

CHANGING TIMES
CHANGING WORLDS



NOVEMBER 4-6, 2016

BALANCE

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

CT-CW 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. CT-CW 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 all such material is to be presented in a way designed to support and promote interfaith and interdisciplinary harmony, not damage it.

In panels and other public areas discussion are to remain respectful, avoiding statements that can be interpreted as attacking the ideas, beliefs or positions of others. Our goals include fostering communication between folk 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: No smudging 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: This is a public event. We are trying to create a visual record of the conference, and will be taking photographs to use on our website or in other publicity materials, both print and electronic.

We understand 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 our photographers will avoid shots of those wearing them. If not, we will assume that, as this is a public event, permission is given to use images in which you appear and that we (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.

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.

We shall make every reasonable effort to respect your request for privacy. We ask that anyone else taking pictures at CTCW check before clicking to make sure that no one expressing preference not to be photographed is in your shot. Thank you for your courtesy.

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.

HOSPITALITY

(Room number will be posted at Registration)

Donations are gratefully accepted.

RAFFLE

Every year we host a raffle to raise money to support next year's conference. Please stop by hospitality, check out the items, and buy a ticket or six. Drawings will take place in Hospitality at 6:10 pm Friday and 6:10 pm Saturday.

QUIET & HEALING ROOM

(Room 107)

For those who are overwhelmed by the amount of awesomeness of the con, we invite you to visit our Quiet Room. This room is set up as a peaceful respite where you can go for a time-out and to regain your center. Energy will be cleared each day & reset with energies of peace and balance. We ask that this room be kept sacred and quiet.

With the exception of times when classes are scheduled, people can use this space to have healing done or work on each other. Please check with Maryalyce, our Healing Coordinator, who'll be there, or at Akasha's Journey. The Healing Room is set up for Community-style healing sessions. This means that the room is set up for multiple practitioners to work on multiple clients simultaneously. Be aware that Bear, Maryalyce's lovely, hypoallergenic therapy dog will usually be with her, so there may be a dog-gate across the door. It's meant to keep him in, not you out.

If you are a healing practitioner and would like to volunteer your services during our open healing session, please use the Sign up sheet in the Healing Room or see or contact Maryalyce (akashasjourney@aol.com)

VENDORS, DEALERS, AND READERS

This year our Vending Room will be the Coach Room, shared by both vendors and people offering readings by various methods for a fee. The hours are:

- Friday Nov. 4: 5 PM to 8 PM
- Saturday Nov. 5: 10 AM to 7 PM
- Sunday Nov. 6: 10 AM to 2 PM

The following vendors are registered:

- Akasha's Journey (vending from a hotel room)
- ATHENA'S
- Auntie Arwen Spices
- Cabochons
- Circle of the Silver Star Church
- Groovy Chick Jewelry
- Hutnik's Used Books
- LuLaRoe with Shannon Susol
- Phoenix & Lotus
- Wandering Paintbrush Studio
- WychCraft

We also have the following readers available in the Vending room:

- Krystal Madison
- Eugenia Amditis
- Thor Halvorsen

Additional readers will be offering services from the privacy of their hotel rooms. Look for signs posted in the vending area.

RECORDING

CT-CW will be audio recording some of the sessions this weekend. (Some classes such as rituals, guided meditations, or very visual workshops are not suitable for recording, and some speakers may choose not to be recorded.) Discs and MP3 recordings will be available on the website after the conference as soon as we can post them.

NEXT YEAR

We are seeking options for a venue with more modest costs to make it easier for people to afford the conference. We'll be looking in central New England for a weekend in early November. Please watch the CTCW.net website for the announcement! If you'd like to join us in creating next year's conference, please let us know on our Facebook group page!

New England Conference on Mithraic Studies

Affectionately known
as “MithraCon”

Will take place in New Haven,
CT on April 21– April 23,
2017

This is your opportunity to spend a day running the stacks in Yale University's Sterling Memorial Library, and doing research on whatever you want. Our primary focus is on cult and religion in the Roman Empire, notably Mithraism. More info at www.mithracon.org and/or see Jane Sibley at CTCW.

