



September Newsletter

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Important September Dates

(All times are CDT)

August 30, 8:04 am to September 22, 12:31 am – Mercury Retrograde

Virgo is the sign of self-improvement, personal organization, and service. Since Mercury is at home in its traditional rulership of Virgo, this retrograde period may force awareness of the necessity of cleaning, tidying, organizing and purging. Oddly, individuals with strong natal Virgo might secretly enjoy all this despite how it can wreak havoc in all types of order and routines. You know the expression 'the Devil is in the details'? Well during Mercury's retrograde in Virgo, the Devil is the details. And it might be a Tasmanian Devil.

Your schedule might as well be put through a paper shredder but despite the chaos, there are constructive ways to evaluate your personal organization systems so that you can make them stronger after the retrogradation. How can you structure your routines so that you get the most out of them? What types of routines should you adopt for self-improvement in the areas that you know are falling short, (possibly diet, health and exercise)?

Since the school year is beginning, the effort of starting off the semester in an organized way may be hijacked by Mercury's retrograde. If you have children in school, getting them ready and buying all the necessary supplies for the year may be a greater challenge than usual. Start the process early. And if you are in school yourself, you might want to take a trip down to the Container Store or Staples to strategize ways you can organize your desk and structure your study habits.

Virgo is the most analytical and critical sign. While Mercury is retrograde in this sign, your analytical and critical faculties may go haywire. When Mercury goes direct on September 22 things should begin to move more smoothly. You may have to wait out the retrograde period until the fog lifts, and then you can address things with greater clarity and structure.

September 1, 4:03 am - New Moon, 4:07 am - Solar Eclipse

A New Moon is always good time to reset and refine intentions and when it is accompanied by an eclipse is carries even more power. We are moving into a time of consolidating and collecting our energies for what's to come and this New Moon is a great time to review where you have been and where you wish to go. The most important thing is to know what you want. If you don't know what you want, at least tell the truth about what you don't want. Eliminate what does not work, what no longer fits, and open the possibilities for something new to become clear and begin to emerge.

The first few days of September will be a great time to go within and to make some inner decisions and personal commitments that will put certain things into action for you in the future. It is a time to set things up in the right way, realign your goals to match your heart's desires, get the support you need, and make a plan.

September 5 - Labor Day

Labor Day

Throw up our feet,
start up the grill,
toss on the 'burgers
and we'll all eat our fill.

Put up the tools,
watch the grass grow,
forget the leak
and the commode overflow.

The dishes can wait;
go out and play.
There's good reason to be lazy...
it's called Labor Day!

~ Nancy Hughes

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September 16, 1:54 pm – Lunar Eclipse, 2:05 pm - Full Moon

The Raven Moon

September announces the Raven Moon. This is the time of harvest, when people gather to bring in the crops. There are feasts and festivals along with the hard work. So too, Raven is a chatterbird, always ready to socialize or play tricks, yet those birds also excel at working out solutions to get food from inaccessible places.

To tune into Raven energy this month, place an image of a raven on your altar. Meditate on the importance of communication and how it connects people to each other. Throughout the month, pay attention for ravens all around you—black feathers, cawing voices, wings in the sky, the written word, images on a screen. Whenever you notice a raven, check all around you. Is there an announcement to hear? A news article to read? A person you could be talking to? Make the connection. Communicate. Learn about the things Raven calls to your attention.

Later on, talk about your observations with a friend or family member. Ask what they have noticed and listen to their thoughts. A flock of ravens has many eyes and they share information with each other about food sources and other important news.

~ Elizabeth Barrette in Llewellyn's 2016 Witches' Datebook -

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September 22 –Mabon/Fall Equinox

Mabon

Animals/Mythical Creatures – dogs, wolves, stag, blackbird, owl, eagle, birds of prey, salmon & goat, Gnomes, Sphinx, Minotaur, Cyclops, Andamans and Gulons

Gemstones – yellow agate, carnelian, yellow topaz, sapphire, lapis lazuli & amethyst

Incense/Oil – pine, sweetgrass, apple blossom, benzoin, myrrh, frankincense, jasmine, sage wood aloes, black pepper, patchouli, cinnamon, clove, oak moss

Colors/Candles – brown, green, orange, red, deep gold, scarlet, yellow, russet, maroon, all autumn colors, purple, blue violet & indigo

