

BAKERSFIELD - The last newsletter was really something in getting it together. I must admit that I was behind schedule due to being distracted over the Hallows holiday by a lovely visiting HPs. So...when it came time to put the newsletter together...I had nothing ready. So...while I typed, Bobbie & Shirley printed as fast as I could write it...Merle, Luke, Martha, Ken were busy collating, folding, stapling, taping, addressing, stamping, etc. So now you know why we were a day late.

We now have our own print shop set up in a separate building. This required putting up a new storage building...with a couple of busy days by Bobbie & Ken, Shirley & Merle, Shawn, Manon & I. They all did a great job...and it's such a pleasure to get all that stuff out of the dining room...which was very important. The past couple of years we have had Thanksgiving dinner here for those of our people who are not tied up with family or relatives. It worked out fine again, and we all had a really great time...concluding the evening with Luke on guitar...Randy on recorder...and all of us singing Pagan songs.

The people here decided to give me a surprise birthday party a couple of days early at the full moon...after the ritual. There were 15 of us in the Circle that night. Received many nice presents...many of them my favorite liquid refreshments...also a hand-carved pentacle, some Circle posters, and a rams head ring. Wonderful evening. Also enjoyed the many birthday cards.

Sorry if I've been slow in getting out replies to some of your mail. Have been very busy with Manon...but we have solved that problem since she is now my part-time sextary. It will be great when her typewriter learns to spell and not make other mistakes.

Did I mention that Bobbie's cooking of the Thanksgiving turkey was a work of art?

Dean busy as usual...studying on his own, and looking forward to getting home with the coven again.

SO. COUNCIL OF C.O.G. - Guess we won't be having this section any longer since someone has taken that over for the C.O.G. newsletter.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA - Joan busy as usual but hopes to attend both events here this month.

Finally had a call from Cathy. Seems to be reasonably well now but still not working. Hope she gets to attend the December meetings...or doghouse.

GETTYSBURG - Our special thanks to Sue & Lisa for translating the letter I received from France. Glad someone reads French.

? Heard from Antonio B. who visited here some months ago, but he sent no address and I couldn't read the postmark. Anyway, we knew he had been travelling. Says there is a possibility of coming to Bakersfield for a job. He's been working in the oil fields all over the country. No, Tony, in case you see the newsletter, I have no news of the person you asked about. And...how do you expect me to answer your questions when you give me no address? Glad all goes well for you.

HONOLULU - Adele's new shop "The Future Eye" is open. Address is 1009 University Ave., Honolulu, HI. 96826. Phone 947-1922. Lots of interesting things going on there.

TUCSON - A nice letter from Rick. Hope our answer gave him what he wanted to know about the Georgians.

BROOKLYN - A nice letter from Ruth & Gus of the Promethean Coven. Hope we hear more from them.

BALTIMORE - Amazing! Hadn't heard from Morgana for several months...then got a letter and a large envelope in the same day. Morgana enclosed some notes on Bast for an article she is planning for the summer issue of the K.A.M. newsletter. Very interesting. Next K.A.M. newsletter should be out by Yule.

Morgana has decided to sell the "potpouris" mentioned in the last newsletter. Baggies are \$2. each, sachets are \$1.75 each. Lavendar, Lavendarwood, Spicy Rose, Sweet Rose, Wild Rose, Florida, Chypre,...and others. She sent some samples, and they are really great.

So many interesting things going on with K.A.M. that I just can't tell them all. YULE- K.A.M. planning to take donations from the members to make up food baskets for the needy. They will enclose a card saying that it is from K.A.M. A great idea...and good P.R. for the Craft.

The K.A.M. annual Yule party is growing so big...people from various traditions.. that they now have to rent a hall....expect more than 100 this year. Morgana says if any of our people plan to be in the area at that time...write and let her know.

Morgana's daughter Ayeisha, and Kern expecting a baby at Candlemas. What a sexy grandma Morgana will be!

We've mentioned that Morgana has started a Dianic group which is doing great. And response is so great that Alexandria of Foxmore will be starting a new one soon.

