



# PANEGYRIA

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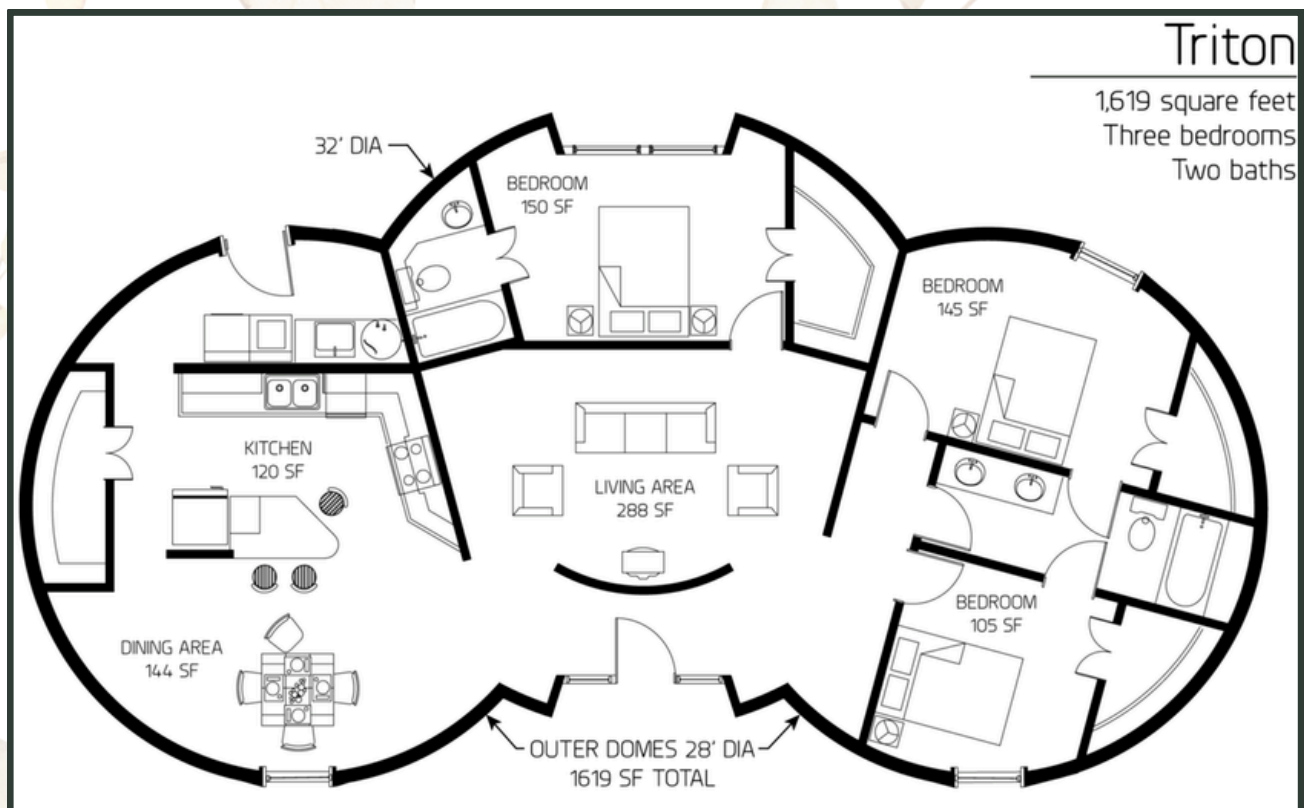
This article from our archives is something you do not want to miss! We invite you to sit back and read Mary's inspirational words. And prepare yourself for the magic of Hekate's Sickle Festival!

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## The Aquarian Tabernacle Church Launches Affordable, Sustainable Housing Program: First Lot Secured, Applications Open

**Index, WA – August 28, 2025** – The Aquarian Tabernacle Church (ATC) is thrilled to announce a major milestone in its mission to provide accessible, sustainable housing for local families. The ATC has officially closed on the first lot of land for its Affordable Housing Program and is welcoming applications from families eager to custom-design their own environmentally sound home.

