



November Newsletter

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Important November Dates

(All times are CST)

November 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

November 7 - Samhain Crossquarter

Samhain

Animals/Mythical Creatures - bats, cats, dogs, pooka, goblin, medusa, beansidhe, harpies

Gemstones - black stones, jet, obsidian, onyx, carnelian

Incense/Oil - frankincense, basil, yarrow, lilac, camphor, clove, wood rose, wormwood, myrrh, patchouli, apple, heliotrope, mint, nutmeg, sage, ylang-ylang

Colors/Candles - black (ward off negativity), orange (good luck), indigo, homemade apple or mint scented herbal candles to light jack-o-lanterns or for altar candles

Tools/Symbols/Decorations - black altar cloth, Halloween items, jack o? lanterns, oak leaves, acorns, straw, balefire, besom, black cat, black crescent moon, cauldron, divination tools, grain, magic mirror, mask, bare branches, animal bones, hazelwood, pictures of ancestors

Goddesses - The Crone, Hecate (Greek), Cerridwen (Welsh-Scottish), Arianrhod

(Welsh), Caillech (Irish-Scottish), Baba Yaga (Russian), Al-Ilat (Persian), Bast (Egyptian), Persephone (Greek), Hel (Norse), Kali (Hindu), all Death & Otherworld Goddesses

Gods - Horned Hunter (European), Cernunnos (Greco-Celtic), Osiris (Egyptian), Hades (Greek), Gwynn ap Nudd (British), Anubis (Egyptian), Coyote Brother (Native American), Loki (Norse), Dis (Roman), Arawn (Welsh), Sacrificial/Dying/Aging Gods, Death and Otherworld Gods

Essence - magick, plenty; knowledge, the night, death & rebirth, success, protection; rest, new beginning; ancestors; lifting of the veil, mundane laws in abeyance, return, change

Dynamics/Meaning - death & transformation, Wiccan new year, wisdom of The Crone, end of summer, honoring, thinning of the veil between worlds, death of the year, time outside of time, night of the Wild Hunt, begin new projects, end old projects

Purpose - honoring the dead, especially departed ancestors, knowing we will not be forgotten; clear knowledge of our path; guidance, protection, celebrating reincarnation

Rituals/Magick - honoring/consulting ancestors, releasing the old, power, understanding death and rebirth, entering the underworld, divination, dance of the dead, fire calling, past life recall

Customs - ancestor altar, costumes, divination, carving jack o' lanterns, spirit plate, the Feast of the Dead, feasting, paying debts, fairs, drying winter herbs, masks, bonfires, apple games, tricks, washing clothes

Foods - apple, pumpkin pie, pomegranate, pumpkin, squash, hazelnuts, corn, cranberry muffins, bread, ale, cider and herbal tea

Herbs - allspice, broom, comfrey, dandelion, deadly nightshade, mugwort, catnip, dittany of Crete, ferns, flax, fumitory, mandrake, mullein, dragon's blood, sage, straw, thistles, oak (leaf), wormwood (burn to protect from roving spirits)

Element/Gender - water/male

Threshold - midnight

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November 10, 2:16 pm - Full Moon

Moon of the Ruby Rose

The Taurus Full Moon features the Moon in her glory, where she unfolds like a pure, luminous rose of light in the night sky. A coven gathering is a setting where members can share their unfolding destiny amid mutual support. The spiritual benefits of the group should trickle down into the lives of its members.

After selecting sacred arts or specific goals, it takes hard work and endurance to reach the blooming stage. Roses are hardy plants with amazingly deep roots, thick stalks and sharp thorns. This sheer toughness supports the beauty of the bloom. But even a rose

bush needs food, water, medical aid and pruning. So it is with people; and magickal folk should know when they need nourishment or aid.

A few days before the Full Moon, the solitary practitioner should obtain a single red rose and place it on the altar. Bathe in rose water, burn rose incense and sprinkle dried rose petals when casting the circle. Meditate on ways life is unfolding and opening like the rose on the altar.

Coven members can discuss ways the group has helped them bloom, including exceptional rituals that led to personal breakthroughs.

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

November 16 - Night of Hecate

A Spell to Call Hecate to Aid Your Magick

This spell calls the Witch-goddess Hecate, goddess of the crossroads and witchcraft, to aid you in your magick. Use this spell just before casting a spell.

Close your eyes and mentally say: "I call the goddess Hecate, to guide my magick on its way."

The open your eyes and say out loud: "I Call the goddess Hecate, to guide my magick on its way."

Cast your spell.