Aunty Arwen's Spices

Here's your place to get fudge, spice/seasoning blends, teas, and coffees. If you haven't tried our Ultimate Garlic Insanity, you're missing out on serious gaaaarlic! Hot blends, curries & garam masalas, salt free blends, salts of the world, peppercorns, medieval blends, our own herbal cough and sore throat syrups, chocolate covered coffee beans, extracts for baking, and lots more.

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Master Schedule

No.	Time/ Location	Title/Speaker	Description
1	Friday 3 pm – 3:55pm Rm 101	Healing without Tools / Tchippakan	Various energy healing techniques which you can use to heal with no tools.
2	Friday 3 pm – 4:25 pm Rm 103	The 9 Virtues, Now and Then / Mary Kimball	How were the 9 virtues as we know them today were taught to people of old? We will also explore what these virtues are, their meanings, why they are important in today's culture, and how to use them into our everyday life.
3	Friday 3 pm – 3:55 pm Rm 105	Shadow Self / Thor Halvorsen	This will be a discussion of the aspects of the shadow self, from inner to external, and metaphysical aspect. our perception of the self, pathwork and knowledge.
4	Friday 4 pm – 4:55 pm Rm 101	Paranormal Aftercare: / Sarah Livermore	Restoring Normalcy and Balance. Guidelines and tools for practioners and clients for restoring normalcy after the paranormal case has been resolved.
5	Friday 4 pm – 5:55 pm Middlesex Room	Spirit of Wealth / Selena Rifkin	What do you think about when the word money is spoken? How does your body feel? Do you tense up or relax? Get excited or feel afraid? Money is often portrayed as the root of all evil, leaving us ambivalent about earning it, and ashamed of speaking about our personal finances.
6	Friday 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm Rm. 103	The Wolf People / Chris Kimball	An exploration and discussion of the history of the human race. We will employ a generational timeline to mark the seminal (or Ootic?) events during the diaspora of (wy)Mankind.

7	Friday 5:00 pm – 5:55 pm Rm. 101	How to Divide Seven into Twelve / Mockingbird	What do the calendar derived by Robert Graves from the Irish/Cymric tree ogham, the putative Essine calendar derived by Mockingbird from the Book of Jubilees, and the "Chinese Zodiac" have in common? This workshop will return to the notions of the symbolism involved in the construction of calendars.
8	Friday 5:00 pm – 5:55 pm Rm. 105	Death / Ancestral Workshop / Thor Halvorsen	Discussions about near-death, death itself, and Ancestral Veneration.
9	Friday 7:30 pm – 8:25 pm Rm. 101	Let's Do Metaphysical Science Part One / Catherine Kane	Join Cathy for three simple, quick, fun experiments to examine and document how metaphysics works. Your personal results confidential, significant experiment data will be written up.
10	Friday 7:30 pm – 8:55 pm Rm. 103	Runes: Elder & Anglo Saxon Futhark / Jane Sibley	From the origin(s) of runes to the early Viking period, these characters have not only been used for mundane & magical purposes.
11	Friday 7:30 pm – 8:25 pm Rm. 105	Puzzles of Ninma / Mockingbird	In the Eridu Genesis-- a Sumerian document from around 1600 BCE--the goddess Ninma presents seven clay figurines to Enki, the decision-maker. Each figurine is gifted with a peculiar handicap, but Enki cleverly counters each of these proposed deficits. Our task will be to determine the pattern.
12	Friday 8:30 pm – 9:25 pm Rm. 101	Every Day Carry Kit / Starwolf	E.D.C. or every day carry refers to a kit that is carried in pocket, purse, backpack, or briefcase and is available at all times. Starwolf will discuss how to create a spiritual/magical/metaphysical kit that will "hopefully" fit your needs.