We're still a bit confused about what address to give out, but Morgana says they'll soon have one P.O. BOX for everyone. Date for the party will be Dec. 30. So for now...write to Ayeisha, 537 Gwynnwest Rd. Reisterstown, Md. 21136.

NASHVILLE - Cyprian says Karen might check out Castle Rising, 1730 Wazee St. in Denver. Might have what she's looking for. Suggests John in Wisconsin should contact Circle, POB 9013, Madison, WI. 53715. He suggests that Jeannie & Dean should write to "Golden Temple Natural Foods" 1782 Cheshire Bridge Rd. N.E. Atlanta, Ga.

Thought for December: at Yule the old sun dies and the new sun is born, and the farmer is thus assured of a new solar year and a new crop to sustain life. How meta it is that we should celebrate and rejoice at the Yule Sabbat.

FLORIDA - Janice & Dennis very happy about their initiation. They've moved into their new home, have set up their temple, have found nice statues for their altar...and are very happy.

Penny involved with a new group down that-a-way. Hope she finds what she's looking for.

Dave seems reasonably happy. Busy with the new set of occult encyclopedias he just recieved.

Recieved a beautiful Samhain card from Malena & Seleneicthon. Would have liked to print the poem but they didn't mention the source or give permission.

DENVER - Karen had a great time in Tulsa, and a nice birthday celebration. She says Denver had a 5 part series on Wicca the week of Samhain...not sure but I think that was on radio. Karen sent a copy of a newspaper article and a copy of her letter of reply. Very interesting. Karen says she's been watching Rain communicate with faeries and such as she grows and becomes more perceptive.

NEW JERSEY - Ellen is busy writing a novel. Must be Pagan at least.

TUCSON- Interesting letters from Susan. Don't really understand, but perhaps she will enlighten us further.

WILKES-BARRE - Clem would like contact with any covens or Pagans in his area.

SEATTLE-TACOMA AREA - Lady Ath-enna busy with her job and her little gremlin. She should be talking with Stef soon.

OHIO- Nice letter from that sexy Scorpio, Linda. Hope we hear much more from her. She would like more contacts in the Akron area.

LOS ANGELES AREA - Georgia seems happy with her new marriage. Also happy testing the products she sells to make sure they perform as advertized. Nader, eat your heart out! Manon has also found them very instructive. We had a nice birthday card from Georgia. And we thank her for loaning us the special "Georgian Training Films". Well...some people call them that. Anyway, haven't found anyone who didn't enjoy them...immensely!

Dorothy will be visiting in the far north for a couple of weeks but expects to start on our pre-initiation material when she returns.

Walt phoned the other day while in Bakersfield..but didn't visit. The dog house is too good for him. Think we should turn him into a neutered newt!

SACRAMENTO - Jeff reports that the semi-final draft of his book is off to the publisher. He says the Kansas meeting..."it was pleasant and light-hearted...a kind of Hallowe'en conference, with some serious talks and some light ones...and a few old horror movies thrown in". He says one good paper was on the Celtic festivals as precursors of Hallowe'en. Jeff's talk on modern Witchcraft was well-recieved. Most people were interested and open-minded. Jeff says there was also a fairly good Salem Witch-trial symposium. Expected publication date for Jeff's new book is now ...Fall of '79.

ATLANTA- Rhea says they had a great Samhain.. 'til 4 A.M....and then she had to go to work. Wonder how her head felt! Yes, Rhea, I was a little down when I wrote that last letter. So where is that mountain dew you promised to send to make me forget my troubles?

Rhea has withdrawn from the Assoc. Of Cymmry Wicca and the Pagan Grove press.. however, she may still be reached at POB 49285, Atlanta, Ga. 30359.

Also in Georgia - Nice letter from Pam & Frank. Pam is English but has been over here for 7 years. Wonder if she has developed a southern drawl yet. Watch out for that "white lightnin" , Pam.

