



May Newsletter

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Important May Dates

(All times are CST/CDT)

May 1 - Beltane/May Day (Crossquarter - May 5)

Beltane

Animals/Mythical Creatures – the white cow, goats, giants, rabbits, honey bees, faeries, satyrs, Pegasus

Gemstones – emerald, orange carnelian, sapphire, rose quartz, lazuli, sapphire, yellow agate, bloodstone

Incense/Oil – passion flower, frankincense, tuberose, vanilla, lilac, rose

Colors/Candles – red & white (symbolizing God and Goddess), dark green, dark yellow, rainbow spectrum, blue, pastels, all colors

Tools/Symbols/Decorations – maypole & ribbons, flower crowns, fires, bowers, fields, May baskets, white flowers and ribbons, daisy chain, flower chaplet, white wine in clear crystal glass, chalice, butter churn, blackthorn & hawthorn branches, seasonal fruit

Goddesses – May Queen, Flora, Maia, Flower Goddesses, Lady of the Greenwood, Divine Couples, and Goddesses of the Hunt, Aphrodite(Greek) Blodewedd (Welsh), Erzulie (Voodun), Baubo (Greek)Rhea (Cretean), Prithvi (Hindu)

Gods – May King, Jack in the Green, Horned God (European), Herne (Greek), Green Man, Bel (Celtic), Baal (Phoenician), Gods of the Hunt,

Essence – compassion, youthful play, exuberance, sensuality, pleasure, action

Dynamics/Meaning – sacred marriage of the Lord and the Lady, arrival of the Tuatha de Dannan in Ireland

Purpose – fertility festival, celebrate 1st day of Celtic summer, 1st day of the light half of the year

Rituals/Magick – The Great Rite, love, romance & fertility magick, elf & faery power, offerings to elementals, crop blessings, relighting sacred fires, divination, building shrines, fire-calling, honoring house guardians, snake dancing, bathing faces in the morning dew of May to retain their youthful beauty

Customs – maypole erection, dancing around the maypole, bonfires, jumping fire, mating, picking flowers, making flower baskets, frolicking throughout the countryside, archery tournaments, sword dances, feasting, drinking and music, moving the herds to high pasture

Foods – dairy, honey, oats, red fruits, herbal salads, red/pink wine punch, large round oatmeal/barley cakes, sweets

Herbs – almond, angelica, damiana, hawthorn, hibiscus, saffron, ash tree, bluebells, cinquefoil, daisy, frankincense, hawthorn, ivy, lilac, marsh marigold, meadowsweet, primrose, roses, woodruff, yellow cowslip, yarrow

Element/Gender – air/male

Threshold – dawn

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May 3, 10:42 pm - Full Moon

Vesak (Buddhist)

Buddah Purnima, or Vesak, is a holiday celebrating the birthday of the Buddha. The Full Moon in May commemorates his birth, enlightenment, and death. Hymns are sung in praise of the holy triple gem: the Buddha, the Dharma (his teachings), and the Sangha (his disciples). Devotees may bring simple offerings of flowers, candles, and incense to lay at the feet of their teacher. These symbolic offerings are to remind followers that just as the beautiful flowers wither away after a short while, and the candles and incense soon burn out, so too is life subject to decay and destruction. Devotees are enjoined to make a special effort to refrain from killing of any kind, and are encouraged to partake of vegetarian food for the day.

This might be a good day to find out more about the teachings of the Buddha. Here are a few books you might read: *How To Practice: The Way to a Meaningful Life* by the Dalai Lama, *Buddhism: A very Short Introduction* by Damien Keown, *Buddhism: A Concise Introduction* by Huston Smith and Philip Novak, and *Buddhism, Plain and Simple* by Steve Hagen.