13	Friday 8:00 pm – 8:55 pm Middlesex	Faces of the Divine / Zhenya Amditis, Ph.D.	Gods and Goddesses from many traditions can appear in our lives for a variety of reasons, then they may disappear when the time is right. While leading the workshop, I will be drawing guidance from my own ascended masters to explore why deities appear.
14	Friday 9:00 pm – 9:55 pm Rm. 105	Panel: Favorite Tarot Deck	There are thousands of decks, each with advantages and disadvantages. Panelists will share their observations. Come with your favorite deck and be prepared to explain WHY it's your favorite.
15	Friday 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm Middlesex	Prosperity in Practice / Maryalyce Merritt	A hands-on class that will teach techniques for tapping into abundance and blessing our finances and sharing prosperity. Bring the cash box you use for vending, your wallet, and/or purse.
16	Friday 9:30 pm – 11:00 pm Rm 101	Otherworld Relations / Larry Obern	Maintaining a safe exchange. This class will give you the tools on how to approach the beginning of a relationship, the way to maintain a good working relationship, and even how to end the relationship if you choose to.
17	Friday 10:00 pm – 10:55 pm Rm. 105	Panel: Got Books?	Join our panelists as they share the metaphysical books that they most like to recommend to others.
18	Saturday 9:00 am – 10:25 am Rm. 101	The Ancients – Their Names and Natures / Chris Kimball	What are the oldest of being's? What came before the God's of our ancestors? How do they fit into the stories of old? Let us take a look at the pagan understanding of Dawn Time and the powers existing in the world since the creation.

19	Saturday 9:00 am – 9:55 am Rm. 103	Making & Use of Pendulums / Ray Taylor	Learn how to construct and use a simple pendulum.
20	Saturday 9:00 am – 9:55 am Rm. 105	Panel: House Sharers	There are many entities who attach themselves to our homes and families. Elves, ghosts, house spirits... Panelists will share their experiences and knowledge of these folk.
21	Saturday 9:00 am – 9:55 am Middlesex	Working with Ancestor Spirits / AVee Baron	Learn who are ancestors are, how to connect with them and some beginner altar set up guides
22	Saturday 10:00 am – 10:55 am Rm 103	Tarot for Fiction Writing / Kathryn Smith	We'll discuss how to do a reading for a character, or to divine what might happen if you take the plot in one direction rather than another. Your characters are lurking in your subconscious, and the cards are just the tool to help you tease them into the open.
23	Saturday 10:00 am – 10:55 am Rm 105	Panel: Money & Metaphysics	Is it ethically correct to charge for work provided in the areas of spirituality, psychic ability or metaphysics? Some say yes. Some say no. What do you think?
24	Saturday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Healing Rm (107)	Sacred Heart Healing Circle / Maryalyce Merritt	Gather in sacred space and work with the Angels to facilitate deep heart healing for one another.

25	Saturday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon Rm 101	Practical Spell Crafting / Kat Emeralde	Careful spell crafting involves time and preparation but sometimes the passion/energy of an immediate moment is too good to pass up. This workshop offers practical tips and tricks to conducting spell-work on the fly with minimal tools for maximum result.
26	Saturday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon Middlesex	Egyptian Magic / Sophia Kelly Schultz	An Introduction Without the Laundry List. Discover the dynamic nature of ancient Egyptian magic via a series of scenarios such as "You're Dead, Now What?"
27	Saturday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Rm. 103	Panel: Rites of Passage: Marriage	Panelists will discuss the spiritual and practical aspects of this rite of passage and how it affects all aspects of the participant's life.
28	Saturday 1:00 pm – 2:25 pm Rm 101	Runes: Younger Futhark / Jane Sibley	In the late Vendel or early Viking period, the rune row was condensed to a 16-character array from the earlier 24-rune Elder Futhark. We will look at not only rune names/meanings, but also dotted runes, "short-twig runes, "Norse code", magic, and mundane usage in both Pagan and Christian usage.
29	Saturday 1:00 pm – 1:55 pm Rm. 103	Divination without Tools / Tchipakkan	You've got no Tarot Cards, Runes, Pendulum, or anything else on you, but you need to tap into the universe. No problem. You can do a wonderful reading using whatever is available. We'll explore how you can come up with a dozen ways on the spot.
30	Saturday 1:00 pm – 1:55 pm Rm. 105	Panel: Pagan Sociology	Let's take a look at the sociological and anthropological lens' view and understanding of Paganism.