LAKESWOOD, CAL. - Peggy Ellen had a nice trip to Big Bear...enjoyed the freezing temp. Peggy Ellen does have a problem: how do you get a 65 lb. dog off the electric blanket on the bed when he doesn't want to go? Peggy Ellen's brother writes from England that people are upset about ponies being sold for dog food. So...some nuts decided to protest by spraying the stones at Stonehenge with red paint! So...all the kookies are not locked up.

AKRON- Anthony very busy at work. He sent a very nice gift of jellies and syrups (more on this on another page). This is what he has been working on... helping his son in the business. Anthony is still busy on pre-initiation tapes.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - Marsha was so sick that she only attended one Hallow's party instead of two. She wore her super-sexy dress, and was drooled on by 2 Germans. Does that make one sick? Or was it German beer?

Marsha says her reception was a smash! Of course it was great for Marsha because her mother did all the work...except for Aunt Helen's Bavarian Creme four layer cake with whipped cream frosting. Marsha and Ted recieved lots of beautiful wedding gifts...but she says the best was a talisman of the square of Venus with a sigil representing their names together drawn on the square. She says it even smells great, and has vibes of love and friendship.

MODESTO - Manon has been spending some time (but not nearly enough) in Bakersfield...exchanging info, etc. She is a lovely HPs but a lousy typist..as some of you know by now. Just have to keep her out of the Ruby Chablis when she is typing my letters...but even so, she is a great sextary. Pleasantly surprised to recieve a very nice letter from Treesong & Ravenwolf. Hadn't heard from them for several years.

NEVADA - Barda is busy painting her house. She says toads are not strange pets, and they are easy to care for.

BRITISH COLUMBIA - A letter from Barb & John. They say the full moon was a day late this year. It was mild with a gentle rolling surf and a light breeze from the S.E. But the next night the moon was huge and orange " and seemed to rise from the earth's womb". The weather there (and in Alaska which they can see) is 100 mph winds and icy. "The trees creaked and waved in protest to the Goddess...the waves white-capped a symphonic roar...the aluminum on the roof crackled, too".

So...write more often...you ice people!

MODESTO (again) Very nice letter from Karen & Daniel. Hope we hear much more from them. Also a nice letter from Ron.

TORONTO - Sandra wrote...but very little. Off she goes to the dog house!

HERBS

MERLE SEZ - We were all waiting for Georgia to arrive at our last Sabbat, feeling it was time to extract from her some of her herbal beauty secrets. When she came in, we told her there would be no food or wine until she told us. Georgia held out longer than expected (about 30 sec.) before she started talking faster than I could write it all down...so I'll pass on what I was able to record.

HAIR CONDITIONER - use an infusion of nettles or lime flowers as a final rinse.

TO CLEAR DANDRUFF- use an infusion of parsley rubbed into the scalp every few days.

TO DARKEN HAIR - pour boiling water over two or three sprigs of rosemary. Let it cool, and warm it up again just before use as a final rinse. An infusion of camomile will brighten fair hair.

Yogurt with an infusion of fennel seeds and some chopped fennel leaves is good as a wrinkle smoother for the face.

A facial pack of egg white and lemon with some finely chopped yarrow helps to clear spots, and is good for greasy skin.

Sorry I couldn't take down more info from this lovely lady, but by this time she was eating with both hands and unable to talk.

LETTERS TO MERLE - Karen (Denver) says mugwort is excellent for dream-seeing. Easiest way to utilize it is to make a small pillow stuffed with it, and then sleep with it right near your head.

FROM MANON - Planetary Herbs...Jupiter...agrimony, anise, seed, ash, betony, blood root, cinquefoil, clover, dandelion, hyssop, linden, mistle toe, myrrh gum, nutmeg, sage.

Kernunos incense...bay leaves, patchouli leaves, pine needles or cedar, greens, vervain, red sanders, frankincense, myrrh, dragons blood, juniper.

Mix together with gum turpentine to form a crumbly mixture. Prepare this on a Thursday in the hour of the sun...when the moon is waxing toward full.

