

BUILDING BRIDGES PUB MOOT

Newsletter
September 2009

Editor's Corner

The nights are growing longer and there is a chill in the air. Harvest is upon us! Summer is winding down and the kids are headed back to school. As the leaves begin to change, we start to reflect on our jammed packed summer of festing. We look back on an amazing summer and hold our memories to us like a warm blanket on a fall evening. However, don't put that camping gear away just yet - the festival season is not quite over. We still have some great fall Festivals to look forward to. Check out our Festival Spotlight for more information.

Toronto Pagan Pride was an amazing success, kicking off Southern Ontario's Pride Days. September is Pride Month and there are some great events planned. This month's newsletter has more information on where and when you will find a Pride Day in your area.

Lupa has graced us with not one but two festival reviews so take a moment and catch up on the latest adventures of "The Giggle Girls." I know from experience that hanging out with the Ladies is never boring or without laughter. So don't forget to take a moment and read our Festival Review section.

Building Bridges Newsletter is about to turn **One**. I can't believe it myself, and although not all of it has been painless, it certainly has been fulfilling. The team is already working on next month's issue. We hope you will join us for our October issue to see what surprises we have in store.

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Moots

Durham Pub Moot

Date: Sept 2 /09
Time: 7-11 pm
Location: Riley's
Street: 104 King Street East
City: Oshawa

C-K Pagan Pub Moot

Date: Sept 4/09
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.

Barrie Pagan Pub Moot

Date: Sept 5/09
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!

Durham Pagan Coffee Moot

Date: Sept 6/09
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: Sept 8/09
Time: 7:00-11 pm
Location: The Toucan
Street: 76 Princess St.
City: Kingston
Contact 613-544-0852

Ottawa Pagan Meet and Greet

Date: Sept 9/09
Time: 7 pm
Location: Dow's Lake Pavilion "Malone's Lakeside Bar & Grill"
Street: 1001 Queen Elizabeth Driveway
City: Ottawa

Cerridwen's Mug

Date: Sept 11/09
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Lettieri Espresso Bar & Café
Street: 77 Wellesley Street
City: Toronto
The friendly staff at Lettieri Espresso Bar & Cafe in the heart of the Pride Village in Toronto are happy to have us back. They have a delectable assortment of gourmet teas, coffees, juices and smoothies, pastries and amazing paninis, so you can be sure to snack happy while you're catching up with Pagan friends. This month's Mug will follow a slightly different outline. Do come out with your drums in hand as we'll be leaving Lettieri early (by around 9:30) to head over to The Black Swan (Danforth and Broadview) to join up with Firedance Drum Circle for their September jam! Entrance into Firedance is \$10 but it's well worth the price for a night of amazing rhythms. So come on out, bring your drums, enjoy the Mug and then come jam with Firedance! For more information please contact Samantha at (647) 206 5540 or by e-mail at rayvyn@gmail.com or look up "Cerridwen's Mug" on Facebook..

Toronto Building Bridges Pub Moot

Date: Sept 16/09
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 August. We also may have a few more surprises but you have to come out to see what they may be.

Forest City Pub Moot

Date: Sept 16/09

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.

HammerTown Pagan Pub Moot

Date: Sept 20/09

Time 7 pm

Location: Corktown Pub & Fare

Street: 175 Young St

City: Hamilton

Come one, come all and join us we welcome to the Corktown stage Dave Pomfret and Mike Trebilcock! Dave & Mike were two of the original members of the Juno-winning '90s band The Killjoys. Trust us, you won't want to miss this show! Our featured Vendors are Stitching Past Time and Kellys Kandles/Eyes of a Crow. Elizabeth Moes will also be doing tarot readings for those who are interested. As always, we will be holding our awesome raffle and 50/50 draws and some other fun surprises too in regards to our exciting first year anniversary moot in October. As well there will be a Autumn Equinox altar for all to celebrate the second harvest and the turning of the wheel. So, come out and get to know YOUR pagan and magically inclined community!

Need more information? Email us at info@hammertownppm.com or check out our website at www.hammertownppm.com

Toronto Pagan Pub Moot

Date: Sept 21/09

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>

Pagan Meet and Greet

Date: Sept 26/09

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: Sept 26/09

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: Sept 27/09

Time: 11 am

Location: The Toucan

Street: 76 Princess St.

