



# Earth Healer



A Unitarian Universalist Congregation



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

Thank you Andrew!

## A "FARE THEE WELL"

In with the new and out with the old, or something almost but not entirely unlike that. The last Sunday in June will be my last day as KidSpace Director. The First Sunday of July will be Anissa Pedram's first day as KidSpace director. Of course I won't just disappear and Anissa used to run KidSpace.

I have enjoyed my years teaching the Rowdy Pagan Children™ of the congregation. Yes, I am looking forward to my free Sundays but I will definitely miss working with the Kids (one reason I'll try to keep myself in the loop about the KidSpace Campout and Blue River Rescue). I learned a great deal from them and I hope they learned twice as much from me. I am at a loss for words really to describe what I am feeling. I have written this in my head many times and never quite got it right. I even wrote it a few times on the computer and somehow lost all those versions. Maybe I don't want to leave but I know it is time.

I am looking forward to the wonderful new and different ways Anissa will work with our kids and the new volunteers she will entice to join our current lot. (Hint Hint you're still gonna get accosted to help with KidSpace). I am asking all of the adults of the congregation to help the kids with the transition. Anissa is not going to do things the way I did. I encourage you all to get to meet Anissa. She is a founding member of Gaia and may remember a slightly different congregation; I know I have seen it change over the years I've been here. But I am sure that the one thing the we all have in common is that, We care for the earth and each other, because our lives depend on it.

*Raucous and Joyful blessings*

*Andrew*

**(Lord of the Little People Emeritus)**

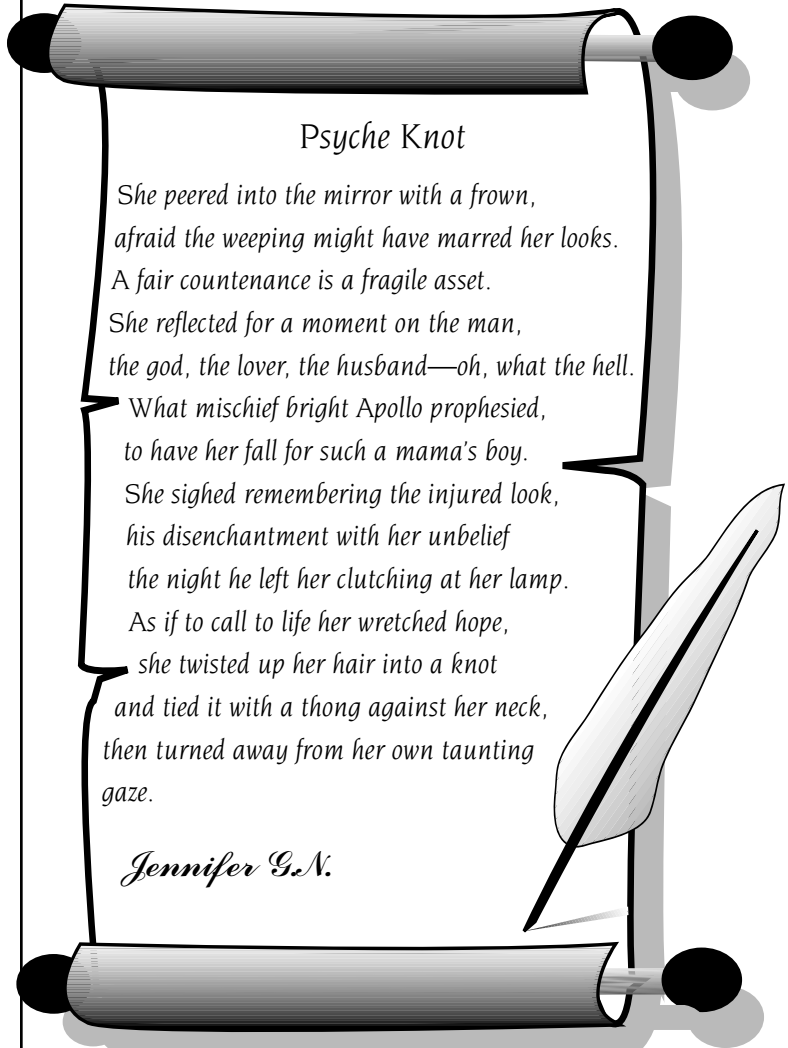
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## New in Adult Education

The Adult Education Classes on Tuesdays have undergone a few changes for 2005. Please visit the Adult Ed webpage for more information!