This pioneering initiative offers families the opportunity to live in beautiful, Pagan-friendly Washington State, close to the Mother Church, in locally sourced, eco-friendly dome homes that are as resilient as they are beautiful. This home is as versatile as the imagination.



### Each home is:

- **Environmentally Sound & Sustainable:** Built with local materials and designed for minimal environmental impact.
- **Disaster-Resilient:** Fireproof, earthquake safe, and flood resistant, offering peace of mind in the face of climate change.
- **Off-Grid Capable:** Equipped for self-sufficiency, supporting a sustainable lifestyle for residents.
- **Custom Designed:** Homeowners will work directly with the ATC team to design a home that meets their unique needs.



"Our community's biggest challenge is access to affordable, home-ownership, which is vital to family security and stability. We're changing that, one family at a time," shares Matriarch Belladonna LaVeau, Archpriestess of ATC. "These aren't just homes; they're a promise of safety, sustainability, and belonging. We're so excited to help make homeownership possible for our community."

Spaces are limited, and the waiting list is already growing! If you're interested in customizing and owning a sustainable, affordable home, don't wait—fill out this quick form today to join the waiting list. We'll be in touch as soon as homes become available!

*Since 1979, the ATC has been an international Pagan church dedicated to spiritual growth, community service, and environmental stewardship. Through programs like the Affordable Housing initiative, the ATC continues to champion innovative solutions for today's most pressing social and ecological challenges.*

## Join Waiting List!

# Upcoming Festivals



## Festivals in 2025!

You can start making your plans  
to attend today!

You can even share  
this list!

### September

**WILD MAGICK GATHERING** – Needmore, Indiana Sept 18-21, 2025

**MYSTIC MABON SOUTHWEST** – Tijeras, New Mexico Sept 18-21. 2025

### October

**FESTIVAL OF SOULS** – Millington, Tennessee Oct 16-19, 2025

**WITCHES COLLEGIUM** – Huntsville, Arizona Thursday before Halloween

**WITCH FEST** – Twin Falls, Idaho Oct 24 & 25 2025

**WISTERIA AUTUMN FIRES** – Athens, Ohio Oct 9 - 12, 2025

### November

**SAMHAIN SPELLBOUND MASQUERADE** – Courtenay Bay, Canada Nov 1

**HEKATE'S SICKLE** – Seattle, Washington Nov 7 - 9, 2025

# Hekate's Sickle Festival 2025

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HEKATE'S SICKLE FESTIVAL



SEATTLE, WA NOVEMBER 7TH - NOVEMBER 9TH 2025

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# From Panegyria's Archives

## Working with Hekate



**Mary Malinski - July 29, 2017**

I've been working with Hekate for many years now, though the months of working with her for Spring Mysteries were by far the most intense.

Hekate is the patron Goddess of the [Aquarian Tabernacle Church](#). She is known by many names – Torchbearer, Keeper of the Keys, Goddess of the Crossroads, Mother of Witches, Psychopomp... Hekate has a lot of various aspects, and she works with you wherever you are at, with whichever skills and interests you have that align with Her. You don't need to learn EVERYTHING!

In modern paganism, a lot of people see Hekate as the Crone face of the Triple Goddess, the wise woman. Others see her as the hidden fourth face, the Dark Mother. To the Greeks, she was a young woman, or the triple Goddess all on her own (Hekate Trivia). One thing Hekate kept telling me is "Just because I am ancient doesn't mean I am old!" Walking with Hekate, I'm seeing more patterns in the world.

"It's all been done before."

"There is nothing new under the sun."

Hekate has been around for a very, very long time. I personally believe she is pre-Greek. I believe she was a Goddess of Place, local to the area that became Greece, long before the Olympian mythology. Not unlike Brigid to the Irish, she was popular enough among the people that the incoming (invading?) religion could not push her out. They included her as one of the Titans, one who came before the Olympians.

