

Florida Pagan Gathering

Samhain 2018

Workshop Schedule

(Dates, Times and Locations are subject to change prior to the event)

WEDNESDAY

Stone Grill: Hosted by Brotherhood of the Spear and Sisterhood of the Shield

5:00pm – 7:00pm ~ Brotherhood/Sisterhood Tent ~

Much like a Stone Soup, a Stone Grill relies on the contributions of others to make the meal. Suggested donations are cuts of meat, chicken, sausages, veggies, cans of beans, anything that can be thrown on the grill. Contributions can be dropped off at registration or at the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Tent. All contributions to the Stone Grill will be cooked and available for everyone to enjoy. Please bring your own plate, utensils and beverages with you when you come.

While at this event meet members of the Brotherhood Of The Spear & Sisterhood Of The Shield and learn what these groups are about and how they are bringing our community closer together. (All Ages Welcome)

Opening Ritual

7:00pm ~ Fire Circle~ Temple of Earth Gathering

In this ritual we will build a circle of protection and take time to honor each other and our years together as a community as well as welcome festival newcomers to our family We also take time in this ritual to provide important information and any scheduling updates and introduce you to our Headliners and Staff and light our Sacred Flame. Be sure to arrive early and bring a chair or ground cover. (All Ages Welcome)

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Raising the Altars

10:30am – Noon ~ Spirit Temple ~ Medea Athairn

In this workshop we will erect 4 altars around the camp for people to visit throughout the weekend. During this workshop we will cleanse the area, set up the altar and evoke the spirit of the God or Goddess we are setting the altar for. We will meet at the Spirit Temple and walk around the site to set up the altars. (All Ages Welcome)

Intro to Fiber Magick

1:00pm - 2:30pm ~ Sylphs Breeze ~ Opal Luna

In this class, we will be working with energy and infusing it into handmade items for use as totems or magickal tools. This workshop includes the materials needed to create the chakra bracelet outlined in the book *Fiber Magick, Fiber Magick* at home. (All Ages Welcome)

Tarot Basics and Beyond

1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Spirit Temple ~ Christiana Gaudet

If you are curious about tarot, or a devoted tarotist, this workshop has something for you. Tarot beginners will get a basic overview of tarot structure, traditions and techniques, and will be introduced to the twenty-two cards of the Major Arcana. Experienced tarotists will get not only a refresher, but a new understanding and perspective of both the cards and techniques for reading. Bring a tarot deck or buy or borrow one at the workshop.(All Ages Welcome)

Visionary Scrying with Crystal Balls

1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Undines Grotto ~ Jason Augustus Newcomb

Jason will share his three phase strategy for rapidly becoming a visionary with crystals and other scrying devices. He will be bringing a number of crystals but if you have one you should bring it to class because we will be doing a good bit of gazing and it is good to connect with your own crystals. Jason will have a limited number of scrying crystals available for purchase should you become attached to your loaner shewstone. (All Ages Welcome)

What's so great about the Great Rite?

3:00pm – 4:30pm ~ Sylphs Breeze ~ Jason Mankey

Ask your average Witch about the great rite and they'll probably respond with something about cups and athames or sex magick. But the great rite is about more than sexual coupling or half-hearted mini-rites before cakes and ale-the great rite is about the union of powerful forces, and most importantly, it's for EVERYBODY. From the great rite in truth and in token, this is a workshop about sex in the ancient world, wine, magick, and more! It's all about what's so great about one of Wicca's most misunderstood and divisive rites. (Ages 18+ Welcome)

Complicité -- a vital element of Ritual

3:00pm – 4:30pm ~ Gnomes Knoll ~ David Doersch

Much of modern Paganism and Pagan ritual are built, whether knowingly or not, on the Archetypes that we all share -- either culturally, genetically or historically. In this workshop, we explore the power of non-linear, non-verbalized expression within Ritual. The potency of the Dramatic concept of Complicité and how it not only enhances the ritual experience but replaces. Utilizing simple and really fun charade exercises, we explore as a group the means of

communicating deeper Truths, and eliciting powerful personal experiences. Come ready to play, ready to be authentic and ready to truly observe. (All Ages Welcome)

