

THE GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER



Beltane 2013

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~SPOTLIGHT~

Julie/Kristina/Reyjon Taran



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

RT- I discovered that Wicca existed when my uncle started teaching me little things here and there a few years ago but didn't start practicing under his guidance until about two years ago, although I have always been interested in tarot cards, animal medicine, healing stones and

anything nature-based and different. I guess I just didn't know it had a name or was an actual religion. When my uncle passed last September I started reading everything I could and started learning about being a solitary Wiccan. My first interaction was with other Wiccans online and then I met a witch in Jackson, Ca that owns a tarot shop and started going in there often enough that she couldn't ignore me any longer :)

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

RT- I guess I began as an eclectic witch. I found that I enjoyed pulling pieces from all Pagan backgrounds and I wanted to learn about all of them.

GNL-Tell us about your first memorable ritual experience

RT- My only ritual experience with a group was to celebrate Beltane this year. It was exciting, nerve wracking and fun.

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

RT-I have been interested in the craft my whole life...I just didn't know it had a name or was organized. As a child my Grammy said I would "heal" people with my hands and I've always been interested in natural medicine and beliefs. When I was young I'd pretend I could control the wind and make it do my bidding or read people's minds or hear the animals talking to me.

GNL- How long have you been a Georgian? Who introduced you to this trad?

RT- I became interested in the Georgian tradition in January of this year and after meeting other Georgians through Loye I became a pre-dedicant in mid April.



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

RT- I have three children. Two daughters (7 1/2 and 2 in May) and a son (who is almost nine).

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

RT- My life is filled with children; my own, other people's, my niece, kids of my friends. I own a daycare and enjoy wrangling and teaching and having fun with up to 8 kids a day! I used to teach preschool and moved to a small town in Calaveras County to raise my children away from the city. Daycare gives me the chance to stay home and watch them grow. I spend time reading, writing and learning about Wicca as much as I can and am loving every moment of it. I am always surprised when I discover something new.

GNL- Attended/Missed many Mt Meets? Other gatherings you attended?

RT- I have never been to Mt Meet but hope to attend my first one this summer. I am looking forward to a huge Beltane festival coming up this weekend on the weekend of May 4th near West Point, Ca. There will be a May pole, vendors, fire dancers, music, belly dancers, a bonfire, workshops and camping for the whole weekend.

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

RT- I fondly remember my first spiritual connection with another witch. We lived about 80 miles apart and had been communicating frequently online but had never met in person. We spent a few months getting to know one another online but had neither spoken nor seen anything but pictures of each other. We felt an attraction to each other that we built on with friendly gestures and mild sexual teasing. Then one night the teasing became more intense. I found myself literally heating up from his thoughts and words! On the other end, he felt it too. I stripped naked and was lying in bed feeling like a fire had started from within me. I began breathing heavy, panting and involuntarily arching in my back. With every text I could feel him touching me! My throat became so dry and I was extremely thirsty! I stumbled out of bed literally choking from thirst and with shaky knees stumbled to the bathroom for water. I quenched my thirst, cupping my hands with water and gulping, panicked that I felt so hot and dry. When I asked him what was going on he just kept going. I crawled back into bed and one orgasm after another flooded my body! When they stopped and my heart beat began to slow I felt his heartbeat next to mine, like we were coming down from this mental high together...our hearts beating as one. Half asleep and in a complete state of euphoria, I saw a vision of him in front of me...a vision of us together in another lifetime...and I was pregnant with his child. It was then that I knew that my soul had been searching for him.

GNL- *if that isn't a tale worth telling at Beltane....what is?*
...Wow! Sign me up, I'll take two! ☺

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

BIRTHDAYS:

BH/RW – April 4
Spiritmother – April 11
Rhiannonetain – April 27
Loye – April 30
Balder (jeff) - May 5
Dorothy Morrison – May 6, 1955
Lady Gaia Rose (Kate) May 17th
Georgia – May 18
Cat - May 22
Bobbie - May 31

Anniversaries:

29 YEARS! On April 30, Loye (me!) and Tiffany will celebrate 29 years together

Dedication / Initiation: Lord Bel Taran has recently acquired two new Georgian Pre Dedicant's. Tessa and Reyjon Taran (Julie or better known as Kristina on the Georgian FB) both decided that they needed to be tortured by myself and the rest of the Georgian family. Both are very talented and dedicated to the craft, I have high hopes for both!

