

BUILDING BRIDGES PUB MOOT

Newsletter
July 2009

Editor's Corner

It is hard to believe we are heading into July already. As always the staff at Building Bridges Newsletter have been very busy. Each month I find myself smiling at all that we have accomplished and this month is no different.

We have two new features this month, so please take the time to check them out.

Franco has agreed to do a new feature called: "Music for the Soul." Each month he will bring us what is new and exciting in the pagan music scene. We expect this section to grow over the next few months, so please stay tuned!!

We also have a new astrology section written by Kelly Surtees. Take some time and check out what the stars have in store for you for the month of July. Kelly has some workshops coming up that you will find listed in our Events section.

Lupa has once again brought us an insightful review on Wic Can Fest. She will be writing reviews on all her festival escapes this summer so please continue to check out our Festival Review section.

Once again our Festival Spotlight is jammed with exciting information. All our wonderful festival organizers have been busy planning amazing programming that will tantalize and thrill the masses. I know that I will be doing my best to make it out to as many as possible.

Next Stop.....Spirits of the Earth Festival!!!!

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Moots

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Date: July 8 /09
Time: 7-11 pm
Location: Riley's
Street: 104 King Street East
City: Oshawa

C-K Pagan Pub Moot

Date: July 3/09
Time: 7-12 pm
Location: The Montreal House
Street: 185 Grand Ave East
City: Chatham

A social night out for Pagan's in C-K and beyond
If anyone wishes to donate a prize or service to the raffle table, everything is welcome.

Durham Pagan Coffee Moot

Date: July 5/09
Time: 1-4 pm
Location: Country Style
Street: King and Centre
City: Oshawa

Join us for the Durham Pagan Coffee Moot!
We've picked a new location, have 3 awesome organizers, and have picked a new day. This is a child-friendly event, alcohol free, and allows for those early morning jobs that some of us have. All are more than welcome! Hope to see you there!

Kingston Pagan Pub Moot

Date: July 14/09
Time: 7:00-11 pm
Location: The Toucan
Street: 76 Princess St.
City: Kingston
Contact 613-544-0852

Ottawa Pagan Meet and Greet

Date: July 8/09
Time: 7 pm
Location: Dow's Lake Pavilion "Malone's Lakeside Bar & Grill"
Street: 1001 Queen Elizabeth Driveway
City: Ottawa

Barrie Pagan Pub Moot

Date: July 11/09
Time: 6-10 pm
Location: Down the Road Irish Pub (Sunroom)
Street: 650 Big Bay Point Road
City: Barrie

We are a friendly bunch of pagans, very approachable and love good discussions. Whether you are new to the area and want to network with like-minded people or have been to many moots before and feel like enjoying a meal in good company. You are most welcome.
Make sure to bring your sense of humour

HammerTown Pagan Pub Moot

Date: July 19/09
Time 7 pm
Location: Corktown Pub & Fare
Street: 175 Young St
City: Hamilton

Come prepared to take part in our Open Mic, Bardic style hosted by our very own Will McDowall! Poetry, music, readings, performances...all are welcome to sign up on the night and perform for us on stage. Be sure to arrive and sign up early as spaces and time are limited. Featured Vendors include Healing Crystals and Avalon Alchemy! As always, we will be holding our awesome raffle and 50/50 draws. In addition to all of this, the Corktown will have a new menu available, plus a new Sunday special: 2 Imports for \$8! Come out and get to know your pagan community! we hope to see you there! Need more information? Email us at <mailto:info@hammertownppm.com> or check out our website at www.hammertownppm.com

Cerridwen's Mug

Date: July 11/09
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Lettieri Espresso Bar & Café
Street: 77 Wellesley Street
City: Toronto

Cerridwen's Mug has found a new home in the Pride Village. The Lettieri Espresso Bar & Cafe (Church and Wellesley) is a fun, unique place with a wide selection of gourmet coffees and teas and delicious panini sandwiches all reasonably priced. The new location was introduced last month and appeared to be a big hit. Everyone loved the vibe of the coffee shop and the centrality of the location. So come on out on Friday, July 10 to check it out for yourself and be welcomed by our guest hosts Brianna and Jon who are taking over for me while I'm away at Spirits of the Earth Festival. They'll both make you feel right at home.

