# Changing Times Changing Worlds



November 3-5, 2023 Fate, Fortune, and the Universe at Play

### Welcome!

Our goals are:

- To teach effective, practical use of energy work and magick;
- To encourage intermediate and advanced work, classes and presentations;
- To better grasp the history of esoteric studies and spiritual practices;
- To foster communication between the communities who study and practice these arts

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## **Logistics and Policies**

CTCW is an interfaith esoteric conference. We hope to attract those from all religions and spiritual paths. Disrespectful statements of attacks on anyone else's religion, practices, or metaphysical paths are not acceptable at the conference or in any of the associated electronic forums. CTCW focuses on bringing together people of different paths to pursue our common goals.

At the conference, derogatory references to other religions and paths are not acceptable. If unflattering descriptions of other paths or practices are required in the course of / needed to explain a point in a workshop, it should be handled with sensitivity and respect. When a speaker cites cases where religions or practices have caused harm, these should be specific, so that it is clear that the speaker is talking about a certain incident, group of incidents, or set of practitioners, not the entire group. This should be supportable/supported with evidence, and couched in terms that make it clear that what was done in the past by some people is not taken to reflect on all people who are part of that group, or the group as a whole. Some of our workshops may include such material in order to allow people to better understand the context of the material presented, or heal such issues, but if included it must be presented in a way designed to support and promote interfaith and interdisciplinary harmony, not damage it.

In panels and other public areas, discussion is to remain respectful, avoiding statements that can be interpreted as attacking the ideas, beliefs or positions of others. Our goals include fostering communication between people of different backgrounds so that we may all mutually benefit from what each has learned.

If we see disrespectful behavior, we will point it out and offer the individual a chance to make amends. Most workshops and panels will have opportunities to ask questions and share perspectives, however the presentations are under the direction of the speaker, and heckling is not acceptable. Any who refuse the opportunity to take advantage of gentle warnings will be suspected of lack of goodwill. Having been warned, if an offender persists in his/her attack or disrespectful comments or actions, that person will be expelled from the convention, without refund.

**Allergies:** please be careful with materials to which other participants might be allergic – nuts, or other foods that might contaminate food that would otherwise be safe, smoke, latex, etc. Thank you for respecting the difficulties of those with allergies.

**Smoking:** no smoking is allowed anywhere in the hotel.

**Smudging/Incense:** No smudging or use of incense is allowed. Even sage and sweet-grass smoke are dangerous for some. (If a ritual requires "clearing", please use sound or other methods to accomplish this.)

**Photography/Recording:** This is a public event. The conference committee hopes to create a visual record of the conference, and staff will be taking photographs to use on the conference website or in other publicity materials, both print and electronic.

The conference committee understands that some people prefer to keep their identity private. If you would prefer not to be in any pictures, please wear a **signal dot** (See explanation below) and staff photographers will avoid shots of those wearing them. If not, CTCW will assume that, as this is a public event, permission is given to use images in which you appear and that CTCW may use and publish these images in print and/or electronically. You understand that CTCW may use such photographs of you with or without your name and for any lawful purpose.

If you are mistakenly included in a photo, please notify us through our website, or the social media account displaying it. We will make every effort to remove it as quickly as possible.

CTCW asks that attendees who may wish to take photographs respect the desire of other attendees to not be photographed, and obtain consent before including others, including speakers, in photographs.

CTCW may record selected presentations, with permission of the speaker. An announcement will be made at the start of the presentation if it is being recorded. We ask that attendees do not make recordings of their own without express permission of the speaker, and consent of the other attendees present.

**Signal Dots**: CTCW will provide, at no charge to attendees, colored adhesive dots to place on conference badges. If you do not wish to be photographed, please place one of these dots on your conference badge in a visible location. Dots and the key to their meaning will be available at Registration.

**Door Signs:** There will be signs on doors indicating when a class, meditation or ritual is in progress so you will know if the room is closed and you are not to enter, or if entering quietly is acceptable.

**Blades:** Keep all ritual blades tied into their sheaths when not being used in the ritual. Transport them in a container, as you would a firearm.

**Consent:** Please be mindful of consent in all things – physical contact, personal space, energy work, and even photographs.