Thank Hecate for all of her graceful and nourishing help.

November 24, 1:19 am to December 13, 7:43 pm - Mercury Retrograde

The last Mercury Retrograde cycle of the year begins November 24th 2011 at 20 Sagittarius 06, until it turns direct on December 13th 2011 at 03 Sagittarius 52. This period of time needs to be handled with caution, with carefulness and with retrospection to avoid glitches, personal misunderstandings, and delayed, flawed or disrupted communications with ourselves and others. Although there always will be problems and mishaps, much of the frustrations and stresses we experience during this retrograde are sometimes caused by our own negligence in paying attention to the particulars. The area that seems to be highlighted during this interlude is connected with our belief system, our optimism, our legal affairs, and our long distance travels and explorations. Mercury in Sagittarius is in detriment, and needs our concentration in staying responsive, paying attention to the details and keeping alert. To snooze is to lose, symbolizes this retrograde, as this is not a risk to be taken lightly now.

The Sabian symbol for 21 degrees of Sagittarius and for 4 degrees of Sagittarius are highlighted below.

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Sagittarius 21 - A child and a dog with borrowed eyeglasses. This is a symbol of man's unimpeachably universal spirit, and of his realization that there are no absolute lines of demarcation between higher and lower life or between the varying stages of competency to be found in each. Self-consciousness requires a supplementation of its capacities in the structures and materials of each particular plane of being, and individuality develops as it enters into reality through its own characteristic modes of insight. The keyword is examination. When positive, the degree is an exceptional skill in the analysis of personal opportunity throughout the many dimensions of experience, and when negative, distorted vision and self-defeating prejudice.

Sagittarius 4 - A little child learning to walk. This is a symbol of the self-confidence and authority which come to man through his refinement of skills and discipline of understanding, and of his capacity for mobilizing every potentiality of self at any point of challenge in events. Here is emphasis on the individual's effective and profitable participation in a reality which he has been able to approach and master through the completeness of his perspective. His gift of concentration is his genius of self-fulfillment. The keyword is ability. When positive, the degree is high sensitiveness to every possibility of accomplishment or broadened self-discovery, and when negative, unsuspected bigotry or foolish exactitude.

With Mercury Retrograde and in a sign where its full potential is not realized, this symbol speaks to us that the energy at this time is presenting us the opportunity for curiosity and role playing. In so doing, we gain the understanding of the actions of others and we achieve personal growth with higher knowledge. This sensitivity to the needs and wants of others ultimately creates the resourcefulness in our own characters to manifest the reality we wish for ourselves. Our greatest advantage lies in the fact that at this time period, it is affording us some quiet time to reflect, reinvent and reinvigorate our souls and who we are. This interlude allows us to experience, improvise and to look beyond our familiarities to see new vistas and challenges. At the same time, as we continue our journey, we need to impress into our consciousness the need to pay attention to details and to articulate our desires and goals. While we work through this period and as Mercury goes direct, the Sabian Symbol reveals that confidence and ability is gained through trial and error. To snooze is to lose is the message of Mercury Retrograde in Sagittarius.

November 24 - Thanksgiving

Spell for Thanksgiving

You Will Need:

- * A small deep orange or russet colored candle
- * A small handful of grain (rice is great for this but any other grain to which you feel drawn works)
- * A small offering dish or bowl
- * A small chalice or red wine, mead, or apple cider

Light your candle and reflect on the meaning of Thanksgiving and take a moment to sense the change in the seasons. Give yourself some time to really sink into the feeling of this special day.

Gazing at your candle, begin to think of and meditate on the things that you have harvested for the year. These can be actual things that manifested in the material world that you were praying for and working magick for, or they can be things that the Universe and the Gods worked with you to keep moving smoothly (your health, your home, your protection, etc.). Think of this as being similar to the part where you may go around the table at Thanksgiving talking about the things you are thankful for.

Once you have firmly gathered your intentions in your mind and you know what things you have to thank the Gods for, take a moment to now acknowledge the Gods' sacrifice for your good fortune. Even though you may have worked with the Goddess specifically on a goal, the energy of the God still resonates within that work. You can always thank the Goddess as well because she has sacrificed for your fortune too through the death of her consort.

For each thing that you are thankful for, pick up a piece of grain and name it. "I am thankful to the Great God for his sacrifice that allowed me to be in good health this year."

Do this for each thing that you have to be thankful for, placing each piece in the bowl as you finish working with it.

When you are done, look at the bowl and realize how blessed you are. This would be similar to the idea of "count your blessings." This is a great way to realize that even if you have had a difficult year, there are still things for you to be grateful for and blessings that have come to you.