After the Titanomachy (the overthrow of the Titans by the Olympians), Zeus divided up the rule of the world between all those who had assisted him. Hesiod tells us: "And she [Asteria, wife of Perses] conceived and bore Hecate, whom Zeus, the son of Cronos, honored above all. He gave her splendid gifts, to have a share of the earth and the unfruitful sea. She received honor also in starry heaven, and is honored exceedingly by the deathless gods. To this day, whenever any one of men on earth offers rich sacrifices and prays for favor according to custom, he calls upon Hecate. Great honor comes easily to him whose prayers

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the goddess receives favorably, and she bestows wealth upon him; for the power surely is with her. For as many as were born of Earth and Ocean amongst all these, she has her due portion.

The son of Cronos did her no wrong nor took anything away of all that was her portion among the former Titan gods: but she holds, as the division was at the first from the beginning, privilege both in earth, and in heaven, and in sea. Also, because she is an only child, the goddess receives not less honor, but much more still, for Zeus honors her. Whom she will, she greatly aids and advances: she sits by worshipful kings in judgement, and in the assembly, whom she will is distinguished among the people. And when men arm themselves for the battle that destroys men, then the goddess is at hand to give victory and grant glory readily to whom she will.

Good is she also when men contend at the games, for there too the goddess is with them and profits them: and he who by might and strength gets the victory wins the rich prize easily with joy, and brings glory to his parents. And she is good to stand by horsemen, whom she will: and to those whose business is in the grey discomfortable sea, and who pray to Hecate and the loud-crashing Earth-Shaker, easily the glorious goddess gives great catch, and easily she takes it away as soon as seen, if so she will. She is good in the byre with Hermes to increase the stock. The droves of kine and wide herds of goats and flocks of fleecy sheep, if she will, she increases from a few, or makes many to be less.

So, then, albeit her mother's only child, she is honored amongst all the deathless gods. And the son of Cronos made her a nurse of the young who, after that day, saw with their eyes the light of all-seeing Dawn. So from the beginning, she is a nurse of the young, and these are her honors."

~Hesiod, Theogony

We see here that she had a great many roles and honors, more than some of the Olympians even!

Another piece that spoke to me is the lovely Orphic Hymn to Hekate:  
Hekatê of the Path, I invoke Thee, Lovely Lady of the Triple Crossroads,  
Celestial, Chthonian, and Marine One, Lady of the Saffron Robe.

Sepulchral One, celebrating the Bakchic Mysteries among the Souls of the Dead,  
Daughter of Persês, Lover of Solitude, rejoicing in deer.

Nocturnal One, Lady of the Dogs, invincible Queen. She of the Cry of the Beast, Ungirt One, having an irresistible Form.

Bullherder, Keeper of the Keys of All the Universe, Mistress, Guide, Bride, Nurturer of Youths, Mountain Wanderer.

I pray Thee, Maiden, to be present at our hallowed rites of initiation,

Always bestowing Thy graciousness upon the Boukolos.

While I was working with Hekate leading up to Spring Mysteries Festival, I started doing an exercise I read in *The Temple of Hekate: Exploring the Goddess Hekate through ritual, meditation, and divination* by Tara Sanchez, called the Tetrahedron. The book said it was for balancing your energy. I found it connected me with my guides better, and my intuition.

One of the biggest lessons Hekate gave me was about surrendering. Hekate taught me about the grace in surrendering my will to the will of the Gods, and about letting go of control – something I struggle with quite a bit. For example, I rarely give up control when I am invoked. Deity is there, and yet everything filters through me. Hekate worked with me to step aside, to let go and observe, rather than filter.

Shrine scenes were the most intense they have ever been for me. I worked hard to step out of the way, and it's probably the best I have done so far. I remember fragments and glimpses. I would recognize people, and then not recognize them – at least not in the same way. There were musicians playing on the green, and I would think, "I like this song..." and then be reminded to step aside. Hekate appreciated the talent and the service they were providing. She even sent out tokens in thanks.

At one point, a bee or a wasp that had been buzzing around the upper window of the shrine came down and landed on my chiton. We tried to encourage it away. I wasn't afraid of it, as I might have been if I were fully myself. It kept moving from one flower to another on the chiton. We finally asked the petitioner to open the door, and walked

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to the entrance. We shooed it off, and it wouldn't go at first, then it flew away to freedom. It was a very magical moment.