**COVID Policy**: The staff of CTCW would like to urge everyone who can safely do so to vaccinate. We cannot require it, nor will we ask if you are vaccinated. We encourage people to wear masks, and will have some available at registration if you run short.

#### **Auction Fundraiser**

Every year we host a fund-raising event to raise money to support next year's conference. Buy tickets and view the donations in the vendor room. The drawing will be held on Saturday evening after dinner.

# **Tarot Deck Swap**

Do you have a deck (or more) that you don't love? Bring it to breakfast on Saturday. We'll gather after breakfast in the restaurant area so people can swap decks. Please be fair and transparent about swapping if you know a deck is out of print/valuable, to offer someone of similar value for it. Oracle decks and other divination decks are also welcome.

#### **Vendors**

Vendors, readers, and healing practitioners are located in Ballroom C.

Friday: 5 PM to 9 PMSaturday: 10 AM to 9 PMSunday: 9 AM to 1:30 PM

#### Vendor Name Website

Wandering Paintbrush Studios (S. Shultz)

•	A Touch of Glass (and more)	www.atouchofglassand.com
•	Akasha's Journey	www.akashasjourmey.com
•	Auntie Arwen's Spices	www.auntiearwenspices.com
•	Cabochons	
•	Raven Kaldera	www.ravenkaldera.org
•	Rev. Gretchen Schork	www.lulu.com/spotlight/gretchen-schork
•	Rev. Kathleen O;Brien	https://astrologerpriestess.com
•	Rimmon Soaps (T. Renn)	Rimmon Soaps on Facebook
•	Rosamond's Cottage/Blessings	
•	The Pagan Waystation (T. Ward.)	https://www.etsy.com/shop/ThePaganWaystation

# **Next Year**

We welcome volunteers who would like to be involved in planning next year's conference. We would particularly welcome people with expertise in website management, marketing, and audio-visual editing.

If you'd like to join us in creating next year's conference, please let us know on our Facebook group page, or talk to one of the department heads while at the conference, and we'll be happy to talk with you about how you can get involved.

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Watch our website, ctcw.net, for an announcements regarding next year's theme, dates, etc.

# **Master Schedule**

The descriptions below are abbreviated in the interest of keeping the booklet to a manageable size. Please visit our web site, http://www.ctcw.net/workshopspresentations and read the complete descriptions for more details.

Classes listed as "online" as a location are available via Zoom. Links have been provided to all attendees via email, and will be posted at Registration.

Time/ Location	Title / Speaker	Description
Friday		
4:30 – 5:30 pm / Ballroom B	Depression, the Ancestral Gift / Ward	The mental state typically called "depression" has been referenced in writings dating back at least 25 centuries; struggling with the condition is nothing new. There is no question that our ancestors were touched by depression, and emerging research hints at the evolutionary role that it plays in humanity.
		This workshop will be focused on the wisdom of our collective ancestors when it comes to understanding and engaging with depression. Participants will draw insights from guided meditation, ancestral correspondence, and personal experience of ancestor veneration into the presence of depression in their own family trees, as well as in their communities. Ideally, they will be able to identify an ancestor who is willing to serve as a mediator with the spirit of depression.
4:30 – 5:30 pm / Library	Divination with RPG Dice- Roll for Initiative / Tchipakkan	In the time-honored tradition of doing divination with what you have on hand, Tchipakkan has come up with a system of divination using the traditional set of gaming dice. Dice are not just for gaming (or collecting) anymore!
		As there are several spreads with Tarot or methods for reading runes, there are several different "Sorts" we'll cover in this workshop (and handout). These sorts of divination will include answering questions about problems we often need help with. When will something happen (or is the most opportune moment to try)? Who should I ask for help? What is the likelihood of success? (you guessed, it "Roll a D20") There are also modifiers, and some sorts include facets from Numerology, Astrology, and Tarot. Bring your own dice: D4, Dg, D8, D10, D12, D20, D100, or I'll have sets available if you don't have extras lying around.
4:30 – 6:00 pm / online	Psilocybin and the Irish Otherworld / O'Donoghue	The Otherworld — the realm of the ancestors, the spirits, and the Faerie people, the Daoine Sidhe — shapes this world and our experiences of it, whether or not we see or believe in its existence. As the ancient Irish festival of Samhain approaches, this world and the Otherworld draw closer to each other. And autumn rains bring forth Psilocybin mushrooms. Join me as I share my own experience of how the medicine of these mushrooms can help us understand and relate to the Faerie realm.

