The Georgian Newsletter

Beltane 2011

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SPOTLIGHT

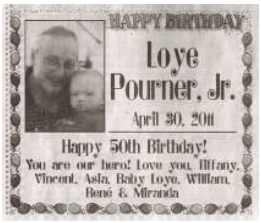
None this time around

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Students and teachers, witches and witchlings hard at it boiling cauldrons and rounding up newts for spells and potions. The following witches have Dedicated and been elevated in degree, we welcome the Dedicants and are proud of those that worked their tails off on those Degree's!!

BIRTHDAYS:

Rhiannonetain – April 27
Loye – April 30
Tex – long time ago
Georgia – a week before Tex



Anniversaries:

27 YEARS! On April 30, Loye (me!) and Tiffany will celebrate 27 years together

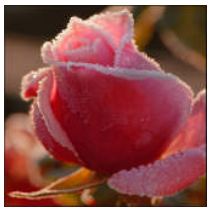
Prairie Meet

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

Recipes

Candied Flowers



Nothing says spring has arrived quite like flower blossoms -- and what many people don't realize is that not only are they lovely to look at, they can taste good too. With a few fresh flowers, you can create a tasty treat. Use nasturtium, roses, pansies, lilac blossoms, violets, or any other edible flower for this recipe. Be warned, though -- this is a bit time consuming, so plan accordingly.

Prep Time: 1 hour
Total Time: 1 hour
Ingredients:

- Flower petals or blossoms, rinsed and dried
- Water
- 1 egg white, beaten
- Sugar

Preparation:

Combine a few drops of water with the egg white in a small bowl, and whisk them together. Hold the flower petal gently between two fingers and dip into the water mixture. Shake off excess water, and then sprinkle sugar on the petal. If your petals seem to soggy, use a paintbrush to brush the water mixture onto the petals instead.

As you complete each petal, place it on a sheet of wax paper to dry. Drying time is anywhere from 12 hours to two days, depending on the humidity level in your home. If your flower petals aren't drying fast enough for you, place them on a cookie sheet in the oven at 150 degrees for a few hours.

Store your flower petals in an airtight container until it's time to use them. Use to decorate cakes and cookies, add to salads, or just eat as a snack.

Mt Meet East

Happy Beltane to all!

Despite my fears it seems that our modest (9 guests) first M.M.-E was a success. All indicated that they had a good time, and enjoyed the location, the facility's, the classes and the connecting with new people.
The weather was great warm comfortable days and cool nights and no rain.
Due to the short lead time were were some what under organized, but people stepped up and did what needed to be done! Kudos to all!
Special thanks to Puck, Star and Eli, for the works hopes and ritual.

Consensus seems to be that every one want's to do it again next year, and drag more of their people along as well. We were all disappointed that Marla and Gypsy couldn't make it and hope that next time they can.

Right now we have a year to properly plan the next event, and a date change may be in order. Please feel free to make suggestions, ask questions and make proposals for work shops, rituals and such.

I look forward to seeing you all again, and meeting a lot more people next year. (May 1, 2012 falls on a Tuesday)

BB
Fafner

Props from celebrants

I want to thank Lord Fafner and everyone down there for a WONDERFUL time!!!
Bright, tired and belated Beltain Blessings, all!
Puck

Speaking for myself and Star, (and I hope she doesn't mind this!), we had the most FANTASTIC time down there! Everyone was magnificent; the scenery, people and energies were amazing, and I personally had a BLAST!!!! Talk about Southern Hospitality at its best!

I personally would like it the week after Beltain, so that more

people can come down there. Our trip down was something else - 10 hours on the road!!!!! You should've seen the car with all five of us packed in WORSE than sardines - our 3 new students were so packed in, all you could see was their heads sticking out!!!! When we got to the campground, Fafner looked at us in amazement that we could have driven down with SO much stuff and SO little room!!!!