~1st degree: Patricia Clark was elevated to 1st Degree on April 25th!

~2nd degree: Serissa of the newly formed coven "Grove of the Old Ways" was elevated on April 21st!, she is the better half of Lord Raven Spirit ☺

~3rd degree: Jasper was elevated on the same night as Serissa, although I seem to have conflicting dates! April 20th

Since both Seissa and Jasper we're elevated the same night, by Lord Raven Spirit and Lady Hazel....I think? Oh well, the little details huh? Ask 12 witches a question, your likely to get 13 or 14 different answers! ☺

New Coven: Also, the formation of a new coven, the Grove of the Old Ways!!!

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.

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). , 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 52nd birthday and 29th wedding Anniversary (did I mention growth?).

BOOK SIGNINGS

Puck and his mighty Pen

Here are a couple of announcements about my book-signings:

May 7th - I'll be doing a book-signing and be a guest Tarot reader at Smokey Crystal in Woodhaven, MI from 3-7pm.

May 23rd - I'll be doing a book-signing and lecture on "Magickal Manners" at Crazy Wisdom Books, Ann Arbor, MI, from 7-9pm.

So, if your near these locations, go out and support of Georgian!!
Puck Shadowdrake

WORDS OF THE MORRIGAN

**When the winter winds doth blow, you will hear my call I am
the mother of the brave, and will catch you when you fall
I am the goddess of battles long, and struggles that run deep
When the fighting is over, you are the prize you keep
You will see me as the bird most look upon as ill But in the
heart of my child the raven brings a thrill I am the Queen of
prophecy and things yet unknown
But look with in your deepest heart for there all things are
shown I walk the path way between life and death, the sword
is in my hand I strike the final and deadly blow, spilling
blood upon the land
But don't think me harsh, or cold, for that is not my way I sit
and weep at the ford, washing the blood away You are my
child and I your Queen, when you take my hand
The end of time, and your days. I will lead you to
Summerland**

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

*Loye
Chief cook and bottle wash at the Georgian Newsletter*

ARTs & CRAFT

Earth Creations by Julie (Kristina)



All these pieces are hand made. The copper stone wrapping is done by me as well as some of the charms. Other charms have been purchased or recycled from other jewelry pieces. There are no two alike! If interested in a piece let me know. They range from \$5-20. I can also take requests and do custom pieces.

See more of her work on FB!
Kristina Julie Wright-McGee,
she is truly a talented Witchling,
and I'm not saying that just

because she
is my
student. Her
work reflects
her caring
heart and loving soul ☺



Her decorative bottles and jewelry are truly
beautiful! Check em out ☺



Beltane with Georgians!

So, the day of ritual dawned warm and beautiful for those of us in the central northern California area. Some members of Coven Symbollic and some new faces as well joined together at Treebeard and Tatiana's abode in Elmira Ca!



The "High Priestess" in training was preselected and stood nervously by as I prepared the altar. Afterwards, we cast the circle, cut the door and brought the rest of the celebrants in with a blessing, a question and a kiss.



Cleansing took place and just to jazz it up a bit, I played "the Circle is cast" by Velvet Hammer as we called the quarters! Then the Lady and Lord were invited to join us and bless our little circle.



I



made the two new Georgian Pre-Dedicants circlets as special gifts, after all, they ARE going to be Georgian High Priestesses one day, and must look as regal as the title suggests ☺

I explained what Beltane was all about, what our ancestors did and how it all applies to us, even in this modern age.



The "High Priestess" opened the door and we all gathered at the Maypole, men facing one way, women the other. A little gesture of my magic iPhone wand, and music

filled the air, Three Dog Night's "Shambala" and the dance began! In and out, over and under, laughing and dancing till the ribbon was done and so was the song!



Afterwards, we tied off the ribbon at the base of the pole, and returned to the circle.



Tessa was to be the recipient of the energy, she and hubby are trying to conceive, so what better energy, than that of Beltane Energy! The celebration was completed with an awesome meal with even more awesome people ☺. Many thanks to Logan, the husband of Tessa for staying and taking these pictures for us to share!



With that, this concludes the Beltane 2013 issue of the Georgian Newsletter, may you all be blessed this coming year!
Lord Bel Taran, chief cook and bottle wash GNL