City: Kingston

Contact: 613-544-0852

Moot Night

Date: Sept 30/09

Time: 7 pm

Location: Winchester Arms in Belleville

Street: 173 Dundas Street East

City: Belleville

This event will re-establish itself in August!!! Come and enjoy an evening with other pagans..This event is a social evening and is a wonderful place to make new friends and contacts...Hope to see you There...Any details needed contact Tracy at "The Crystal Crib" 613-969-7415. Good idea to call Tracy to confirm event is ongoing.

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Store Listings



Tarot Series

Date: September 1, 8, 15 & 22/09

Time: 7 pm start

Magic Series

Date: September 3, 10, 17 & 24/09

Time: 7 pm start

Ancient Egyptian Gods, Goddesses & Mythology

Date: August 10 & 25/09

Time: 7 pm start

Now at The Ancient Mystic... "ION FOOT CLEANSING"

Please see website for dates & times

*****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

The Hedge Witch

The Hedge Witch has ongoing workshops and events. Please take a look at their website for more information.

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

18944 Leslie Street, Sharon, ON, L0G 1V0



Public Rituals

Date: September 5, 12, 19 & 26/09

Time: 8 pm

Public Classes

Date: September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29/09

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



Wonderworks Fall Calender will be available soon.

Watch their website for details.

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

EAGLE FEATHER HEALING / CLEANSING / DIVINING

Date: September 5/09

Time: 11-1 pm

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>

Port Drum

Date: Sept 20/09

Time: 6-10 pm

Location: Bathe Hall

Street: 289 Eulalie St.

City: Oshawa

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!

We *usually* meet the first Saturday of each month at 6PM. Admission is \$10.

We meet at the Bathe Community Center at 298 Eulalie Ave in Oshawa. Please listen for the sound of drums!

The sessions will be in parts: Meet and greet; a teaching segment where we will be learning the basics as well as some new licks; break time with healthy snacks and refreshments; then a jam session to close out the night!

Open House - All are welcome

Date: Sept 12/09

Time: 1 - 3 pm

Location: 2510 Yonge Street, Suite 324

City: Toronto

Come and bring a friend to introduce them to our lovely space. Arrive any time between 1pm and 2pm and share a cup of tea with instructors and senior students. You can ask us any questions you have, browse through our library, and check out our space as well. At 3pm we have a brief talk and a short meditation.

Beginners Astrology Workshop

Date: Sept 12 & 13/09

Time: TBA

Location: Harbord St

City: Toronto

Cost: Please contact

Learn about your birth chart and what it says about you!

Contact Kelly Surtees by phone 519 217 5842,

email kelly@kellysurtees.com or at www.kellysurtees.com.

FireDance Drum Circle

Date: Sept 11/09

Time: 9:00 pm

Location: Black Swan

Street: 154 Danforth Ave

City: Toronto

Cost: \$10:00

Fire Drum Circle

Date: Sept 15/09

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

Vipassana Meditation Presentation

Date: Sept 17/09

Time: 7:30 - 9 pm

Location: Snow Lion: The Meditation Shop

Street: 708 Pape Avenue

City: Toronto

Vipassana is one of India's oldest techniques of meditation, first taught 2,500 years ago. It is a practical method of self-observation that allows one to dissolve mental tension and develop greater balance of mind. For more info please call us 416-461-1611, or email us at twos.visual@gmail.com Website: www.torana.dhamma.org

Mindfulness into the Shamanic Journey

Three Day Retreat in Nature with: Theodore Tsaousidis

Date: Sept 18 - 20/09

Time: Available upon registration

Location: Chatsworth, ON

Cost: \$185

This three-day silent retreat is about healing and restoring the harmonious balance between mind/body.

Special Guests

O'Puck & Jesse James - with Tibetan healing bowls.

Ann-Marie Boudreau - with sound as medicine.

Co-Supported by:

Gitche M'Qua: Centre for Healing & Dying - www.gitchemqua.org

Snow Lion: Meditation Shop - www.snowlioncanada.com

Ann-Marie Boudreau - www.annmarieboudreau.com

Theodore Tsaousidis - www.sittingatthegate.ca

RMMS Canadian HQ presents...