6:00 – 7:30		Dinner
7:30 – 8:30 pm / Ballroom B	Mathematical Magick / Velahtar	This class will help strengthen and enhance your magickal (especially castings) workings with the addition of mathematical/ geometrical elements and concepts. As well as help you understand the magical tech behind why it has stood the test of time.
7:30 – 8:30 pm / Library	Forming Personal Ethics / Badger (Tarren Renn)	Many pagan belief systems speak about the importance of ethics but unless someone has a teacher to explain ethics to them, it is easy to get a bit lost on how to form personal ethics and why they are important. In Norse society, keeping your word and following your own code of ethics was a way to build personal power (maegan). This can come through as a type of luck.
		How do we form our own personal ethics, though? Do ethics change in different circumstances and why? It is easy to get caught into the trap of thinking that what society says is right and ethical is what is right for our own personal ethics as well. There is also the fact that most of the world does not usually take into account ideas such as ethics when working in divination or magic. This class will focus on how to form a set of personal ethics for both your personal and magical life.
7:30 – 8:30 pm / Ballroom C	Panel: Ritual Food and Drink (Hardy, Tchipakkan, Tatro)	Ritual food and drink: Christians have the wafer and wine (or grape juice), Friday and Lent fasting; Jews have the Seder plate, Muslims fast (days) during Ramadan. Some people have personal restrictions on what they may not or must eat from the spirits they work with. Do you have special ritual food and/or beverage ceremonies? Let's compare and contrast food and drink in ritual usage in a variety of world and home practices.
7:30 – 8:30 pm / online	Elements of Heathenry / Paxson	Heathenry? Asatru? Northern Tradition? Germanic Paganism? What's in a name? In this talk I'll try to answer your questions, and perhaps correct some misconceptions about where this growing Pagan tradition came from, with an introduction to the beliefs, practices and deities of those who follow it today.
9:00 pm - ? / Ballroom B	Norse Working / Sibley	This is a high-energy circle in the Norse tradition, in which we will do healing, fertility magic, charging of major tools, experimental magic, distance work, and whatever else needs doing. Once the ritual begins, the room will be sealed and guarded, so please come on time, fed and rested, and pottied. Due to the high energies we will be working with, anyone (no matter their expertise) who has never been to a Norseworking before must be present for a brief grounding exercise, just before the circle is set. It is also recommended that babies and children do not attend; due to the high energy levels.

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm / Library	Planetary Time in Magic / Schork	When told to plan a ritual for a specific magical hour, can you figure out when to do it without an app on your phone? This session will give you the traditional methods of calculating planetary hours on your own. Geographic location, planetry hours, seasons, signs and more will be covered
9:00 - ? / online	Solomonic Seal: The Lunar Lock and Key (Mastros)	The planetary pentacles of Solomon are a collection of Hebrew magical amulets. About the first lunar pentacle, the Lock & Key, the early renaissance grimoire, the Key of Solomon, says, "This and the following serve to call forth and invoke the Spirits of the Moon; and it further serveth to open doors, in whatever way they may be fastened."
		In this workshop, you'll learn to make this pentacle and use it to open the doors of magical initiation.
		Preparation: You will need to print the provided file on cardstock. You will also need scissors, clear tape (preferably packing tape), a small paintbrush, a tea-light candle (preferably beeswax), and a small amount of magical oil. You can use blessed olive oil, or any type of "Lunar", "Abramelin" or "King Solomon" oil.
Saturday		
8:00 – 9:30 AM	breakfast	Tarot Swap in the dining area
10:00 - 11:30 am / Ballroom B	"Personal Protection: Level One" / Sirocco	The practice of magick can be considered a spiritual martial art. So, you begin by learning how to detect a genuine magickal or psychic attack and some basic techniques on how to best defend yourself. We'll also review some of the effects destructive magick has on the "selfish practitioner." This is a "must-take class" for anyone wishing to pursue spellcraft and serious magickal workings.
		Join Ariel Sirocco in a lecture on how to set personal barriers of protection and how to block the influences of a negative attack. This class is a little more advanced but can give the novice the needed information to prevent the common "magickal mistakes" when warding or shielding.
10:00 - 11:30 am / Library	Wire Wrapping A Crystal Talisman / Merritt	You will be provided with a crystal cabochon, Copper wire, and a silk cord, and be able to use one of our sets of tools. Participants will be able to choose their stones from what we bring to the conference. The jewelry piece will be yours to take home. The tools stay with us. If you have wire wrapping tools, we encourage you to bring them, as ours are limited.  There is a \$15 material fee.
10:00 - 11:30 am / Ballroom C	Panel: Art as a Spiritual Practice (Hardy, Badger(T),	Our panelists will describe how their work intersects with their spiritual practice. In the modern world being a full-time artist is often at odds with being self-supporting, yet people do it anyway. Sometimes we feel that we have no choice about this. Art is a

