



Earth Healer



A Unitarian Universalist Congregation



The Official Newsletter of the friends and members of Gaia Community November 2004

WINTER BAZAAR GEARING UP FOR NEXT MONTH

The planning committee for the 6th Annual Winter Bazaar met on October 14th, and we're in full swing making arrangements for volunteers, advertising, and working with vendors to make the Bazaar just as fabulous as always.

Devin Scrogum has graciously agreed to be our Volunteer Coordinator—he'll be directing people to sign up sheets at Gaia over the next month or so, looking for people to staff tables, read tarot, serve popcorn, and help do the myriad other things it takes to make the Bazaar enjoyable and profitable for everyone. It takes everyone's help to put this event on, so please consider donating a little bit of your time on Sunday, December 12 to helping out. Also, Devin and I will be soliciting contributions for the deservedly famous Kitchen Witch Table, so if you can donate yummy treats, please email us at bazaar@gaiacommunity.org and let us know.

Carey Reynolds has designed a lovely flyer for the Bazaar this year, which you'll probably be seeing a lot of—we'd like to be able to hand these out at Gaia to people who will volunteer to put them up at work, at bookstores and restaurants, on college campuses, in coffeehouses, and anywhere else that pagan and friendly folk congregate.

In addition to our returning favorite vendors, we've got a crew of new and exciting shops coming in this year. We'll be adding weavers, candlemakers, and more jewelers and herbalists to our usual lineup, and we're still looking for more people who are interested in vending. If you know of anyone who would like to be a Winter Bazaar vendor, please email bazaar@gaiacommunity.org with their name and contact information.

Thanks to all of those who have already volunteered, and to those who have yet to decide what the best way for them to contribute is. With all your help, we can make this event an even bigger success this year.

Kimberly

OF WHAT HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN

An article by Gary Stanfield

Almost all polytheistic religions share a problem of lost lore to some degree. The poetry below is from the libretto for a ceremony I perform in honor of deities whose lore has been lost or largely lost. Therefore, some poetry I wrote about this might be meaningful to most Gaians. The Teutonic deity mentioned by name (Hreá) is known to us only by a brief mention in a document concerning the calculation of the anniversary of Christ's execution. The monk who wrote the document said that there were sacrifices to a goddess named Hreá during a certain month. The format of the poetry is an Ice-

landic style called Old Lore Meter. In a group of two lines, the first line should have an alliteration between one word prior to the "*" (indicating a pause, or caesura) and two words after the caesura. The next line has not caesura and has an alliteration between two words. The words that carry the alliterations are emphasized in the rhythm that comes when you speak the lines naturally. In ancient examples (as in these poems), not all my lines are perfect. Some lines lack the full alliteration, sometimes a pause doesn't really help a line. When I do the ritual, I perform both poems repeatedly, but I only have a tune for the change-chant.

Elegy for the Forgotten Deities
Hrefla's name is known, * from the name of her month; The names of others not! For gods and goddesses * greatly were loved But some have sank from sight! We'd like to regain, yes - * would live with again; Would gift the glorious ones! But myths and morals * - some mighty examples - Such lessons are lost from our lore. Sadness the soul weighs * for seeking is vain; Enemies sacred mem'ries erased. Rich the remains * for retro religion But some glories cannot be regained. Let's recover and keep * whatever we can Of the treasures for times yet to come.

Change Chant

Waxing moon * Waning Moon
Changes always come Some is gained, * some is lost, I'll work with what I've got!

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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, November 7

Ritual—"Witches Brew"

A witches' brew combines ingredients into a whole that is greater than the sum of the parts. Likewise, when we add new members to our community, we increase our total by more than simple numbers. This Sunday's ritual will be a quest for that elixir which brings change, the witches' brew. Join us in seeing where the quest leads us, and drawing new members to us along the way.

Sunday, November 14 facilitated by Site Committee

Ritual—"Taking the Dream and Making It Real"

Join site committee in learning just where we are, where we want to be and how we plan to get our new home.

Sunday, November 21

Ritual—"Rivendale"

"The world has changed; I feel it in the Water; I feel it in the Earth; I smell it in the Air; Much that once was—is lost. For none now live who remember it." Out of fantasy. Out of Myth. Out of time and worlds we hold as Utopia and Eden. Explore the modern myth that gains us insight to ageless wisdom. A wish for an understanding of nature and its ways so we may better serve it with grace and dignity.