Secret Society and World Changes.

Date: September 22/09

Time: 7 - 10 pm

Location: Sheraton Gateway Hotel

Street: Terminal Access Road 3 (Pearson Airport)

City: Toronto

*Ever wanted to know what's really happening behind all the politics?
Ever wanted to know the truth of what's really happening in the world?*

We all know that we rarely, if ever hear the truth about what is really happening. The world has been influenced manipulated and ruled by secret orders and societies that have tried to have their agenda met for thousands of years. Now the beginning of the truth comes to light.

This presentation is completely free! To reserve your spot please contact 416-625-3470 or www.rmmscanadianhq.com

Karen Dales @ Word On The Street Toronto

Date: Sunday, 27 September 2009

Time: 11:00am - 6:00pm

Location: Queen's Park

Town/City: Toronto, ON

Karen Dales will be showcasing her novel, Angel of Death: Book One of the Chosen, at this year's Word On The Street in Toronto.

You will be able to find her in the Writers Block and she will be happy to sign copies of her novel. She will also be hosting a 'Picnic in the Park' as part of the day where she will read excerpts of her novels.

For more information about this event

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=113297916941>

FREE HYPNOSIS! Summer-Spring-Fall

Date: September 27/09

Time: 12-7 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/>



Music for the Soul

Dragon Ritual Drummer-U.S Men's Circle

Date: September 18-20/09

Location: Folklore Centre

City: New York State

Day Passes available. If interested, contact Dragon Ritual Drummers

dragonritualdrummers@hotmail.com

Shibaten and The Paul Whitaker Band

Date: September 26/09

Location: Lake View Park Jubilee Pavilion Banquet.

Street: 55 Lakeview Park Ave

City: Oshawa

Time: Doors Open @ 7pm

Cost: \$20:00

A concert and dance.

Please join us for a magical night of music and dancing. Shibaten will delight with his growing stage performance and new material .

Paul and his band will have you up and on your feet all night long. The Jubilee is a beautiful venue with the original wooden dance floor from the war years . Come on out and have a great and truly entertaining evening .

KG 2009

The van is unpacked, (to the living room floor, in preparation for FireDance) and the laundry done....well almost. Another ribbon has been added to my antenna, waving proudly in the wind, as a nice gentle reminder throughout the year, of the wonderful time I always have.

KG for me, has always been a pilgrimage of sorts. It is a 6.5 hour drive, and you can do a lot of talking and thinking in that time, and of course copious amounts of Van Dancing! You haven't truly Van Danced until you have done the Time Warp through the twisty turny roads of Algonquin Park. Then we arrive, find our spot, and the unpacking and set up begins. I find it funny, we all have these houses, apartments, and such, we call them home, we decorate them, fill them with stuff, but for me, nothing feels more like home, then when I have my tent set up, my bed made and my "kitchen" set up. The minute that is done, I feel like I am home. No matter what festival I am at, no matter what part of the province I am in, as soon as the set up is done, I am home, more so than the house I live in.

This year however was bitter sweet. As was announced KG will go on, there will be KG 2010, and it will be held on beautiful land. But this was the last year at Whispering Pines, and Lady Pamela retired. Auz and Marianne will be taking over, and I am positive they will do a stellar job, but I will miss the flying monkeys, and the "Because Pam said so!"

Anyone who has camped at Whispering Pines, knows that it is fairly "rustic" camping. They do have showers, and they do have flush toilets, but you have to bargain with the spiders to use them.

So for the most part, baby wipes, and a dip in the lake works. On the desperate days, there is a gas station down the road that does have showers for \$4.00.

Now I was camped down on the beach, which I must say is one of the most beautiful spots to camp. Bugs are fairly minimal because its so darn hot during the day, (but being on the beach you are close to the lake.....run run splash!!), and when it rains, it just all soaks in and fades away. Every year we get at least one good dumping of rain which turns the grassy areas to muck, and the dirt to mud. But even amidst all that, you can still hear people laughing, some even splashing in the puddles.

