



October Newsletter

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Important October Dates

(All times are CDT)

October 15, 7:02 am - New Moon

The new Moon of October 15 is at 22° Libra, on the brilliant fixed star Spica in constellation Virgo and opposite dare-devil Eris. With this Moon, we find a brave new method of addressing the issues brought up at the September full Moon. That last moon was pretty challenging since it was igniting the extremely flammable Uranus square Pluto. We still have the soothing Ceres/Saturn/Neptune trine for protection, but instead of that harsh Moon aspect to the Uranus square Pluto, we now have a harmonious trine from Mars.

Mars should bring determination to resolve any matters that the hope medicine of the Ceres/Saturn/Neptune grand trine may have overlooked. Grand trines can be a buffer, but can also make things so comfy that one may inadvertently become complicit in so called ?evil deeds? simply through inertia and turning a blind eye. You have to look at the planets involved. Yes, positively, these planets can be sweet hopes and dreams. But Neptune can be an escapist lush, Ceres indulgent and Saturn slow as snails. Leave all three lumps in front of a cinema flat screen with a vat of beer and we can wave bye-bye to the Uranus square Pluto revolution.

October 29, 2:49 pm - Full Moon

The Storytelling Spider Moon

Spider is the weaver, the link to past and future, and the keeper of language and creativity. She bestows her gifts upon writers and poets. Among some cultures, it was she who wove the "primordial alphabet" so that we humans might possess a written language. To some African peoples, Spider is Anansi, the storyteller. He is the Keeper of history and knowledge.

Storytelling can strengthen bonds among family and friends. It can heal and transform individuals. It can also be a fun Halloween game. On this Full Moon, tell your story as a solitary or as a group. Speak it in the third person and make it dramatic, as if you were telling an epic tale of challenge, heroism and love. As a group, pick someone at random to begin. Then go around the circle, with each person adding a sentence or two as you build the story of your community together. Alternatively, make 10 to 20 cards with various words on them. These can be silly words for a fun game or words to evoke insight for a healing story. Sit in a circle and have each person take the same number of cards without looking at them. Go around the circle with each person using one word in a sentence at a time to create humor or healing.

~ Kristin Madden in Llewellyn's 2012 Witches' Datebook

October 31 - Samhain

(Crossquarter November 7)

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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Herb of the Month


Patchouli - Element - Earth, Planet - Sun, Gender - Masculine, Parts Used - The whole herb, Magickal Properties - Passionate Love, Fertility, Business Growth, Uses - Used primarily in attracting a powerful passionate love, burned for new business growth and also placed in the garden to help it grow healthy, worn in a sachet or an oil for fertility, also used with other Earth element herbs for divination and increasing psychic awareness.

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Stone of the Month

Fire Agate - Fire agate is a stone of courage, protection, and strength. Mystical lore says that it relieves fears, halts gossip and even reflects any threat of harm back to the source. Fire agate can help with spiritual advancement and progression. It promotes and enhances energy, including meditation, ritual, and spiritual healing energies. It also balances masculine (active) and feminine (receptive) energies. It is also said that it can take the edge off the emotional charge of problems. Fire agate is often used in spells to increase skills in communication in writing and speaking. It can also heighten creative visualization. It can be used for amplifying psychic talents. It has been used by shamans for stimulating clairvoyance and in order to evoke images and memories of other lives. In healing, it is considered to increase the natural talents and abilities of healing. Metaphysical healing lore professes that fire agate assists with healing of the circulatory system, lymph system, intestines. Fire agate is associated primarily with the sacral and root chakras.

Rune of the Month

 **Othala** (O: Ancestral property.) – Inherited property or possessions, a house, a home. What is truly important to one. Group order, group prosperity. Land of birth, spiritual heritage, experience and fundamental values. Aid in spiritual and physical journeys. Source of safety, increase and abundance. Othala Reversed or Merkstave: Lack of customary order, totalitarianism, slavery, poverty, homelessness. Bad karma, prejudice, clannishness, provincialism. What a man is bound to.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The Lovers

The Lovers represent a new breath of life. They symbolize love, devotion and spiritual friendship. Positively associated with desire, new lover, relationships, physical attraction, love, sex, and commitment. Negatively associated with lust, moral lapse, temptation, indecision, separation, failed love affair, and emotional loss of control.

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Correspondence of the Month

Planetary Influences

Sun – power magick, health, prosperity, exorcism

Moon – intuition, dreams, psychic ability, female fertility

Mars – courage, energy, breaking negativity, physical strength

Mercury – divination, communications, knowledge, wisdom

Jupiter – happiness, luck, wealth, healing, male fertility, legal matters

Venus – love, sexual matters, marriage, friendship

Saturn – psychic ability, meditation, defense, communicating with spirits

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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 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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