

# Blue Raven's News

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October 2010

## What's New?

Saturday, October 23, 2010

### Psychic Fair

12pm-6pm

Come join us for an afternoon of fun.

Mini-Readings \$15.00/15 Minutes.

Available Readers: **CeCe Foster** (Tarot, Mediumship);

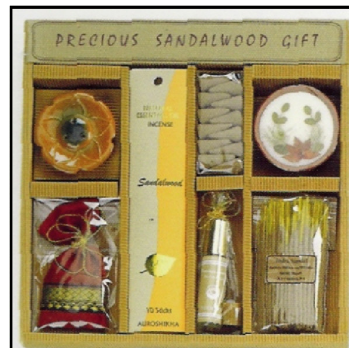
**Bradley Moore** (Palmistry, Numerology);

**Frank Graham** (Tarot, Oracle, Astrology)

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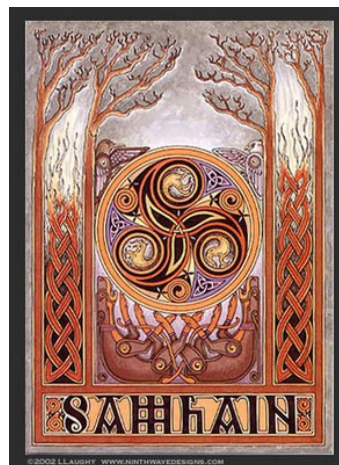
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## What is Samhain?

Samhain, (pronounced SOW-in, SAH-vin, or SAM-hayne) means "End of Summer", and is the third and final Harvest. The dark winter half of the year commences on this Sabbat. It is generally celebrated on October 31st, but some traditions prefer November 1st. It is one of the two "spirit-nights" each year, the other being Beltane. It is a magical interval when the mundane laws of time and space are temporarily suspended, and the Thin Veil between the worlds is lifted. Communicating with ancestors and departed loved ones is easy at this time, for they journey through this world on their way to the Summerlands. It is a time to study the Dark Mysteries and honor the Dark Mother and the Dark Father, symbolized by the Crone and her aged Consort. Originally the "Feast of the Dead" was celebrated in Celtic countries by leaving food offerings on altars and doorsteps for the "wandering dead". Today a lot of practitioners still carry out that tradition. Single candles were lit and left in a window to help guide the spirits of ancestors and loved ones home. Extra chairs were set to the table and around the hearth for the unseen guest. Apples were buried along roadsides and paths for spirits who were lost or had no descendants to provide for them. Turnips were hollowed out and carved to look like protective spirits, for this was a night of magic and chaos. The Wee Folk became very active, pulling pranks on unsuspecting humans. Traveling after dark was not advised. People dressed in white (like ghosts), wore disguises made of straw, or dressed as the opposite gender in order to fool the Nature spirits. This was the time that the cattle and other livestock were slaughtered for eating in the ensuing winter months. Any crops still in the field on Samhain were considered taboo, and left as offerings to the Nature spirits. Bonfires were built, (originally called bone-fires, for after feasting, the bones were thrown in the fire as offerings for healthy and plentiful livestock in the New Year) and stones were marked with peoples names. Then they were thrown into the fire, to be retrieved in the morning. The condition of the retrieved stone foretold of that person's fortune in the coming year. Hearth fires were also lit from the village bonfire to ensure unity, and the ashes were spread over the harvested fields to protect and bless the land. Various other names for this Greater Sabbat are Third Harvest, Samana, Day of the Dead, Old Halloween (Scottish/Celtic), Vigil of Saman, Shadowfest (Strega), and Samhuinn. Also known as All Hallows Eve, (that day actually falls on November 7th), and Martinmas (that is celebrated November 11th), Samhain is now generally considered the Witch's New Year.



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## Moon Signs and Void of Course in Magick

The Moon is a great influence in Wiccan spells. While the Moon phase is often mentioned, the sign the Moon is in is also greatly influential. The Moon moves through the signs of the Zodiac, spending approximately two days in each sign. This is often shown in Moon Calendars and Almanacs. As astrology teaches, the Sun and other planets in each sign have an effect on lives, moods and events in life, so too does the Moon in the signs. Many know the Moon signs for gardening by the Moon, but others don't realize the effect that the Moon signs can have in Magick and casting Wiccan or witchcraft spells.