~ Magenta Griffith in Llewellyn's 2015 Witches' Datebook -

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Join the **Moon Water Challenge** this Full Moon. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/MoonWaterChallenge>

May 10 - Mother's Day

The Mother can be identified with the Full Moon and is the patroness of the harvests and protecting women's and animals' fertility, and nature in general. We should call this aspect of the Goddess when we want to address things related to motherhood, protection, marriage, guidance, achievement of inner peace, choices of any kind, spiritual development, intuition and psychic gifts.

May 17, 11:13 pm - New Moon

The New Moon in Taurus ushers in a pleasant time with some conflicts finding roots in our egos. We can't continue the old ways of doing business with the new energies that are now on the planet. The planet's energy shift is bringing us closer to a new, unprecedented age where we must give up the idea of competition and usher in a time of cooperation and self-love.

May 18, 8:49 pm until June 11, 5:33 pm - Mercury Retrograde

The last Mercury retrograde and the first for 2015 was in an air sign, Aquarius, a sign in which Mercury spent an extended amount of time. This retrograde period in May and June will occur in another air sign, this time in Gemini. Mercury will also spend an unusually extended amount of time in the sign, first entering Gemini Thursday, April 30 and not leaving Gemini until July 8th.

The difference will be that we will actually want Mercury to hang around in Gemini, even in spite of its temporary retrograde period from May 18 to June 11. Mercury has been in a bad way for much of 2015 and our synapses are fatigued and dulled from it. Mercury in Gemini will certainly bring them back up to speed. Mercury has essential dignity in Gemini, the sign it naturally rules.

The time from when Mercury enters Gemini April 30 until just before Mercury stations retrograde May 16 should be spent on proactively avoiding such pitfalls during the retrograde period. Get those emails sent, the papers signed, the deals made, the shopping finished, the car problems fixed, the spare keys made. The times when Mercury is direct will make these things a snap, but the retrograde period will be a hot mess. All forms of correspondence will take off like a jet, a flurry of calls and texts, emails and so forth. The retrograde will make everyone scatterbrained and unfocused but will not slow the quickened tempo. Not helping matters any will be the fact that Mercury will square Neptune in Pisces three times during its extended stay in Gemini. A Mercury-Neptune square is a communication trouble spot of its own. Preventing huge mistakes and misunderstandings during a Neptune square to a retrograde Mercury requires extra vigilance and energy we won't have.

Even though this Mercury retrograde will be as nerve wracking as any (possibly more so at certain times) Mercury is incredibly strong in Gemini, a natural conduit of information. It likes to connect dots, collect data, create new algorithms. If you remain attentive enough, you will begin to detect patterns emerging from previously overlooked info. You may not be able to use this knowledge until Mercury turns direct, however.

Those who feel more talkative than usual may find it hard to know when to shut up, what details to share and what to keep to themselves. There is an unfortunate tendency here for some to indulge in gossip, oversharing, exaggerating, and even telling little white lies. Lots of people can do this unintentionally, unaware of what they're really saying at the time. This is a real downside to Mercury in Gemini, really setting the mind and mouth in motion, but the retrograde combined with the square to Neptune in Pisces blurs factuality. Be careful of "venting" or processing your fleeting thoughts and feelings out loud. Others may not sense that you are thinking out loud and will instead take you at what they think is your word. There is going to be a lot of disappointment and confusion once the retrograde is over, as the stories people were told either shift into something else or fall through altogether.

What Mercury-Neptune lacks in clear linear thinking and communicating, it makes up for in creative, abstract artistic ability. Writers will be inspired during the times when Mercury is direct in Gemini and aspects Neptune, and will find more of a struggle during the retrograde period. Save everything you write as a draft to be reviewed when Mercury is direct. Mercury-Neptune creativity is sometimes more powerfully expressed through visual arts, so those with interests in that field will get more bang for their buck and may find the retrograde period enhances the creative flow more than it takes away from it. Anyone with creative careers or interests of any kind will see Mercury in Gemini squaring Neptune in Pisces as increasing their curiosity to explore and experiment with new ideas.

