

# **September Newsletter**

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# **Important September Dates**

(All times are CDT)

#### August 12, 8:00 pm until September 5, 6:29 pm – Mercury Retrograde

During September 2017, Mercury Retrogrades in the house of Virgo. Mercury is the ruler of Virgo and when Mercury goes retrograde in the sign of Virgo, the effects will be felt more. Emotions rule the roost bringing you into untold sufferings in life. You might get into unwanted troubles or arguments. Careers meet with lot of impediments. Communications may go out of control. You are best advised to stay calm and not to react to situations.

## **September 4 – Labor Day**

Spell to Create Opportunity

Make a poppet out of the cloth .While concentrating on the opportunities available to you, write your name on the poppet and stuff it with the dried herbs that have had a few drops of the oils added. Sew the figure shut.

Light money incense. Hold the poppet in the incense smoke. Say: Goddess of opportunity, Bring good fortune now to me Guide me by your gentle hand, For I am as worthy as these grains of sand.

Let sand trickle through your fingers to signify touching the earth. Repeat this an odd number of times (seven works very well). Keep your poppet safe, you do not have to have it with you at all times, just with your possessions or papers.

For the spell to continue to work, renew it every Full Moon. This is a good spell to use for business opportunities, since the poppet can be kept unobtrusively in a drawer or cupboard and hopefully will become imbued with the excitement of your day-to-day work. It can also be used when you wish to enhance your career prospects.

## September 6, 2:03 am - Full Moon

September brings a full moon in Pisces and Pisces is the last sign of the Zodiac, so we can see some wrapping up with this full moon. We can take time to clean house, and get rid of what's holding us back, weighing us down, and keeping us stuck in the past. This can be a great time to let go, and that's especially needed after the August eclipses and Mercury retrograde, which ends the day before this full moon.

We can be more sensitive with this full moon, and need to be handled with kid gloves. Our emotions can be strong, but we can keep what we're feeling to ourselves, not

wanting to be a burden to anyone. We should work to be more compassionate and understanding, no doubt needed after the wonky energy we're coming out of.

The full moon is conjunct (aligned with) the natural ruler of Pisces, Neptune, amplifying the energy of Pisces and making it even more important for us to be sweet, gentle, kind, and caring. Step outside of yourself and lend a hand to someone else. The world needs a little sweetness.

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#### September 20, 12:30 am - New Moon

The new moon for September occurs in Virgo, and this is the sign the Mercury retrograde began in back in mid-August, so this can be a good time to bring everything full circle and take advantage of opportunities that got put to the side in mid-August, and make progress with the things that got slowed down. Virgo is highly productive and efficient, so get working, get organized, make lists, and focus on the small tasks and chores and projects that need your attention pronto.

Virgo can be good for paying closer attention to the details, being more practical, and being of service. The more we do, the more we want to do, and we can push ourselves to the limit. Just make sure you're not pushing yourself over the limit and causing unnecessary stress.

The new moon is opposite the transit of Chiron in Pisces, the asteroid of wounds and healing, so we may be dealing with some collective wounds that need to be worked on and healed. There can be some harshness in the world, but continuing from the full moon, a gentle touch is required.

## **September 20 – 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), Pamona (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 corps 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, sasssafras, 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**



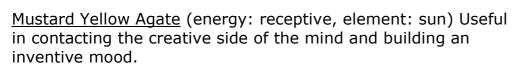
**Thyme** – Air/Venus; Gender – Feminine; Parts Used - The whole Herb; Magickal Properties - Clairvoyance, Sleep, Cleansing, Healing and Love; Uses - Use in dream pillows to ward off nightmares; burn or use with other oils for aid in psychic awareness; wear a sprig to ward off severe grief; burn and/or hang a sprig to banish and purify a home or room; use with other herbs for healing; use in a cleansing bath before working candle magick.

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#### **Stone of the Month**

## **Yellow Agate**

<u>Creamy Yellow Agate</u> (energy: receptive, element: sun) Helps to lighten moods when used properly within a spell.





#### **Rune of the Month**

Laguz (L: Water, or a leek.) – Flow, water, sea, a fertility source; the healing power of renewal; Life energy and organic growth; Imagination and psychic matters; Dreams, fantasies, mysteries, the unknown, the hidden, the deep, the underworld; Success in travel or acquisition, but with the possibility of loss.

Laguz Reversed or Merkstave: An indication of a period of confusion in your life; You may be making wrong decisions and poor judgments; Lack of creativity and feelings of being in a rut; Fear, circular motion, avoidance, withering; Madness, obsession, despair, perversity, sickness, suicide.

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#### **Tarot Card of the Month**

**The Magician** - The Magician is a person of new opportunities and ambition. He has incredible willpower, but is often overcome by his emotions. Positively associated with confidence, individuality, willpower, new beginnings, and inner potential. Negatively associated with trickery, deception, lack of compassion, indecision, and abuse of power.



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#### **Correspondence of the Month**

## **Mythical Creatures**



**Centuar** – the arts, creative inspiration, divination

**Dragon** – protection, transformation, spiritual guide, long life, strength against fear

**Gargoyle** – silence, shadows, freedom

**Griffin** – spiritual clarity, faith, understanding

**Leviathan** – influence, foresight, time for meditation

**Manticore** – embodiment of evil, dark force, powers working against you

**Minotaur** – defense against harm, protection, power, fertility

**Pegasus** – inspiration, astral travel, divination, romance

**Phoenix** – rebirth, reincarnation, new beginnings, courage, adaptation

**Unicorn** – prosperity, adventure, purity, of gentle nature, mental strength

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# **Spell of the Month**

#### **Book of Shadows Consecration**

The Book of Shadows is your own personal journal, so to speak. In it, write down spells and rituals and ceremonies you collect. In the beginning, record the basic rituals of spell binding, casting a circle, etc. After more practice and study, start creating your own rituals.



Your Book of Shadows can be anything. I have several large, three ring binders. I find it easy to add to them and reorganize them as I receive more information. Some people prefer more elaborate ones like hard-backed black books with "Book of Shadows" engraved on the cover in gold. Everyone has a different type of book. You can make your own from recycled paper and decorate the cover. You can use a plain journal bought from a store, it's up to you.

The Book of Shadows is a sacred thing. Think of it as your Craft Bible. Do not let anyone outside of your coven or trusted group of friends use or look at your book.

By purifying and blessing your Book, you are also blessing everything you write in it from this day forth.

Arrange to perform this ritual during a waxing moon (the time between a New Moon and a Full Moon). Cast a circle and place your Book of Shadows on the altar or on the floor in the center of the circle. Sit in front of it facing NORTH.

Visualize a beam of light shining down from the Heavens, and a beam of light from the top of your head, meeting as one. (If this is a group ritual, visualize a cone of light rising from the group.)

Pick up the book and take it to the NORTH.

"I consecrate this Book of Shadows, With EARTH so that it may be a fitting repository For my magickal engergy."

Pass the book over the salt dish three times.

Say this each time at all the points, replacing EARTH with AIR, WATER, and FIRE. In the WEST, pass the book over the bowl of water. In the SOUTH, pass over the candle (careful not to burn your book!), and in the EAST, blow on the book.

Place the book on the altar and continue visualization. Slowly lower this cone of energy until it is absorbed into the book. Say:

"I consecrate this Book of Shadows with SPIRIT. So that it may be a fitting repository For my magickal engergy. So Mote It Be."

Open the circle in the usual way. Your Book of Shadows is now ready for use!

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