This year was the 20th anniversary and Pam and her fabulous crew pulled out all the stops. My favorite night had to be the Bollywood Cocktail party hosted by Tameika and Friends. There were sari's and turbans galore and we were even treated to a huge Elephant!! (not real mind you, but just as impressive). One thing about a sari though, especially if you do the "whole nine yards" wrapped and draped and pleated and wrapped and...well you get the picture, is that using the port-a-potty is next to impossible. Being a "well rounded" woman, there is hardly room for me to make sure my skirt isn't tucked up in my gitch never mind make sure I have twelve layers of fabric pulled up far enough to escape certain dippage. So, needless to say, I wore the sari, looked fabulous, then when I had to potty, I unraveled myself and returned to Festwear Lupa.

I am one of the Giggle Girls, and those who know us know that we are always full of laughter, and fun. Its our way of dealing with the crap that we call our everyday lives. Leave reality at the door, it will be there when you leave, and enjoy the moment you are in. We laugh, make jokes, heckle each other, and of course others, but nothing is ever planned, or scripted. Which made it rather hilarious when someone told us that they thought we were a hired act!! Its nice to see that we are not just entertaining ourselves, but others as well!!! LMAO!

I am looking forward to KG 2010 on the new land Raven's Knoll, and I will carry all my fond memories of past KG's at Whispering Pines.

Farewell my buggy, mucky, muddy, beautiful, refreshing, totally exhilarating friend. I will miss you.

FireDance 2009

First off I must make note of the weather. It was hotter than hell!! Thank the Gods for the nice cool refreshing river. It really helped to combat the heat, but it created havoc on the workshops. It was just too hot during the day for some of them to happen in safety. I will say that the staff did their utmost best to ensure that things went as smoothly as possible, and over all it was a great time.

I also feel I have to point out that I'm not complaining about the weather, it was nice to be dry, and not floating away as can happen, and has happened at many festivals. Both Wolf song and Fire Dance are held on the same land, and they are as different as night and day in the weather department. Which I feel is the reward for enduring the rain, the wind and the cold of Wolf song.

I actually attended a workshop this time! It was held by Brian Walsh, and I had one of the best experiences I have ever had during a guided meditation. Thank you again Brian.

The hippie theme was incredibly fun. I didn't have to go out and buy anything extra to wear, I just had to reach far into my closet and resurrect some of my more "colourful" fest clothing, and I was ready to go.

The fire. What can I say about the fire. It was one of the best built ones that I have seen in a long time. It was large, and warm where it needed to be, but it didn't turn the dancers into BBQ. The drumming was great and it really added to the atmosphere of peace, love and community.

To who ever brought that larger than life phallic symbol, (it was phallic in our minds) the Sisterhood tips their horns at you. Well done. It surely was a sight to behold each night, all light up and standing proud.

Tameika and Fox did an amazing job on the Hippie Love ritual, and even though it wasn't able to be completed due to the dark sneaking up on us, what we did do, really enforced the idea of connectedness, and community. Weaving that web gave each of us a physical display of just how connected we really are. We are all individuals, but we are also all part of something much much bigger.

There were many performers, each bringing their own unique sound to a ready audience. Shibaten astounded us with is skill and grace on both the Didgeredoo and the drum. The Dragon Ritual Drummers made us laugh, made us dance, and for those who knew the meaning behind the final song, made us cry. Thanks guys, you rock!

It is always a treat to watch Alyx dance, she is grace, poise and beauty in motion. These and all the other performers brought us their best, and filled the night air with music.

I was rather sad to see this festival end. For the first time this summer, as we were leaving we didn't say, see you in two weeks. It is going to be a long few months until Harvest!

But to help keep us going, we do have various Pagan Pride days throughout our area. Toronto, Hamilton, and Durham. So we will be able to enter into "fest-head" for a few hours, hang with our friends, make new ones, and attend some of those workshops that we missed at festival. I see Pride days as mini-fests without the pain of crawling into a damp tent at night! Hope to see you all there!

Festival Calendar

'You Are My Sister' Womens Weekend

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

Harvest Fest

Oct 9 - 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.

