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Class series with Ruth Barrett

Future dates TBA

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For Girls Ages 7 to 11

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A six-week class series with Ruth Barrett, Falcon River, and Rain Gaia

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A three-week series with Ruth Barrett

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Introduction to Energetics for Magick and Ritual

An Intensive with Ruth Barrett and Falcon River

Sunday, August 24th, 10am-5pm

Conferences, Gatherings and Special Events:

A women's ritual retreat in Crete: A Journey to the Goddess facilitated by Ruth Barrett and Catherine Ridder

June 1st – June 14th, 2009

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Daughters of Diana Gathering 2009

October 8-11

Make magic, make meaning-full fun in sacred play with your sisters in the woods of south central Wisconsin.

We'll have great food and warm, comfortable lodging. Come drum under the harvest moon, sing in sacred circle, shoot Archery and celebrate the season in community ritual. Workshops are in the very early planning stage. Stay tuned for further announcements in February.

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Seasonal Community Rituals:

Rituals are being held in Wisconsin, Los Angeles and Michigan. Please consult the Calendar around the dates on Her wheel for details. Madison events are listed below:

Summer solstice

June 21, 2008

Lammas and Temple land Dedication

Sunday, July 27, 2008

Season of the Crone Ritual and Feast

October 25, 2008

Yule (Winter Solstice) Ritual and Feast

December 20, 2008

Feminist Witchcraft in the Dianic Tradition

A six week series with Ruth Barrett

Wednesdays, starting January 9th, 2008

This 6-week foundation course is the pre-requisite for all other workshops in the Temple of Diana Year And A Day study program, or can be taken separately. This class series is also the pre-requisite for women interested in The Spiral Door program that may be opening in early 2009.

This class series introduces participants to the philosophy, cosmology, ethics, and political dimensions of Dianic feminist Witchcraft. Students are introduced to fundamental Dianic teachings, ritual practices and spellcraft to empower their lives and inspire connection and commitment to themselves, their communities, and the Earth Herself. All classes in this series comprise both cognitive and experiential ways of learning.

Where: In the Youth Room at James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church on Madison's eastside. Directions will be provided upon receipt of registration.

When: 6:30pm-9:30pm on consecutive Wednesday evenings starting January 9th. The other dates are January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13th. Class time averages 3 hours in length. It is important that students endeavor to attend all classes, since this series involves a personal process and is a cumulative experience.

How to register: Class size is limited to 12 women on a first come basis, so please register by December 21st for the early bird discount with a nonrefundable \$50 deposit to secure your space. Partial payments can be made with a sliding fee (based on ability to pay) tuition of \$125-\$145 to be paid in full by the fifth class. Registrations received after December 21st, providing there is space, must pay a late tuition of \$150. Late registered students can still make payments throughout the class series. Bring a folding chair to sit on and a notebook or journal. Mail deposits addressed and sent to: Temple of Diana P.O. Box 332, Evansville, WI 53536.

About the facilitator:

Ruth Barrett is an ordained Dianic high priestess, ritualist, educator, and award-winning recording artist of original Goddess songs. She is author of *Women's Rites*, *Women's Mysteries: Intuitive Ritual Creation* (Llewellyn, 2007.) Since 1980, Ruth has taught magical and ritual arts in the Dianic tradition at festivals and conferences internationally. She served the Los Angeles women's community as religious director of Circle of Aradia, before relocating to the Midwest in 2000 where she co-founded Temple of Diana.

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Goddess Spirituality Classes For Girls Ages 7 to 11

Starts November of 2007

Taught by Tess Meuer, ordained through the Temple of Diana and Cassandra Sojourner, ordained through the Re-formed Congregation of the Goddess International.

Six classes will be taught over a period of four seasons starting in November 2007 on Madison's eastside.

- Four classes will be devoted to the **Wheel of the Year** and associated seasonal topics, including the elements, a form of divination related to that element/season, astrology, and activities appropriate to the season and element. At each class, the girls will create an altar and discuss basic magical laws and ethics.
- In the summer, a night class will be dedicated to a waxing or full **moon ritual**. Each girl will be asked to think about something she would like to bring into her life.
- A final class will be devoted to a discussion of **Goddesses and Goddess lore** based on each girl's namesake or a Goddess of her choosing.

