seen in the morning and late afternoon when the sun is closer to the horizon. The rainbow will be found opposite the sun. To see a rainbow, the seeker must be between the sun and the area of the sky where the water particles reside. It is hard to see the full circle of the rainbow because in order to see the rainbow at all, we can only see it from an angle. It is not visible straight on perpendicular. IF one can solve the puzzle of the rainbow being circular and how a pot of gold can be at the end of a circle when there is no end to a circle, then he/she will achieve the winnings of a pot of gold.

March 19, 1:10 pm - Full Moon

Stonehenge Moon

Casting a circle creates sacred space to worship, meditate, heal, create and commune with the spiritual realms. The Full Moon in Virgo occurs just before Ostara. Ancient henges, temples and ziggurats feature archways that frame the light from the rising sun on Spring Equinox.

Although modern Pagans haven't built the next Stonehenge, gatherings begin with a circle-casting ritual to create sacred space that is oriented to and defined by the cardinal directions--just like the ancient henges.

The solitary practitioner may wish to obtain a floor mat and paint a cross on it. Orient the cross to the points of the compass and meditate on each quadrant's elemental association and symbols.

At the coven gathering, dedicate gifts to each directional element as the circle is cast. In particular, honor the East and the equinoctial rising Sun. Emphasize that the circle is a sacred space where coven members have gathered to encounter the divine, to rise above their daily selves and connect with the seasons, the pulse of the turning Earth, the light of the revolving Moon. This bond is at the heart of Pagan and Earth spirituality.

~Elizabeth Hazel in [Llewellyn's 2011 Witches' Datebook](#)

March 20, 6:21 pm – Ostara/Spring Equinox

Ostara

Animals/Mythical Creatures – unicorn, merpeople, pegasus, rabbit/Easter bunny, chicks, swallows, snakes

Gemstones – rose quartz, moonstone, amethyst, aquamarine, bloodstone, red jasper

Incense/Oil – African violet, lotus, jasmine, rose, magnolia, sage lavender, narcissus, ginger, broom, strawberry

Colors/Candles – gold, light green, grass green, robin's egg blue, lemon yellow, pale pink, anything pastel

Tools/Symbols/Decorations – colored eggs, baskets, green clothes, shamrock, equilateral cross, butterfly, cocoons, sprouting plants; violets, lily, spring wildflowers, new clothes, lamb, hare/rabbit

Goddesses – Eostre (Saxon Goddess of Fertility), Ostara (the German Goddess of Fertility), Kore, Maiden, Isis, Astarte (Persia, GrecoRoman), Ishtar (Babylonian), Minerva (Roman), Youthful Goddesses, Faerie Queen, Lady of the Lake (Welsh-Cornish), the Green Goddess

Gods – Hare, Green Man, Youthful Gods, Warrior Gods, Taliesin, Lord of the Greenwood (English), Dagda (Irish), Cernunnos (Greco-Celtic), Pan (Greek), Adonis (Greek)

Essence – strength, birthing, completion, power, love, sexuality, embodiment of spirit, fertility, opening, beginning

Dynamics/Meaning – the God comes of age, sexual union of the Lord & Lady, sprouting, greening, balance of light and dark

Purpose – plant and animal fertility, sowing

Rituals/Magick – spellcrafting, invention, new growth, new projects, seed blessing

Customs – wearing green, new clothes, Celtic bird festival, egg baskets coloring eggs, collecting birds eggs, bird watching, egg hunts, starting new projects, spring planting

Foods – light foods, fish, maple sugar candies, hot crossed buns, sweet breads, hard boiled eggs, honey cakes, seasonal fruits, milk punch, egg drinks

Herbs – acorns, celandine, tansy, cinquefoil, crocus, daffodil, dogwood, Irish moss, ginger, honeysuckle, iris, jasmine, rose, hyssop, linden, strawberry, violets

Element/Gender – air/male

Threshold – dawn

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March 30, 3:48 pm to April 23, 5:04 am - Mercury Retrograde

Mercury will go retrograde in the sign of Aries on March 30th and will be in that sign the entire period of its retrograde journey. If there was a zodiacal hot spot this would be it. As Mercury does its retrograde dance in Aries, it will be accompanied by Jupiter and Uranus and joined by Mars on the 2nd and Venus on the 21st. Even the Sun and Moon will join in at the New Moon on the 3rd. We can expect many Aries themes to be highlighted. Some of them might be: independence, hot-headedness, anger, individuality, identity and much more. Aries is a fire sign and means to burn up whatever is in the way of new growth. On the positive side think, 'crocus' on the negative side think, 'aggression.' The truth is that everything needs a push to get born. This is true for babies and democracies as well as fruits and vegetables of all sorts not to mention ideas. Aries is a sign that likes to go at life head first. The interesting thing about the New Moon is that it will be exactly opposite Saturn. This suggests that for every action there is a consequence. Mercury retrograde seriously seconds that concept. So think before you act but don't be overly passive. Change is inevitable just consider the consequences as best you can before you dive in.

Days on which to pay special attention to Aries themes are the 3rd because of the New Moon (consider the consequences of all intentions); 9th when Mercury conjuncts the Sun (be still and listen to your heart); 11th when Mercury conjuncts Jupiter (temper opinions with wisdom); 19th when Mercury conjuncts Mars (act impulsively now, pay later).