BOOKS AND OTHER THINGS

The Association Of Cymry Wicca has both the directory and the supplement ready. These are \$4.95 and \$2.50. Write to Pagan Grove Press, POB 49285, Briarcliff Station, Atlanta, Ga. 30359.

CIRCLE brochures are available for a S.A.S.E....a long one. Circle Network News by donation. CIRCLE, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

BOOKS (cont.)

Pam (Georgia) recommends "The Morning Of The Magicians" by Pauwels and Bergier...Avon, \$1.75. We have it. Found it interesting.

Barda (Nevada) ...says Bavarian porcelain plates depicting Grimm's Fairy Tales available from Franklin Porcelain, Franklin Center, Pa. 19091. Beautiful but expensive.

GIVE ANIMALS A BRAKE bumper sticker for 50¢ & S.A.S.E. from Actors & Others For Animals, 12444 Ventura Blvd...Rm. 203, Studio City, Cal. 91604.

CAUTION; I BRAKE FOR ANIMALS bumper sticker for \$1. and SASE from Friends Of Animals, 11 W. 60th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10023.

Karen (Denver) says some books she enjoyed are: King Kobold...a sequel to A Warlock In Spite Of Himself. Also...Operation Chaos by Poul Anderson... and...the books of Andre Norton.

Anthony (Akron) We told you about the gift of jellies and syrups made from wine. If you're interested, they have very nice gift packages, and promise that orders recieved by Dec. 20 will be shipped within 48 hrs. Write for catalogs...Zanca, Box 43, Akron, Ohio 44309...or phone 216-535-6820. All wine flavors including Port, Burgundy, Cold Duck, etc. Also a number of recipes for using these.

GOLLUM'S COLLUM

Meow...that's cat talk for "Hello, there" (for you humans). Well here are some tips for you cat lovers...who want the best for your four legged friends...yes, dogs, too.

1- add 1 or 2 tblsps of brewer's yeast daily to the food you give your pet. This will help to give us a bright and shining coat.

2- add a pinch of salt to the food daily also. This will make us drink more water, and will help keep our urinary tract free from infection.

I got my first letter, and I would like to thank Linda Margo for writing. O! I am a male cat.

MEOW...I would like a picture of Faye. She sounds nice.

Hope to hear more from you cats out there.

MEOW (that is goodbye also).

ATLANTA - Late arrival from Sefa. She didn't get to go to Albuquerque meet. Too busy. Still planning to visit here and in Frisco. No date on that. Sefa is now at Ravenwood, and she says they are busy planning a seminar or Spring Meet. Some of the people expected: Sybil Leek, Komar, Bill Finch...and many others. Loy & Louise Stone's daughter, Shara, is doing much of the putting together.

Sefa says she is busy...busy...busy...but having lots of fun. Doesn't she always? She enclosed her phone number "in case you ever want to chat". A nice idea...but, doll, you should have my phone bill awready! Maybe the I.R.S. would settle for that instead of my tax bill.

WICCA FAMILY by Linda Halsrud

Brothers and sisters forever
 A Wicca family life
 The Horned One our father
 The Goddess is his wife

There is perfect love between us
 And perfect trust as well
 If either of these be violated
 On your athame may you be impaled

Live to help one another
 And you will be happier too
 Never harm your sister or brother
 Or you may find yourself miserable and blue.

STUFF AND THINGS

Misplaced but just found Herbie's letter from Spain. Says he may be sent to England/Wales next June. Herbie says he thinks there must be an alcoholic poltergeist or a leprechaun in his apartment. A full bottle of Irish Whiskey disappeared in the early hours one morning...things are being moved and/or hidden....found the gas turned on one day not long after he had turned it off...also see something that seems to be a small dog or a large cat...one corner of the storage room is often 20 degrees hotter than the rest of the room...sounds of walking and opening doors...something feel in thru a closed window...all the windows have blown open while latched...someone saw a cat-sized blob sitting in one of the chairs...it vanished. Sounds like some fun, Herbie. Would you like to trade for mine? It sometimes bounces the bed... gets into bed and lies down...sometimes lies on top of me. Wouldn't mind that if I could be sure it was female.