- Moon in Aries: Beginnings, self and personality.
- Moon in Taurus: Personal finances, vehicles and possessions.
- Moon in Gemini: Relatives, communication, writing and studies.
- Moon in Cancer: Home and family, mothers and end of life.
- Moon in Leo: Entertainment and hobbies, love affairs and pleasures.
- Moon in Virgo: working environment, health, service extended, clothing.
- Moon in Libra: Marriage, partnerships, legal matters, small animals.
- Moon in Scorpio: Death, sex, taxes, inheritances, transformation.
- Moon in Sagittarius: Religion, metaphysics, long-distance travel, in-laws, higher learning.
- Moon in Capricorn: Business, career, reputation, father, honours.
- Moon in Aquarius: Friendship, acquaintances, hopes and dreams, groups and organisations.
- Moon in Pisces: Inner development, karma, restrictions, secrets revealed.

More research can be done into what that sign represents, what its likes and dislikes are, which will explain more fully the influence of that Moon Sign. The Witch or Wiccan can then work the appropriate moon sign into the magickal timing of their spell-crafting. This can make a spell more powerful, but can mean that they may have to wait for a few months to find a waxing moon in Cancer, for example – or further one that also falls on a Friday. How important the Moon signs are to individual spell working is purely personal choice. The Moon in your Sun-sign can be a time of personal power, just as the Sun in your sign around your birthday can highlight the strengths of your own Zodiac sign. Any spells or magick performed for the self while the Moon is in your Sun-sign are usually believed to be more successful and stronger. High Magick also involves paying attention to the Moon Signs, as various talismans and seals are to be created on a specific Moon Sign. This is worth thinking about if you're planning to work with planetary energies as the planets rule over different Zodiac Signs.

### Moon Void of Course

As the Moon travels through the signs, it also spends time between them – when it moves out of one there is a period of time before it enters the next. This can be as short as a few minutes or at times as long as a day and a half. This is known as Moon Void of Course, or Void of Course Moon, or in some calendars abbreviated as VC. The Moon is considered to be “out of action,” to be taking a little time out, and not available for this time period. Moon Void of Course is considered to be a time to avoid any magickal working, unless it is purely internal and not one that requires outside influence or energy raising. It is also said to be a time to take care when driving or traveling or even to avoid travel at all. Awareness of when the Moon is Void of Course is always a good thing and can add a new level of understanding to the currents in life around you. Timing magickal workings is always up to the individual Wiccan or Witch, but there are many layers that can be considered and may make a spell or ritual more successful. Being aware of Void of Course Moon and what sign the Moon is in can make a huge difference to the outcome.

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## CURRENT CLASS OFFERINGS



### Sundays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 - Guided Meditation – 5:00-5:30pm -

**\$Free/Donation** - What is meditation? What does meditation do? Who can meditate? How does one meditate? The way I like to explain meditation is a cleansing of the mind. Meditation can do many things. It can make you aware, make you happy, or make you sleepy. It has many effects. Meditation occurs when you give the mind a focus. By keeping the mind on the focus it becomes effortless, and very relaxing. Anyone can meditate if blessed with the time and commitment. Using visualization, sound, breath, chanting, nature, it's easy to get the mind in a meditative state. The important thing to figure out which form of meditation works best for you!



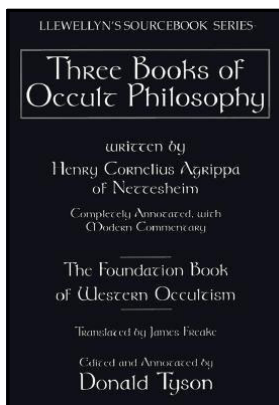
### Mondays, October 4, 18 — New & Full Moon Rituals 7:30pm - 9:00pm-\$Donation-

Both rituals are composed of two parts. An informative breakdown of the energy transition is first. This explains all involved planets, their associated signs, and the houses in which the energy will be focused. Any planets conjunct the moon will be included, along with their signs, and houses. The moon sign will be broken down by gender (masculine feminine), element (Fire, Air, Water, Earth), quality (Cardinal, Fixed, Mutable), and finally by the sign itself. Whichever house the moon is in dictates how the energy needs to be directed. Houses consist of angular, succedent, and cadent and number twelve throughout the zodiac wheel. The second part consists of a lead meditation for focusing the incoming (New Moon), or outgoing (Full Moon) energy. A new moon ritual focuses on bringing in the positive energy of the moon's sign through whichever house it is being focused through. It will gradually build in strength (waxing) until it culminates at the full moon. The moon and the sun's sign will be the same on a new moon. A full moon ritual focuses on releasing the energy of the moon's sign. At this time the moon is in the opposite sign of the previous new moon. Opposing sign's energy does not work well together. We release the negative aspects of the opposing sign, through its house in order to maximize the positive energy of the new moon's sign. This opposing energy will gradually decrease (Waning) as the moon moves toward the next new moon.