Sunday, November 28

SOS—"Giving Thanks" facilitated by Brian

Sharing Our Spirits rituals are designed to allow everyone a chance to help build the ritual of the day, with one or two ritual team members helping facilitate the process. Our theme today is Giving Thanks.

Ritual Teams and Members:



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Linda Boyce



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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.



Happy Solar Return to people celebrating their birthday this month:

11-29: David R.

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 AROUND TOWN—EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Voices of Gaia

Thursday, Nov. 11th, 7:00 P.M. FRANKLIN ROOM.

Singer and chanters wanted. Bring chants you'd like to sing. New people are always welcome. There are no auditions. Just come if you like to sing. If you have questions, or want more information, please contact Kitty Degler, songbird@kc.rr.com or 913-469-8779.

KidSpace Committee Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 18th, 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, Nov. 19th, 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, Nov. 26th, 7:00 P.M.

Join your fellow Gaians for food, friendship, and frivolity. Kick back and stuff yourself silly! Since this falls the day after Thanksgiving, we may divert to another evening in the month. Watch the e-group and announcements for where we will be eating this month. For more information contact Jeff Park at jpark2@kc.rr.com or 816-361-0465.

A look ahead at next month

Dec 5 Ritual – “Kids Dedication” - youth team

Dec 12 Winter Bazaar

Dec 19 Ritual – “Winter Solstice” – 

Dec 26 Forum – “Jesus H. Christ!” - David

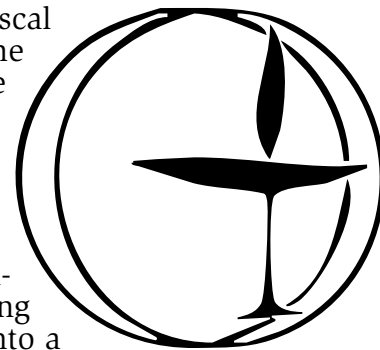
WEAVE AND SPIN

Splinters from the Board

From the Secretary

Here's the minutes summary

David reported that he will be sending out pledge reminders for all who filled out pledge cards for this fiscal year. The purchase of the bond (to allow the money to earn interest faster) with the new home funds has not been completed yet. In addition, David is planning to gather more information about turning the KidSpace director into a contract position.



In old business, the Planned Parenthood event did not go as well as we could have hoped; however some good contacts were made. The Winter Bazaar is set for Dec. 12th; please contact Kimberly or Devin for volunteer opportunities. The lease has been signed for the next year, and our rent did not go up. And finally, the copier donated by Jeff's employer is in it's new home in the Boyce's garage. John Boyce is getting the appropriate receptacle for it, and it will be available to approved persons with sufficient notice.

In new business, Terry submitted his resignation from the board effective Dec 1st. The nominating committee is hard at work looking for a replacement not only for Terry, but also to head up the Communications committee and Adult Ed. Brian Butler is our new head of the Stewardship committee.

In committee reports, KidSpace reported that Andrew is willing to continue in his role as director until a replacement can be found.

Carey Reynolds will chair the next RfB on Nov 13th. Please contact her or any board member to get something placed on the agenda.

Debbie





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November 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Adult RE 7 pm Build Your Own Theology	3	4 Ritual Teams Meeting 6:45 pm	5 	6 Craft Circle 1-4 pm
SR 3pm 7 Ritual: Witches Brew New Members 4 pm	8	9 Adult RE 7 pm Sacred Rhythms	10	11 Voices of Gaia 7 pm	12 	13 Ritual of Business 9:30 am
SR 3pm 14 Ritual: Taking the Dream and Making it Real 4 pm	15	16 Adult RE 7 pm Druid Study Group	17 Site Committee Meeting 7-9 pm	18 KidSpace 7 pm	19  Games Night 7 pm	20
CCCC 2:30 SR 3pm 21 Ritual: Rivendale 4 pm	22	23 Adult RE 7 pm Wicca 101	24	25	26  FNOSC 7 pm	27
SR 3pm 28 SOS: Giving Thanks 4 pm	29	30 Adult RE 7 pm Grab Bag				