Hekate has an interesting relationship with Aphrodite. For me, I felt exasperated with Aphrodite's shenanigans, and yet also felt a respect for a fellow ancient energy, as though Aphrodite was the impulsive one who acts on whatever whim she feels, and Hekate is the one who has to clean up the mess. There's respect for getting things done, just not for how they are done.

Coming home, I felt like I was in a strange place. It's always difficult returning from extended magical space – whether it is a festival or a course or just time with loved ones – and moving back into the mundane day to day life. Returning from Eleusis is no different.

I was in a world outside of time and space, a world apart from the concerns of daily life. It wasn't that time didn't exist – there was definitely a sense of treasuring and honoring the moments that I had with the family that was not of my blood, serving

my community in such a unique and special way.

The most challenging part of coming back is reflecting on the lessons and integrating what I've learned. Once out of the magical space, it starts to fade, like waking from a dream.

One thing that doesn't fade is the connection that I worked so hard to establish with the Goddesses I worked with in the months leading up to Spring Mysteries – Hekate and Ereshkigal.

These two work very well together. I even learned that in the Greek Magical Papyri, they were conflated as Hekate-Ereshkigal. Many people are afraid of the Dark Mother and of the Underworld. And I'll admit, if you are not ready to meet Her, or your own Shadow, She can be frightening. She is not soft and gentle, though She is beautiful. Terrifyingly beautiful.

Hekate and Ereshkigal will hold you accountable. She will kick your butt to keep you going. She pushes you to grow. And I love Her for that. She pushed me a lot. She is STILL pushing me to be more, be better, keep growing, and keep serving.



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**I invite you to read more articles on Panegyria's Blog**

# The Descent is Only the Beginning

## THE DESCENT IS ONLY THE BEGINNING HEKATE'S SICKLE FESTIVAL

### VAMPIRE'S BALL

**A Night of Elegance, Mischief,  
and Midnight Magic**

Join us for a hauntingly glamorous  
evening where creatures of the night  
come to play!

There will be fun for everyone!

Costumes  
Games  
Contests  
Prizes

Prepare for a night where the undead  
come alive.

Will you survive the Vampire Ball?



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### PERSEPHONE EMBRACING DEATH

Death comes for us All. The  
Iron Queen shows us how to  
accept life's changes and  
walk fearlessly and  
powerfully into our future,  
toward our own death and  
transformation, trusting the  
future you are creating, while  
letting go of that which no  
longer serves us.

### HEKATE THE WELL OF SOULS

Travel to Hekate's Realm  
deep within the  
Underworld and bathe  
yourself in the Well of  
Souls, removing the "old"  
still clinging to you, so  
that you are ready to be  
reborn into a fresh,  
new life.



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### SELENA FOX

#### INTO THE WOMB OF THE GODDESS

Here is a time to welcome new life and fresh blessings, to rest in the care of the Goddess, trusting that something new is taking shape.

This is where we are allowed to pause, to be present in the space between what was and what is coming.

And when the moment is right, we will rise, renewed and ready.

SATURDAY NOV. 8 - 9:00 PM

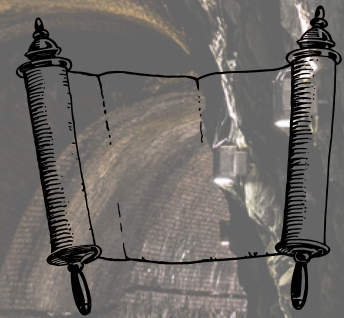
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### AWARDS CEREMONY

Come honor your community members and be honored for your hard work and contributions to the Pagan community!

SATURDAY NOV. 8 - 9:00 PM



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### RITE OF RELEASE

#### HONORING THE ANCESTORS

This rite is meant to offer space for remembrance, gratitude, and the gentle act of release. It is not about forgetting — it is about freeing both the living and the dead to continue their journeys in peace.