### Tuesday, October 5 - Angelic Realms – 6:30pm-8:00pm- \$20.00

**ANGELS, THEIR HIERARCHIES, REALMS, AND KABBALISTIC INVOLVEMENT** - Discover the potency of these miraculous celestial beings. We will explore their natures, powers, and the realms in which they dwell. Do you know the difference between Seraphim and Cherubim? How do they work through the kabbalah? What are the nine hierarchies? Are there female angels? Who are: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Metatron, Shekinah, Ratziel and the many others? What is a fallen angel? Is it the same as a demon? What about a devil? HOW DO YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GRACEFUL OR FALLEN? This information is a necessity when dealing with angels in any way, shape, or form.



### Thursdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 - Three Books of Occult

#### Philosophy Discussion Group - 6:30-8:30pm - \$10.00/week

The Three Books of Occult Philosophy is the most complete repository of pagan and neoplatonic magic ever compiled. This book is packed with material you will not find anywhere, including extracts on magic from obscure or lost works by Pythagoras, Pliny the elder, Cicero, Ptolemy, Plato, Aristotle, and many others. It provides extensive insight into the foundations of all western traditions, and is the ultimate HOW TO for magical workings. It describes how to work all manner of divinations, natural and ceremonial magic in such detail that it is still regarded as the guide for modern and classical techniques. Please join me in exploring this magical masterpiece.

**More Classes to be offered soon. Please check our website often for an updated class listing. [www.blueravenimports.com](http://www.blueravenimports.com)**

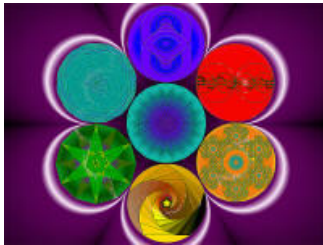


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### **Tuesday, Oct. 12 - Elemental Series I - Fire - 6:30pm -**

**9:00pm - \$20.00** - Come and uncover the wonders of the Element of Fire. Discover what it is, how it works, and the way in which it diffuses itself throughout all things. Join me in a fun exploration into all aspects of Fire: Astrological, Magical, Healing, Manifestation, Stones, Herbs, and Oils.



### **Tuesday, Oct. 19 - Introduction to Hermetic Laws - 7:00pm -**

**9:00pm - \$20.00** Join me in the discovery of the Hermetic Laws as a theory and its practical applications. The structure we will be using comes from the *Kybalion*. This class will cover: The seven laws; The All; Planes of correspondence; Mental transmutation; The mental universe; The divine paradox; Vibration; Causation; Rhythm; Gender; Mental gender; Practical applications for polarity. These principles are used in all modern traditions of magic, science, and religion. They were utilized in most ancient traditions also. Knowledge of them is vital to any serious practitioner.



### **Tuesday, Oct. 26 - How to See & Read the Aura - 7:30pm -**

**9:00pm - \$20.00** - This workshop is based on the teachings of Ted Andrews. We have six separate eye chart exercises, which we will be utilizing for increased depth perception, and color enhancement. You will learn to: See colors of the aura and interpret their meanings; Make simple tools for measuring the aura; Clean, strengthen and protect the aura; Increase sensitivity and intuition.



### **Wednesday, Oct. 27 - Monthly Runestone Class - 7:00pm -**

**8:30pm - \$20.00/Month** - Our class follows a system developed by Diane Paxson from her book "Taking Up the Runes". We will systematically work from the beginning of the futhark. The runes energies are studied in pairs. This course runs for 14 months consecutively. Study includes: Ancient Interpretations; Phonetic Meanings; Modern Interpretations; Norse Lore; Old English Interpretations; Affirmations for Individual Runes; Meditations for Individual Runes; Individual Interpretations; Group Interpretations; and Energetic Connecting to the Runes, for magnified results.

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often for an updated class listing. [www.blueravenimports.com](http://www.blueravenimports.com)**