Going back was a bit of an adventure in itself - we hit a TREMENDOUS traffic snarl from the Kentucky side of I-75, lasting over 35 miles, and it took us almost 3 HOURS to get through it! We had to "convince" one poor truck that it was NOT a good idea to get into our part of the other lane when WE were there blocking his way!!! (Personally, I would've liked to have zapped the stuffing out of him, but with everyone else in the car, held my temper and didn't!)
We FINALLY pulled into my house about 9pm or so, got everyone unpacked, and collapsed into bed!
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Beltane

Greetings All,

As we all celebrate this Sabbat once again, I could go into all the symbolisms we all know and hear about every year…like the may pole, cauldrons, "A Maying". But, what the newbies and seekers fail to understand, is that yes, this is both a fire festival AND fertility. And as much as we all like getting "jiggy" with that special someone, or building fires in cauldrons all in the name of "Tradition" or some other dysfunctional excuse ☺. It is also about personal growth (ie, fertility). Myself, I have to grow and except the fact that…like it or not, I AM getting older (this is not to be confused with growing up!), and with this condition comes the fact that people I know are starting to die off. In the last 8 months I have lost 2 cousins, a brother and an Aunt. But, with this I have also become a Grandfather! Witnessing new life joining us on this huge ball of dirt we call Mother, I see the trees blooming, birds chirping and feel within myself a growing sense of …something? A calm and patience for things that in my youth would have required me to act upon (like holding someone's head under the water till they quit struggling). I advise my children as my parents advised me and hope, that they act on my advise much quicker than I acted on my parents. So, fertility isn't just about procreation of humans, animals and plants, it is about personal growth. Planting and nurturing that seed of change for the betterment of yourself and hopefully the world around you.

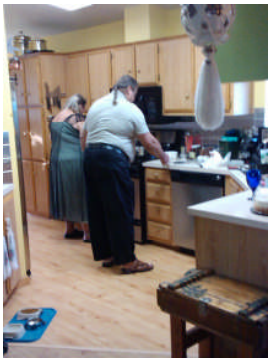
For those of you that start the celebration on April 30, my day dawned with my 50th birthday and 27th wedding Anniversary (did I mention growth?). A party was thrown and a good time had by all. Gifts for both of us!

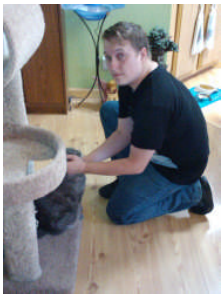
I wasn't quite sure I was going to make it to ritual on May 1st (more of that growth stuff!), because I spent all day at the hospital with my wife. Her mother went into the hospital because she couldn't breath a few days earlier, then had a mild heart attack, had pneumonia AND we discovered she was having brain seizures! She was non responsive because of the seizures, but not in a coma. She stabilized later in the day and it came down to a waiting game. My wife and I decided to go home and wait it out there. I got home in time for our local Beltane ritual.

Our ritual here in Fairfield was small, but good. I circled with coven members Darlene and Robert, my oldest boy Vincent and his wife Asia, and to my great joy, my namesake and grandson Baby Loye! By the time I arrived, most everything was set up and ready to go!

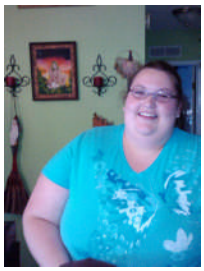
The food was excellent! And I thank Darlene and Robert for taking the lead in this, considering all that was going on!
We had lamb, potatoes, mixed veggies, gravy watermelon, bread and carrot cake for desert!
Although Vincent discovered he doesn't care for Lamb, it was good for him to "grow" and give it a shot.

This was Asia's second ever ritual, and with a little help from myself, Darlene and Robert, she did just fine…as well as her husband who was raised in a circle ☺





This picture here of Vincent is just seconds from Boomer setting her trap, lulling him into a false sense of security and then biting him! That kitty is fickle that way ☺



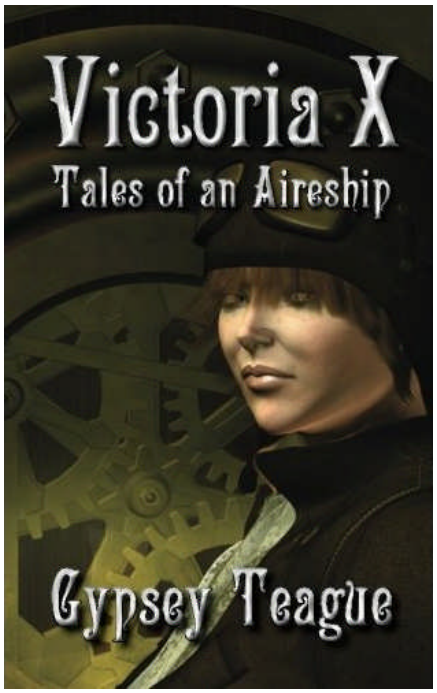
Boomerang is the owner of Darlene and Robert…she looked harmless, but that's a ruse.