Please register by October 15th, 2007.

MAKE YOUR OWN BROOM with broom maker, Little John

November 9th, 2008, 2pm-6pm

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church on Madison, WI's eastside
At 2146 E. Johnson, in Madison.

Discover the art of making handmade brooms! We met Little John at the Woodlander's Gathering where he was teaching Broom Making, and immediately invited him to teach a special workshop for Temple of Diana. Imagine knowing how to make your own witch's besom! Little John will teach you how to make a real broom for decorative or functional use. Students will learn to make one round or one flat hearth broom (your choice). Handles of various woods have been gathered and cured for you to use, and all materials are provided. Discussion about decorative options will be included. Broomcorn and other supplies will be for sale for your future brooming needs! To see Little John's brooms go to his website: www.brooms.moonwiseherbs.com

Register for this workshop by sending your non-refundable deposit of \$35 to secure your space in the workshop (with the balance paid at the workshop), or send payment in full of \$60 (includes all supplies to make your broom) by our October 15th deadline, to:
Temple of Diana, P.O. Box 6425, Madison, WI, 53716. Limited to 12 women on a first-come basis.

DIRECTIONS:

2146 E. Johnson, in Madison. James Reeb Unitarian Church can be found by traveling along E. Washington Ave. until you get to 4th Street and then turning north. Go three blocks to E. Johnson and turn left. James Reeb and its parking lot will be on the right. For those of you who do better with land marks than street names, it is behind East High School.

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Magick and Spellcraft

A six-week series with Ruth Barrett, Falcon River and Rain Gaia

Thursdays beginning May 8th, 2008

Note: Students must have taken the Feminist Witchcraft in the Dianic Tradition series before registering for the Magick and Spellcraft series.

This six-week series is part of Temple of Diana's *Year and a Day* program, and focuses on experiencing, understanding, and developing specific areas of magick and ritual arts.

Session One: PERCEPTUAL MAGICK

This class series experience will enrich your magical practice, psychic abilities, your personal relationships, and your everyday life. You will begin to learn and identify patterns of natural intelligence in ourselves and others. This workshop is based on the teaching of Dawna Markova, Ph.D., author of *The Open Mind*.

Session Two: DEVELOPING SPELLCRAFT

This class deepens the previous work in spell casting. Students will work experientially with various methods to raise, direct and release energy toward a desired goal.

Session Three: ALTAR CLASS: Personal and Shared

This experiential class provides the opportunity to create a personal altar as well as one for the group. The history of altar making and contemporary techniques will be discussed in the context of the Dianic Tradition.

Session Four: THE ART OF INVOCATION

This class focuses on the art of petition oriented invocation writing, speaking, and listening, as a prelude to ritual work or spellcraft.

Session Five: ETHICS AND SPELLCRAFT

The Wiccan Rede of "An Harm None, Do What You Will," will be the basis for a thought provoking discussion into ethical issues of spellcraft, especially regarding the use of magic in countering perpetrators of violence against women.

Session Six: CARRYING YOUR GIFTS

How does magical practice enhance or support your spiritual work in the world? What are the responsibilities in knowing what you do and who you are has a sacred purpose in this world? This class involves discussion and a ritual to demonstrate the power of ritual to support our individual and collective work.

To Register: Please register by April 23rd for the early bird discount with a nonrefundable \$50 deposit to secure your space. Partial payments can be made with a total tuition of \$135 paid in full by the fifth class. Registrations received after April 23rd must pay a late registration fee of \$150. Women registering after the early deadline can also enroll with a \$50 non-refundable deposit and make payments during the class series. Mail deposits with your email address and phone number, payable to Temple of Diana and mail to P.O. Box 6425, Monona, WI 53716. Bring a notebook or journal. **PLEASE NOTE: Ruth and Falcon will be in the process of moving to a new home at the end of April. The Temple phone number will be changing, so please contact Ruth by email if you intend to register or have any questions during this transition time contact the temple via the website.**

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Introduction to Women's Mysteries **A three-week series with Ruth Barrett** Future dates TBA

This class series explores the natural passages and rites of womanhood and is an accelerated adventure in personal healing. The wondrous transformations of our bodies and psyches are ignored and devalued by patriarchal culture. We will discuss and explore the overlap of the seasonal cycles with importance of reclaiming and creating woman-identified rituals that bring value to our lives.