Toronto Pagan Pub Moot

Date: July 20/09

Time: 7-11 pm

Location: The Fox and Fiddle

Street: 1535 Yonge Street

City: Toronto

The Toronto Pagan Pub Moot is the first and longest running Moot in Canada (c. Feb. 1996) . It is an open and friendly social event that meets every Third Calendar Monday of every month. It is open to Pagans, Wiccans, Witches, Druids, Asatru, etc of ALL ages. Open to those who are new and would like to learn more, to those who have been walking the path for decades. As this is a social event, there are no lectures or specific talks. It is a GREAT place to meet up with old friends and make new friends.

For more information, please feel free to contact either Evan or Karen torontopaganpubmoot@rogers.com
<http://torontopaganpubmoot.shorturl.com>

Forest City Pub Moot

Date: July 15/09

Time: 7 - 10 pm

Street: 511 Talbot Street, upper lounge

City: London

After months of planning and prep, we are ready to go. This will be a great night with music, drink and great company. The Black Shire has agreed to host these for a trial run, based on how many people we get coming out. This is a 19+ event and the night is open to all. Some appetizers will be provided.

If you plan on drinking alcohol, please arrange safe transport home by cab, bus or DD.

Toronto Building Bridges Pub Moot

Date: July 15/09

Time: 7-11 pm

Location: The Ground Hog Pub

Street: 401 Bloor St East

City: Toronto

Just a reminder: we are accepting donations for our "Need Table". It is a community driven initiative and we hope its success will continue. If you need anything or know anyone who is in need and can't make it to the pub moot feel free to take from the table. That is what it is for. We are in tough times, and we have folks in the community who could use some help; either starting up a new apartment, clothes, or food items...so any donations will be appreciated. Don't forget our networking table. It's the best way to network your businesses. Also our upcoming events announcements on what is happening in our communities for June. We also may have a few more surprises but you have to come out to see what they may be.

Pagan Meet and Greet

Date: July 25/09

Time: 10-6 pm

Street: 1346 Hwy 15 Kingston Ontario

City: Kingston

Hosted by Goddess Blends - 613-544-0852

www.goddessblendspagan.com

London Ontario Pagan Coffee Social

Date: July 25/09

Time: 7 pm

Location 513 Queen St

City: London

The LOP coffee Social is held at 7 pm on the last Friday of every Month behind Need hams Funeral Home (side door)

There will be Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate provided for \$1 cup. All proceeds will go to fund our local Spiral Scouts group.

Pagan Brunch

Date: July 26/09

Time: 11 am

Location: The Toucan

Street: 76 Princess St.

City: Kingston

Contact: 613-544-0852

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Store Listings



Magic Series Monday's, with Cat

Date: Monday July 6, 13, 20 & 27th

TIME: 7:00 p.m. - 9-9:30 p.m.

FEE: \$100

Tarot Series Tuesday's with Cat

Date: Tuesday July 7, 14, 21, & 28th

TIME: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

FEE: \$100

Full Moon Meditation

Date: July 8th

Time: 7-8:30 pm

Fee \$20.00

*****Please Register in advance for all workshops*****

For more information please visit our website at

www.theancientmystic.com

5694 Highway 7 East ~ Unit 13, Markham, ON, L3P 1B4



Meditation Classes for Beginners and Intermediate Participants

Date: July 2, 9, 16 23 & 30/09

Time: 7 - 9 pm

For more information please visit our website at

www.thehedgewitch.com or contact us at 905 478-1837

18944 Leslie Street, Sharon, ON, L0G 1V0



Public Rituals

Date: July 4, 11, 18, & 25/09

Time: 8 pm

Public Classes

Date: July 7, 14, 21 & 28/09

Time: 8 pm

For more information please visit our website at

www.wcc.on.ca or contact us at 416-656-6564

109 Vaughan Road, Toronto, ON, M6C 2L9



Brennan Healing Science with Akashic Record Reading with Lorna Charley, Energy Healer

Date: July 5/09, Time: 11 - 6pm

Tarot Workshop 2 'Designing Your Own Spreads'

Date: July 15/09, Time: 6:30 - 9pm

FREE Open Talk and Group Healing Facilitated by Lorraine Stobbe Goldbloom

Date: July 23/09, Date: 6:30pm

For more information please visit our website at

www.gowonderworks.com or contact us at 416-323-3131

79a Harbord Street, Toronto, ON, M5S 1G4

Events

Firedance Drum Circle

Date: July 3

Location: Black Swan

Street: 154 Danforth Ave

City: Toronto, Ontario

Time: 9-2 am

Cost: \$10.00

Please join us for our final jam before Firedance Drum Festival. We will have a silent auction and a 50/50 draw. The Firedance Drummers will be on hand to keep the beat going all night long. Hope to see you there. We will also be on hand for you to pre-register for Festival. For more information on our Festival please check us out on the web at www.firedancedrum.com.