31	Saturday 1:00 pm – 2:55 pm Middlesex	Modern Cunning Craft / Jeffrey Cerneson	A class on how to engineer awareness and direct it toward the functional application of non-ordinary states of being.
32	Saturday 2:00 pm – 2:55 pm Rm. 103	Balanced Spellcrafting / Emerald Kat	Workings for Moments of Equilibrium. Delve into the magical potential of the moments of equilibrium; the quarter moons, the equinoxes, twilight and early mornings. This workshop will explore the energetic currents of times of balance and ways to harness these energies in spell crafting.
33	Saturday 2:00 pm – 2:55 pm Rm. 105	Panel: Invisible Illness	Whether you are coping with this sort of illness, or know someone who is, come and share ways to help our fellow humans find balance between the demands on their energy.
34	Saturday 2:30 pm – 3:25 pm Rm. 101	Tinker, Tailor / Mockingbird	The Wisdom of Mother Goose can be approached from many angles; this year I would like to concentrate on significant occupations. The "Lore of the Crooked Man" will be mentioned, and explained if needed.
35	Saturday 2:30 pm – 4:25 pm Healing Room (107)	Kala Sacred Unbinding / Maryalyce Merritt	Kala is the Sacred Rite of Unbinding as taught in the Feri and Reclaiming Traditions. Together we will perform this ritual and tap into the issues that keep us in knots, feel them deeply, and learn how to unbind ourselves. Bring your chalice or favorite mug, or we will provide you with a drinking vessel.

36	Saturday 3:00 pm – 3:55 pm Rm. 103	Modern Mythos / Coyote Skywoman	Examine the concepts of mythology in our modern day age, and what we have collectively created as the archetypes of the American and world mythologies. We will look at everything from comic book characters to novels like American Gods, and discuss why these are relevant.
37	Saturday 3:00 pm – 3:55 pm Rm 105	Panel: Cultural Appropriation	Cultural misappropriation happens when parts of a minority culture are used by members of the dominant culture, outside of their original context which can distort the meaning of a symbol or activity. Panelists will discuss the issues involved in this complex situation.
38	Saturday 3:00 pm – 3:55 pm Middlesex	Meet Your Spirit Guides / Madison	Learn how to open yourself up, and to effectively communicate with your Spirit Guides. Learn their names, who they are, and what their role in your life is.
39	Saturday 3:30 pm – 4:55 pm Rm 101	Folktales: A Look Backward / Chris Kimball	In this class we will look at specific tales from Grimm’s the fairytales from a Heathen perspective. Letting us observe the subtle preservation of pagan elements from an earlier religion, in a Christianized society.
40	Saturday 4:00 pm – 4:55 pm Rm 103	Life Balance for Psychics / Catherine Kane	Many psychics are also “helpers” or “healers”, so busy caring for others that they forget to nurture themselves. It’s good to help others, but it’s also important to live your dreams and take care of yourself.
41	Saturday 4:00 pm – 4:55 pm Rm 105	Panel: Dark Gods, Dark Goddesses	Almost all pantheons have divinities or supernatural beings who may be regarded as on the dark side and who primarily deal with sickness and death. In this panel, we shall explore the nature of these Dark Ones, contrasting and comparing their attributes.