Sound Bath Experience

3:00pm – 4:30pm ~ Undines Grotto ~ DruAnn Welch

Bathe yourself in the soothing sounds of the Crystal Singing Bowls. Learn a bit about the bowls and how they aid in healing then sit back and enjoy the sounds!(All Ages Welcome)

Basic Herbs

3:00pm – 4:30pm ~ Vendor's Row ~ Wolfheart Herbals

Learn about Herbs and Herbology from a man who knows his stuff! (All Ages Welcome)

Alchemy

3:00pm – 4:30pm ~ Vendor's Row ~ The Alchemist

Join us at Lourdes Alchemy Shoppe to create a tincture using alchemical steps. We will provide all of your materials. Learn the steps of transformation and revealing hidden clues in alchemical arts. (All Ages Welcome)

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Meet & Greet – Halloween Party!!!!

8:00pm ~ Oak Lawn ~ Not Ready for Beltane Players

Join us for a festive Halloween Party at FPG Samhain 2018 on Thursday night, 8pm at the Spirit Temple. Come dressed in your best costume or come as you are! Enjoy light refreshments, music and games. Meet your fellow festival goers and vote for the best costumes in our Adult's and Kid's costume contests!! We'll be having a Scavenger Hunt to encourage our guests, staff and vendors to mingle and meet as well as a Trivia Contest so get your teams together!!! Also! A Pumpkin Decorating Contest!! Bring your pumpkin to the Meet and Greet and display your creation on the table provided. Folks will have an opportunity to vote on the pumpkin they like best! (Pumpkins can be carved or painted, real or fake). (All Ages Welcome)

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Guided Meditation of Unlocking

10:30am – Noon ~ Brotherhood/Sisterhood Tent ~ Narissa

Whether it is your self-confidence, potential, insight or joy, this workshop can help you find the key to unlocking what you want in your life. Please bring a chair or something else on which to sit comfortably. There will be a charm to charge during your meditation to bring home. All are welcome!! (All Ages Welcome)

Shift from FEAR to LOVE

10:30am – Noon ~ Salamanders Inferno ~ DruAnn Welch

Learn the Process to shift from a life of Alternative Realities to a life of Open Vibrant Experiences. (All Ages Welcome)

Astrological Timing for Magical Rituals

10:30am – Noon ~ Spirit Temple ~ Jason Augustus Newcomb

Utilizing numerous ancient techniques including basic astrological forecasting, lunar phases and positions, the mansions of the moon and the planetary days and hours we will explore a number of methods for aligning your practical magical work with the cosmic cycles. (All Ages Welcome)

You Can Play the Flute and Love It!

10:30am – Noon ~ Vendors Row ~ Spider

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Releasing Your Inner Goddess

1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Brotherhood/Sisterhood Tent ~ Medea Athairn

This is a ritual of empowerment. All those who identify as Woman are welcome to attend. Following the ritual will be a time for us to be worshiped as the Goddesses that we are. Please bring a chair or ground cover. (All Ages Welcome) (Gender Identifying Women Only)

The Magick of Initiations, Elevations, and Dedications

1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Gnomes Knoll ~ Jason Mankey

An initiation ritual should be about more than acceptance into a tradition; it should be a transformative moment in the life of the Witch or Pagan receiving it. From ancient Eleusis to Masonic halls around the world, initiation rites have played a significant role in religious and magickal practices for thousands of years. Explore the elements that make up the modern rites of initiation, elevation, and dedication, and the history of such practices around the world. Grow your ritual practice by exploring the power and mystery of these magickal experiences. (All Ages Welcome)

Djembe Hand Technique

1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Fire Circle ~ Tribal Soup Project

This workshop is geared towards both the beginner drummer as well as anyone wishing to improve their hand technique. We will cover both basic and advanced techniques, learning how to create clear, crisp sounds before moving into practice drills which will help improve those sounds. (All Ages Welcome)

Tarot and the Four Elements

1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Spirit Temple ~ Christiana Gaudet

The Four Elements, Earth, Air, Fire and Water, provide the cornerstone of astrology, tarot, and many types of spiritual practice. This hands-on workshop is an exploration into the many way you can work with the Four Elements in your tarot practice, and the many ways the Four Elements can help you understand your tarot cards, and yourself, more clearly. Bring a tarot deck or buy or borrow one at the workshop. (All Ages Welcome)

Fiber Magick at Home

1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Undines Grotto ~ Opal Luna

In this class, we will be creating a witch's ladder to be hung in our homes for rich blessings. After crafting the ladder we will go on a nature hunt for the rungs.