Chakra Tuning ~ harmonize your relationships with Asana & Mantra

Date: July 3/09

Time: 7:30-9:30 pm

Location: Jivamukti Yoga Toronto

Street: 5 Shuter Street, 3rd floor

City: Toronto

Cost: \$25 per student / \$40 for two participants

The chakras provide us with a model for therapeutic transformation. Each asana corresponds to a chakra and a mantra, as well as a type of relationship.

EAGLE FEATHER HEALING / CLEANSING / DIVINING

Date: July 4/09

Time: 4 pm start

Street: 461 Penetanguishene Rd

City: Barrie

Please Join Tamare White-Wolf as she provides spiritual healing and psychic divination opportunities within a small group session. During this session spirit guides offer in-depth information to each individual in clearing and recharging their soul purpose. Prepare emotionally for the psychic gifts and information offered while gently healing.

Website: <http://www.earthandskyconnection.com>

The Wisdom and Medicine Wheel Summer Retreat and Camp

Date: July 4 - 10/09

Time: 4 pm start

Location: Avalon Retreat Center

City: Madawaska Valley

Cost: Varies. Preregister at www.whisperingsong.com

3 Day, 4 Day and 7 Day Programs available. Intensive teaching of the Wisdom Wheels for new and experienced students. The Wisdom Wheels form the foundation of Truth for Aboriginal and Tribal Traditions. They reflect to us the soul's thumbprint, our gifts and abilities and support us on our personal Earth Walk. Join us as we explore the circular teachings of the Ancestors via the Seneca and Celtic Traditional Medicine/ Wisdom Wheels. Adult and Children's Retreat will run concurrently.

Dark Dragon Publications presents...

Book Launch -

"Angel of Death: Book One of the Chosen" by Karen Dales

Date: July 5/09

Time: 5-12 pm

Location: Fox and Fiddle

Street: 1525 Yonge Street

City: Toronto

Come on out and enjoy an evening out with Karen Dales, author of 'Angel of Death: Book One of the Chosen,' which includes the novella 'Changeling: Prelude to the Chosen,' as we celebrate the Launch of these novels in one volume! Have a bite of dinner and/or a drink with Karen as she signs your limited edition first run of the book.

Website: www.thechosenchronicles.com

Release your voice

Date: July 12/09

Time: 2-3:30 pm

Location: HypnoSage - "Flow/Shiatsu Clinic"

Street: 720 Spadina Ave., Suite 507

City: Toronto

Cost: Pay-what-you-can.

Preregister at <http://www.meetup.com/Hypnosis-for-Change/>. If the waiting list is more than 10 people, (not including the 5 confirmed), I will rent a larger space nearby. 30 min discussion of personal obstacles to communication; 30 min introduction to self hypnosis techniques and scripting guidelines; 20 min guided group session; 10 min concluding remarks.

Self Hypnosis Power Hour

Date: July 12/09

Time: 4-5 pm

Location: HypnoSage - "Flow/Shiatsu Clinic"

Street: 720 Spadina Ave., Suite 507

City: Toronto

Cost: Pay-what-you-can.

Preregister at <http://www.meetup.com/Hypnosis-for-Change/> as space is limited to 5 participants.

All levels welcome - Ongoing practice of self-hypnosis (motivational visualization) to ensure your thoughts and imagination are supporting rather than sabotaging your goals. It's easy once you know how, and you can do it anytime. The natural, meditative techniques of self-hypnosis are perfectly safe and relaxing: self-hypnosis (and all hypnosis is self-hypnosis) can be likened to a mental massage

Grow Your Confidence

Date: July 23/09

Time: 7-9 pm

Location: HypnoSage - "Flow/Shiatsu Clinic"

Street: 720 Spadina Ave., Suite 507

City: Toronto

Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

Preregister at <http://www.meetup.com/Hypnosis-for-Change/> as space is limited to 5 participants.

