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The Wiccan Church of Canada is an open Wiccan temple offering teaching, rituals, and training to the public. Drawing on resources available in our own community and from Toronto temple, we are a diverse, accepting, caring, and welcoming group of people united by our love of the Gods and our own journeys. W.C.C. rituals are open to one and all, regardless of one's level of knowledge in the Craft.

There is something for everyone, an experienced practitioner or someone who's vaguely curious. We hope our newsletter will reflect the diversity of our membership by offering the pagan community articles, resources, local events, links & libraries and the W.C.C. calendar.

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“ Beltane is one of the precarious balance points of the year. On May Eve, the focus to many modern pagans is very specifically celebrating, at an instinctual level, the sense of balance, of promise and threat, light and dark. It is a psychological journey which can be challenging and often frightening. As the newly green world is vulnerable and sensitive, so our psyche's are in that place of tenderness. We risk much when we take a spiritual journey at this time of year; but the reward, as with the delicate sapling which becomes the mighty oak, can be great. On the first of May that darkness has passed.

It is a day to celebrate the more modern tale of the marriage of our Lord and Lady. A time for delight. For carefree abandon. Laughter, dance, song. Yes, we are still aware of the journey our souls took the night before, but that is all the more reason to celebrate the moment which is now, which is holy, which is Divine Joy. “ (Ahneke Greystone)

The power that we generate with our Beltane, becomes the wave that changes the face of our Light

months. It sets the tone for the energy we direct into our own growth and the connection we seek with the greater web of Life, we actively embrace the surge that is all around us.

Beltane to Litha is a time of brightness, purification and healing. It is a time to meditate on the aspects of light and dark both within us and in the world around us. Opening our hearts to love and laughter is the key to enjoying the best the season has to offer, while focusing on new directions and revisiting old ideas with a fresh perspective, we thus create a new level of vitalization we unknowingly lacked through the Dark months. The future is bright with possibility and potential.

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**WCC Hamilton Temple
Community Events**

BELLA'S BOOK NOOK

Not long ago, we had a class on Comparative Symbolism, and as part of the reading list was a book on dreams. That got me thinking about how I got into dream interpretation. I lost count of the number of times I saw mom hunched over magazine articles (in German...) that related to dreams. She scoured books at the library, and was finally gifted a book from all of us for Mother's Day, back in the mid 70's.

So, here are my personal favourites. My first book on dreams was by Pamela J. Ball – The Quantum Dream Dictionary, was the book that opened up a whole new world to me. It is straight forward as dream books go. It was well written and just struck a cord with me. Published in 2002. Pamela J. Ball is the author of several dream books, all worth checking into.

The next book that came my way, was ... Zolar's Encyclopedia of DREAMS! ISBN: 0-671-76600 -7. Original was published back in 1963. It was republished by Simon and Schuster in 1992, under the trademark of being - A Fireside Book. It's a book with a bit more depth.

Another book from my collection is - The Dream Dictionary from A to Z, by Theresa Cheung. The material was taken from another book published in 2006 – from The Element Encyclopedia of 20,000 Dreams (first published in 2006.) This version is - ISBN: 978-0-00-793144-6.

Element was part of a series that published occult books in the United Kingdom. 10,000 Dream Interpreted – An Illustrated Guide to Unlocking the Secrets of Your Dreamlife is by Gustavus Hindman Miller. ISBN: 1-86204-408-2. This wonderful book is filled with all sorts of sidebars which give additional information on the types of dreams you may be having, including... is it a - Spiritual and Mental Matter?

So, check out your local library when they open again, or hunt down a copy at a used/second hand book store. Remember to support your local businesses.

Hugs and Happy Reading!

WHAT'S UP HAMILTON

DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH COVID-19 CLASSES AND RITUALS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

We are pleased to offer online Classes on Saturday/Sunday as well as a Wednesday night get together via the ZOOM conferencing app. If you wish to participate, please send an email to LPH.WCC@gmail.com with your email address.



AS ABOVE, SO BELOW

BELTANE: MAY 1

AQUARIDS METEOR
SHOWER: MAY 4

MILK MOON (SUPERMOON)
FULL MOON: MAY 7

COSMIC TRIAD VISIBLE
(JUPITER, MOON, SATURN)
MAY: 12

LAST QUARTER: MAY 14

NEW MOON: MAY 22

COMET SWAN VISIBLE:
MAY 27

FIRST QUARTER: MAY 29

FULL MOON: JUNE 5

LAST QUARTER: JUNE 13

SUMMER SOLSTICE: JUNE 20

NEW MOON: JUNE 20



May Wine

Substitute sparkling white grape juice or apple cider to make a nonalcoholic celebratory version.

- 7 to 10 sprigs fresh woodruff, flowers removed, tied with a string.
- 1 bottle white wine (preferably a young wine, from the previous year's vintage)
- 2 tablespoons honey
- Several fresh strawberries or 1 small orange, thinly sliced (for garnish)

Tuck the bundle of woodruff into the bottle so that the herbs are submerged in the liquid, leaving string outside. Let this sit for a couple of hours, remove woodruff. Chill the wine in the refrigerator.