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In the rich tapestry of Paganism, we often find ourselves drawing strength and inspiration from the natural world and the cycles of the cosmos. Just as Apollo tirelessly rises each day, dispelling darkness and nurturing life, so too are we called to embody that unwavering luminescence, especially during times of adversity. To falter and extinguish our inner flame would be a disservice to the world, for our unique light, as Pagans, is a vital beacon needed in these often-shadowed times. We are the personification of the sun's enduring power, and our sustained radiance is a profound act of resistance.

Consider the current Zodiological alignment, as we enter the vibrant season of Leo, a time imbued with fiery energy and unwavering confidence. Leo, ruled by the sun itself, encourages us to embrace our inner fabulousness, to lead with courage, and to shine unapologetically. This is not a season for shrinking back or succumbing to despair. No, Leo would succumb to such frivolities. Instead, the cosmic currents of Leo impel us to roar in the face of our challenges, to stand tall in our convictions, and to channel that potent Leonid energy into constructive action.

The challenges we face, both personal and collective, can feel overwhelming, threatening to eclipse our inner light. Yet, it is precisely in these moments that our Pagan path offers us the tools we need to thrive. By connecting with the forces of the season at hand, honoring the cycles of nature, and drawing upon the wisdom of our traditions, we can fortify our resolve and the power of a strong and healthy ego.

The energy of Leo empowers us to tap into our innate creativity and self-expression, transforming difficulties into opportunities for growth and illumination. It teaches us that authentic strength comes from within, radiating outward to influence our surroundings.

Therefore, let us not give in to the shadows, for our light is not merely for ourselves, but for the world. As Pagans, we carry a unique perspective, a deep reverence for life, and a profound connection to the sacred. By embodying the unwavering spirit of the sun and by channeling the courageous energy of Leo, we become living testaments to resilience and perseverance. Let our light pierce through the darkness, inspiring hope, fostering understanding, and ultimately, illuminating the path forward for all.



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When Science Meets Ancient Wisdom

When Science Meets Ancient Wisdom: A Time for Celebration

From Delphi Koch, Editor

There are moments when science takes a leap forward and, in doing so, confirms something that many of us in the Pagan community have intuitively known for generations — and those moments are truly cause for celebration. They remind us that ancient wisdom is not just mystical, but deeply rooted in the natural rhythms and truths of our world, of our Earth

Just a few weeks ago, I stumbled upon one such revelation. It began with a man named Clint Ober, and what he calls Earthing or Grounding. Some of you may already be familiar with his work, while for others — like me — this may be something entirely new.

In essence, Earthing is the practice of connecting physically with the Earth — walking barefoot on soil, grass, or sand — to absorb the Earth's natural, healing energies. Clint

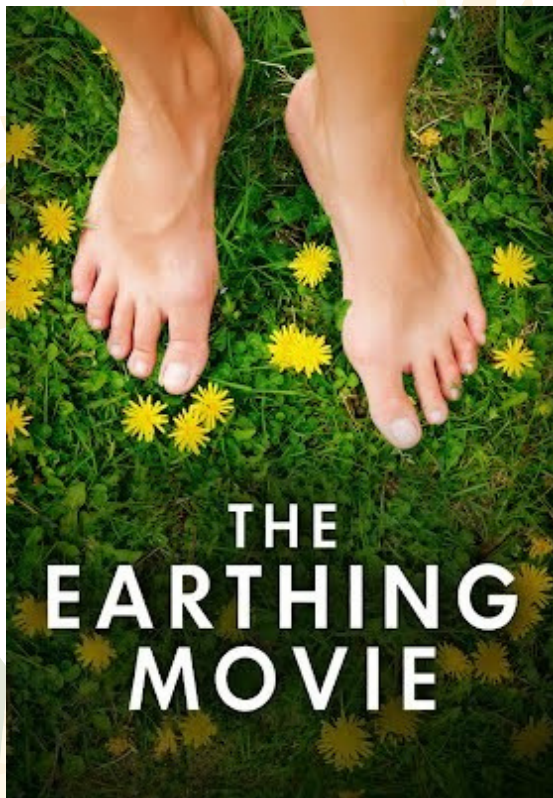
Ober's research has shown that this simple act has profound health benefits: reducing inflammation, improving sleep, balancing cortisol levels, and more. And the science is starting to back it up!

But for those of us who walk the Pagan path, this idea is far from new.