30 min discussion of obstacles to feeling confident; 30 min introduction to self hypnosis techniques; 30 min guided completion of worksheet (included); 20 min guided group session; 10 min concluding remarks.

JourneyDance ~ Experience the Bliss of Transformation

Date: July 24/09

Time: 7:15-9:15 pm

Location: Jivamukti Yoga Toronto

Street: 5 Shuter Street, 3rd floor

City: Toronto

Cost: \$20 pre-register / \$25 drop-in

Toni Bergins' JourneyDance™ is a sensual and exhilarating union of dance, visualization, improvisation, and ritual that will awaken your imagination and move you through deep, personal exploration into a loving, intimate relationship with body, mind, heart, and source energy.

FREE HYPNOSIS! summer-spring-fall

Date: July 26/09

Time: 1-7 pm

Location: Kensington Market

Street: Baldwin Street & Augusta Avenue

City: Toronto

Free mini hypnosis sessions and consultations at pedestrian-only street fest, the last Sunday of every month - see the streets of Toronto's Kensington Market become a cultural, community playground. <http://www.pskensington.ca/>

Behind the Star Signs: Elements and Modes AND The Moon and Her Cycles: Intuition, Emotion and Home

Date: July 25/09

Time: All day event

Location: Bev's Lakeside Retreats

Street: 4865 Lister Road

City: Beamsville

Cost: \$80

We'll explore the four elements and three modalities helping you discover what makes each Zodiac sign tick. The Moon's sign at your birth is equally important (and in some cases more so!) than your Sun sign - what you think of as your star sign. Find out what the differences between the Moon and Sun signs are and how the two combine to show how you 'light up life'.

If you have a copy of your birth chart, feel free to bring it along on the day. You can book through Bev directly on 905-563-8520 or b_haskins842@sympatico.ca

Fire Drum Circle

Date: July 18/09

Time: 8 pm

Location: 31601 Shackleton Line,

City: Iona Station (just west of London)

Cost: \$5/person, \$10/family

(Kids 12 & under FREE, must be accompanied by an adult!) Drum circles are great for releasing the stresses of everyday life, or for attuning yourself to the natural rhythms of the earth. This event is for all experience levels. Instruments are not required. Children are welcome. Drumming, dancing, singing, and chanting. This is an outdoor event so please be prepared (lawn chairs, blanket/sweater, bug repellent, etc).

Contact us at 519-762-2000 or email us at info@spiritsfest.com

Website: www.spiritsfest.com

Port Drum

Date: July 4th, 2009

Time: 6:30-10 pm

Location: Northview Community Center

Street: 150 Beatrice Street East - Hickory Room

City: Oshawa, Ontario

Cost: \$10.

Born of a need to feel the beat, we are proud to present to you, the Port Drum Circle! We are a teaching, learning and healing circle catering to all levels of drummers! Please bring snacks to share.

Contact Info: portdrum@gmail.com or 905-914-7313

Music for the Soul

Compiled by Franco

An evening with TRIUNE—Gary Diggins, Yuri Gorbachow and Jennifer Gillmore

Date: July 10th

Location: Toronto's Music Gallery

Street: 197 John St

City: Toronto.

Time: 7:30 p.m. for an 8 p.m. start

Cost: \$20.00

Dear Lovers of Sound, Soul, and Silence,

TRIUNE is dedicated to transforming the concert context into a ritual and communal experience. Deep listening and the medicine of music. Sonic textures, exotic grooves, improvised soundscapes.

www.musicgallery.org

Reserve through <mailto:gdiggins@aol.com>

Tickets also available at the door.





Wic Can Festival June 17-21/09

Well, here I sit, trying to organize my thoughts on Wiccanfest. I could go the usual route and go on about how wonderful it was. How great the workshops were, and how each concert brought something unique to the festival.

I could, but that has all been said before. This is from the eyes of a Giggle Girl. I again didn't get to many workshops, but for me, festing is sitting at the camp, with a group and having an impromptu discussion about Celtic Mythology, or finding a hidden place and just letting the energy of the environment swirl around me. That is the Festival experience for me. It still amazes me how a simple conversation can turn so deep and you can learn so much, just sitting with friends.