42	Saturday 4:00 pm – 4:55 pm Middlesex	Center, Ground, Shield / Emerald Kat	This workshop will explore and demonstrate various basic techniques in centering, grounding and shielding. These skills are typically considered the basic building blocks to safely do energy work, including magick and healing. Hands-on.
43	Saturday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Rm.101	Reading for Children / Catherine Kane	Have you ever done a reading for a child? Sometimes children need readings as much as adults do, but it takes special skills to do a successful child's reading. Learn practical skills for doing children's readings.
44	Saturday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Rm. 103	Role of Clergy / Thor Halvorsen	How do we answer the needs of our community, socially, professionally (Social Work, Counseling, Ministry (?), and rites of passages?
45	Saturday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Rm 105	Panel: Storytelling	Does the art still have a place in our modern era of books, TV, movies, and social media? Do our modern entertainment forms count as storytelling? Our panelists will discuss these questions and share what role the art plays in their magical practice.
46	Saturday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Middlesex	Interfacing the Cards / Zhenya Amditis, Ph.D.	Creating your own Tarot Spreads. This workshop for intermediate to advanced tarot students will help you to create accurate, beautiful, and intriguing spreads for yourself, friends, and clients. Bring your favorite deck, a notebook filled with symbols you like and questions you would like answered, and get ready to create.

47	Saturday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Healing Room (107)	Open Healing	Practitioners welcome.
48	Saturday 7:30 pm – 8:25 pm Rm 101	Consent Focused Ritual / Raven Kaldera	How does consent function in Pagan rituals? How much warning do you owe participants, especially if there is a function of mystery or surprise as part of the rite? This class and discussion group will ask these and other hard questions, and give the tips and solutions we've found most useful in our Pagan church.
49	Saturday 7:30 pm – 8:25 pm Rm 103	Advanced Techniques Center, Ground, Shield / Larry Obern	This is the advanced class of grounding, centering and shielding. It will teach concepts of geometric shields. How to hide a shield in plain sight, and how you can ground in elements other than earth.
50	Saturday 7:30 pm – 8:55 pm Rm 105	Hospitality / Mary Kimball	This class will discuss how hospitality was done by our ancestors, then move into ways of using the skill of hospitality in today including not just what it means to be a good host/hostess but also a good guest as well as how to serve our family/friends/community that benefits all.
51	Saturday 7:30 pm – 8:55 pm Middlesex	Leadership and Raising Stones at Four Quarters Interfaith Sanctuary/ Sofia Kelly Shultz	Leadership discussion focusing on Four Quarters Interfaith Sanctuary but addressing broader issues in the pagan community.
52	Saturday 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Publish Your Own Tarot Deck / Kathryn Smith	Ever wanted to publish your own tarot deck? With current print on demand technology you can do it without a big financial

	Rm 103		commitment. We'll discuss the overall process, focusing on printing and publication, not design.
53	Saturday 9:00 pm – 9:55 pm Rm 105	Panel: Sacrifice	What is Sacrifice? Is it appropriate to the modern world?
53	Saturday 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm Middlesex	Norse Working / Jane 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. Due to the high energies we will be working with, anyone who has never been to a Norseworking before must attend Grounding 101, or get permission from Jane.
54	Saturday 10:00 pm – 11:00 pm Rm 105	Panel: Business of Metaphysics	Join us for a practical discussion of the ins and outs of running a metaphysical business
55	Sunday 10:00 am – 10:55 am Rm 101	Six Ways of Being Pagan / Raven	This class is based on Dale Cannon's book "Six Ways of Being Religious", for a Pagan context.
56	Sunday 10:00 am – 10:30 am Rm 103	A Touch of Accupressure / Catherine Kane	In this class, learn simple points to relieve sinus and migraine headaches, give you an instant "burst of energy" (without a post-caffeine slump), relieve pain and other helpful applications. Practical, easy to learn skills that you can use immediately.

