



Earth Healer



A Unitarian Universalist Congregation



The Official Newsletter of the friends and members of Gaia Community February 2005

The Announcement Edition

EVENT SCHEDULING

All official Gaia sponsored events must be approved in Ritual for Business. The board must approve events so overlapping and room availability can be researched. If something comes up suddenly and would need approval before a regular RfB, members should contact the board using the board@gaiacommunity.org address.

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GAIA BY-LAWS REVISIONS

We are currently looking over our By-laws for any changes and adjustments that are needed at this time. All members are encouraged to look over a copy, which can be found on the Greeter's table every Sunday or online at:

<http://www.gaiacommunity.org/bylaws.html>

Debbie can email you a copy in a word document by just asking her.

Any proposed changes will be published in the March EH, with voting to take place at the April RfB.

Anyone can lend their voice and views at Rituals of Business (held every second Saturday of the month at 9:30 A.M. in the Jefferson Room of SMUUCH), but only members that are *current* may vote.

GOD AUCTION

On July 10, it will be time for our annual God Auction. Suggestions would be welcome as to what God, Goddess or Archetype you would like to see represented at the auction. The congregation would "vote" for that God, Goddess or Archetype to represent/help Gaia Community for the coming year. If you are unable to think of a God, Goddess or Archetype, you can also submit qualities you would like to see more of in Gaia for the coming year. So, submit those names or qualities to either Jacki Kelley (Opaljax@sbcglobal.net) or Debbie Dozier (ddozier@everestkc.net). Come tell us in person or email us. Let us know what YOU want.

A LITTLE HELP FOR THE EARTH HEALER

The Earth Healer Editor is looking for a couple of helpers. They should be willing to meet once a month and

will be responsible for gathering information; soliciting articles and other odd-quirky projects as the editor prescribes....heeheehee. See me, Jeff Park or email at:

earthhealer@gaiacommunity.org

EXCELLENCE IN RITUAL CLASS

The next EiR class is now being formed and will be starting up in March. The course has been expanded and will encompass several sessions over several weeks instead of the intensive weekend retreat that has been our standard.

Anyone can take the class. There is a fee involved and non-members can expect to pay a slightly higher fee. It is a required course if you would like to join a Gaia Community ritual team. Seek out Carey at Sunday Ritual or email her at: gaia-kat@kc.rr.com or call 816-941-7626 to learn all the details



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All Sunday activities take place at Shawnee Mission UU Church; 7725 W. 87th St.; Overland Park, KS (near 87th & Metcalf) and begin at 4 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 6 facilitated by Nicole/Kimberly

Class—"Arianrhod"—A closer look at the patron Goddess we elected last July at God Auction.

Sunday, February 13 

Ritual—"EVOL"

On this 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and 150th anniversary of the publication of Darwin's Origin of the Species, we will deal with the evolution that occurs in our lives. Come join us to work on both your personal evolution and our evolution as a community as we welcome our new members.

Sunday, February 20 facilitated by David

Forum—"Pagan Clergy"

Join us for an open forum on the subject of "Pagan Clergy." Forums are great places to hear the views of other pagans on various subjects and a chance for you to speak your mind as well. All is done in a safe and supportive environment. There are rules to the game and we ask, politely, that you observe the politest forms of ritual etiquette.

Sunday, February 27 

Ritual—"Gesundheit!" a healing ritual

Gesundheit! Sniffles, seasonal affective disorder, stress? In this ritual we will present a modality for healing. Healing is not curing. To heal is to return to a state of Health, or wholeness. Based on a fusion of several healing paths, we will explore what it takes to heal ourselves.



Ritual Teams and Members:



Kitty Degler
Barbara Griggs
Brian Butler
Linda Boyce



Nicole Turner
Eric Simpson
Liz Ticer
Via Baker



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COMMUNITY CARES

Joys and Concerns

Peace & strength to . . .

- Friends who are rolling with the punches of unemployment and job searches.
- Those struggling with substance abuse and addiction.
- Those in our community experiencing the pain of divorce or separation.



- Healing wishes to those fighting the seasonal blahs.

Happy Solar Return to people celebrating their birthday this month.

If we've missed you, clue us in again! Let Earth Healer know—earthhealer@gaiacommunity.org or 816-361-0465 or just sort of let the people at the greeter's table know.

And a special welcome to the folks who visited us for the first time recently!

GAIA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Voices of Gaia

Mondays at 7 P.M. FRANKLIN ROOM.

New singers are always welcome. If you have questions, or want more information, please contact Kitty Degler, songbird@kc.rr.com or 913-469-8779.

KidSpace Committee Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 17th, 7:00 P.M.

The KidSpace Committee Meeting is a place for all parents, kids at heart, and KidSpace volunteers to come together and discuss the future of our children. Plans for future activities, volunteer opportunities, dinner, and the direction of the future of KidSpace could all be on the agenda.

Come to the meeting or contact Andrew Turner, our Director of KidSpace Programming, for more information at kidspace@gaiacommunity.org or (913) 706-9167.

If anybody would like to complete the survey for KidSpace (ideas, etc...) and has not had the chance to do so, they can do so by contacting Andrew or Linda. There are copies on Sundays on the Greeters table and downstairs in KidSpace.