This year we were joined by a few friends who were having the Fest experience for the first time. It was wonderful to be able to see it through their eyes as they explored different workshops, drummed and danced at the fire each night, and awoke each morning with a youthful excitement with regards to what they could do that day. You forget sometimes, take for granted the opportunities offered at Fest, and it was a nice reminder that we really do live in a wonderfully rich community that is full of history, information and knowledge, right there for the taking.

As always the fire brought many laughs, many revelations, and a feeling of belonging. We initiated a few new friends into the Sisterhood, discovered a few new things about ourselves, and left the troubles and stress of the mundane world behind, if only for a few hours.

I did get the opportunity to attend the ritual put on by the Niagara Voodoo Shrine. This one was a different experience for me. I really let myself go, let my guard down, and took away from it a desire to learn, a connection to self, and a new respect for those who dance with all they have, for hours. That my friend, takes some stamina!

I also saw Odd's Bodkin for the first time, and I must say, it was great! Shibaten turned my daughter into a full fledged fan, and she has been eyeing my digde ever since.

All in all it was a great time, and I am sad that it has ended so quick.

BUT!! Only two weeks until Spirits of the Earth!

I know I will be back.



Festival Calendar

Spirits of the Earth Festival

July 7 - 12/09 - Early Bird Special Ending April 1/09. For registration or more information please contact us at spiritsfest.com/index.htm

Kaleidoscope Gathering

July 29/09 - August 3/09 - Pre-register to save. For registration and information please contact us at www.kaleidoscope-gathering.com

Celtic Gathering Canada 2009

July 29/09 - August 3/09 Attendance must be pre-booked and paid through this website www.druidicdawn.org/node/1381

Firedance Festival

Aug 12-16/09 - For more information please see us on Facebook.com or firedancedrums@hotmail.com

'You Are My Sister' Womens Weekend

September 11-13/09 - For more information contact us at youaremysister.ca/

Harvest Fest

Oct 10 - 12/09 (on the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend).

SAMHAIN: Feast of the Dead

Oct 23 - 25/09 - Stay tuned to www.spiritsfest.com for further details

WomynSpirit Festival

October 23 - 25/09 A women-only festival to celebrate Samhain, held at The Ecology Retreat Centre in Hockley Valley. Please visit <http://sites.google.com/site/womynspirit/Home> for details.



July 29- Aug 3/09

A once-only event for 2009! This is a unique opportunity to attend a Celtic gathering in a magnificent three hundred acre mixed forest, north of Toronto, Ontario. The weekend includes:

- presentations on aspects of Celtic culture
- music
- storytelling
- talks
- workshops, (including esoteric and magical themes)
- rituals associated with the time of the year
- Druids visiting from England, Wales, and the United States

All meals are included, with your choice of shared accommodation or camping. Attendance must be pre-booked and paid through this website (Druidic Dawn), prior to the event.

Are you interested in presenting a talk, lecture or workshop on a Celtic theme? Spaces are still available; please contact the organizing team with your proposal. This is a non-profit event with the organizers volunteering their time and efforts.

Please register your interest by [contacting](#) the organizing team. Registration forms available on site, link above.



Spirits of the Earth Festival: The Expression of Elemental Passion!"
Tuesday, July 7 - Sunday, July 12, 2009 (Arrivals may begin after 12pm on Tuesday July 7th)

Great news! Spirits of the Earth Festival has our Workshop agenda up, and as you can see we are packed again with a ton of great workshops, rituals, and live entertainment!

With workshops being hosted by our Key note guest speaker, author *Christopher*. He is the award winning author of over thirteen books, including *Ascension Magick*, *Spirit Allies*, *The Mystic Foundation*, *Gay Witchcraft*, and more. But let's not forget we also have some of the best from Ontario's own pagan community on topics like Native herbs, *Druid in the Woods*, *Preparing the way for growth*, and *How to start your own cult (Creating A Group Mind for Magic and Ritual)*! So start planning your week now.

But wait there is still more... Nightly live entertainment from our musical guests *The Dragon Ritual Drummers*, *Themis*, *Kristen Sweetland*, *Mike West*, *The Gypsy Nomads*, and *You* on our Karaoke night, hosted by your favourite DJ Fox! Plus the Bardic Circle is always full of great talent, come and enjoy the stories, poems, and dance while dining during our Medieval Feast!

The Dragon Ritual Drummers are a Canadian pagan drumming and ritual troupe with a world following. Their music is available all over the planet Earth, and they have held the number one ranking in their genres for the Canadian Myspace music charts for over a year.