Bits and Bones - Divination through the Throwing of Bones and Curios

3:00pm – 4:30pm ~ Gnomes Knoll ~ Pea Kay

Osteomancy, the art of divination with bone, is an ancient practice with multiple roots. In this class, you will learn the art of Osteomancy through intuitive divination, updated for the modern day practitioner. (All Ages Welcome)

When Thespis Stepped Forth

3:00pm – 4:30pm ~ Sylphs Breeze ~ David Doersch

Drama and Ritual have a joint root from which spring these two branches of human expression.

Utilizing Dramatic theory, a smattering of Theatre History and ancient Greek tradition, we explore the origins of these sister practices and how easily and comfortably we can use the power and authenticity of Drama to enhance our Ritual experience. Come join us for a mildly didactic workshop in which we cover historical background, but then brainstorm together ways to envision transformative experiences within Ritual space. Mystery, Surprise, Character, and Disruption all play critical roles in this process. (All Ages Welcome)

Children's Drum Circle

3:00pm - 4:30pm ~ Fire Circle ~ Kelso & Friends

Eating the Dead: How Food Traditions Teach Us About Ancestral Power

3:00pm - 4:30pm ~ Undines Grotto ~ Reyna Templebee

This workshop will introduce basic and helpful information about working with ancestral energy in a variety of forms but especially through working with plant foods that have strong ties to our ancestry. By reviewing the long and magickal process of plant domestication, a symbiotic contract between humans and plants, we will learn tools for coming into alignment and agreement with the plants that fed the bodies of our ancestors. Those same bodies (and plants) in turn fed the earth where our ancestors lived and worked alongside plant devas. We will explore three plants that are key to common ancestral groups such as the Celtic, West African, and Native American peoples and contact the overarching devas of these three plants who knew and cared for our ancestors. There will be tasty snacks! (All Ages Welcome)

Tarot Showcase

3:00pm - 4:30pm ~ Spirit Temple ~ Christiana Gaudet

FPG Headliner Christiana Gaudet has been offering gallery-style performances in nightclubs, churches and spiritual centers for years. Now she brings her entertaining and enlightening performance to FPG. Come with a question; Christiana will share her tarot wisdom. You may even receive a special message from a loved one beyond the veil! (All Ages Welcome)

Drumming 101

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Learn basic rhythms, feel confident to play in the circle and be part of the magic! (All Ages Welcome)

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Fire Walk hosted by Hearts on Fire

7:00pm ~ Location TBA ~ Room to Grow

Join us for a true cleansing of body, mind, and spirit on a night filled with mystical energy and spiritual growth. This will be an unforgettable workshop filled with positive memoirs of self-discovery! We will be exploring ways to discover the hidden potential that remains dormant, or untapped within all of us. Learn how to release fears, inhibitions, limitations, and obstacles that prevent you from realizing, or accomplishing a dream. Reconnect with a higher sense of self, spirit, and the universe to unfold a happier, healthier, and free existence!

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Drawing Down the Moon: The Magick & Mystery of Deity

10:30am - Noon ~ Gnomes Knoll ~ Jason Mankey

The ritual of “Drawing Down the Moon” has become one of the most important and essential rites of Modern Wiccan-Witchcraft, but what do we really know about it? From internal processes to the literary influence of writers such as Dion Fortune and Margaret Murray to the historical practices of traditions such as New Orleans Voodoo, this workshop is an all-inclusive look at one of Witchcraft’s most transformative mysteries. (All Ages Welcome)

Natural Divination

10:30am - Noon ~ Salamanders Inferno ~ Jason Augustus Newcomb

In this fun and experiential class we will explore a number of ways of receiving spontaneous divination from the environment including ornithomancy, omens, augury, and various forms of improvised oracles. Even if you return to your Tarot or Runes after this class, you will get some insight into the practicalities of divination. (All Ages Welcome)