This class series is part of the Year and a Day study, with the pre-requisite of *Feminist Witchcraft in the Dianic Tradition*. After a **minimum** of a year and a day of study, a woman who has completed *Feminist Witchcraft in the Dianic Tradition*, *Magic and Spellcraft*, *Energetics for Magick and Ritual*, and *Introduction to Women's Mysteries*, may be eligible for Dianic initiation. There is no fee charged for Dianic initiation. All women born women are welcome to study.

Women's Rites: Personal Ritual-Making for Women **A Weekend Intensive with Ruth Barrett** Future dates TBA

There are physical and psychological experiences and rites of passage common to all women's lives, crossing the boundaries of age, class, culture, race, sexual orientation, and religion. When women learn to create and facilitate our own rituals to honor our passages and transitions, we provide a creative and meaningful way to integrate our minds, hearts, and body-knowing, into an experience that is life-transforming.

This weekend intensive will focus on teaching participants how to think like a ritualist to create powerful and meaningful personal rituals for themselves and others. Following a clear step-by-step process, participants will explore the purpose and power of women's ritual, and learn the components of effective ritual design through a structured intuitive process that develops the purpose, theme, and energetics of ritual. Understanding the fundamentals of structuring a ritual, appropriate ritual facilitation, and how to constructively evaluate a ritual experience in order to constantly improve them will also be discussed.

As the process of creating a personal ritual is de-constructed, participants will work with at least one personal life cycle event and develop it for the workshop's duration. This workshop will provide participants with the insights, tools and guidelines to challenge, risk, and learn to trust themselves in creating meaningful rituals for themselves and with others.

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Introduction to Energetics for Magick and Ritual An Intensive with Ruth Barrett and Falcon River

Sunday, August 24th, 10am-5pm

Wanderground - Hollandale, WI (Approx. 45 minutes west of Madison)

This hands-on workshop covers fundamental training in energetic practices that include personal preparation for magic and ritual work, preparation of the ritual space, casting, maintaining, and taking down the ritual circle, and how to give energetic support. Students will take home tangible energetic skills to practice and apply in ritual and daily life.

This class is open to women who have taken the *Feminist Witchcraft in the Dianic Tradition* series (or equivalent) with Ruth Barrett. Please call the Temple line if you wish to discuss your participation in the class and haven't taken the required class series. This class is part of the Year and a Day Dianic study toward initiation, or for women simply interested in continuing their studies in Dianic Witchcraft.

To Register: This workshop fee is \$50. To register for this one-day workshop, please first contact Temple of Diana via the contact form on the website (<http://www.templeofdiana.org>), or call the Temple line and leave a message: 608/577-7863 that you intend to register. Secondly, mail in your registration with a non-refundable deposit of \$25 to secure your space, with the balance to be paid at the workshop. Or you may send payment in full, addressed and mailed to: Temple of Diana P.O. Box 6425 Monona, WI 53716-0425. Please include your email address and phone number with your payment so we can contact you with directions and information. THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 18TH.

Directions will be sent to you upon registration. The workshop will be held with a minimum of five students and a maximum of ten. *Please note: Ruth and Falcon will be out of state from August 1-13, so if you need to contact them, please do so before or after that time period.*

Bring:

A portable chair, and a notebook or journal. Lunch will be pot-luck.

About the facilitators:

Falcon River is an ordained Dianic Priestess of the Guardian Path who teaches practical, tangible, energetic skills for magick, ritual, and daily life.

Ruth Barrett is an ordained Dianic High Priestess, ritualist, musician, and author of *WOMEN'S RITES*, *WOMEN'S MYSTERIES: Intuitive Ritual Creation*, specializing in guiding women to design rituals for rites of passage and life cycle transitions.