With the coming of June, the Building Your Own Poly-Theology class has ended, and a new offering takes its place. Everyday Spiritual Practices is all about the little things we do, day-in and day-out, that make us more than just "Sabbat pagans" and bring meaning and fulfillment to our spiritual beliefs.



### Psyche Knot

*She peered into the mirror with a frown,  
afraid the weeping might have marred her looks.  
A fair countenance is a fragile asset.  
She reflected for a moment on the man,  
the god, the lover, the husband—oh, what the hell.  
What mischief bright Apollo prophesied,  
to have her fall for such a mama's boy.  
She sighed remembering the injured look,  
his disenchantment with her unbelief  
the night he left her clutching at her lamp.  
As if to call to life her wretched hope,  
she twisted up her hair into a knot  
and tied it with a thong against her neck,  
then turned away from her own taunting  
gaze.*

*Jennifer G.N.*

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, June 5

#### Ritual —“Weaving the Web”



We will explore the lore and traditions of Spider Woman, or Spider Grandmother, who was known to many of the native peoples of this continent as a founder and driving force. What gifts does she have for us today? This is a New Member Sunday.

### Sunday, June 12

#### Forum—“Magic(K)?” facilitated by Jeff

What is Magic? What is magic, or magick? Is it a secret science, a silly superstition, a sacred ceremony? Everyone who comes this day will get to have their say on the subject, but the emphasis is on sharing, not winning; remember that we are a community, not a debate team, and treat other people's opinions with the respect you would want to see shown towards your own.

### Sunday, June 19

#### Ritual (potluck)—“Mid-summer”



The longest day of the year draws near, and with it comes heat, sun, and overflowing life energy.

*As with all Sabbats, we will be holding a potluck, so bring a dish for 8 hungry people and remember to label the ingredients! In order to care for the earth and each other, we ask that you refrain from using disposable containers or tableware if possible.*

### Sunday, June 26

#### Workshop—“Circle of Stone” facilitated by Brian

Circles of stones, whenever they are made, can be places of power and inspiration, calming or magical significance. Join us this Sunday for our own circle of stones, placed and blessed for the work of all who attend, each of whom can bring their own intention to this sacred space.

### Sunday, July 3

#### Gathering—“Picnic in the Park” facilitated by Liz

For the 4th of July weekend, we'll once more be celebrating our religious liberties by holding a pagan-friendly picnic at South Lake Park, across 87th Street from SMUUCH. You can park at the church and walk over, or on the north side of the park. Bring a dish suitable for outdoor dining, your own dishes and utensils, pets on leashes, outdoor games, songs or chants, and have a good time with us on the nation's birthday!

### Sunday, July 10

#### Ritual—“God Auction” Ad-hoc team

Who's the Best? This will be the third year in a row that Gaia Community has used the Kemetic practice of a “God Auction” to choose a temporary patron for the community. Each year, in each town of Ancient Egypt, the temples would compete for donations from the townspeople; whichever God or Goddesses' temple got the most donations was said to have the honor of being the patron deity of the town for the following year (which frequently meant being responsible for redistributing those donations to the needy).

This year, we'll have four all new deities for your viewing and selection: the Norse All-Father **Odin**, the Roman love goddess **Venus**, the neo-chaote goddess **Eris**, and the Celtic god of skill-craft, **Lugh**. Look for more information soon on this event, but start saving up your cash and/or food donations to help decide who will be the patron to look after the community in the coming year!



### Ritual Teams and Members:



Kitty Degler  
Barbara Griggs  
Brian Butler  
Linda Boyce



Nicole Turner  
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Liz Ticer  
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## GAIA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### Ritual Teams Meeting

Thursday, June 2th at 6:45 P.M.

All current ritual team members are welcome to come critique and plan rituals past, present, and future. Attendance at one meeting per quarter is required to stay active. Comments from anyone in the general community about rituals are welcome as well; please communicate them to the Ritual Team Coordinator, currently Jacki. Please contact the Coordinator to find out more about this month's meeting, or if you are a graduate of the Excellence in Ritual class and wish to start working with Ritual Teams again.