As with the last retrograde in an air sign, be very cautious and skeptical of social media during the retrograde in Gemini. It will probably calm the inevitable mental chatter if a break from social media is taken. Besides, the emphasis will be on making more immediate connections.

May 25 - Memorial Day

Light three candles in your personal sacred space on Memorial Day.

1. A white or purple candle for remembrance of deceased veterans
2. A white candle for remembrance and/or healing for living veterans
3. A white or red candle for protection of veterans currently serving

Take a moment to reflect in front of your altar.

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Herb of the Month

Rose - Fire/Venus; Also attributed to the element of Water, and also the influence of Mars; Gender - Feminine; Parts Used - Flowers; Magickal Properties - Ultimate Love, Protection; Uses - The ultimate in love wishes; this will aid in bringing a true lasting love and help also to mend any spats between you in an already committed relationship; the petals can be bathed with while thinking a new love to you; the dried flowers are burned in love wishes; sleeping with the flowers will protect your dreams; carry a sachet or amulet for protection against bodily injury or when working healing wishes.

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Stone of the Month

Emerald - Emerald benefits spiritual qualities of the person: ability to meditate, insightfulness, ability to understand motives of others. Emerald nurtures love, kindness and serenity. Consequently, it is regarded as a powerful remedy aiding to balance nervous system. Positive energy associated with its pleasant shade of green brings enjoyment and pleasure. Emerald strengthens health and brings longevity, it possesses enormous positive energy and is able to neutralize negative influence. Emerald helps to predict the future. It is also believed to protect against snakes' bites. According to one legend, seeing an Emerald is fatal for poisonous snakes - as they are blinded by it. The Emerald wearer will be free from melancholy and cares. It is also of use to those who wish to learn secrets and to penetrate the future. It prevents storms and drives away malicious intent.

Rune of the Month

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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.

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Tarot Card of the Month

Two of Cups - The Two of Cups shows the beauty and power that is created when two become one. The card reflects balance, mutual respect and harmony in relations with one another. There is no 'I,' just 'we,' and both parties are focused on a mutually beneficial outcome or win-win situation.

The Two of Cups typically points toward a relationship that is based on mutual attraction and romantic inclinations. It reflects the clear, nurturing, supportive and heartfelt exchange of emotions that is the gift of a romantic relationship. The Two of Cups represents love that is nurturing, creative, clearly focused, inspirational and equally fulfilling. In a reading, this is often a beautiful start to a new romance in which you will experience understanding, harmony and deep love between two souls. The seed has blossomed into a tree of appreciation. Kindness and thoughtfulness will bind your two hearts together with the feeling of being simultaneously very special to one another.

In some cases, the Two of Cups can refer to marriage, proposals and engagements, particularly as this card portrays what looks like a wedding or hand-fasting. It is a reflection of commitment between two individuals, to say that they will go through life together, always considerate of each other's needs and wishes.

Outside of love, the Two of Cups reflects a partnership of sorts, be it a business partnership, friendship or even a relationship between a person and his/her pet.

On first glance, the Two of Cups shares a similar message to the Lovers. However, the energy of the Two of Cups is slightly weaker than the Lovers card. Whereas the Lovers is the reunion of two complete beings, the Two of Cups is a less mature union that, stable as it may seem, does have the potential to come undone over a longer period of time. So, while the union is strong now, it is not clear whether the relationship shown by the Two of Cups can stand the test of time. Only the two people involved can decide that.

Despite the focus on the two beings shown on this card, the Two of Cups also points to what is happening within the individual. To be truly loved, deeply treasured and valued highly by others, you must first and foremost strive to create those feelings for yourself. That is, when you work toward loving yourself, you hold your inner spirit in high regard, treating it with deference and deep respect. When you see yourself in this positive light, other people cannot help but respond to your personal sense of value in an equally positive manner.

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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 preformed 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 in the path of the one you wish to lust for you. This spell is best cast on the new to waxing Moon for the purpose of obtaining the lust of another.

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