Games Night

Friday, Feb. 18th, 7:00–10:00 P.M. at SMUUCH

Games Night is a chance for gaians to get together for fun, frivolity, and food, and NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS allowed! (We're not kidding—the Games Guru has spoken on this.) Bring a game (or ten), bring a friend (or ten), or just bring yourself and a willingness to play and visit. Snacks are welcomed but not required, to help the gaming crowds keep up their strength!

Friday Night Supper Club

Friday, Feb. 25th, 7:00 P.M.

Join your fellow Gaians for food, friendship, and frivolity. Kick back and stuff yourself silly! We will be eating at the Jalapenos Mexican Restaurant; 6318 Brookside Plaza, Kansas City, MO Phone:(816) 523-5462 this month. For more information contact Jeff Park at jpark2@kc.rr.com or 816-361-0465.

A look ahead at next month

Mar 6 Workshop – “Let’s Make Some Magic”

Mar 13 Ritual – “Shed Your Skin”

Mar 20 Ritual – “La Madre Verde” equinox

Mar 27 Ritual – “Carols of the Green”



WEAVE AND SPIN Splinters from the Board

Here's the minutes summary

Treasurer's report: Winter bazaar came in below budget, but advertising expenses were less this year. We did about as well as we did last year. Pledges are still down, but improving.

Old Business: *Copier:* Linda has the parts needed to finish the wiring, but cannot reach the electrician. Since Brian Butler had offered to help before, she will contact him to see if he can complete the installation. *Membership directory:* Barbara still does not have the edited version from Terry. She does have the original version. John offered to reformat it, so Barbara will email it to him. **Scheduling:** The board must approve any Gaia-sponsored events. If something comes up suddenly and would need approval before a regular RfB, members should contact the board using the board@gaiacommunity.org address. Barbara will contact Marjorie to clarify that only Ritual Teams members, Board members, or committee heads can call her to change or reserve rooms for times that are already in the lease. Something not in the lease would require approval by the board before SMUUCH is approached.

Winter Bazaar: Winter bazaar did not make as much this year, however the advertising did not cost as much, so it came in about the same as last year. Kimberly proposed not using print ads next year; Linda suggested using press releases in place of print ads. It was suggested to move it to a Saturday, all day, instead of Sunday Planning should start much earlier for the next bazaar. The suggestion was to have an informal meeting in April and appoint someone in June.

Committee Reports *KidSpace:* They have a candidate for the DRE position. They have suggested that she come for a visit. They are still looking, however; and plan to have interviews in March They are considering breaking into 3 classes if they could find sufficient teachers. They may be asking some adults to volunteer teach. *Stewardship:* We made ~\$90 wrapping gifts at Enchanted Gifts. Plans are being made to start earlier next year. *Membership:* There will be a new member class in January, with a new member Sunday in February. David asked that there be some time between the end of the class on the NMS so that people have time to consider their decisions.

New Business *By-laws revision:* Publish in the Feb EH that we will be discussing changes at the Feb. RfB. Any proposed changes will be published in the March EH, with voting to take place at the April RfB. David is going to relink the by-laws on the website and we will have paper copies at the greeter's table, or Debbie can send an electronic copy upon request. *Why do we meet in a circle?* Worries about space issues, ability to hear with our congregation growing so rapidly. It was suggested that we should look into getting a cordless microphone system, but it was decided to hold off on that for the moment. It was decided to suggest to ritual teams that other seating formats be tried (semi-circles, parliamentary format)

Reciprocal Linking to the Gaia website. We were contacted by a group (gayrites.net) that had linked us to their webpage. It was decided that decisions such as these should be deferred to the communications committee, but that any such group should be checked out for authenticity before we link to them.

David Reynolds will be chairing the meeting next month, 2/12. Agenda Items for February: By-laws revision:

Debbie



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Address Correction Requested





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Contact Earth Healer

Send letters, articles, poetry or prose, borrowed wisdom, comments and suggestions to: earthhealer@gaiiacommunity.org or by phone (number inside) no later than the 17th of each month. Please tell us if you are receiving duplicate copies of *Earth Healer*, if we're getting your name/address wrong or if you prefer to receive the newsletter by email. Let us hear from you before the next *Earth Healer*.

**MAY YOU
 NEVER
 HUNGER.
 MAY YOU
 NEVER
 THIRST.**

February 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Adult RE 7 pm Build Your Own Theology	 2	3 Ritual Teams Meeting 6:45 pm	4	5 Craft Circle 1 pm
SR 3pm 6 Class: Arianrhod 4 pm	7 Voices of Gaia 7 pm	 8 Adult RE 7 pm Sacred Rhythms	9	10	11	12 Ritual of Business 9:30 am
SR 3pm 13 Ritual: EVOL 4 pm	14 Voices of Gaia 7 pm	 15 Adult RE 7 pm Druid Study Group	16 Site Committee Meeting 7-9 pm	17 KidSpace 7 pm	18 Games Night 7 pm	19 Trance workshop (Ritual Teams only) 9 am-10pm
SR 3pm Trance 9-12 20 Forum: Pagan Clergy 4 pm	21 Voices of Gaia 7 pm	22 Adult RE 7 pm Intro to Paganism	 23	24	25 FNCS 7 pm	26
SR 3pm 27 Ritual: Gesundheit! (healing) 4 pm	28 Voices of Gaia 7 pm					