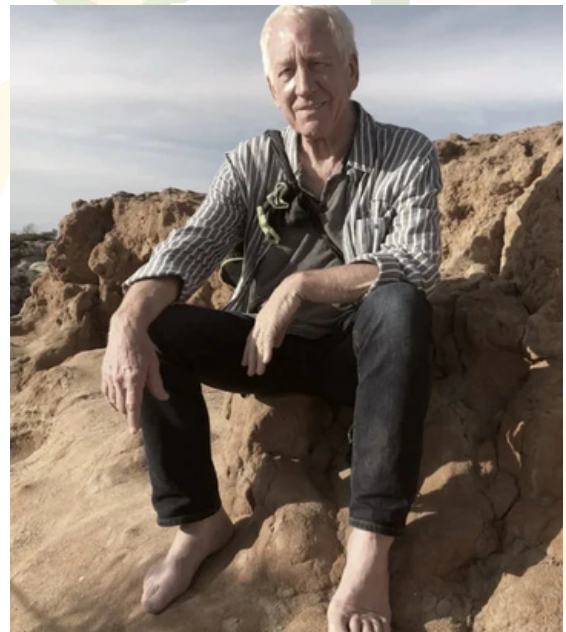
We have always known the Earth is sacred. We have always known that connecting with Her brings healing, grounding, and clarity. We've felt it in ritual, in meditation, in the quiet moments under a full moon or a sunlit forest glade. To now see scientific studies support what our ancestors lived by — this is a moment of joy, validation, and deeper unity.

Let us celebrate this beautiful alignment of science and spirit — and may it inspire more people to kick off their shoes, touch the Earth, and remember where we truly come from.

Here is the Earthing Movie:



The Earthing Website



Upcoming Festivals

Festivals in 2025!

You can start making your plans
to attend today!
You can even share
this list!

August

CIRCLE'S GREEN SPIRIT FESTIVAL – Barneveld, Wisconsin

<https://www.circlesanctuary.org/greenspirit> August 1-3, 2025

SACRED HARVEST FESTIVAL – Finlayson, Minnesota <http://www.harmonytribe.org/> -

Aug. 4 - 10, 2025

FREE SPIRIT GATHERING – Darlington, Maryland <https://www.freespiritgatheringmd.org/> Aug 5-10, 2025

SUMMERLAND FESTIVAL – Clifton, Ohio <https://threecranes.org/summerland/> - Aug. 14-17

OSIRIS FEST – La Vergne, Tennessee <https://happeningnext.com/event/osiris-fest-2024-eid3a0bdu0og6> - Aug. 17, 2025

TEMPLE FEST – Charlton, Massachusetts <https://templefest.templeofwitchcraft.org/> Aug 29-Sept 1, 2025

THE WITCHES WEEKEND – Houghton Lake, Michigan <https://templefest.templeofwitchcraft.org/> Aug 29-Sept 1, 2025

STONES RISING – Artemas, Pennsylvania <https://4qf.org/stonesrising> - Aug. 27 -Sept. 1, 2025

September

WILD MAGICK GATHERING – Needmore, Indiana <https://elvinhome.org/wild-magick-gathering/> Sept 18-21, 2025

MYSTIC MABON SOUTHWEST – Tijeras, New Mexico <https://mysticmabon.org/about/festival/> Sept 18-21, 2025

Hekate's Sickle Festival 2025

I call Hekate of the Crossroads, worshipped at the meeting of three paths, oh lovely one.
In the sky, earth, and sea, You are venerated in Your saffron-colored robes.
Funereal Daimôn, celebrating among the souls of those who have passed.
Persian, fond of deserted places, You delight in deer.
Goddess of night, protectress of dogs, invincible Queen.
Drawn by a yoke of bulls, You are the queen who holds the keys to all the Kózmos.
Commander, Nýmphi, nurturer of children, You who haunt the mountains.
Pray, Maiden, attend our hallowed rituals;
Be forever gracious to Your mystic herdsman and rejoice in our gifts of incense.

Orphic Hymn to Hekate, translation from HellenicGods.org



Hekate's Sickle Festival 2024



This was first published in 2024 after Soleil Étoilé attended Hekate's Sickle Festival 2024.



On the lovely chilly morning of October 31st, 2024, I had the distinct pleasure of serving Hekate, my patroness, by riding up to Index and back with some friends and beginning preparing for Hekate's Sickle at the Aquarian Tabernacle Church's (ATC's) Mother Church property in Index, WA to pack up a U-Haul trailer in order to prepare for Hekate's Sickle Festival. After returning home, I hurriedly packed my bags and made my way to a bus stop to head down to SeaTac, WA. I made my way via bus and high speed transit train in the chilly rain in a big red raincoat while listening to "The Ballad of the Witches Road (Sacred Chant Version)" by the Cast of Marvel's Agatha All Along to check in to the hotel and get a good night's rest to prepare for a spiritual and leadership journey. This journey was not only spiritually fulfilling, but also an opportunity to be in community with friends I often do not get to see.