Tarot Key Words and Interpretations

10:30am - Noon ~ Spirit Temple ~ Christiana Gaudet

If a tarot card can mean many different things, how do we know how to interpret the cards in a specific reading? Do we have to memorize card meanings? What if the classic card meaning doesn’t fit in the context of the question? Whether you are a beginner or advanced tarot reader, chances are you’ve struggled with these questions, and others, as you strive to make sense of, and find wisdom in, your tarot cards. In this workshop, you will learn some easy-yet-insightful systems for interpreting any combination of cards in any situation. More importantly, you’ll learn to find the way your own intuition and spiritual guidance can lead you to find truth in every tarot reading. Bring a tarot deck or buy or borrow one at the workshop (All Ages Welcome)

Color Healing

10:30pm – Noon ~ Undines Grotto ~ DruAnn Welch

A cool tool for your healing toolbelt. Learn the ins and outs of Chromatherapy or Color Healing (All Ages Welcome)

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Salt Ash, An Instructional Walk-through to Creating Customized Salts for Ritual Intent

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Join Pea as she offers a rare and exclusive look into her own approach to ritual magick supply-Salt Ash. Using a very special blend of ritual salts, ritual ashes, stones and gems, herbs, and intentions, you will learn to craft your own salt ash, customized for any ritualistic intention you could ever want. Learn to create powerful magical aids by tapping into the fire you create within, bottling it for whatever purposes you can imagine. Salt Ash is designed to help you find your power no matter where you are in the physical world. Pea has never offered to showcase this method before, and it is highly unlikely that she will offer to teach others her own private method of creating this powerful ritual tool again. (Ages 18+ Welcome)

Fiber Magick Saves the World

1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Gnomes Knoll ~ Opal Luna

In this class, I will share my ministry of making plarn (plastic yarn) from grocery bags. The plarn is then crocheted into sleeping mats to be donated to shelters. The mats add a moisture barrier for those who are sleeping outside. (All Ages Welcome)

Essential Middle Eastern Rhythms

1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Fire Circle ~ Tribal Soup

Jesse and Seaweed will take you on journey where you will learn the essential Middle Eastern Rhythms that everyone should know. These rhythms will enrich your drumming experience giving you greater confidence in what you are playing and allow you to move further upon your drum path. They can be played on any type of drum, at drum circle, and even for a Belly Dancer. (All Ages Welcome)

Knowing Our Mighty Dead

1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Spirit Temple ~ Jason Mankey

Everyone knows names like Gerald Gardner, Cora Anderson, and Doreen Valiente, but what about Sybil Leek, Leo Martello, Gwydion Pendderwen, and Evan John Jones? “Knowing Our Mighty Dead” is an inside look at some of the the most influential, but often overlooked, names in Modern Paganism. Take a tour through our recent history and become acquainted (or reacquainted) with some of our most important pioneers. (All Ages Welcome)

Creative Chaos

1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Vendors Row ~ The Alchemist

Choose your items from a treasure trunk and let your creativity flow. Make a mask a painting or even jewelry with Liz at Lourdes alchemy shoppe. All materials provided. (All Ages Welcome)

The Handfasting of Ann Marie and Paul

3:00pm – 4:30pm ~ Fire Circle ~ Lady Rae Blackhood

Gather together on this most joyous occasion to celebrate the Handfasting of two beloved members of our Community.

FPG Live Auction

5:30pm ~ Spirit Temple ~ Temple of Earth Gathering

PLACE YOUR BIDS & MAKE YOUR OFFERS!! We will be hosting a LIVE auction! We will be accepting prizes all the way up to the beginning of the auction to add to what is collected prior to

the start of FPG. Come bid on a beautiful piece of art or a unique item and win something of your very own. (All Ages Welcome)

Main Ritual ~ A Journey into the Underworld
8:00pm ~ Main Ritual Circle ~ Medea Athairn & Friends

Gather Saturday night at the Fire Circle for a sacred Samhain ritual hosted by Medea and Friends. This FPG, the main ritual is based on "Quest Through the Shadows: A Samhain Mystery Play" written by Oberon and MorningGlory Zell-Ravenheart and Candice and Alan Campbell in 1975. Journey beyond the veil with the Goddess Fauna as she searches for her lost love, stolen by the underworld. An Ancestor Altar will play a big role in this ritual so please feel free to bring any photos or mementos of loved ones who have crossed over into the next life to place on the altar. (All Ages Welcome)

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Closing Ritual
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