



# THE GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER



Ostara 2011

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## RESURRECTION EDITION

### SPOTLIGHT

Pleiades



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**GNL** - When did you "discover" Paganism and Wicca. Tell us a little bit.

**Pleiades** – Well, I was raised in a Quaker household, and I knew from an early age that they had been prosecuted long ago for being witches -- which really sparked my curiosity about witchcraft. This was really touched off when I read, at age 10, the book "The Witch of Blackbird Pond." Then my interest expanded when I started to learn about herbal remedies in high school and college. I really wanted to study them in a serious way, and when we moved to Denver, it seemed the women who knew the most about them were members of the same Friends Meeting that I was going to, and had this kind of "aura" or sense of community about them. They never told me they were part of a coven, but in retrospect, I believe they were. But then, when two of my three children started reading Buckland's "big blue book," they let me read it, too, and I knew I had found a home. I helped them create their first anointing oil, and all three of us self-dedicated.

**GNL** - What tradition did you start in? if any?

**Pleiades** – I started out solitary (don't we all?), but taking any classes I could find that were offered by the various metaphysical shops in the Denver area. Then, on the way to moving to Florida from Denver, we spent several months as part of a Wiccan community in New Mexico, just a few miles down the road from Amber K's current school, Ardantane. I don't know if Ardantane was in existence then, but I'd hate to think it was there and I missed it completely! Anyway, the rituals were very structured, but the main portions were all in Gaelic, so I wasn't always quite sure what was going on. At least they called the quarters in English! I later found out that the High Priest was a third-degree Gardnerian, but I have no idea what tradition the rituals were in. But I could still feel the power raised, and the fey present. It honestly took my breath away -- and not just because we were in the mountains.

When I got to Florida, I just kept studying on my own until I realized one of my co-workers wore some very familiar-looking jewelry and had a very peaceful feel to her office. Once she hinted that she was going to start a class on some aspects of mythology, I asked if I could join them, and she said, "Finally! I thought you were NEVER going to ask!" I told her that I thought I needed to be invited, or I would be intruding, and she happily corrected that notion. So I became part of my first coven in Florida -- a Gardnerian coven -- part of Moonstar Covendom. This High Priestess -- whom I still love dearly and remember very fondly -- had serious back problems and eventually left

Florida to live with her family in (I think) Pennsylvania, and one of her students took over the teaching. She was still learning under Lady Rowan, and wasn't qualified to teach Gardnerian, but she was qualified to teach Gardnerian (also under Lady Rowan), so by mutual agreement, we became a Georgian coven instead of Gardnerian, and I have always been happy we made that change.

**GNL** - How long have you been interested in the craft?

**Pleiades** – I think I answered that in the first question, but if I had to put an age to my answer, I'd say I was about five years old when I started asking questions (that not many folks around me could answer). I thank the Goddess for blessing me with open-minded parents who always encouraged me to look into any and all religions that might interest me, telling me that when the time came, I would know the path I should follow. They were right, of course.

**GNL** - Are you a Georgian or Georgian kin?

**Pleiades** – Georgian, through and through.

**GNL** - Children? (how many?), grandchildren?

**Pleiades** – I have three children and one grandson. My son self-dedicated in high school and has been Wiccan ever since -- as is his girlfriend of several years. He's a love, and was looking for a coven for a while, but now he and his girlfriend basically study together, as eclectics.

**GNL** - Do any children of Georgians call you momma or grandma, dad or Grandpa?

**Pleiades** – Um, not that I know of. They may call me many things that I don't know about ... but that's okay.

**GNL** - Describe your life a little these days, what great is going on?

**Pleiades** – I retired in 2009 and tried to move to Arizona to live with my oldest daughter and her hubby, but that didn't work out - that's when my foot wounds appeared and I was wheelchair-bound for quite a while. When I came back to Florida to visit at Beltane last year, the dear, sweet friends to whom I had rented my house convinced me to come back -- they cleared out a bedroom for me -- so here I am. But rather than take on more students in Silver Oak, I visit the two covens who hived off from me when I left for Arizona, and am pleased to say that both of them seem to be thriving. This makes me really happy, and however I can help them, I do, or try to. I still do handfastings (fun, fun fun!) and meet with one or two students who preferred

to continue long-distance learning since they were close to being able to begin their own groups.