The Gypsy Nomads are described as "high octane and exciting" and a must see, their sound is stark yet powerful, sweet yet cheeky and fiery. Jubilant guitar instrumentals, evocative ballads sung in French and English and exhilarating drum jams characterize this dynamic New York duo. They blaze a trail with their trademark gypsy/Celtic/folk rock.

Kristin Sweetland has been much-lauded for her intricate instrumental guitar work, rich vocals and enchanting stage presence. A born performer and true road-warrior, Kristin brings her wild tales of adventure to the stage in a stunning and compelling spectacle.

Inspired by the Celtic bards of old, *Mike West* has developed a unique ability to channel his voice into an emotionally energetic performance that will gently soothe and bestow upon you an incredible healing experience that you will never forget.

Themis delivers hauntingly beautiful melodies, vividly descriptive stories, and an entertaining live act that makes you either comfortably engrossed in your seat or explosively active on the dance floor.

Don't forget every night we have our *Elemental Tributes*. In 2007 we introduced our concept of bringing ritual to the revel. This was greeted with enthusiasm, and liberation as everyone encircled the fire awe-inspired. We feel that instead of the festival hosting a ritual or two, that we would transform the entire festival into a ritual all of its own. We strongly encourage everyone to invoke the element of the night. Wear the colors, dance the movement, or don yourself with accessories. We have devoted each day of the festival to a specific element.

Spirits of the Earth Festival also would like to announce that we have a wide selection specialized vendors to cater to your magickal needs. *Pagan Murmurs*, *White Flame Candle Company*, *Fire Flash*, *Serenity Plus*, are only some of the great vendors that will be located in this years Merchant alley. Now if you are interested in vending, please email soon as spaces are filling up and with the two new package options they are likely to fill up quickly!

For all the details and program agenda please go to our website at www.spiritsfest.com or give us a call at 519-762-2000

KALEIDOSCOPE GATHERING

Wednesday July 29 - Monday August 03, 2009

We welcome everyone to join our community in celebrating Lammass and our **20th Anniversary**. As such our theme will be the Best of the Last 20 Years. We will be changing the theme daily to reflect our favorite themes over the years.

Check back to our website on the Programming Link to know which of your costumes and props to bring.

We will once again be holding fest at Whispering Pines, a private campground that is being reserved for our use. This amazing site has a great beach, in-ground pool, and drive up campsites that are level and rock free. There is no bathing in the lake but there are two showers. We must respect the wishes of the owners of the campground as they live onsite. Admittance to the site is on Wednesday (if you come earlier, then be sure to register at the Whispering Pines office) and remember to register for the Kaleidoscope Gathering at our registration tent. Also, there are no pets, except disability aid dogs.

This year... I am pleased to say we have Gavin and Yvonne Frost attending Kaleidoscope this year. Gavin and Yvonne seem to have been around forever in the American scene. They have written over 30 books, published in five languages, and they are always controversial and at the forefront of debates on Wiccan philosophy and magic. Founded in 1968, their Church and School of Wicca asserts a claim to being the first to "articulate the Craft as an alternative spiritual path".

We also have the return of **Colores Andinos**, also known as *Sound of the Andes*. The band performs an original musical exploration into Latin-Andean fusion. Its members come originally from Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Peru and Canada.

Bollywood Cocktail Party: Our cocktail party this year will be hosted by my dear friends and fellow festival organizers Fox and Tameika of Spirits of the Earth fame. Check out their festival at www.spiritsfest.com. We have themed the cocktail party after the wonderfully fun Bollywood Movies. Therefore wear your finest Bollywood Dress, and join us on Friday evening for cocktails and meet and greet friends new and old. There will be vendors on site to provide the Henna Body art. Please BYOC/M (bring your own cocktail or mocktail).

It amazes me year after year how dedicated the staff is to the festival and how the community comes together. We have a tremendous line of lectures, workshops and concerts this year. I am very grateful to those who come each year and share their wisdom and I am equally impressed by those who share their knowledge for the first time. The theme each year inspires someone to realize that they have something to contribute to our community. If you would like to contribute a workshop please send an outline to austin.lawrence@rogers.com
Hurry! The deadline for submissions is Sunday, July 20, 2009.