ARTS • CRAFT

Here we have a chalice made by Robert (Treebeard) for me as a birthday gift. It's made of oak and lovely! He hade it thick walled and of body because he KNOWS how I am when it comes to creating, so I will of course, carve the outside with whatever I discover is trying to find its way out of and to the surface of the wood. He made another one, more delicate and made of birch, Darlene told him it wasn't "manly" enough for me lol, so I got this one. He is truly a talented artisan and has earned my respect for his skill. Well done and thank you Robert!

(it is sitting quietly on the table deciding what it wants me to carve into it)

Victoria X
Tales of an Aireship



Victoria is dead. Leopold has usurped the Throne from Edward. The Germans are on English soil and only one aireship, the Victoria X, can save the Empire. Read how a single Captain, Abigail Buckman, may be the last hope of the Realm as she assists the English Aire and Naval Services against those loyal to the illegal King and Queen.

This is Steampunk at its best and aire war at its grittiest.

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You guessed it boys and girls, this is our own Gypsey. It would seem we have more than our share of celebs! It is available on Amazon.com as you read this!!!!! I intend on picking it up…even if I don't know what the hell a "Steampunk" is! But, I do like a good story that takes place anyplace but here! (I get enough of here)

Perhaps it's my imagination, but I see a little Marla in the face of Victoria X ☺

THE GEORGIANS HAVE GONE "VIRTUAL"

While we're on the subject of talent, I am to understand that both Cosette and Steve Newsom are doing on-line stuff. Stevie is doing wicca stuff; Cosette isn't. However thought it might make an interesting article for the newsletter.
Hi Marla,

Steve and I occasionally talk on line, I get to hear about his trials and tribulations, headaches and down time.

The Georgians have gone "virtual". LOL! Loye did the drawing of Pat and I truly wanted to retain as much of the original that he did...while having the background transparent and the glow effect to make the drawing stand out. Had to tweak the image a bit to get it to be clearer...hope Loye understands... wanted to honor the fabulous work he did on that. If anyone wants to know...the 3D realm is Utherverse (also known as Red Light Center), it is an all adult content, xxx-rated virtual realm. Going to be creating cords for my avatar to wear, since as a VIP my avatar can get "skyclad" for circle, etc. Got a deerskin rug before the altar and rigged it for sex..so yes...can do a "virtual" Great Rite. Trying to work with the company to see if they can code it so I could pick up and use the makeshift Athame and Sword I placed on the altar. But for now...at least I found a way to animate incense smoke from the bowl...lol! It has been a lot of work...and continues to be a lot of work...but my focus is now going to shift to getting the product line created and put up in the virtual store to sell. Anyway, another all-nighter here.

Big Hugs and BB!!

Steve

COSETTE AND HER COMPUTER WIZARDRY

I work for a company called Metaverse Mod Squad, which provides moderation, customer, and client services for online communities, games, and virtual worlds.

You can check out the website (http://www.facebook.com/l/9b72biPRAqDm0WsvdYWCUfWjOUA/www.metaversemodsquad.com) for a peek at some of the companies that we work with.

Then I work on some other online projects on a volunteer basis. I'm the social networking coordinator for Cherry Hill Seminary.

My main job with them is to maintain their blog (http://www.facebook.com/l/9b72bohx-_DDmZXZV29SwxHaTMw/www.news.cherryhillseminary.org) and help circulate information via their Facebook and Twitter accounts.

I'm also working with Jason Pitzl-Waters on the Pagan Newswire Collective and am trying to get the Florida bureau off the ground (http://www.facebook.com/l/9b72bute_nioDPNkxfGsrNUXvVA/florida.pagannewswirecollective.com).

I spend part of my downtime neglecting my own blog (http://www.facebook.com/l/9b72bgO4e-2AcL_8nTGwTSS0oCw/cosettefromjupiter.blogspot.com) and exploring the virtual world Second Life (http://www.facebook.com/l/9b72brSbX8HigyxsshmsumXev3A/jupiterfirelyte.tumblr.com).

Beyond that, I try to sleep, shower, eat sometimes, exercise, finish college, and spend time with my family, friends, and boyfriend. You just got my life in a nutshell. lol

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So, as you can see we have some very talented individuals who play with us!! I would like to thank all those that contributed to the Newsletter this time around!

So, Blessings and Light, Happy Beltane and your upcoming Litha be WONDRFUL!

Loye
Chief cook and bottle wash at the Georgian Newsletter