In non-craft activities, I have delved into the world of quilting, and am really fascinated by the connection and the energy that is passed on in the creation of each quilt. Amazing! I have also been volunteering with the local community theater group -- whoever my "boss" is my former High Priest from the first coven I was in, and is still a lot of fun. I also sing in a community women's chorus, "Magic of Manatee Sweet Adelines."

Those are the really great things going on. And I guess I should celebrate the fact that, in August 2009, both feet at open wounds on the bottom, and now -- thanks in large part to healing energy sent from far and wide from you folks -- I'm down to only a small area on my left foot. That area is being very stubborn about healing the rest of the way, but again, I thank you all for the fact that I still have both feet (hurray!) and the area still to go is so much smaller than it was. You guys are the best!

**GNL** - Attended/Missed many Mt Meets?

**Pleiades** – Unfortunately, I have never been to a Mountain Meet. I have, as my son-in-law says, "mobility issues," and I can walk short distances, but not up the side of a mountain, enough to get from the parking lot to the camping area -- at least, not as it has been described to me. So Prairie Meet might be more my style, but I haven't made it to those, either, for financial reasons. I HATE financial issues! I do love Georgians, though, and have not given up hope of making it to one of these gatherings!

**GNL** - Any really good stories you fondly remember or shiver at the thought of these days you might wanna share with us?

**Pleiades** – I mentioned that I had self-dedicated in Denver, at the same time two of my kids did. But when I got to the New Mexico community, and actually had been through one or two "real" rituals, I felt I should do it again, making it more personal, and not just taking it out of Buckland's book. So, my birthday that year, came on a full moon (which I took as a "sign") and I decided to self-dedicate in our ritual circle. Everyone else who had offered to be there, or advise me, seemed to have something else to do, so I went alone to the circle, cast it, and raised my arms and introduced myself to each of the four quarters, explaining why I was there, and so forth. Now, what made this an exceptional experience was the response I got from each quarter. In the east, as I was finishing talking, a breeze blew, first gently, then briskly. In the south, I raised my arms and saw lightning flash. In the west, soft raindrops blew across my face - then stopped. and when I got to North, well, there was the full moon, big - huge, really - and shining more brightly than I had seen it before. It just radiated God & Goddess love, and I was totally overcome. That feeling returns whenever I think of that experience - even now, when I'm typing this - and I knew the Goddess would be part of me forever.

There are more stories, but I'll save them for when I actually make it to a gathering.

## Announcements!

Students and teachers, witches and witchlings, hard at it, boiling cauldrons and rounding up newts for spells and potions. The following witches have been elevated in degree, we are all proud of them and the degree's are well deserved!!

~1<sup>st</sup> degree – The Family of the Aquarian Moon Coven is proud to say we have initiated our newest member Trinnell as a first degree on Sunday January 30th. (My regrets for having not placed this in the Imbolc issue)

~2<sup>nd</sup> degree – We also initiated Donna P. as a 2nd degree. We are very proud of the work both ladies have done. They have come a long way. We love you both, and feel very honored to have you both in our lives. Thank you both for letting us take that journey with you.

Margie and Dan

Let it be known With Luna entering a rare super Perigee on March 18, 2011 in Pensacola FL, in a Circle Cast by Lord Turner Cain, High Priest of Star Borealis Coven, North Florida, Lady Wynne Faradh was elevated to 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. In attendance were: Shadow Dancer, Muin Stone, and Aslin.

### Coven Announcement:

It is with a mix of sadness, and great anticipation for a fruitful future, that I proclaim that *Star Borealis coven* is from this day forth, March 19, 2011, to be lead by the very capable, experienced and dedicated Lord Turner Cain, with Lady Wynn Faradh as his high priestess with all my blessings and good wishes. As our founding High Priest, Lord Turner Cain has worked to solidify and grow our coven and admirably has agreed to carry the coven forward as I now must retire from "active duty" for personal reasons. I know that the coven will prosper and be a continuing wellspring for the Georgian community. May the Great Goddess and Mighty Lord of our faith strengthen and guide them.

By my hand, this full moon, So Be It.  
Blessed Be,  
Lady Aurora Whitebird  
Founding High Priestess,  
Coven Star Borealis  
North Florida

### Birthdays!!!!

Lady Autumn Star – Feb 3  
Jeff Heuer - Feb 21,  
Rowan Moonstone – March 9  
Draco (Gene) March 18

## Mountain Meet East!!

Announcing the first (hopefully of many) mountain Meet East in the beautiful Smokey Mountains near Gatlinburg Tn.