Take a moment to say some words of thanks to the God and Goddess. These should come from the heart; thank them as if they were sitting there on the other side of the altar with you, letting them know your heartfelt gratitude for their energy in your life and the blessings they have given you.

Pick up the chalice and acknowledge this as an offering to the Gods as a form of sacrifice. Even if you're not using red wine, you can still envision your offering and sacrifice in the same way. You can use words like these or something similar.

"To the great Dying God and to the Great Mother who releases him for the benefit of all living creatures,

I thank you for your gift of life.

I thank you for your sacrifice.

As the red wine within this chalice is to the red blood that runs through my veins,
I too offer a sacrifice to you in exchange.

I offer a small piece of myself in exchange for the large piece of you which fuels and

guides me,
Allowing me these things for which I am grateful."

Pour the wine in the bowl with the grain.

Spend a moment in silent meditation and reflection listening for any messages from the Divine.

Close your circle or sacred space, thanking any spirits or entities that you called in and releasing them.

You can let the bowl of wine and grain sit on your altar overnight as an offering and then return it to the earth the following day. If you have small hands and paws that might get into it you can certainly take it immediately and offer it to the earth.

November 25, 12:10 pm - New Moon, 12:20 am -Solar Eclipse

A new cycle starts with the most gregarious, outgoing sign of the zodiac. Your attention is pointed outwards and towards growth and fortunate manifestations. It is a time to ask yourself where you have been holding back and underestimated yourself. It is a month to step up to the plate, play your hand fully and take some risks. Communications will have obstacles and you need to keep the bigger picture in mind.

This powerful New Moon is involved in a T Square with the spine of the kite with Mars and the Neptune Chiron conjunction integrating the sacred masculine and feminine energies to these times of change.

Eclipse seasons come when the lunations come close to the nodal axis which are the points in the heavens where the Sun, the Earth and the Moon enter into exact alignment. The Nodes are not planets but are points of universal alignment that trace the individual and collective movements towards the integration of the Solar, or sacred masculine principle, and the Lunar, or sacred feminine principle. The Lunar point or South Node represents what we've come to this world with, our inheritance from our collective and individual past lives, while the Solar point or North Node represents what we've come here to shine and create in this incarnation, who we have come here to be and create. That this Solar Eclipse engages so powerfully in this complex and portentous alignment is another sign that humanity is taking flight into a new era, a new age. How this manifest is largely up to us as each and every one of us has the power to affect change by how we direct our intentions. In no time in history, has this been more important for our survival on the Earth. Peace, love, harmony and abundance are the rich gifts offered by a collective that nurtures and support each of its members. As we work towards these ideals, it is important that we all realize the power of transformation lies within us.

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Herb of the Month

Rosemary - Fire/Mars, Gender - Masculine, Parts Used - Leaves and small branches, Magickal Properties - Contentment, Love, Protection, Clear Thinking and Money, Uses - Used primarily for contentment and happiness in the home and a person, a branch is hung, food is cooked with it or it can be worn to bring a tension relieving and contented feeling. This, added to other appropriate herbs is a great boost for money, carried in a sachet, talisman or amulet, this is a great guard against negative energies, it can be drunk as a tea to improve mental clarity and aid in the memory

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Stone of the Month

Topaz - Removing negativity, topaz transforms it to joy and enhances individuality and creativity. It helps the wearer to see the big picture, understanding their own motivation and desires as well as the intents of those around them. Topaz improves the intellect, promotes health and wealth. It instills discipline and gives the wearer the impetus to act on their dreams, thus bringing them into materialization.

Topaz is a powerful stone in the way that quartz is. It is a balancing and calming stone that balances emotions, releases tension, balances emotions, and can bring joy. Topaz is also believed to bring success and good fortune, and synchronicity. It is also used for protection, particularly protection from the evil eye and greed. It also is said to bring creativity, individuality, true love, and hope. Spiritually it brings in spiritual love and peace. Physically, topaz aids with gout, blood disorders, hemorrhages, poor appetite, tissue regeneration, tuberculosis, aging (reverses), endocrine system.

Rune of the Month

↳ **Perthro** (P: Lot cup, vagina.) – Uncertain meaning, a secret matter, a mystery, hidden things and occult abilities. Initiation, knowledge of one's destiny, knowledge of future matters, determining the future or your path. Pertaining to things feminine, feminine mysteries including female fertility, and vagina. Good lot, fellowship and joy. Evolutionary change. Perthro Reversed or Merkstave: Addiction, stagnation, loneliness, malaise.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The Star

With Aquarius as its ruling sign, The Star is a card that looks to the future. It does not predict any immediate or powerful change, but it does predict hope and healing, even unexpected help to offer us sustenance in bleak times.