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### Lady Selena Fox

Join us in honoring Selena Fox for her lifetime of service, teaching and protecting you and your religious freedoms so that you could spread your wings and soar.

### Lifetime Achievement Award



**Rev. Selena Fox** is senior minister and high priestess of [Circle Sanctuary](#), a Nature Spirituality church and international Pagan resource center. A leading figure in contemporary Paganism and Wicca for over 40 years, she is known for her advocacy of religious freedom, interfaith collaboration, and environmental stewardship.

A certified psychotherapist with degrees in psychology and counseling, Rev. Fox integrates mental health and spirituality in her work. She is a [published author](#), speaker, and founder of [CIRCLE Magazine](#), with contributions spanning psychology, spirituality, and folklore.

Rev. Fox has represented Nature Spirituality at major interfaith events worldwide, including the [Parliament of the World's Religions](#). She consults with government and institutional leaders on religious accommodation and serves on advisory committees, including for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

As Executive Director of [Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve](#), she oversees sacred sites and leads rituals honoring Earth-centered traditions. Her life's work bridges ancient wisdom and modern advocacy, fostering harmony among diverse spiritual paths. And so much more...

**We welcome you to join us!**

# September Calendar

## Observation Days For September

**SEP. 2:** Grape Vine Festival honoring Ariadne & Dionysus

**SEP. 9 – 11:** Feast of Mother Earth (Greek, etc)

**SEP. 9 – 18:** Greater Eleusinian Mysteries (Greek): rites of Demeter/Persephone/Hades done every five years. (prepare on the 2nd, initiates on the 11th, purifying sea bath or sea salt bath on the 12th, offerings of barley and grain on the 13th, 'holy basket of Demeter'/Persephone's abduction by Hades on the 14th, torch procession for Demeter's search on the 15th, Holy Night/Initiations/Dedications show mystery/promise of renewed life on the 16th, games/sports/Feast of Divine Life dedicated to Triple Goddess of Kore-Demeter-Persephone on the 18th, return with earthen jars representing the womb of Demeter on the 19th).

**SEP. 13:** Egyptian Lighting the Fire Ceremony for all departed souls — honoring with candlelight the spirits of the dead.

**SEP. 19:** Feast of Thoth, Egyptian scribe god

**SEP. 21 – 23:** MABON SABBAT: Autumn Equinox; Second Harvest—Vine Harvest; Harvest Home/Thanksgiving Feast/Winter-finding for the Norse. The Fall Equinox always begins the forty-day

- Birthday of Athena, Greek Goddess of Wisdom
- Babylonian Ishtar's Day: Great Goddess

**SEP. 26 – Oct 5:** Navaratri, Hindu Festival of the Great Goddess – Huge holiday in India when the Goddess destroys evil and restores cosmic order  
Mesopotamian Day of the Sheepfolds: sacrifice to Goat God Azazel.

**SEP. 27:** Mesopotamian Day of the Willows: Festival of Astarte/Asherah

**SEP. 29:** Greek Festival Of Nemesis: Goddess of Fate



# HSF FAQ'S

## **Do I have to register for the festival first and then book the hotel, or vice versa?**

Doesn't matter which one you do! We do suggest booking your room very soon, though! If you're worried about having enough money, you don't have to pay for it until you arrive at the festival! [You can learn more about the hotel and find the booking link here!](#)

## **Registration Close Date**

Registration will close on the Monday before the Festival! We will not be registering people mid-festival due to the nature of the rituals and the limited time our volunteer staff will have. For general festival questions, please contact us using [our contact form](#) or call 360.793.1945. A staff member will respond to you via email or phone call (if requested with a phone number provided), OR we will forward your question to the appropriate festival Staff Liaison. Please do not rely on email for time-sensitive issues. If you do not receive a response within 24 hours, please call the Church office directly for assistance.

## **Do I have to stay at the hotel?**

You absolutely do not have to stay at the Hilton Convention Center in Seatac. However, there is a certain number of rooms we need to have booked in order to receive a huge discount on renting the other parts of the hotel. It's also more fun staying at the hotel - you get access to all the amenities!