Ruth and Falcon are co-founders of Temple of Diana and creators of *The Spiral Door Women's Mystery School of Magick and Ritual Arts*, a national Dianic priestess training program that is opening a new Wisconsin group in 2009.

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Temple of Diana Event Details (Community Rituals)

Please note the general ritual information and guidelines below seasonal descriptions.

Also, see the last page of this publication for details about the current seasonal ritual.

Spring Equinox Ritual and Feast

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...

Beltane (May First) Ritual and Feast

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.

Girls who have not had their first bloods wear White. Women who menstruate wear Red. Women who no longer bleed wear Black. If you are peri-menopausal, wear Red and Black.

This May Ritual especially welcomes mothers and their daughters who have begun to menstruate this year. If you would like to participate in a welcome to womanhood ritual at this gathering, please call the Temple line well in advance of the ritual at (608) 577-7863.

Summer Solstice Celebration

Saturday, June 21st, 7:30pm

On our new Temple land near Hollandale (45 minutes west of Madison, WI)

Email us in advance at by using the contact form on our website (<http://www.templeofdiana.org>) for directions before June 18th so we have time to send them.

Drum and dance down the sun, and jump the solstice fire with your sisters as we ignite our passion and desire for a world of love, peace, and possibility for our daughters and granddaughters.

Bring drums, percussion toys, a poem or story to share that inspires activism and life passion. Wear sturdy shoes for walking to the ritual site, and be prepared for a 10 minute walk to get there. Bring a portable chair.

Bring simple snacks and drinks to share (no alcohol please). Please provide your own dishes and utensils. A donation of \$13-\$7 is requested (with no woman turned away for lack of funds) to cover the porta-Jane rental and other expenses).

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Lammas ritual and Temple land dedication

Sunday, July 27th, 4pm

Near Hollandale (40 minutes west of Madison)

The Mother Goddess waxes full with Her bounty, as we wax into fullness with our 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. A First Harvest feast will be a central part of the ritual.

Join your sisters to celebrate, thank, and bless the manifestation of Temple land, wildlife sanctuary and ritual landscape dedicated to Artemis. We gather on the crest of Lammas, festival of the first harvest, to honor Habondia, Goddess of Abundance, and to formally consecrate our Artemis sanctuary for the Goddess and Her women.

WHAT TO BRING: Wear sturdy shoes for walking to the ritual site, and be prepared for a 10-15 minute walk to get there. Bring a portable chair, a place setting for yourself (plate, eating utensils, napkin, cup, and a place mat or cloth to set your feasting on befitting an altar, and a bag to take these home to wash), sunhat, sunscreen, drum or percussion toy, wear comfortable, festive clothing, ritual food (see details below), unscented bug spray (this is summer in Wisconsin after all), We request a \$13-7 donation to cover to cover the porta-Jane rental and other land expenses), but no woman will be turned away for lack of funds.

The Ritual Feast: At this Lammas ritual food will be the altar and will be eaten as part of the ritual. Please bring a dish that is healthy, and has been consciously made or consciously chosen from the market. (Please provide the label, or list of ingredients to protect those with food allergies) (Absolutely no alcohol, please). If possible bring foods or drink that represent the fullness and deliciousness of Her bounty from your own gardens or from a local grower. If you bring a deli dish, please put it in a serving dish. Bring serving utensils for your offering. Healthy juices and bottles of water also welcome. We will provide ice chests for perishables.

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 Feminist Witchcraft. 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 THIS RITUAL: This First Harvest Ritual welcomes girls of any age if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. **Please note:** Many of Temple of Diana's seasonal rituals are not generally designed to meet children's needs. Often our rituals include response to the realities of women's lives in patriarchy, so ought of these considerations we will always indicate which rituals are appropriate for babies or girls to attend.

Autumn Equinox Ritual and Feast

Come celebrate with your sisters in the Dianic tradition as we dance in honor of our Earth Mother, our personal and collective Harvest, and prepare ourselves for the inward spiral 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. Goddess images or other Harvest seasonal symbols item for our communal altar (optional), and wear comfortable, festive clothing. We will have a drum jam after the ritual is completed so bring your percussion instruments with you if you would like to join.