After checking in, unpacking my belongings, chatting it up with some friends, and getting some rest, I made my way to the Convention Center to start my day, help set up for the event, and serve at the Volunteer Coordinator for the event. In this role, I had the opportunity to connect attendees who engage in sacred service in order to ensure the event runs smoothly, with volunteer opportunities that fit their strengths and personalities. Volunteers had the opportunity to serve at the registration desk, as hospitality volunteers who ensure the safety and comfort of those attending, as assistants to those holding workshops, and with setting up and tearing down the event and its various moving parts. I was honored to see this process unfold in a manner in which everyone had their needs met, and any last-minute needs were fulfilled. I was honored to have this opportunity as a volunteer leader and to serve the Goddess in this way.

The first night of the actual event, I had the opportunity to participate in one workshop and four profound rituals that gave me much insight. First, I had the opportunity to participate in Opening Circle, a ritual at which we set the magical circle for the festival. In this ritual, we experienced sacred dance and the informed practices of the ATC in holding a festival by establishing safety protocols and expectations of the event from the beginning. Next, I participated in a brilliant workshop with Celia Farran in which she taught participants about how to use their whole bodies as instruments with which to sing, and a song that she composed for the event to call Hekate to the space. The beginning of my day was a great way to get the energy going.

The next ritual was a Rite of Release in which those present honored their beloved dead with beautiful words and lit flameless candles for them. This ritual was immediately followed by Hekate's Deipnon, a beautiful ritual in which participants were called by Hekate to let go of the ideas and things that no longer serve themselves, place them in a skull-shaped vessel filled with water by adding food coloring into them, emptying the contents into Hekate's cauldron, and leaving the room. This ritual was based on the monthly rituals to Hekate that were held by the Ancient Greeks at the dark moon and was very profound for me. I found myself processing in a state of meditation that involved letting all of these old thought processes go.

I then prepared for a Skyclad Ritual with Aphrodite in which we explored self-care and treating the parts of our body with love and kindness rather than bullying and mistreatment. This profound ritual left me with a changed mindset for how I speak about my body. After all, as a witch, I know that my words have power and the way that I speak to my body matters deeply.

As on most festival nights at a hotel, I had the pleasure of setting up for the next morning and spending time with my friends after this, catching up and decompressing in the hot tub. I often find that these moments lead to conversations that help to break down ideas that we struggle with and still need to process, while also making space to get to know people better and have fun.

This evening, there was an unexpected interruption in my sleep, as a fire alarm woke me up because of an electrical fire under the stairs in another building. The community, however, came together to make sure that everyone was okay and to make the scary moment something much better for the children in attendance with music, singing, and dance. Knowing what happened and handling my own anxiety in this moment was definitely a learning moment for me. Once I could go back to sleep, I got some rest and woke up bright and early to get the event going once again in the morning.

The next morning, a number of other workshops and rituals happened, and a lot of volunteering helped to make the event a success. I led Morning Devotionals in which participants got to hear the Charge of the Goddess, share their gratuities and intentions for the day, and sing the Witches' Rune to send their gratuities and intentions up to the Gods. This is always a favorite ritual of mine, as it sets the day on the right foot and gives people an opportunity to start their day gently. I then participated in one more workshop and ended the day with a number of other rituals that ended the day.

At the workshop I attended, Rev. Lilliana Blackstar presented on Trauma-Informed Care and its importance for clergy and spiritual professionals as people who lead rituals and provide spiritual counsel. In this workshop, I learned the most important aspects of Trauma-Informed Care and got an introduction to the topics most important to ensuring we care for our covens, clients, and people attending events we lead.

After dinner, rituals commenced, starting with an Awards Ceremony for pagan covens and the ATC to honor significant leaders. Many amazing pagan leaders were recognized, covens awarded members with awards that recognized their contributions, and donors to the ATC were recognized for their contributions that make what the ATC does possible. Visories were also installed for the Temples of Eleusis, a role that allows for someone to lead particular volunteer roles that are under the auspices of that particular deity. I was honored to be called to be installed as the Visory of the Temple of Poseidon in this ritual, the Temple that oversees Volunteer Coordination.

Following this, the current Vessels (people who hold the energy of a specific deity or ancestral spirit), Votives (people who previously held the roles of said deity), and Votaries (people who oversee the mysteries of said deity) of the Spring Mysteries Festival put on a performance



that recognized and honored all of the members of all of the Temples of SMF's Eleusinian Priesthood. SMF is an event in the Spring that continues the Eleusinian Mysteries of Ancient Greece with the mysteries of Demeter and Persephone and includes temples for the Greek Gods of Eleusis and many other integral roles in their mysteries. This event was very fun and concluded with a formal announcement of who would hold the role of Vessel for the various temples at the upcoming 39th SMF in 2025.