57	Sunday 10:00 am – 10:55 am Rm 105	Panel: Raising a Child in a Magical Community	How do we bring in the next generation in a good way while facing the judgements of others?
58	Sunday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Rm 101	Ethics of Divination / Lois Fitzpatrick	Doing readings for others can be fun and enlightening, but it can also be a great responsibility. We will discuss some suggested do's and don'ts, as well as what your client should expect from you (and the other way 'round, too!).
59	Sunday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Rm 103	Chaos and Order / Larry Obern	Finding balance in two magical systems. Join the discussion on Chaos magic and Ordered magic. Learn what separates and what defines them. Investigate what joins them together and creates the balance of creative and destructive energies.
60	Sunday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Rm 105	Panel: Licensing for Spiritual Practitioners	Panelists will examine what criteria can be used in this process, who picks it, or whether this is applying inapplicable criteria to this sort of activity.
61	Sunday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Middlesex	Where do Old Psychics Go to Die? / Zhenya Amditis, Ph.D.	As professional intuitives, it can be easy to forget that we, too, must continue to evolve, to make progress on our spiritual paths. During this workshop, we will explore new types of meditation, connecting with new faces of the Divine, and ways to “check in” with our own egos.
62	Sunday 1:00 pm – 1:55 pm Rm 101	Trusting Divination / Raven Kaldera	Do you use divination to make life decisions? If not, is that because you don't trust it to actually work? This class and discussion group will focus on the place of divination in Pagan religion and in our lives.

63	Sunday 1:00 pm – 1:55 pm Rm 105	Panel: Elders	What makes one an Elder? Is it just chronological age? Experience? Can one be an Elder in some area and a youngster in others?
64	Sunday 1:00 pm – 2:55 pm Middlesex	Saving the Planet with Permaculture / Selena Rifkin	How would you like to garden and grow food using a philosophy that is modeled on nature rather than on the industrial process? Permaculture is a design process that uses protracted and thoughtful observation to engage with plants and animals, and all of their functions in an ecosystem.
65	Sunday 2:00 pm – 2:55 pm Rm 101	Let's do Metaphysical Science Part Two / Catherine Kane	If you were part of the class on Friday, bring back your notes and feedback to contribute data to the experiment.
66	Sunday 2:00 pm – 2:55 pm Rm 105	Panel: Ritual Train Wrecks	Sometimes a ritual just goes off the rails. Come hear our panelists share their own disasters, or ones they've witnessed, and discuss how to recover from them, or avoid them entirely.
67	Sunday 3 pm – 4 pm Atrium	Feedback Session	Want to help make next year better? This will be our first planning session, and your chance to be involved.

Speakers

Space considerations required abbreviating these biographies. Please visit <http://ctcw.net/presenters/> to read about our presenters in greater detail.

Zhenya Amditis

Classes: Interfacing the Cards: Creating Your Own Tarot Spreads; Faces of the Divine: Fellow Travelers on Your Spiritual Journey; Where do Old Psychics Go to Die?: Pro-seminar on Rebooting Spiritual Practice.

Zhenya has been communicating with the spirit realm since the age of three. Today, not only does she possess academic expertise in the occult arts (particularly divination), but she also has approximately 30 years of experience helping people to answer life's questions through the tarot, spirit mediumship, and direct communication with a client's spirit guides and the angels. Zhenya holds a Ph.D. in Slavic Languages and Literatures focusing on literature and culture of the Victorian era, particularly the connection between women, folklore, and the occult. In addition to over 20 years of experience teaching at the college level and mentoring students, she has published research on the religious renaissance of turn-of-the-century Russia, including the influence of Buddhism and Hinduism in Russia. She currently serves on the faculty of Westchester Community College, where she teaches courses on English composition, angels, tarot, fairies, Russian culture, and folklore.

Avee Baron

Classes: Working with Ancestor Spirits

I'm a pagan. I've practiced new age, Buddhism, Wicca and Witchcraft. I currently teach, speak publicly and own Witchy Spellz N Wares occult online shop in Ct.