This Fall Equinox Ritual welcomes girl children of any age, and boys under three years old. General

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ritual information and guidelines are printed on the last page of this publication.

**Season of the Crone Ritual and Feast
Saturday, October 25th at 7pm
Madison, WI (on Madison's Westside)**

*Spiral is turning, season is changing,
Old One is waiting, Blessed is She.*

Join with your sisters to ritually prepare for the holiday of Hallomas, and the upcoming season of the Crone. Within sacred space of community we will honor our beloved dead, release and transition from the year that has passed, and prepare to enter the Cauldron of Change with tools for action and inspiration.

Please plan to arrive between 6:30pm and 7pm so we can get started on time. Ritual begins promptly at 7pm. 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: Photos of your beloved dead, an unscented candle of memory (jar candles preferred), and wear comfortable, black clothing. Please bring a pot luck dish or drink to share (to serve about 12 women), and please bring a card listing all ingredients to assist women dealing with food allergies. To honor Mother Earth, please bring your own plate, utensils and cup that you can take back home with you.. A donation of \$13-7 to cover the site rental and other ritual expenses is requested, *but no woman turned away for lack of funds*. We will also be collecting canned goods for our ongoing food drive, so bring a canned food donation for the hungry to the ritual.

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 our rituals are participatory religious services for serious seekers only and are not structured to be a first introduction to the Goddess or to Feminist Witchcraft. Therefore, newcomers to Dianic or women's ritual, please 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, *Ariadne's Thread* by Shekhinah Mountainwater. 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 THIS 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. This ritual is open to girls 13 years of age and older if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Nursing babes in arms may attend with responsible containment. 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.

DIRECTIONS: Please contact Temple of Diana if you would like directions well in advance of the ritual, please. **Email:** [info \[at\] _templeofdiana.org](mailto:info@templeofdiana.org) or **leave a voice mail message at: Temple of Diana 608/577-7863**

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Yule (Winter Solstice) Ritual and Feast

Saturday, December 20th in Madison, WI, 7pm

Winter Solstice is the time of conception for the solar cycle within the womb of the Goddess, 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, to light candles to honor and strengthen our inner light, and to vision together for a year of peace, healing, prosperity, and joy for all.

This Winter Solstice Ritual especially welcomes mothers and their infants born in the past year or two who would like to be honored and welcomed into the community. We usually also include a ritual blessing of the young children. Please call the Temple line in advance of the ritual at (608) 577-7863 if you wish to participate in the blessing ceremony. Daughters of all ages are also welcome to attend this ritual, as are sons under 3 years of age. Mothers who bring their children must be responsible for their care, safety, and containment during the ritual.

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Temple of Diana General Community Ritual Information

PLEASE DON'T BE LATE

Once the circle is cast we cannot admit latecomers. 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

Sometimes there are specific colors you should wear to a certain ritual. Event details will list these. Bring Goddess images for our communal altar (optional). 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. Paper goods will be provided.

DONATION

A donation of \$13.00 (sliding through \$7.00) is requested to cover the site rental and other expenses, but no woman will be turned away for lack of funds. We will also be collecting canned food donations for local food pantries.

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 our rituals are participatory religious services for serious seekers only and are not structured to be a first introduction to the Goddess or to Feminist Witchcraft. Therefore, newcomers to Dianic or women's ritual, please read one of the following before attending: *The Spiral Dance* by Starhawk, *The Holy Book of Women's Mysteries* by Z. Budapest, *Ariadne's Thread* by Shekinah Mountainwater. 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 THE RITUALS

Temple of Diana rituals are not designed to meet children's needs. Often our rituals include responses to the realities of women's lives in patriarchy. Daughters twelve and older are generally welcome to attend rituals. 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. No childcare is provided.

WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

Rituals are held in a variety of locations, some more accessible than others. It is always a good idea to contact Temple of Diana to inquire about the accessibility of the venue hosting the ritual you wish to attend.