At this event, I got to honor the Temple of the Royal Family of Eleusis as the current Vessel of Triptolemus, pass on this vesselage to the new Vessel, and be passed on the vesselage of the Temple of Poseidon. All of this was not only exciting, fun, and emotional for many, but also led to a profound, magical journey for those participating in this ministry. For the next year, they hold the role of Vessel for this temple and represent it at the many ATC events that are related to the temple. If you would like to learn more about Spring Mysteries Festival, please go here: <https://www.springmysteries.com>.

This was then followed by a beautiful concert that involved looping tools, opportunities to sing along, and lots of mirth and reverence by the one and only Celia Farran. She even sang my favorite of her songs, Walking the Labyrinth. The performance was a great way to lead into ritual and ended with her new song, performed alongside those who attended her workshop. This was a very spiritual moment for me, as a witch who grew up singing and works with Apollo as their Patron God.

Following this, participants had an opportunity to have their skull cups refilled and blessed by Hekate in Hekate's Noumenia, a ritual held by the Ancient Greeks at the new moon. The ritual participants were given the opportunity to take in this blessed water as they felt comfortable, keeping it, blessing themselves with it, or drinking it. Then, the opportunity to receive a more personal message from Hekate was opened up alongside some fun music to dance to at the Witches' Ball and an opportunity for Drunken Divination. This ritual gave me profound realizations about the manner in which I receive love, the openness I have for love, the need I have to be able to live in a space that is my own, and my own journey with self-confidence. I am deeply grateful for those lessons and the opportunity to decompress after receiving them.



Throughout the event, Bingo Cards were given to participants who earned them tickets and the opportunity to win a prize by purchasing from the Vendor Hall, and an Art-Walk took place that participants voted on with beads to award the best artist. The vendors sold amazing wares including statuary, art, clothing, magical items, ceramics, candles, and music. They also provided spiritual counsel, including sound healing, shamanic healing, tarot, and astrological readings. The Art-Walk included amazing works of art in many mediums from all ages.

To close out the event, the final day began with a breakfast buffet at the Hotel Restaurant, to which people showed off their best onesies and enjoyed the morning together in community. Then, Closing Circle was held. Volunteers were recognized, prizes were won by those who put in their tickets for a raffle, Bingo Cards resulted in a prize, and the winners of the Art-Walk were also given a prize. Then, the circle was closed, and the event began to be ended, and the stage and props were taken down.

All in all, this weekend of fun, unexpected events, spiritual growth, and opportunities to lead and be in community was life-giving. I was grateful to be part of making it happen, even as I was occasionally interrupted to make sure things kept running smoothly. I enjoyed every moment, including my volunteer role. The Gods have done something special with Hekate's Sickle, and I am very grateful to be part of this festival family.

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Soleil Etoile



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August Calendar



AUG. 1: LUGHNASSADH / LAMMAS SABBAT: First Harvest—Bread Harvest. First Harvest Festival of the Celtic Sun God Lugh.

AUG. 3: Day of the Dryads – Greek celebration of the Macedonian maiden spirits of woods and water.

AUG. 3-4: Feast of Old Greek Goddess Artemis – Defender of rights and liberties, and punisher of rapists and oppressors.

AUG. 5: Celtic Tree Month of Hazel begins.

AUG. 6: Celtic Fire Festival of Tan Hill.

AUG. 9: Druid Feast of the Fire Spirits– Roman Vinalia Rustica: wine festival of Venus and Pan

AUG. 11-13: Feast of Father Sky – Honoring God as Obatala (Yoruba/Santeria), Ouranos (Greek), Svarog (Slavic), Thor (Norse), Taranis (Celtic), Dyaus (Hindu).
– Celtic Puck Fair – Fertility Festival.

AUG. 12: The Lights of Isis, Festival of the Egyptian Goddess Isis.

AUG. 19: Roman Vinalia: Marriage of Bacchus

AUG. 20: Marriage of the God and Goddess—Sun God enters Earth Goddess and rules Underworld as Lord of the Shadows.

AUG. 21: Festival of Hecate—Invoking her to protect the harvests now that the God resides within her aspect as the Earth Goddess.

AUG. 21: Greek Festival of Hecate – To protect the harvest.

AUG. 24: Feast of Egyptian God Osiris – Partner and true love of Isis, and father of Horus; guide of all husbands, fathers, and judges.

