

Temple of Diana

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC SEASONAL RITUALS IN MADISON, WI.

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Please check the website approximately two weeks prior to each ritual for specific details.

PLACE: These events are generally held in or near Madison, either in Public spaces or in private homes. We will provide the exact address and directions on the website link entitled *Upcoming Public Seasonal Ritual*.

TIME: If the ritual is held in the evening, doors usually open at 6:30 and CLOSE at 7:00pm to begin the ritual. Once the circle is cast we cannot admit latecomers, so please arrive on time in order to be included. These participatory rituals are for serious seekers only. Each woman contributes to the rite's successful focus and intent so that the entire community benefits from our cooperative efforts to work magick!

WHAT TO BRING / WEAR: In general, women are invited to bring Goddess images for our communal altar (optional), and wear comfortable festive clothing in colors appropriate for the season; colors and specific items will be announced. Please bring a pot luck dish to serve about 12 women (with a card listing all ingredients to assist women dealing with food allergies), or drink (no alcohol please) to share. We also often ask that women bring their own plate, bowl, and utensils so that we don't contribute to paper (tree) waste. A donation of \$13-7 is usually requested to cover the site rental and other ritual-related expenses, *but no woman turned away for lack of funds*. We also collect canned goods for our ongoing food drive for local food pantries, so bring a canned food donation for the homeless to the ritual.

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FOR NEWCOMERS: Newcomers are warmly welcomed! We want your experience to be optimal, so we have created these guidelines in your interest. Newcomers must be advised that the ritual is a participatory religious service and is not structured to be a first introduction to the Goddess or to Dianic Witchcraft. Therefore, newcomers to Dianic or women's ritual, are encouraged to read one of the following before attending: Women's Rites, Women's Mysteries by Ruth Barrett, The Spiral Dance by Starhawk, The Holy Book of Women's Mysteries by Z. Budapest, or Ariadne's Thread by Shekhinah Mountainwater. Since our rituals are participatory and for serious seekers only, if you are bringing a newcomer to the ritual, please be responsible to them and Temple of Diana by preparing them in advance for what generally to expect.

REGARDING CHILDREN AT RITUAL: We recognize that Temple of Diana's seasonal rituals are not designed to meet children's needs. Often our rituals include responses to the realities of women's lives in patriarchy. Some specific rituals, however, welcome infants, children or daughters. Please check each specific ritual page for details. Any mothers who bring their children must be responsible for their care, safety, and containment during the ritual. If you are a newcomer, please do not bring any children. It is important that you know what our rituals are like so you can decide if the experience is appropriate for your daughters. These guidelines are to ensure your child's well-being, and we appreciate your understanding.

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SPRING EQUINOX CELEBRATION and FEAST ***Saturday, preceding Spring Equinox***

The veil of winter is lifted. We step out of the dreamtime, emerging from the soil into the growing sunlight as we awaken ourselves, encouraging our own growth, our becoming. The Maiden Goddess lives in us through joy, play, and laughter.

We honor the Earth Mother who has sustained us, enabling her daughters to strengthen our own wings and fly...

MAY RITUAL CELEBRATION and FEAST ***Saturday, preceding May 1st***

In the mythic cycle of the Goddess and the cycle of women's lives, the GirlChild becomes Woman as she experiences her first bloods and becomes Whole Unto Herself. In this ritual celebration of the May season, we celebrate the power of our bloods and the sacredness of our female bodies. Life is our lover in this season of blossoming.

SUMMER SOLSTICE RITUAL and FEAST ***Saturday, Preceding Summer Solstice***

In the mythic cycle of the Goddess, the Maiden Goddess transitions to Mother: She who creates, sustains and protects Her creations. Join us to weave together our summer joys, passions and desires into a beautiful powerful tapestry of fire and celebrate our woman-power to choose a world of love, peace and possibility for our daughters and grand daughters. Together we create the Future now!

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LAMMAS (FIRST HARVEST) RITUAL and FEAST

Saturday or Sunday proceeding August 1st

The Mother Goddess waxes full with Her bounty, as women wax into fullness with their personal and collective Harvest. Celebrate the First Harvest of our abundant Mother, our collective bounty, and the promise of Her full Harvest yet to come. We will make Lammas bread in Her image, and ritually prepare ourselves to receive and insure what we have personally and collectively worked to harvest this Fall. A First Harvest feast will be a central part of the ritual itself.

FALL EQUINOX RITUAL and FEAST

Saturday, Preceding Fall Equinox

Come celebrate with your sisters in the Dianic tradition as we honor our Earth Mother, our personal and collective Harvest, and prepare ourselves for the inward journey that is the season of the Crone. In celebration of the season's women's mysteries, peri-menopausal and menopausal women are especially encouraged to attend.

SEASON OF THE CRONE RITUAL and ANCESTRAL FEAST

Saturday, Preceding Halloween

Join with your sisters to ritually prepare for the holiday of Hallomas, and the season of the Crone. Within sacred space of community we will honor our Beloved Dead and all those who have passed, especially within this past year. We will receive a personal and community divination, partake of a ritual meal in honor of our ancestors, and ritually bring closure to the year that has passed as we prepare to enter the Cauldron of Change.

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WINTER SOLSTICE RITUAL and FEAST

Saturday, Preceding Winter Solstice

Winter Solstice is the time of conception for the solar cycle, inviting us to come into resonance with the rebirth of Spirit within the land and Her people while the Earth rests and waits for renewal in its time. For Her women, solstice is a time of faith and hope, of drawing together in the darkness for comfort and support, and to hold our personal and collective visions together for a year of peace, prosperity, joy and health. Will you join your sisters in the celebration?