Jeffrey Cerneson

Classes: Modern Cunning Craft

Jeffrey Cerneson has been wandering the crooked paths of sorcery for nearly 30 years. His journey began after a series of personal and spiritual crises following his involvement in the first Gulf War. His wanderings led him from humble beginnings in Anglo-Saxon

traditions to the mountains, temples, and hidden doors of the ancient wisdom of the Wu Shaman of China; those Taoist Sorcerers and Sages who have preserved the old sorcery in their secret martial, healing and spiritual arts. He has been trained as a Daoshi; priest, healer and alchemist, by such teachers as Huo Zhi Lian, Tzu Kuo Shih, and Feng Song, and is accounted a disciple of the Tao. From his wanderings in the Far East, he returned to explore the roots of his own blood and ties to the land of his birth. Being of Abenaki heritage, he undertook an apprenticeship in Native American Medicine ways and healing in exchange for the knowledge he brought from China. There he learned singing medicine, the Medicine of the sweat house and the sacred pipe, and the calling of spirits for healing, power, and balance. As he became a primary singer for an Absaroke Wicosa Wakan, his own medicine grew. Along with this growth came an awareness of the need to return to his European heritage as well. While training in the medicine ways was essential to deeper understanding, it has always been to his own cultural heritage that his heart belonged. Returning to his roots, he began to re-examine the cunning arts of the Northern peoples on his own. With his newly awakened senses, and comparing what he experienced afar with what has been written and passed down, his wisdom potency and insight grew beyond what was possible for him before those wanderings. Perhaps most important to the integration of all that he has learned, he has studied the Old World Witchery of Southern Europe, and the Etruscans through training and initiation with Raven Grimassi, and Stephanie Taylor-Grimassi. He is an initiated member of the Ash, Birch and Willow tradition and as such is a Pharmakeute; a spiritual botanist and also a cunning person of the Greenwood who lives in partnership with the green world as the heart of his life..

CoyoteSkyWoman

Classes: Modern Mythos

CoyoteSkyWoman has been a member of the Pagan community in Massachusetts and New Hampshire for the last 25 years, and she has been a practicing shaman for only a little bit longer than that. She works closely with the trickster spirit, Coyote, and has worked with The Sagefire Fellowship and A Sacred Place since their inception.

Kat Emralde

Classes: Practical Spell Crafting; Balanced Spellcraft; Center-Ground-Shield

Kat was born into a house full of Jesuit priests to parents who encouraged her to find her own relationship with the divine, no matter where the journey lead her. Today she is a pagan community organizer in Maryland and has been organizing the Central Maryland Pagans meet-up group for almost seven years. She has been a practicing witch and tarot reader for the last fifteen years and continues to consistently attend classes and

workshops that broaden her magical tool-box and deepen her understanding of the divine and personal power.

Lois Fitzpatrick

Classes: Ethics of Divination

My interests cover a broad spectrum from handcrafts to technology to divination. Using the name SewMagical. I ran a sewing-related website for several years, answering questions, posting articles, and writing project tutorials. Currently I am a regular contributor to the electronic newsletter published by a site selling machine embroidery designs. As Lady Elena Norreys, I am the Guildmistress of the SCA's East Kingdom Soothsayers Guild, which studies forms of divination used in the Middle Ages and Renaissance. I have taught classes on-line and in person on tarot cards and scrying. I enjoy being able to combine modern technology with traditional methods, such as exploring smartphone apps for tarot and astrology.

Thor Halvorsen

Classes: Shadow Self, the Self and Pathworking; Role of Clergy; Death / Ancestral Workshop

I'm a Deaf, Norwegian-Welsh, Poet, Musician, Pagan, Wiccan, computer-tinkin'-sci-fi fella; Military Brat, lived in Korea and Germany (traveled around a bit of Europe too), Clergy, Educational Interpreter, Poet, Reader of Runes and Tarot, Deaf Educator, Deaf Professional, Musician (play Mandolin). I'm an Elder First Degree, Coven of Amber Heart, Coven of Amber Rose Tradition. I'm an Educational Interpreter, SMCPS, St. Mary's County, MD going for a degree in Deaf Education, MA.