### Voices of Gaia

Mondays at 7 P.M. AT KITTY'S HOME.

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, June 16th, 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 at SMUUCH or contact Anissa, our Director of KidSpace Programming or Linda, chair of KidSpace, for more information at kidspace@gaiacommunity.org.

### Games Night

Friday, June 17th, 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, June 24th, 7:00 P.M.

Join your fellow Gaians for food, friendship, and frivolity. Kick back and stuff yourself silly! This month it's Jun's Japanese restaurant, just west of State Line Rd. at 76th Street in Prairie Village, KS. For more information contact David, Carey or Kimberly at gaia-kat@kc.rr.com or 816-941-7626.

### A look ahead at next month

July 3 Gathering – "Picnic in the Park"

July 10 Ritual – "God Auction"

July 17 Ritual – EIR Class facilitated ritual

July 24 Workshop – "Chakras"

July 31 Ritual (Holiday) – "Lughnasadh"

## WEAVE AND SPIN

### Splinters from the Board RfB minutes summary

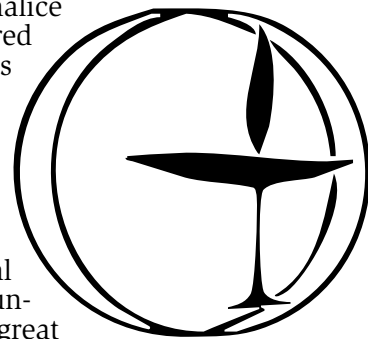
Hello all,

Here's what happened at RfB on May 14th, 2005:

Devin reported that the insurance needs to be paid and the insurance agent wants to meet. Carey, Devin and Barbara will attend that meeting.

**In Old business:** John reported that the directory will be finished real soon. **Lease negotiations:** Marjorie is stepping down as of June 1 and we'd like to have Barbara become our lease liaison with SMUUCH with assistance from Devin and Jeff. **Marriage Licensing:** no new information but the board has asked that Ritual Teams take up the discussion and report to the June RfB.

**In New business,** Gaia Community will sponsor the **Labyrinth walk** at the Heartland Pagan Festival. We will be using our Flaming Chalice Labyrinth and will be offered to HPF attendees three times a day for three days. Only those already attending the festival will be asked to volunteer some of their time to help facilitate the Labyrinth. Gaia T-shirt and sarongs will be the official uniform for HPF while volunteers are on duty. This is a great opportunity for this community to showcase our congregation and our principles.



**The Budget** was discussed by both Devin and David. With modest increases in certain areas, we are certain to maintain our standing as a non-profit organization.

**The Garage sale:** a multi-family sale with proceeds going to Gaia Community. The left-overs will be donated to charity. The E3HQ (David, Carey and Kimberly's house) has been volunteered to hold this event. More news to follow.

**Where's all the stuff:** A series of questions ranging from where is the insurance papers and copy of the lease to a more efficient information and office system. Jennifer as volunteered to take upon this task of organizing the office.

**Committee's:** Membership is trying to get a meeting together. Christine is great and we need more greeters.

**The KidSpace:** Anissa Pedram has accepted the position of Director of KidSpace as of July 1st.

**Communications:** Meeting on June 11 and will strategize on brochures, business cards, tote bags and t-shirts. The next meeting will be June 11th. Voting the new budget. Please contact any board member if you have an item for the agenda.

This summary prepared from notes taken at the RfB by Carey.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff*

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*Address Correction Requested*

**Summer is  
 coming!  
 Join us on  
 June 19  
 for a  
 celebration  
 and potluck**

**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.**

June 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Ritual Teams Meeting 6:45 pm	3	4
SR 3pm 5 Ritual: NMS Weaving the Web 4 pm	☾ 6 Voices of Gaia 7 pm	7 Adult RE 7 pm Sacred Rhythms	8	9	10	11 Ritual of Business 9:30 am
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SR 3pm 19 Ritual: Mid- Summers Potluck 4 pm	20	☉ 21 Summer Solstice Adult RE 7 pm Druid Study Group	○ 22	23	24 FNCS 7 pm	25
SR 3pm 26 Workshop: Circle of Stones 4 pm	27	☾ 28 Adult RE 7 pm Intro to Paganism	29	30	← UUA General Assembly →	
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