	Lailani, Tchippakan)	compulsion, a need. It is also a service to the community, as is being a healer, diviner or shaman. Many artists work with deities, others don't. Some do their work in sacred space, others see the whole physical world as sacred. Looking for four panelists who can talk about their relationship with their art and muses and geniuses, as well as involving those in the audience who also feel the calling.
10:00 - 11:30 am / online	Building Community Through Cleaning House / McSherry	The large umbrella of Pagan community has no governing authority or universal standard of ethics. Co-existing requires tolerance, a fact predators enjoy using the their advantage. However, we have tools to recognize and neutralize them. This workshop is intended as a discussion rather than lecture.
11:45 am - 12:45 pm / Ballroom B	The Torch, Key, and Wheel Within You / Bitner	In this workshop, learn about the Origins of Hekate, they might not be what you think! Discern the differences between historical record and the modern zeitgeist of this Great Titan. Come explore the historical interpretations of Her symbols and many epithets, including some that would make even Zeus blush! Take a guided journey to discover which parts of Her are most present in your life. Are you aligned with the energy of the Torch Bearer, the Keyholder, or the Spinner? A combination, or all three? Come find out how the energies and symbols of Hekate work and weave into the fabric of your life
11:45 am - 12:45 pm / Library	Color and the Yearly Calendar / Schork	By working with the artist's color wheel, most of the basics of astrology can be understood more easily. Using Golden Dawn colors, basic colors and the zodiac, many relationships will come to light.
11:45 am - 12:45 pm / Ballroom C	Divination Panel - Unusual Forms (Lailani, Raven, O'Malley, Starwolf)	Panelists who practice unusual forms of divination WILL share and explain them. People are always developing new systems, like the lady in England who uses asparagus, or the Canadian who tells the future with hot dogs, or bug splatters on windshields. If it works, it's real. What have you got?
11:45 am - 12:45 pm / online	Turning Points that Changed the World / Zell	The histories with which we are most familiar usually have to do with human-controlled things—such as wars, rulers, discoveries, and the rise and fall of empires. But more often than we care to consider, our destiny and fate as a species has hinged on natural events completely outside our control: volcanoes, comet impacts, plagues—and on one particularly significant occasion, a windless day in June. Oberon's latest book is Hystory's Mysteries, which is all about such world-changing synchronicities and interconnections. In this talk, he'll share a few of his favorites.
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 - 3:00 pm / Ballroom A	The Magic of Mindset on Money / Enger	This workshop is designed for anyone that would like to begin to understand their relationship with money and the manner in which their money story influences their beliefs, behaviors, and outcomes with money. Participants will be able to begin to identify their own