AUG. 25: Norse God Odin receives knowledge.– Roman Festival of Goddess Ops – Lady of the Cornucopia, Bounty of the Harvest, and Sustainer of Life.

AUG. 27: Feast of Egyptian Goddess Isis – Partner and true love of Osiris, and mother of Horus; guide of all wives, mothers, healers, advocates, and teachers.

AUG. 28: Norse Harvest Festival.

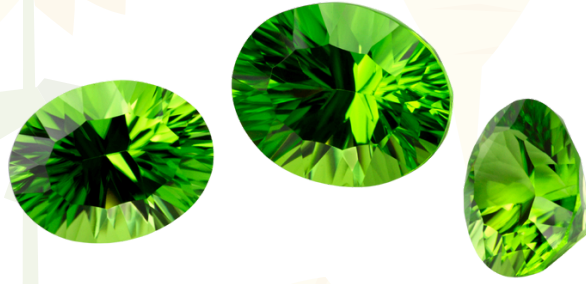
AUG. 29 -Sep 11: Return of Isis – Egyptian festival marking the return to Egypt of Goddess Isis (as the star of Sept/Sirius) and God Osiris (as the rising Nile River).



August Symbolism

BIRTHSTONE:

Peridot



The tears of the volcano goddess Pele.

When set in gold, this gem was said to protect the wearer from nightmares.

Flower:
Gladiolus
&
Poppy



Gladiolus is a symbol of strength and love, while the poppy has long been associated with those lost during times of war.

Leo
July 23 thru
August 22



Symbol:
The Lion

Virgo
August 23 thru
September 22



Symbol:
The Virgin

Volunteer Classifieds!

We often are asked what jobs, duties, or projects need filled, and usually the leaders' heads are so full, they say "uuhhh... let me think."

So, here are a few volunteering options! Check the skills needed, and see if you know how or are willing and able to learn them!



Daily Devotional Leads & Buddies

Our Devotional Team is looking for new leads to help run the ATC/WSTS Daily Devotionals on Discord! If interested, you will receive training from our Devotional Coordinator.

- Leads: Lead one devotional each week at either 6 am or 9 am Pacific Time.
- Buddies: Assist Leads with devotionals once a week while training to be a lead!

Contact: Devotional Coordinator at devotional.coordinator@wiccanseminary.edu

Marketing/Social Media Assistants

Enjoy finding fun content online? Want to learn how to use Facebook Business pages? The ATC, WSTS, and more are looking for people willing to help post on and manage social media pages. Must be willing and able to use Facebook, Instagram - TikTok a bonus!

Contact: Belladonna LaVeau at bella@atcwicca.org



Daily Devotional Coordinator

WSTS is looking for a new devotional coordinator to train under the current coordinator, and will take over once comfortable with the position.

Must be able to:

- Attend or run 6 am & 9 am Pacific Time devotionals as needed
- Train Devotional Leads and Buddies
- Attend weekly Ministry Meetings to report attendance and any potential ideas and issues (Tuesdays at 5 pm Pacific Time)

Contact: Brenna Grace at Ministry.Dean@wiccanseminary.edu



Video Creator for Social Media

We are looking for people who want to help the various ATC Programs with social media video content. Both long-style Youtube videos and TikTok/Reels/Shorts.

- Must have a phone or other device you can make videos on.

Contact: Belladonna LaVeau at bella@atcwicca.org

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Woolston-Steen has its very own blog!

The latest posts:


- Misconceptions About Wicca
- Wicca and Community
- Wicca and Nature
- Mystic South 2025
- How to Clean Your Blade

Misconceptions About Wicca

Despite growing awareness and interest in alternative spiritual paths, Wicca is still widely misunderstood. This nature-based, earth-honoring religion is often misrepresented in the media and pop culture, leading to confusion, fear, or even ridicule. This fear and misunderstanding between Wicca and other more accepted religions in the United States causes bigotry and negative associations. Let's clear the air and debunk some of the most common myths.

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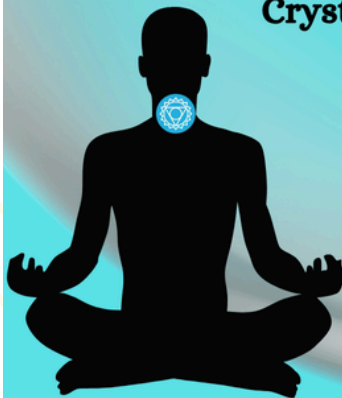
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Thank you!

Dusty Dionne for Menhir News

Soleil Etoile for Hekate's Sickle 2024

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