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Herb of the Month

Irish Moss - Water/Moon, Gender - Feminine, Parts Used – The Whole Herb, Magickal Properties - Money, Luck, Protection, Uses - Carried or placed beneath rugs to increase luck and money in people's pocket who live in the house, carried for protection, used to stuff luck and money poppets

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Stone of the Month

Nephrite - Nephrite is the ancestor of all minerals, the basic stone of old Chinese medicine. Nephrite is a mineral of either light grey or yellow, light-green, dark green, or blue and black color. Since old days, it was considered a stone of Gods. The translucent Nephrite of white color is highly valued. It has its own name - Jade. The Chinese sages attributed a number of virtues to the Nephrite. As it is said in the "Book of Verses:" the shining, but soft surface of Nephrite personifies human virtue. The corners of a stone that cannot be dulled are the symbol of justice. Astrologists regard Nephrite as a stone of Pluto.

Nephrite strengthens and brings longevity to its wearer. Wearing it as a talisman protects against failure and misfortune. The blue or green Nephrite overcomes evil in the person and helps him to change for the best. Nephrite has strong powers. It promotes changes for the best in daily life and helps to overcome deadlocks. It is a stone of singles - they should always carry it as a talisman. As an amulet, it protects from sickness and strengthens vital forces of the body.

Nephrite possesses a high thermal capacity. Therefore, a piece of Nephrite applied to stomach or kidney area operates as a gentle hot-water bottle, reducing pain. White Nephrite reduces renal colic and liver pains. It also intensifies hearing and sight. Red Nephrite settles palpitation. Wearing Nephrite beads helps with eyes diseases, migraines and protects against evil eye.

It is believed that Nephrite brings success in gambling, preserves against an evil eye and brings victory to Olympic athletes. It also protects from lightning and induces people to keep fidelity to stone's wearer. A piece of Nephrite buried under the basement will protect it from earthquake and flooding. Touching a Nephrite plate clears the mind and drives away tiredness. Nephrite is even more powerful if mounted in silver or platinum.

Rune of the Month

X Gebo (G: Gift.) – Gifts, both in the sense of sacrifice and of generosity, indicating balance. All matters in relation to exchanges, including contracts, personal relationships and partnerships. Gebo Merkstave (Gebo cannot be reversed, but may lie in opposition): Greed, loneliness, dependence, over-sacrifice. Obligation, toll, privation, bribery.

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Tarot Card of the Month

Knight of Wands - Court cards in a Tarot deck most often describe a certain type of person. When a Court Card appears in a Tarot Reading you are doing for yourself it may be indicating one of your personality traits or qualities that you need to be aware of.

The Wands are a fiery, passionate and creative suit. In the past, this suit was associated with peasants and today it is still used to predict changes in work and creativity. The Wand's direction is south; its element fire, its season summer and the astrological corresponding signs are Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius. Key words associated with the suit of Wands are creativity, growth, ambition, expansion and ventures.

The Knight of Wands can indicate quite dramatic changes in events with movement in home or career and possible overseas travel. Positive connotations associated with this card are the personality traits of strength,

vitality and spontaneity. Negative connotations associated with this card are the personality traits of jealousy, being argumentative and possibly having a violent temper.

The Knight of Wands also known as the Knight of Staves indicates a man less than 35 years of age. The physical characteristics of the man would be fair hair with grey or blue eyes.

Such a person could be present or about to appear. These characteristics could apply to the Reader too, if they are conducting a Reading for themselves.

There is no definitive right or wrong way to interpret the meanings of Court Cards in Tarot Readings. Remember the above possibilities but listen to your intuition for guidance when doing a Reading.

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Correspondence of the Month

Flowers

Rose Acacia – friendship

Amaryllis – beautiful but timid

Blue Bell – constancy

Buttercup – riches; memories of childhood

Camellia – gratitude; perfect loveliness

Carnation – pure and deep love

White Clover – I promise

Four Leaf Clover – be mine

Red Columbine – anxious and trembling

Dahlia – dignity and elegance

Daffodil – unrequited love

Garden Daisy – I share your feelings

Single Field Daisy – I will think of it

Dandelion – oracle; coquetry

Foxglove – insincerity; occupation

Rose Geranium – I prefer you

Honeysuckle – devoted love; fidelity

Hyacinth – constancy; benevolence

White Jasmine – amiability

Jonquil – desire; affection returned

Lavender – mistrust

Purple Lilac – first emotions of love

White Lily – majesty; purity

Lily of the Valley – return of happiness

Lupine – dejection

Magnolia – love of nature

Marigold – sacred affection

Garden Marigold – grief; chagrin

Mignonette – your qualities surpass your charms

Morning Glory – coquetry; affection

Myrtle – love in absence

Purple Pansy – you occupy my thoughts

Periwinkle – sweet memories
Phlox – our hearts are united

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Spell of the Month

Gaia Healing Spell

Perform this spell during an eclipse or a waxing moon phase. Arrange sea shells on a secluded beach, in the shape of a circle. If you do not have access to a beach, perform this ritual in a garden or forest using stones, branches or flowers to form the circle.

Kneel at the center facing the ocean. Light a blue candle and an incense of your choice. Raise your arms high and recite:

"With smoke and flame this spell's begun.
O Goddess of the stars, moon, and the sun,
Let the healing power begin.
Let the Earth be whole again."

"The Earth is my mother and I am her child.
The earth is my lover, free and wild.
Heal on the outside, heal within.
Land and sea, fire and wind."

"With love sincere,
I chant this prayer to make mankind
Begin to care.
Let every sister and every brother
Heal the wounds of the Great Earth Mother."

"Let the healing power begin,
Let the Earth be whole again.
Heal on the outside, heal within.
Land and sea, fire and wind.
So mote it be!"

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