		patterns of thought and how it impacts to flow of abundance in their lives.
		In this webinar you'll learn: how your past experiences create a cycle of influence over your results with money; how to challenge limiting beliefs; whether or not you suffer from scarcity mindset; what you can do to rewrite your money story; what Law of Attraction is, and how it is key to success in personal finance.
2:00 - 3:00 pm / Library	Talking To The Spirits: Getting Better Signal Clarity /Raven	The issue of who can hear the Gods and spirits, and who can't, is one fraught with pain, anguish, and often accusation, in the Neo-Pagan demographic and throughout history. How do we develop better signal clarity for otherworldly Beings, and how do we tell if what we're hearing is real or just mental sock puppets? This workshop is a blunt look at what can and can't be done, and how to improve what you have. By the author of "Talking To The Spirits".
2:00 - 3:00 pm / Ballroom C	Panel: Tarot Spreads: Beyond the Celtic Cross (Rede Knife, O'Malley, Tchipakkan, Starwolf)	Just about every Tarot deck includes a little booklet with card meanings, and suggestions for laying out the cards. And it almost always includes the 10-card Celtic Cross. But is that the only way to read the cards? And is it the best spread for all purposes? Do you even -need- to use a defined spread? Come learn about other options. If time allows, tips for designing a spread will be provided.
2:00 - 3:00 pm / online	Energy Healing Tips and Tricks / Eileen	Join me for tips, tricks, and stories aimed to help anyone involved in energy healing: healer, recipient, professional, or lay person. I will explain the importance of full consent, give advice for avoiding problematic healers or recipients, tell stories about unfortunate healings I have seen or received, and so much more, with the intention of helping you get the most out of energy healing. Among both casual and professional healers, I have seen a great many strange approaches, brilliant methods, easy blunders, and painful mistakes I look forward to sharing with you.
3:15 - 4:15 pm / Ballroom B	How Healers Heal with Magnetism / Leilani	All of us contain spiritual fluids within our spiritual anatomy. One of the ways Healers engage in hands on healing, reiki, etc, is by manipulating our spiritual fluids with the use of our magnetic field.
		A discussion on the History and Case Studies of healing using the magnetic field. With demonstrations on how to manipulate our spiritual fluids.
3:15 - 4:15 pm / Library	Metals in Norse folklore / Sibley	Metals include iron, steel, lead, gold, silver, tin, and copper. Items made of these metals could be used for cursing, healing, warding, funerary rites, and other types of magical usage. Both Pagan and Christian ritual use of metals will be presented.
3:15 - 4:15 pm / Ballroom C	Panel: Gender Panel: Inclusivity R'US? (Hardy,	Gender: Some of the stuff out there is very Hetero-based, which is problematic for not being as inclusive in the reflection in content, to which most practitioners actually practice in their personal conduct &

	Raven, Badger (T), Willow)	practices. If it isn't making it into the press, people aren't gonna see it, and assume they aren't included.
3:15 - 4:15 pm / online	Faces of Freyja / Paxson	If there is one Norse goddess everyone knows, it's probably Freyja, but She is a lot more than a goddess of love and beauty. She has many names, and many faces. Join us to meet her at Sessrumnir, the "many-seated hall".
4:30 - 6:00 pm / Ballroom B	A Brief Overview of Glenn Perry's Developmental Age Method (DAM) / Kathleen O'Brien	The Developmental Age Method is the statement that both the houses and the signs of the zodiac represent divisions of time that are tied to the psychological development. This system applies to the Placidus house system which is that which is used commonly in Western Astrology. Based on the position that a planet can represent a person, place, thing, or event, the planets in a house are representative of events in that house at a certain physical age. This method ties time periods to BOTH houses and signs. Each house is associated with a specific physical age and a period of duration. The position of a planet in a house of the natal chart can indicate when certain experiences in a person's life will occur. This is based on psychological developmental stages of life. For example: "The sign Leo, for example, is virtually synonymous with the psychology of adolescence (14 through 19). If you would like to do a chart, please have your birth date and time available.
4:30 - 6:00 pm / Library	Vampires, Vila, Vodyanoy and More!: The Spirit World of the Slavs / Woodruff	The oft overlooked legends of the Slavic lands provide a missing link in the common beliefs of the European continent. Patricia Robin Woodruff will be talking about the Slavic spirits and their commonalities to the fairies, banshees, and Leanan sidhe of the Celts, as well as the trolls, nixies and draugar of the Norse. A great class for anyone who is curious about their Slavic ancestry and pre-Christian beliefs AND understanding just how far into the Paleolithic past these beliefs go!
4:30 - 6:00 pm / Ballroom C	Multitude of Altars (Hardy, Lailani, Raven, Badger (T))	Altars: many religions have altar setups. If you have an altar(s), how is it set up and dedicated? Are ritual sacrifices/offerings made? How are your items and images placed? Christian altars are usually in churches, but many folks have altars in their homes: Public and private, Food prep (hearth) or consumption, sleeping areas, Ancestor altars, indoor and outside, temporary and permanent, for a specific god, or shared How are yours set up? Each is just as valid, right? How do different purposes change how they are set up and used?
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Dinner	
	Auction	
8:00 - 9:00 pm / Ballroom B	Ancestors Not of Blood / Raven	Many of us work with our Ancestors to add power and strength to our lives but not all Ancestors need to be related to you. Let's talk about ancestors of the heart, the mind, the spirit, and lineage – when