Tools/Symbols/Decorations – Indian corn, red fruits, autumn flowers, red poppies, hazelnuts, garlands, grains especially wheat stalks, and colorful, fallen leaves, acorns, pine & cypress cones, oak sprigs, pomegranate, statue/or figure to represent the Mother Goddess, Mabon wreath, vine, grapes, gourd, cornucopia/horns of plenty, burial cairns, apples, marigolds, harvested crops, burial cairns, rattles, the Mysteries, sun wheel, all harvest symbols

Goddesses – Modron (Welsh), Bona Dea, Land Mother, Aging & Harvest Deities: the Triple Goddess-Mother aspect, Persephone, Demeter/Ceres, Morgan (Welsh- Cornish), Snake Woman (aboriginal), Epona (Celtic-Gaulish), Pomona (Roman), the Muses (Greek)

Gods – Mabon ap Modron (Welsh), Sky Father, Wine Gods, Aging Gods, John Barleycorn, the Wicker-Man, the Corn Man, Thoth (Egyptian), Hermes, Hotei (Japanese), Thor, Dionysus (Roman), Bacchus (Greek) & all wine deities

Essence – beauty, joy; fullness of life, harvest of the year's desires, strength; laughter; power; prosperity, equality, balance, appreciation, harvest, protection, wealth, security, self-confidence, reincarnation

Dynamics/Meaning – death of the God, assumption of the Crone, balance of light and dark; increase of darkness, grape harvest, completion of the harvest

Purpose – second harvest festival, new wine pressing/making preparation for winter and Samhain, rest after labor, Pagan day of Thanksgiving, honoring the spirit world, celebration of wine

Rituals/Magick – Celtic Festival of the Vine, prosperity rituals, introspection, rituals which enact the elderly aspects of both Goddess & God, past life recall

Customs – offerings to land, preparing for cold weather, bringing in harvest, cutting willow wands (Druidic), eating seasonal fruit, leaving apples upon burial cairns & graves as a token of honor, walk wild places & forests, gather seed pods & dried plants, fermenting grapes to make wine, picking ripe produce, stalk bundling; fishing, on the closest full moon (Harvest Moon) harvesting crops by moonlight.

Foods – cornbread, wheat products, bread, grains, berries, nuts, grapes, acorns, seeds, dried fruits, corn, beans, squash, roots (ie onions, carrots, potatoes, etc), hops, saffron, apples, pomegranates, carrots, onions, potatoes, roast goose or mutton, wine, ale, & cider

Herbs – myrrh, thistle, tobacco, oak leaf, hazel, mums, hops, acorns, marigold, rose, sage, milkweed, Solomon's seal, aster, fern, honeysuckle, benzoin, myrrh, passionflower, pine & cedar, ivy, hazel, hops, cedar

Element/Gender – water/male

Threshold – evening

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Herb of the Month

Cinnamon - Fire/Sun; Gender – Masculine; Parts Used – Bark; Magickal Properties - Protection, Healing, Love, Passion and Money wishes. Uses - Burn to promote clairvoyance and protection; add to other appropriate money herbs for an excellent boost; wear an amulet for passion in men; mix with other appropriate healing herbs to add energy and quickness to healing.

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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

 **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 or esteem; 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

The Eight of Pentacles - The Eight of Pentacles can indicate a period of very hard work. This does not have to be a negative thing, but you must be prepared for it. Think about what it is that you are working for. This work can be personal or professional. Be prepared to ask for help if you need it.

The Eight of Pentacles in general points to necessary efforts. You will have a lot on your plate that you must accomplish. Dedication to the tasks at hand is important (and admirable) but working for its own sake can be counterproductive. Be clear about what you are trying to accomplish. Strive for balance. No one can or should work all of the time.

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Correspondence of the Month

Eclipses

Solar Eclipse – Dramatic moments both for their observers as well as for practitioners. In the past, practitioners were urged not to perform magick during eclipses. Today, many natural witches use the suggestive power of an eclipse to fuel spells involving banishments, including the destruction of disease. all forms of magick are acceptable, omens, psychic ability, Sun magick; Leo

Lunar Eclipse –Choose long-term goals you wish to work on well ahead of these events. Eclipses represent the perfect union of Sun and Moon, therefore practically any type of magick is acceptable. Many working witches prefer to work with the Dark Goddesses during this time, correcting long-standing problems. Others lean toward the Shining Ones and fairy magick.