We'll be celebrating The Festival Of Lights here on Saturday, Dec. 16. And as we have done for the past couple of years, we'll combine Yule with a New Year's Eve party on Saturday, Dec. 30. This makes it much more convenient for those with families and visiting relatives during the holidays...and also for the out-of-town people who join us.

We had a pleasant visit from Tim and Morning Glory as they were heading to Albuquerque.

Georgia would like to know: who is Hagatha.

Got a letter from Gail in Fremont. Working now in the P.O. Is that why the mail is so fouled up?

If we're lucky and get back the photos in time to print tomorrow..our last page will have a photo of Gollum. If not, who knows what it will be. This month we turn people into decrepit dingos.

That's all, folks!

Love and Blessed Be.

Pat and all the gang here.

SEATTLE - TACOMA AREA - We really should put Stef in the doghouse or worse. I finished writing the newsletter last night...so today I finally got a letter from her. Oh well, lots of news anyway. Bob started a new job last week. He's happy about that. They had a beautiful Samhain celebration. Donna is looking expectant. The baby is due in February or March. Donna will be out of the navy the end of January. Says she just can't crawl into those tiny places any longer that her job required. Jeannie was off from work Thanksgiving week. She and Dean are busy with their house: new paint, new carpet, new furniture, etc. Must be nice to be rich! By the way, we're still waiting for that catalog from Jeannie & Dean. When? Romalina's baby was in the hospital with bronchial pneumonia and asthma. Romalina may be moving to her parents house in San Jose for the winter. So hurry up and get well, Chipper. Stef says they've had snow...9 to 12 inches....and just now melting. Sabrina was on a girl's soccer team this year. Bob had a fine time being the coach. Stef says they hope to be down to visit soon. Don't kid me, Stef. You never come in the winter since you got snowed in in Northern California a few years ago...and arrived the day after the Sabbath.

REDWOOD VALLEY - This from Gwydion: We're planting a forest this year.... redwoods, cedars, and pines...planted by volunteers. Last Year a dozen volunteers planted 1,000 cedar on land that can never be sold. So how about you making the trip to Mendocino county the New Year's Weekend..to help! You'll be provided with transportation from the San Francisco area, plus food, tools, and good fellowship and cheer. If you think you might join in, write for info, and details on what to bring...and what not to bring. NO SPECTATORS! WORKERS ONLY!

If you wish to join in but can't make it, send a donation. They plan to plant 6000 trees this year, and it costs \$1. per tree....(tax deductible). Make contributions payable to CHURCH OF ALL WORLDS. Write to: Forever Forests, P.O.B. 212, Redwood Valley, Cal. 95472.

MORE STUFF AND THINGS

We're sorry to hear that there has been a delay in publication of The Crystal Well....financial problems, staff reorganization, possibility of a move, etc. But they are being very nice about it. We have a choice of: wait for the next issue, hopefully May 1, take back issues, or get a refund. I'll wait. It's worth it. Since they are having a financial problem, you might want to help out by subscribing. Old rate was \$6. per year but I believe they were planning to raise it to \$8. Anyway, you might write and see what you can do to help. Too many good Craft and/or Pagan publications have folded. Let's not lose this one. Address is The Crystal Well, POB 3145, Seal Beach, Cal. 90740. By the way, the new editor will be Janine Renee Fitch. Good luck, Janine.

REMINDER TO ALL YOU GUYS: be sure to write so I will receive your letter at least several days before the end of the month...or your news won't get in. Also... when you send material or photos...PLEASE say whether or not it may be used in the newsletter. Sometimes good poetry, photos, and even news is lost because you didn't say if it was okay for publication.

ALSO: don't forget that our fourth year of publication starts with the Feb. 1979 issue. As of that date we begin a subscription charge for the first time.. \$2. per year... and that won't come near to paying expenses.

That's really all this time, folks!
Lots more love and Blessed Be.

Signed: Pat (and all the other oversexed wine loving Georgians)

MEOWW. That's my picture...GOLLUM! Ain't I gorgeous????
I even get my own page this month.