		it's OK to approach them, and how to integrate the recently-dead and the soon-to-pass into your ancestor altar.
8:00 - 9:00 pm / Library	Toys and Tools for Divination / Kane	It can be playful and fun as well. There are a lot of divination tools currently hiding in plain sight as children's toys and party games;
		And even though they're presented as games, they still work as divination- and they can be a great way to introduce yourself to the unseen world.
		Join Cathy for a visit to the world of divination toys that are also divination tools.
8:00 - 9:00 pm / Ballroom C	Poly-theology Panel: Do the Gods have agency? (Hardy, Starwolf, Badger (T), Ward)	Theology is a study of god but at this point we don't have a robust poly-theology. Can we have a discussion about the nature of gods? It would be nice if we could get panelists from different perspectives who can display how to civilly discuss the nature of the gods from different perspectives. Why don't we start with this proposition (from a John Becket blogpost):  If you believe the Gods are many and have agency, you cannot also believe They can't affect you unless you permit it. The two propositions are logically inconsistent.
8:00 - 9:30 pm / online	SONG OF WATER AND GRANITE: Wildcrafting Animism in New England / O'Donoghue	The hills of western Maine and the hills of western Ireland are part of the same ancient mountain chain. In this workshop, Seán will share his journey of crafting an animist spirituality with Irish roots transplanted into New England soil.
9:00 pm - ? / Ballroom B	Paranormal Investigation / Willow Diane & Luna Hacker	Willow And Luna will lead a Paranormal investigation using Psychic abilities along with equipment to reach out and communicate with the Spirits of the Hotel.
	Luna Hacker	We will have equipment on hand for use during the investigation. After explaining how and why they are used for in contacting the spirits from the other side, we will Investigate selected areas of the hotel. The investigation group will assemble at 9 PM in Ballroom B as a starting point, and if time permits, return to Ballroom B to discuss our findings.

Sunday		
8:00 – 9:30 am	Breakfast	
9:00 – 10:30 am / online	Storytelling with the Tarot / Loonwitch	A good Tarot reading tells the story of your life in this moment. Though not everyone is a gifted story teller, it's important to be able to create a cohesive message for each reading.
		In this workshop you will learn how to develop the story of a Tarot reading and clearly articulate the messages for yourself and your clients!
		Be prepared to create a deeper connection with your Tarot deck and your intuition!
		The workshop will include sharing readings with each other as well as storytelling with your cards.
		Please bring the Tarot deck that you use most frequently.
9:30-10:30 am / Ballroom B	Accessing the Deep Fire / Badger	Often when we think of fire, our minds go to open flames: drum circle fires, candle flames, cooking fires. But fire goes far deeper than that, into the earth; it lies beneath our feet and comes to the surface as an upwelling of creation, bringing forth new, fertile land. This workshop is a ritual/meditation, an exercise intended to assist attendees in accessing and channeling the deep-rooted creative energies of the Earth's Deep Fire.
9:30-10:30 am / Library	A Way of Syncretism / Brandon E. Hardy	Somewhere in the grey area between pantheism and polytheism lies the practice of syncretism. Often it gets talked of in terms of larger events in religion and politics, but what does it mean to be called to this practice in a much smaller, personal way? We will go over some bits of history, modern examples, and current discourse (all with a healthy dose of terminology nitpicking) before exploring what this can bring to personal devotion. Lead by someone who has been stumbling down this beautiful and frustratingly unclear path for nearly a decade.
10:45 - 11:45 am / Ballroom B	The Anatomy of Magic Circles / Rede Knife	Picture the image of a European Magician summoning forth a demon. Imagine a magic diagram in grimoire. Remember the giant mandalas of lines and symbols from mages in video games and anime. Chances are you are thinking of a magic circle, one of the most used pieces of iconography in magical practices.
		How are magic circles made, what do the different parts mean and why do we use the symbols we do?
		Let's explore the history of this central part of so many classical magic practices. From the basic pentacle to the Goetic Seal of Banishment, all magic circles are based on underlying principles rooted in how the human mind perceives reality.