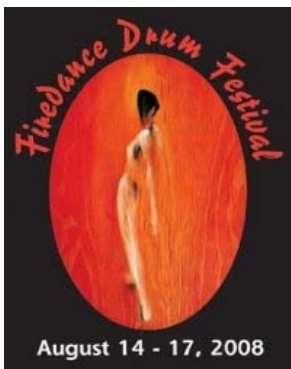
If you intend to vend at Kaleidoscope this year please know that **vendors are welcome** and that there is **no additional fee for vending** at the festival, simply pay your registration fee. You are responsible for your own set up. There are two main areas to vend, one where you are able to camp with your vending booth and one where we ask you camp separately due to a lack of space. Please information registration when you arrive that you are vending and what you are planning on selling.

If you have any questions, concerns or kudos, you can speak with either myself or one of the staff members, and if we cannot answer your question immediately, we will find an answer for you.

Have a wonderful time and remember, take your garbage home!

Bright Blessings,
Pamela.

NB Jock McGregor would like to make a special request for any past bardic winners to please contact him about this years bardic.
benson@personainternet.com



Peace, Love and Music

Come out for Firedance Drum Festival. In Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Woodstock, we are hosting an all Hippie theme.

Some highlights of our festival will be a contest for the best hippie spirit, our Bardic Competition & Pot Luck Feast. There will be our women's ritual and Men's ritual hosted by Aislinn Avalon and Khayman. Friday night ritual with Tameika and Fox of Spirits of the Earth Festival, and drum ritual with Catherine Starr and Firedance. There will also be Celtic stories with Brian Walsh.

We have some fabulous performances with, Michael Moon, Psychedelic Blues Band, Asleep At The Switch, Loki, Mike West, Themis, Sheherezade, Shibatan and The Dragon Ritual Drummers.

Other highlights are a wide variety of workshops, a full children's program and many wonderful vendors, for your shopping delights.

Firedance Drum Festival is located in Janetville, on the beautiful Magick Morn Farm, 20 mins south of Lindsay 761 Fleetwood Rd. For more information, or to contact our staff, please visit our website at www.firedancedrum.com

Aries March 20 - April 19

Investing time and energy in friendships around July 7 pays off as your social circle supports your big plans. This month's Full Moon eclipse helps you see a better way to balance your personal and professional dreams.

Taurus April 20 - May 20

A Uranus/ Venus link on July 2 helps you explore the unconventional this month. Freedom becomes important so make sure you have the space you need. Honoring responsibilities is necessary as Venus and Saturn link on July 22.

Gemini May 21 - June 20

Personal evolution is possible under Pluto's influence on July 4. Letting go of the past then creates space for future possibilities. Tie up loose ends and de-clutter your space. Strength is renewed under July 12's Mercury/ Saturn link.

Cancer 21 June - July 22

Eclipses influencing your sign on July 7 and 22 provide you with snapshots of your future. Relationship insights are like premonitions around July 7. A new life cycle begins on July 22.

Leo July 23 - August 22

Physical energy is low until July 23, but spiritual and intuitive energy is high. Time out helps you recharge for the next 12 months. Brilliant ideas need to be shared under Mercury's' influence on July 14.

Virgo August 23 - September 22

You're focused on friends, community groups and social interactions from July 3 - 17. Work is a priority beforehand and down time is important afterwards. Flashes of insight help boost your confidence around July 14.

Libra September 23 - October 22

Finalize joint financial affairs before July 5; after then travel and study become priorities. You're restless this month and crave new experiences, physical spaces and opportunities to learn.

Scorpio October 23 - November 21

You're torn between family and relationships as Mars and Jupiter link on July 7. Your philosophy about what's most important guides you. Let your beliefs inform your actions.

Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

Relationships are in focus as Venus energizes your opposite sign from July 5. Make significant others your priority and be generous in your affections. You're full of big ideas on July 30 as Mercury and Jupiter link.

Capricorn December 22 - January 21

Relationships require your full attention as Venus and Saturn link on July 22. Adopt a mature attitude towards real life partnership matters. Romance is practical rather than idealistic.

Aquarius January 22 - February 17

Jupiter in your sign is balanced by the Sun in your opposite sign, helping you find new perspectives on the huge changes you've experienced so far this year. A key mentor offers fresh ideas.

Pisces February 18 - March 19

You're proactive about making changes at home and with family under the influence of confident Mars from July 13. It's a great time to tackle DIY jobs too. If you've outgrown your current living situation, Mars helps you do something about moving

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