## **What are the opening and closing times of the festival?**

Opening Circle will happen on Friday at 5 pm, so we recommend getting there and being ready for the opening circle then! We will have a Closing Circle on Sunday around 11 am.

## **Payments**

We are accepting payments online. If this option doesn't work for you, please send an email to use our contact form or call the church at (360)793-1945 to make other arrangements. Your registration fees are used to support the Aquarian Tabernacle Church's many ministries. If you want to pay more, you are always welcome to give additional donations, and we are always grateful for them. Thank you for helping us continue the work of the Goddess.

## **Payment Options**

If you need more payment options other than paying full price upfront, please check out our [pledge programs here](#).

## **The Small Print**

In order to attend, registration is required and must be accompanied by full payment in U.S. dollars to secure any time-based discounts without exception.

Registration fees include all festival activities. Please use the registration form. Attach an additional separate form for each and every festival attendee you are registering, filled out completely.

Some limited Staff Intern and Work Exchange jobs are available for those who can not afford the full fees (not available to Merchants or those with small children). If you need consideration, call us at (877) 677-4725 right away, as these are limited and fill up early as well. To be accepted, each registration must be accompanied by payment. Registrations without proper full payment CANNOT be accepted, and will be returned or destroyed. The fees are used to support the many year-long activities and outreaches of the ATC, and are on a sliding scale, so you can choose what you can honestly afford to give in good conscience. Early registrations cost less. We ask you to be realistic and be as generous as you are able to help us keep up our efforts and expand our public work for Paganism. Much has been accomplished already by ATC in the years to educate the world about Wicca and Paganism, but there is a lot yet to be done.

## **Refund and Cancellation Policy**

Cancellations must be received at the ATC IN WRITING (email is okay) BEFORE THE FESTIVAL.

If you can no longer attend, please consider donating your registration to someone who cannot afford it through our [Steve Milward Fund](#)! If you are facing a hardship and need to speak with someone regarding this, please call us at (360) 793-1945.

Refunds will be mailed after the festival dust settles. Only those cancellations received in writing before the festival will be eligible for a refund. The \$5.00 manual processing fee is not refundable.

## **Why aren't the festivals being held at Fort Flagler anymore?**

Fort Flagler was our home for the Spring Mysteries Festival for over 30 years, and boy, do we miss it. However, during the pandemic, the buildings were not kept up and have fallen into disrepair. We do not know if they will repair the buildings and open them again. Hekate's Sickle Festival was historically hosted at various other state parks around Western Washington; it was only in the last few years of in-person festivals that we began hosting it at Flagler.

## **Why are we doing it at a hotel?**

Until we can raise enough money to create New Eleusis, we have to find somewhere to host the festival in the interim. There are so many reasons why a hotel works, but here are just a few: no weather mishaps, completely ADA Accessible, separate rooms/bathrooms to minimize the spread of viruses, way more accessible to those flying in from other areas, and many more.

[Register Here](#)

[Reserve Hotel Room](#)

# September Symbolism

**BIRTHSTONE:**

**Sapphire**



Traditionally a favorite stone of priests and kings, the sapphire symbolizes purity and wisdom.

**Flower:**

**Aster  
&  
Morning Glory**



*Asters inspire painters and writers. While Morning Glories has been a symbol of love, undying and unrequited.*

**Virgo**  
August 23 thru  
September 22



**Symbol:**  
The Virgin



**Libra**  
September 23  
thru  
October 22



**Symbol:**  
Scales



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bella@atcwicca.org)



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Levia



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# Woolston-Steen Theological Seminary

*Fall Semester Starts October 6th!*

## Electives for Fall 2025:

**Ritual 105 - Sacred Firetending**  
With Kara D. Williams

**Myth 140 - Introduction to Norse Mythology**  
With Solinox Silverstar

**Magic 120 - Animal Connections**  
With Kara D. Williams

**Wicca 111 - Magical Herbalism**  
With Trisha Parker

**Wicca 170 - Introduction to Astrology**  
With Trisha Parker



**Email Enrollment:**

**Enrollment@wiccanseminary.edu**

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# Moonstone's Gifts

## Hekate Hoodie or Sweatshirt

Choose the Sweatshirt with or without hood or zipper.