Thus, the card says that there is aid and assistance out there to help us through hard times, like organizations that offer food and shelter in the wake of a terrible flood or fire. This assistance might, to us, be a friend or counselor, an uplifting book or music, anything that appears in our life and heals our wounded spirit. Moreover, the card tells us that we can achieve what we most want to achieve, like flood or fire victims wanting to rebuild. This future, however, won't be growing to full size overnight. It will take time and we must not lose sight of it.

This may seem like little comfort. No one wants to hear that the person they're interested in is not interested in them, but will be in the future. Or that they will not succeed today, but will later on in life. Still, it is there, a glimmer of light in the darkness. The question is, do we feel it's worth waiting for or not?

That is the question the Star makes us ask ourselves: What do we want bad enough that we will go the distance for it? The answer will tell us as much about what we are as what we could be.

The Star is one of those cards that almost everyone loves. It is often the most beautiful card in the deck and its image suggests the peace and harmony of its meaning.

While this card offers hope and possibilities, however, the reader must remember that these are in the distance. Only a time of healing and peace, like the oasis of water before the Star, are in the now. Like Aquarius, the card's vision is for tomorrow. This means that if the querent is seeking love, a career, fame, wealth or even spiritual enlightenment, this card's appearance means it is only a possibility. It is not going to

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happen any time soon. But if, like a ship navigating its way, the star is kept in sight, the other land that is sought will eventually be reached.

The Star offers no guarantees, of course, that the traveler won't tire and give up or be lured in another direction. And, there is no telling what obstacles will be encountered along the way. All the Star promises is that a particular future can exist.

The Star offers peace and healing and a glimpse of the future. It is up to the querent to decide if he or she is willing to go after that future, no matter how long it may take.

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Correspondence of the Month

Weather

Lightning storms – This is a period of intense energy. All spells cast during storms will be empowered. Protection rituals are ideal.

Rainstorms – purification, love, compassion, friendship, beauty rituals, releasing guilt and jealousy

Snowstorms – gentle magick, purification, emotions, letting go of love

Heavy winds – travel spells, study spells, breaking addictions

Wind directions

North Wind

The North Wind is useful for breaking bad habits, perform any this type of spell while the North Wind is blowing for added power. The North Wind is also the wind of the element Earth, and can be used for fertility and prosperity magic, as well as healing.

West Wind

The West Wind is useful for Water magic, love, healing and fertility. It is especially useful for spells involving cleansing and purification or celebratory rituals.

East Wind

The wind blowing from the East is associated with thinking, intellect and new beginnings. The East Wind is useful for spells involving the mind and all spells involving the element of Air.

South Wind

Because the South Wind is related to the element of Fire, spells of the same nature should be cast while it is blowing. It's a good time for love spells and other spells of a passionate nature.

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Spell of the Month

Fireplace Magick

The fireplace has long been regarded as the magickal portal of a home. It was through this opening that Witches were said to fly away on their broomsticks, and in modern mythology it is the opening through which Santa Claus comes and goes. The fireplace once was the center of home life. In it, food was cooked, clothes washed, and by its light, families gathered to visit and tell stories. Due to its vital importance, people developed ways to protect the fireplace, such as tossing a handful of oak leaves, cloves, holly, rosemary, frankincense, cinnamon, or nettles onto the already smoldering fire.

Setting a Witch's besom (broom) near the fireplace or crossing the andirons were also ways of blocking negativity from entering the house. Keeping a cauldron boiling on the hearth was another. Some fireplaces were decorated with three concentric circles above the opening. This probably harkens back to a very old belief that the Triple Goddess protected any home wherein a fire was kindled. The sun god Lugh could also be called upon to protect the hearth by hanging a pouch containing the first grain of the harvest on the mantle. This was also a charm for fertility.

Other herbs were often hung to dry near the hearth, the heat and dryness curing and preserving the plants until they were ready to be used. These herbs could be enchanted and hung up as an additional talisman of protection.

Scrying by hearth light is a relaxing pastime, and gazing softly into a roaring fire to catch glimpses of visions is an age-old practice. You can predict the future by the manner in which the coals, peat, or wood burns.

The fireplace can be as magickal as your imagination will allow. Here you are working directly with the transformative element of fire, and how you choose to utilize it is up to you and your inner self.

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