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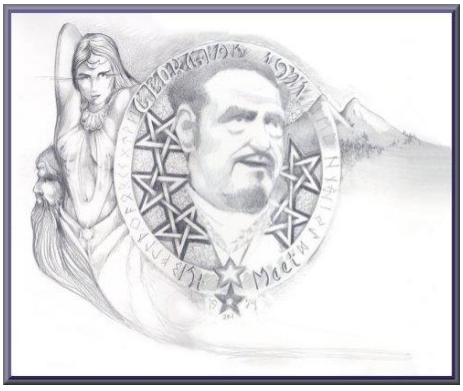

Yule 2014

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Spotlight

Poppy Ditchweed

When did you Discover Paganism and Wicca? Tell us a bit:

I was raised in SE Asia, so was exposed to many different religions. I was raised as a Lutheran and also had some exposure to Catholicism and Anglican. I always knew there was something wrong with Christian dogma and often had arguments with my pastor re said Dogma. When I came back to the states, I looked for a church to join, without success. I was also horrified with Southern style Christianity. About 20 years after I came back to the states, two friends asked me what sex I thought God was and I said, with little thought, a woman. Shortly afterwards, they introduced me to George at

the 4 Winds and the rest is history. It was like coming home.

What tradition did you start in? If any…

I started out as a Georgian.

Are you a Georgian Initiate?

Yes

How long have you been interested in the Craft?

I had been looking for answers all my life, I just didn't know what to do.

How long have you been a Georgian? Who dammed you to this Tradition?

I have been a practicing Georgian for 26 years. Georgia was my 1st High Priestess and teacher. She later introduced me to my 2nd and final High Priestess, Yarrow. I became a member of Cathair Coven and was a member till we all went our separate ways, for various reasons.

Although I am no longer an actively practicing Georgian, I will always feel and be grateful for the tradition helping me find the path I was meant to follow. Yarrow and her daughter Jessie continue to be the sister and daughter of my heart and soul. We are essentially a family group of solitaires, which suits us very well, living in the boonies like we do.

Children /Grand Children?

I have a 33 year old son and 2 co-grandchildren that Yarrow and Jessie have kindly invited me to share.

Describe your life a little these days… What great is going on your life?

I have just retired after 44 years in the nursing field, 37 of them as a RN. I worked the last 10 1/2 years in the Outpatient Infusion Clinic, at the VA, giving chemo etc. to the Vets. I felt like I was returning a service to them, after their service to our country.

I have moved to Missouri from

OKC and now live in a house we had built for me on Yarrow's farm. She raises Nubian goats. We are going to raise Icelandic sheep together, for their fleece, and learn to spin and weave. I am learning to knit [even if the only thing I can make are scarves at this point) and I am thoroughly enjoying my retirement.

Attended any Mountain Meets?

I have never been able to attend Mt Meet due to work schedules.

Been to any other gatherings, not just pagan, that you have enjoyed?

I have been to Midsummer and spring festivals in the past, as well as several joint coven meets.

Any stories you wish to share?

The first time I had to go skyclad I was very nervous. It was in a field near the highway. Then when the time came I just took off those clothes and never have had a problem since. Yarrow and Jessie laugh at me because I went from 'take my clothes off? Oh, no!' to 'skyclad? Sure! and off with the clothes.'

~Birthdays~

Marla – Nov 4
Jacy-Nov. 23, 1992
Cosette – Nov 29
Rayna-Nov 30
Gail-Dec 2
Tony - Dec 7
Canu-Dec 14
Mary Davies- Dec 14
Serenth-Dec 16
Tabitha- Dec 22
Sundragon-Dec 24
Azrael-Dec 27
Gunner-Dec 27
Kristina Julie-Jan 2
Skip in BF-Jan 16 (passed)
Cindy-Jan 16
Miranda Pourner-Jan 16
Tracy Cheri-Jan 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS !

Loye became a Papa again on November 26th to a beautiful baby girl this time...yup, two new grand babies one year and one day apart...Miranda will be busy!! Welcome MaKaylah Bonita Merlene, who was 6 lbs 9 ozs and 19.09 inches long.

Upcoming Events

Pantheacon 2015

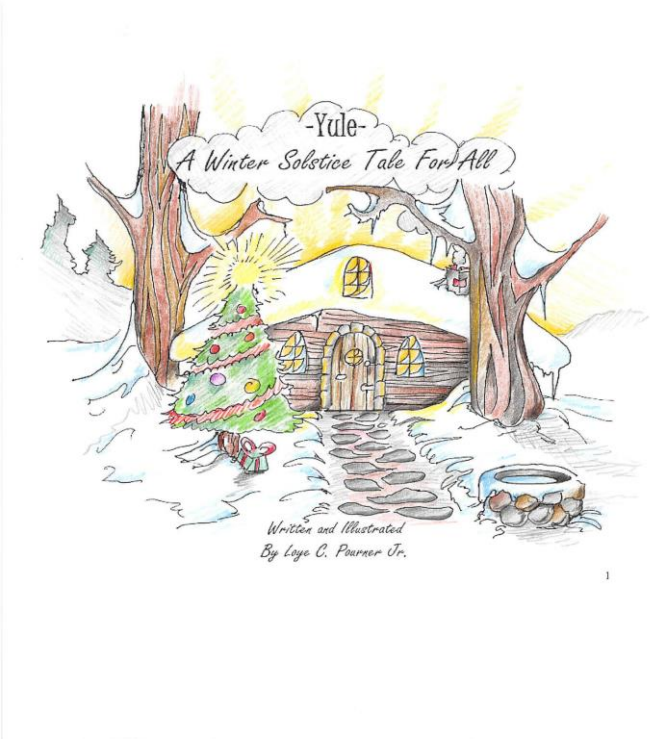
February 13-16

Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, CA
2050 Gateway Place San Jose, CA

More information at:
www.pantheacon.com
or email info@pantheacon.com

Georgian Corner

A sneak peek of Loye's newest children's book…hoping to publish in early 2015



Cast in a warm golden glow of the hearth fire, she sits sewing a golden gown to match the wreath of oak leaves her forest friends have gifted to her. Beside her rocking chair is an ornately carved cradle with mystical runes in a golden luster that makes each symbol seem to glow. Surrounded by small chattering animals and anxious birds, the woman giggles as a small gray squirrel stretches his paws and lays his head gently on her large tummy. He listens with his eyes wide and his nose twitching. A thump from inside dislodges the little fellow who snaps upright on the Lady's knee, clasping his paws excitedly! Curiously tilting his head he looks at the woman and she smiles at him warmly. "Soon, my little friend. Very soon."

Business Spotlight

Northern Oaks Coven

Vacaville, CA

Northern Oaks Coven is a spiritual and self-empowerment store. Their philosophy is to be a helpful guide that enables clients to feel better about being alive. Their focus is on anyone interested or curious about their spirituality…

They carry spiritually-oriented items from hand-made wands to herb cabinets to jewelry. Their mission is to give knowledge that will empower a person to attain their deepest desires through mind, body and spirit.

Elizabeth Stamey is a Georgian Pre-dedicant under Lord Bel Taran. The business is run by her and her family. You can find them on facebook or at a variety of Northern California vendor faires.

https://facebook.com/northernoakscoven

Find them here in January!

Circle Symbollic Yule Celebration 2014

By Kristina Julie Reyjon Wright-McGee
Aka Ursa Reyjon Taran

As usual, the evening was festive with lights and the atmosphere screamed celebration and fun when we gathered at Loye's house for our Yule ritual again this year…and compared to last year, our number of participants grew. This year we were blessed with as many child participants as there were adult. One of our circle members even made beautiful head pieces for us to wear during the ritual!

Following ritual, the children opened presents from the Holly King and enjoyed a wonderful potluck meal with our friends and family.

We hope everyone had a Blessed Yule!!!
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