The Georgian Newsletter

Summer 2015

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It has been an active summer for Georgian's across the globe! There have been celebrations, challenges, losses and changes for many. This newsletter is a compilation of all the summer celebrations, the things we have seen, and the events Georgian's everywhere have attended. With October quickly approaching, we look forward to the impending change from Summer to Autumn and the refreshing new hope that Fall weather brings. Bright Blessings to all!

Loye and Julie

Elizabeth at Sacramento Pagan Pride (1st photo);Gypsey at Knoxville Pagan Pride (2nd photo);Marla at DragonCon (3rd photo)

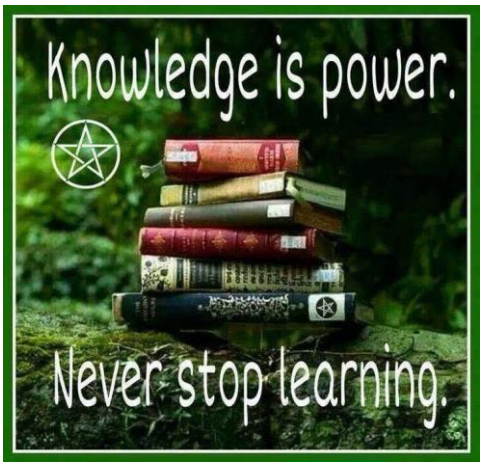
Initiations and Degrees

Arthur Paletta, of Coven Symbollic received his 1st Degree from Lady Reyjon Taran and Lord Bel Taran on June 28th at Mountain Meet

Rik Garner was elevated to 2nd Degree on July 17th by Queen Zanoni Silverknife

Katherine Dwyer was initiated to 1st Degree by Rik Garner and Queen Zanoni Silverknife
(*sometime in July or August that we can gather from the facebook posts*!)

Congratulations to ALL!!!



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Birthday's

MAY
Lady Du Dragcorum's-May 31st
Balder (Jeff)-May 5th
Dorothy Morrison–May 6th
Lady Gaia Rose (Kate)-May 17th
Georgia – May 18th
Cat - May 22nd

JUNE
Donna-June 22nd
Treebeard (Robert)-June 26th

JULY
Jamie-July 16th
Elizabeth-July 17th
Puck-July 29th

AUGUST
Darlene-Aug 7th
Peggy- August 9th
Shawn – August 14th
Rowan Oakmist – Lughnasadh proper

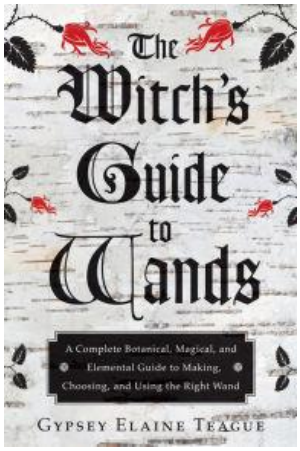
SEPTEMBER
Jenice-Sept 2nd
Tessa-Sept 4th
Allen - Sept 15th
John (Tali) - Sept 20th

Crossings

This has truly been a difficult year for many...If we did not mention someone, please forgive us.

Gwen Quinton, a member of the original Georgian Group, passed on July 17th.
Our thoughts are with her partner and those that remember her.

Georgian Publications…



Gypsey Teague's new book…
Get it on Amazon!

Blessed Litha

Litha is usually celebrated on June 21st, but varies somewhat from the 20th to the 23rd, dependant upon the Earth's rotation around the Sun. According to the old folklore calendar, Summer begins on Beltane (May 1st) and ends on Lughnasadh (August 1st), with the Summer Solstice midway between the two, marking MID-Summer. This makes more logical sense than suggesting that Summer begins on the day when the Sun's power begins to wane and the days grow shorter. The most common other names for this holiday are the Summer Solstice or Midsummer, and it celebrates the arrival of Summer, when the hours of daylight are longest. The Sun is now at the highest point before beginning its slide into darkness.

On or around the 1st August in the northern hemisphere, 1st February in the southern, Lughnasadh is celebrated as the first of two harvest festivals, the second being Alban Elfed (the Autumn Equinox). At Lughnasadh we see the fields of corn being cut, and for some this is the true time of the festival. In the fields John Barleycorn, who laid with the Lady in the woods at Beltane, has grown old, and now stands bent and bearded with a crocked cane. He looks to the Sun as he has changed from green to gold, and he known that his time has come. His life will feed the people, and it is this sacrifice that we honour at Lughnasadh.

It is the time of the autumn equinox, and the harvest is winding down. The fields are nearly empty, because the crops have been plucked and stored for the coming winter. Mabon is the mid-harvest festival, and it is when we take a few moments to honor the changing seasons, and celebrate the second harvest. On or around September 21, for many Pagan and Wiccan traditions it is a time of giving thanks for the things we have, whether it is abundant crops or other blessings.

Mountain Meet 2015

The group was small this year, but magical, none the less. A week of nature, fun and celebration. Dylan turned eleven while we were at Mountain Meet and we celebrated Litha with the presence of rain.

Breakfast Burritos

Nightly Fires

And Dorothy, of course!

Mountain Meet 2016 is in the works...more info to come!

Lughnasadh 2015

Coven Symbollic celebrated at our home in Valley Springs...a perfect location to observe this blessed holiday.

The kids were excited to celebrate with us and it was nice to have everyone there.

The kids called quarters

We ended with a fire to burn our wishes and dreams.