Snuggle up in this magically adorned Hekate Hoodie or Sweatshirt. Wear symbols of empowerment and walk between the worlds into Her realm. Gain knowledge unknown and wisdom unseen directly from the Goddess of Witchcraft.

SHIPPING ALERT - Product must be shipped.



## Hi Hekate T-Shirt

Many style options to choose from!  
Order yours soon to have it with you  
for Hekate's Sickle Festival!



## Hekate's Strophalos Bag

This magical bag has 3 pockets (two inside one that zips and one outside) and is perfect for keeping your robes, jewelry and magical items all in one place, or as an everyday bag to compliment your witchy wardrobe. The Strophalos is a seal of Hekate and is designed to ward off danger, protect the contents, and keep the traveler safe on magical adventures.



# Your Altars & Sacred Space

## From Corvus Grace

This altar was one that I used when we did our Sophomore class seance ritual last year (2024). The dead flowers and the skull are there as reminders of the beauty of things, even when they are dead. I dedicated this it to Hades and Persephone as they rule the underworld.

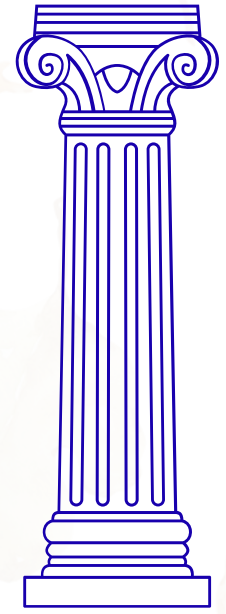
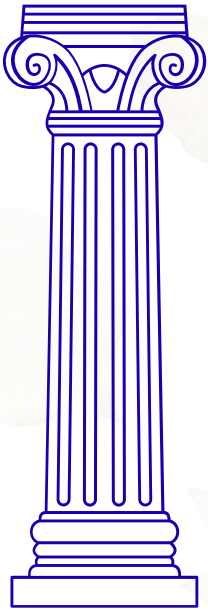


## Common Items Found on an Altar

Item	Symbolism / Use
Chalice	Represents water & the Goddess
Athame	Ritual blade symbolizing the God
Pentacle	Earth Element & Protection
Candles	Illumination & deity representation
Incense	Air element & Purification
Cauldron	Transformation, rebirth

Altars can be permanent fixtures or temporary setups, indoors or outdoors, elaborate or minimalist. What matters most is the intention and energy behind it.

# Sphinx Deciphered



**The mysterious inscription on an ancient Sphinx has finally been deciphered as Greek writing, revealing a fascinating blend of cultures and beliefs.**

## The Discovery

- The Sphinx statue, dating to the 3rd century, originated from Dacia, a Roman province in modern-day Romania.
- It was stolen in the 19th century and never recovered, but a detailed drawing of the statue preserved the inscription.
- The inscription puzzled scholars for decades due to its unusual right-to-left orientation, a break from ancient norms.

## Decoding the Inscription

- Peter Revesz, a professor at the University of Nebraska, led the decoding effort.
- He identified the characters as Greek letters, some in archaic forms, and realized the message was written in Proto-Hungarian using Greek script.
- The translated poem reads: "Lo, behold, worship: here is the holy lion." This suggests a devotional command to venerate the Sphinx.

The Sphinx, depicted as a winged lion, was likely seen as a mythical deity by its creators. This artifact provides rare evidence of a minority religion within the Roman Empire, distinct from mainstream Roman mythology. The inscription was likely part of a ritual ceremony, possibly involving physical interaction with the statue during worship.

Would you like to explore more about the Proto-Hungarian language or the role of sphinxes in ancient religions?

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The Spiral Scouts International program fills a growing need in our society for an organization for our Scouts that welcomes members from all walks of life and all family backgrounds — something that is often overlooked by the many excellent mainstream youth organizations in existence today.



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