10:45 - 11:45 am / Library	Meteorites and Tektities, Starborn Stones of Enlightenment / Starwolf	Born in space or from a fusion of terrestrial and extra-terrestrial materials these stones provide unique additions to both crystal collections and metaphysical work.
10:45 - 11:45 am / Ballroom C	Panel: Bird Folklore (Sibley, Sarah O'Malley)	Birds in divination, religion, and as omens: Throughout history, in many religions and Paths, birds have played a significant role. If an owl hoots, does it foretell death? If a bird flies widdershins around a person or item, is that an omen? Let's explore the role of birds in folklore, religion, and omens in a variety of cultures and religions.
10:45 - 11:45 am / online	Inner Alchemy of Wintering / Elwood & Brook	In the Inner Alchemy of Wintering Taylor Ellwood and Joanna Brook present spiritual practices of rest and rejuvenation to help you in the season of winter, whether the physical manifestation of the season or the metaphysical and emotional experience of burnout that all of us go through.
		Wintering calls for us to step back and reflect, go silent and still to give ourselves space and discover what we truly need in order to replenish our energy and ready ourselves for the next Spring of our lives.
		Taylor and Joanna will share their own stories of wintering and the techniques they have used to turn wintering into an inner alchemical process that unlocks the creativity within and readies it for the Spring.
12:00 - 1:00 pm / Ballroom B	Teaching Healing to Children / Tchippakan	As a parent I brought up four kids in a world where magick was real, and herbalism and Complementary and Alternative Medicine was a given. (Arnica and Bach's Rescue Remedy, 'Don't leave home without it!") There are so many quick and easy tips for healing cuts, bruises, diaper rash, nightmares, poison-ivy, allergies, and tummy aches. Whether you have kids, or would just like to learn a bunch of techniques that are safe, fast, and easy enough to teach kids, or use as a parent or anyone else, join us! I'll cover simple herbalism, homeopathic medicine, crystals, energy techniques, flower remedies, mana plates, and a lot more. Feel free to bring questions, and your own tips for healing that have worked for you and your family. Remember: safe, effective, and easy. That's what parents and kids need.
12:00 - 1:00 pm / Library	Attracting Good Luck / Kane	People talk about good luck like it is rare, precious and hard to lay hands on. But what if good fortune was as accessible as the air we breathe?  Join Cathy for a tour of good luck- how to increase it, how to tap into
12:00 - 1:00 pm / Ballroom C	Panel: Ethics of Divination (Sibley, Raven, Starwolf,	Doing readings for others can be satisfying, but can also present challenges. What do you when negative events show up in your reading? How do you present that information to your client? Or
Ballroom C	Raven, Starwolf, D'Onofrio)	reading? How do you present that information to your client? Or

		should you not give bad news at all? Panelists will discuss situations and possible courses of action.
12:00 - 1:00 pm / Online	The Once and Future Religion / Zell	After an Age-long exile, Paganism is returning to the world. A proliferation of movies and TV with magical themes are only a few of the many ways in which the new Pagan Renaissance is impacting the popular culture. Joseph Campbell said it is time for a new myth that includes the whole Earth and everyone on it. Paganism and the Gaia Thesis offer such an all-inclusive mythos.  Modern Pagans are bridging the gap of millennia, to pass the torch of the Mother's Love to our children—and our children's children.
1:00 – 2:00	lunch	
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#### **Speakers**

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