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Spell of the Month

Casting a Circle

A circle is cast at the beginning of a ritual or ceremony, creating sacred space. When we do this, we create energy and the circle is built to harness that energy, to keep it inside the circle until the participants are ready to release it into the Universe to do its work. A circle protects the participants from harm and keeps prying eyes away. The casting of a circle is also the formal beginning of the ceremony.

To cast a circle, all participants must stand inside the area at their appointed posts (North, East, South, West). The practitioner uses a wand, athame or a sword to draw the lines of the circle. Drawing the circle usually begins in the North and is drawn three times in a doesil or clockwise manner while repeating an incantation such as the following:

"Welcome to this sacred space. We are joined here to call upon the spirits. As above" (Practitioner salutes the sky with the athame or wand) "So below" (Practitioner points to the ground). "We call upon the Goddess and the God (or any specific deities with whom you are working). Be with us now to guide and protect us and to aid in our magickal purpose. Hail and welcome."

Begin invoking the elements by facing the EAST. Burning incense and a bowl of sea salt mixed with water are in place on the altar. The practitioner raises her athame or wand and says:

"Hail Guardians of the watchtowers of the EAST,
Powers of AIR!
We invoke you and call you,
Golden Eagle of the Dawn,
Star-seeker, whirlwind,
Rising Sun, come!
By the AIR that is her breath,
Send forth your light.
BE HERE NOW!"

After saying the invocation for each direction, the practitioner traces an invoking pentagram in the air with the athame or wand and sprinkles the salt water three times while saying: "With salt and water I purify the EAST." The practitioners then draws a pentagram with the incense and says three times: "With fire and air, I charge the EAST."

Continue by facing each direction, going deosil (clockwise) and repeating the above actions (replacing EAST with the direction of the element you are calling) with the following invocations

"Hail Guardians of the watchtowers of the SOUTH,
Powers of FIRE!
We invoke you and call you,
Red lion of the noon heat,
Flaming one, summer's heat and warmth,
Spark of light, come!
By the FIRE that is her spirit,
Send forth your flame.
BE HERE NOW!"

"Hail Guardians of the watchtowers of the WEST,
Powers of WATER!
We invoke you and call you,
Serpent of the watery abyss,
Rain maker, gray-robed twilight,
Evening star, come!
By the WATERS of her living womb,
Send forth your flow.
BE HERE NOW!"

"Hail Guardians of the watchtowers of the NORTH,
Powers of EARTH!
Cornerstone of all power,
We invoke you and call you,
Lady of the outer darkness,
Black bull of midnight, North Star,
Center of the stone, mountain, fertile field, come!
By the EARTH that is her body,
Send forth your strength.
BE HERE NOW!"

Standing at the North altar, the practitioner says:

"The Circle is Cast. We are between the worlds, beyond the boundaries of time, where night and day, birth and death, joy and sorrow, meet as one. The fire is lit, THE RITUAL IS BEGUN."

Everyone turns to one another and says "Merry Meet." Kissing each other on the cheek, say: "I join this circle in Perfect Love and in Perfect Trust."

Open the Circle

After the ritual or ceremony is over, you must open the circle.

Face each direction in turn, beginning in the east and going widdershins (counterclockwise) and release the elements by drawing a banishing pentagram with the athame or wand and say:

"Guardians of the element of AIR (FIRE, WATER or EARTH)
Thank you for your attendance and assistance this night
Hail and Farewell."

The practitioner then says:

"We came together in love and friendship,
Let us part the same way.
Let us spread the love we have known in this circle
Outward to all,
Sharing it with those we meet."

Everyone raises their athames in salute.

The practitioner then draws the circle once, beginning in the north and going widdershins (counter-clockwise) while saying:

"Lord and Lady,
Our thanks to you for sharing this time together.
Our thanks for watching over us,
Guarding and guiding us in all things.
Love is the law, and love is the bond.
The circle is open but unbroken.
May the peace of the Goddess go in our hearts.
Merry did we meet, merry do we part,
Merry may we meet again.
Blessed be."

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