Festival Spotlight



The crops have been gathered in from the field, the leaves are changing and the smell of wood smoke hangs in the air - it's Harvest Fest!

This is a time for gathering together and fostering communal links to see us through the winter. It's a time of thanksgiving, of feasting and fire, and honouring the ancestors and the Corn King.

The Corn King takes his final journey of the seasonal year, traveling to the Otherworld laden with our wishes and blessings. As is our fest tradition, we will be sending him forth with fire, song and celebration. Join us for the procession in your garb, masks encouraged, and be ready to dance and hail his passing.

New this year, the King's head will be travelling the rituals and nightly fires of the festival so that he can truly celebrate with us before the main ritual bonfire. Bran the Blessed's head continued to talk and give wisdom and was feasted long after he fell in battle. In this spirit, we welcome you to get to know your Corn King!

We will also be making a sacred cornucopia for you to fill with offerings in thanks for the plentiful harvest. Bring flowers, vegetables and fruit from your garden or charms of your own making (as long as they are natural and burnable).

Music is also time-honoured way to connect to the Mysteries and to each other. There is magic in music and the way it transcends language and culture. We encourage you to listen to the many songs around us: the wonderful music of our guest Wendy Rule, to the drums, the crackling of the fire, the wind in the forest, the geese leaving for warmer climes.

Welcome to the feasting table! Come warm yourselves by our fires.

Wendy Rule performing

Witch Doctor Utu and Prince Bamidele Bajowa of Nigera

Christin Dennis offering Sweat Lodges again (GRIN)

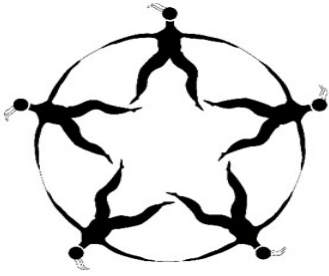
Donata Ahern will lead us on an Ancestral Journey and offer a brand new workshop making Mandalas!

Catherine Star will be doing a special mask ritual as we make masks for the Corn King Ritual!

Celtic Workshops with Brian Walsh

Michael Moon will perform

Castalia performances and workshops plus, the chance to make chain mail, corn dollies, carve pumpkins, build and decorate our beloved King... etc etc etc



Womyn Spirit Festival

The 18th annual WomynSpirit Festival is being held on the weekend of October 23rd to 25th, 2009 at the Ecology Retreat Centre in Orangeville.

The main purpose of WomynSpirit is of course to get in touch with our feminine spirituality. Each year three formal rituals are held, one on each evening of the Festival. Because it is Samhain, rituals will focus on turning inward and honouring our own mysteries, reflecting on our crone aspects, and mortality. The ritual on Saturday night is when we remember our ancestors and those who have passed on recently. A beloved dead altar will be set up to hold the photographs and mementoes of Festival attendees who wish to honour their loved ones. The Sunday ritual is family-friendly, so our daughters can participate too.

Planned workshops for this year include Mask-Making; Belly Dancing; Meeting Our Spirit Animals; Introduction to Simple Spells: Prosperity Talisman; Yoga for Pleasure; and Dianic Witchcraft. As well as the workshops, WomynSpirit also gives attendees the opportunity to shop for handcrafted items, to get a Tarot reading or a Reiki treatment, socialize with warm, wonderful women, and to explore The Ecology Retreat Centre's labyrinth walk and nature trails.

Vendors are welcome at the Festival (limited to attendees only). In past years we've had altar tools, candles, glassware, jewellery, pottery, sculpture, artwork, clothing, runes and many other items for sale, at very reasonable prices. If interested in showing off your handiwork, please contact our Vending Officer at womynspirit.vend@gmail.com.

Bring your daughters! WomynSpirit features activities and rituals designed specifically for children, and on the Saturday they get to have a masquerade ball. The girls have a wonderful time, and teenagers have the choice of hanging out with the younger kids or attending the adult activities.

Pagan Pride Events

Sudbury

Date: Sept 23/09

Time: 11:00 am to 3:30 pm

Local Coordinator: Rayvin Nyte

Email: pride@rayvins.com

Website: <http://www.freewebs.com/paganpridesudbury/>

Sponsored by: Elysian Sanctum, Sudbury's Pagan Temple

We are collecting donations of non-perishable food items.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own drum or other percussion instruments. Ritual clothing is encouraged but not required.