Dates are April 28 to May 2

cost is \$35 dollars a head for the event.

We have ample space for camping and can accommodate small R.V.'s and vans.

There are no electrical hookups for R.V.'s but can provide limited power for those who need it.

We have a large Great Hall/ meeting room/ Kitchen.

We also have WiFi, Telephones, Hot showers (hot water is limited), and composting outhouse.

Currently we have one open cabin/space (unfinished and currently without a bed, hopefully fixed soon) available at an additional \$20 a night, and a bunkhouse that sleeps a group of 5 comfortably for \$50 a night.

We currently have 4 commitments for the Festival, and are looking for a minimum of 6 more. More would be great!

While this event is targeted to Georgians, non Georgians are welcome as long as a Georgian in good standing can vouch for them.

All registrations must be payed in advance, there will be no payment at the gate, and people without advanced reservations WILL be turned away.

Limited skylad is permitted as the location is fenced and gated and security will be provided by ME!

Access is available to the kitchen for cooking but people will be responsible for their own food.

We would like to have a community feast on Saturday night. There are Grocery stores nearby for anyone who needs to pick up supply's.

We also need people to volunteer their time to give workshops/ lectures/ lead rituals etc.

Please contact me at the following address:

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BB Lord Fafner

*~This is awesome guys! Lets make this a regular event by making it work! And only **WE** can make that happen.~  
Lord Bel Taran*

### Prairie Meet

Prairie Meet will be September 9, 10, and 11 at Osage Hills State Park in Oklahoma. There is no website for the event, but we will be sending out more details and registration forms soon.

Emilie Giustozzi



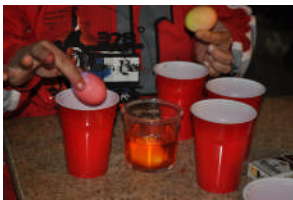
## Ostara with Georgians

So, On Friday I got on the road and headed south to Porterville to celebrate Ostara with part of my coven (Symbollic). It rained all the way there. Five hours of rain and crazy people...and where was I going? To spend the weekend, locked in a house

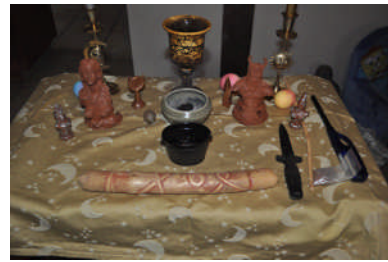
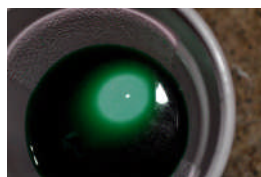
with "Crazy" people! Although, the ones I was locked up with, was far more preferable than the ones on the road.



Unfortunately, 4 members of our coven were unable to attend for different personal reasons, but the Fates managed to make it an even number of men and women! What er the odds? A bazzilion to one? Eggs were colored by the children



**Green!**



The altar was set up and off we went! After the ritual, we had a meal fit for Ladies and Lords, worked on lessons, talked about and played with energy, then went a little into scrying (no lectures

please, I live to irritate people and do what I want to do...damn, I sound like one of those miscreant Georgians!).

Sunday dawned, and off I went, swinging through Bakersfield to drop off a covener, then a 5 hour drive to the north in the ...yup, rain! When I was 20 miles from home I hit sleet and hail with heavy rain and a 4 car accident! I was, fortunately, NOT in that, and I am to understand that there were no fatalities but a helicopter did medivac at least one person. All in all, I had a very nice Ostara!

## Ostara Chant

*Welcome, welcome, warm fresh earth!  
Today we celebrate rebirth!  
Blowing wind, rising sun,  
Bringing the spring to everyone!  
Rabbits hopping, chicks in the nest,  
Spring is the season we love the best!  
Celebrate the green of the earth with me -  
Happy Ostara, and blessed be!*

Author Unknown

On this day, we come together to celebrate rebirth and fertility. Fertility, not only in babies, but in personal growth as well. Since I have been a practicing Georgian, I have grown in both wisdom patience (have you met us?) I often sit quietly and read the posts on the Georgian chat lists. Though I may not say it, I feel truly blessed to have each and every one of you in my life.

May each and every one of you have a truly blessed and wonderful year!

Blessings and Light to All  
Loye