Merchants: A variety of Pagan as well as non-Pagan tables will be set up throughout the Market with all kinds of amazing things for you to check out.

Thank You to our Pagan Pride Sudbury Committee and to our many other volunteers, too numerous to name.

This event could not have happened without your love, support, encouragement, labour and PAGAN PRIDE!!

Durham Region

Date: Sept 13/09

Time: 11:00 am

Local Coordinator: Jennifer Finlayson (Evelore Willowsong)

Email: evelorewillowsong@gmail.com

Website: <http://dppd.durhampagans.ca>

Memorial Park in Oshawa, Ontario -

Celebrate the Autumn Equinox and help your community at Durham Pagan Pride Day festival on September 13th 2008, at 11 am in the Oshawa Memorial Park. All ages are welcome at the free event, which will feature a Pagan religious ceremony, information on Pagan spiritual practices and performances by Shibaten Spirits.

Kitchener-Waterloo

Local Coordinator: Heather Duke

Email: kwppd@gto.net

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

Sponsored by:

St. Thomas

Local Coordinator: Airianna/Tricia Clark

Email: babyzilliack@hotmail.com

Website: http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/London_Pagan_Pride

Sponsored by: Unity Rainbow Bridge and London Pagan Jubilation Market Square - Downtown on Elm St

Hamilton

Co-Local Coordinator: Blackangel, Email: info@ppdhamilton.org

Co-Local Coordinator: Wayne, Email: wbowdish@mountaincable.net

Website: <http://www.ppdhamilton.org>

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Gage Park - September 12th, 2009

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Horoscopes September

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Astrology Insight

The New Moon on September 18 aligns with the planet of change and chaos, Uranus. Expect new breakthroughs on old problems. Innovation is the way forward so experiment your way out of limiting situations.

Aries March 20 - April 19

Moods and family have more to do with motivation and direction this month than you'd like to admit. Be tender with yourself and explore sideways moves rather than your usual power push forward.

Taurus April 20 - May 20

September 11's Venus/Jupiter link highlights differences and unacknowledged dreams, especially about relationships. Movement is needed to help you manifest what's inside. New physical locations bring fresh perspective.

Gemini May 21 - June 20

Make decisions about domestic and family matters with long term intentions in mind. September's Sun/Saturn influence helps you get serious about security and stability. Doing so helps support growth in other areas.

Cancer 21 June - July 22

Mars in your sign this month brings courage, confidence and energy. The cosmos brings fire to your sensitive heart helping take action about your passions. What you do makes the difference this month.

Leo July 23 - August 22

Limitations are necessary to help mould you as the Sun and Saturn align mid month. Be practical and realistic about future plans. You are stronger than you think, but only take on projects that honour your authentic self.

Virgo August 23 - September 22

Your patron planet Mercury spends most of the month in reverse giving you a necessary breather to review recent choices. Remake decisions that aren't manifesting as you'd hoped.

Libra September 23 - October 22

Venus in your social sector helps you reconnect with friends old and new, and helps open doors as you seek groups of like minded people. Details and decisions may need extra attention under a retro Mercury influence.

Scorpio October 23 - November 21

A tug of war between your work and home life mid month reminds you of what you most desire. Rebalance your schedule accordingly. Mars in your action/adventure zone suggests a day trip or festival can reinvigorate your mind.

Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

A tug of love needs you full attention September 11 as Venus and Jupiter align to show you how to give fully and unconditionally. Compromise with loved ones helps keep the love boat steady.

Capricorn December 22 - January 21

You're in the spotlight as the Sun/Saturn link helps you attract the best kind of attention. Professionally and personally you make a striking impression this month so put your best foot forward.

Aquarius January 22 - February 17

The end of month New Moon aligns with your co-ruler Uranus helping you begin a new life cycle. Anything is possible now as you choose to break away from restrictions of the past.

Pisces February 18 - March 19

Commitment to loved ones might be tested, if only to get you to clarify your longer term intentions. September 4's Full Moon in your sign highlights your true feelings. Long term commitments are likely.