Raven Kaldera

Classes: Consent-Focused Ritual; Six Ways of Being Pagan; Trusting Divination

Raven Kaldera is a Northern Tradition shaman, intersex/transgender FTM activist, erotica educator, Ordeal Master, Speaker for the Transgendered Dead, homesteader, diviner, psychic vampire, herbalist, polyamorous parent, and author of many, many books, articles, and short stories. Raven is a builder of bridges between worlds, a crosser of boundaries between communities, a Reweaver of the Web. He is the Dreamer Whose Dreams Come True. 'Tis an ill wind that blows no minds. www.ravenkaldera.org/.

Catherine Kane

Classes: Let's Do Metaphysical Science; Life Balance for Psychics; Reading for Children; A Touch of Accupressure.

Catherine Kane is a professional psychic, a Reiki Master, a bard, a metaphysical Christian, and a delighted student of the Universe (amongst other things). She brings creativity, an eclectic body of knowledge, and an attitude of fun to empowering people to find and live their best and brightest dreams. Her writing has been seen in magazines such as Thorn, the Door Opener, and Helix; and she is the author of "[Adventures in Palmistry](#)" and "[The Practical Empath](#)", "[Manifesting Something Better](#)", "[The Lands That Lie Between](#)", "[Magic for Pennies](#)", and "[The Psychic Power of Your Dreams](#)". Visit her and husband Starwolf online as Foresight (the Information you need for the Adventure of Life) at www.ForesightYourPsychic.com and www.ForesightYourCtPsychic.wordpress.com

Christopher Kimball

Classes: The Wolf People; The Ancients, Their Names and Natures; Folktales: A Look Backward

Christopher Kimball is a National Council of Geocosmic Research certified level 1 Astrologer, published fantasy author of "Battle Priest" and "Succession Wars" and has been a member of the Connecticut Pagan community for more than twenty-five years. Currently he is a Anglo-Saxon Heathen and lives a varied and geminian life, having fought in the SCA, learned equestrianism and fencing, white-water canoed the Pine River in Michigan, piloted a research vessel in the Atlantic, hiked the Grand Canyon and the lower Colorado River and grown up in the woods and fields of rural New England. Chris has also hiked the farms and undeveloped land of Connecticut for the better part of the last 50 years and has been the Hike Master for the CWPN's hikes.

Mama Kimball

Classes: Hospitality: It's not just Throwing a Good Party; The 9 Virtues, Now and Then.

Mary Kimball, also known as Mama Kimball has been a practicing pagan for well over 25 years. She has not only been a member of the CWPN, Inc. but has served on its Board of Directors by holding the positions of President, VP, Treasurer and Area Rep as well as being one of the people who incorporated it into 501c3. She also chaired the CWPN's Harvest Gathering after being on its staff for many years. Mary has a number of years of experience in teaching classes and workshops as well as creating and performing personal and community rituals. Besides her day job, Mary owns and operates Mama Kimball's

Emporium in which she makes one of a kind clothes, jewelry and other items of interest. She is also a Justice of the Peace and a Notary Public in the State of CT for over 15 years.

Rev. HPS Sarah Livermore

Classes: Paranormal Aftercare: Restoring Normalcy and Balance

A lifetime student of the occult, Eclectic Wiccan High Priestess; “I am the Pagan Exorcist. I am the witch you turn to when everyone else runs scared.”

I am the exorcist of last resort when all other methods have failed and or the Catholic Church has turned you down. I’m the witch you call when your house has been blessed by the priests of every church in town and you are still afraid to be there alone. I have worked in haunted churches, houses, and various other locations. I will work with anyone of any religion, race, or whatever. I was raised a witch in an interfaith family. I have been doing this all my life, and performed my first successful banishing at age 7. I’m a Wiccan High Priestess ordained since 2005.

Krystal Madison

Classes: Meet Your Spirit Guides

Known as The Witch of Sleepy Hollow, Krystal Madison is a psychic- medium, author, and an eighth generation hereditary witch. She has been featured in publications such as Wisdom Magazine, Inner Realm Magazine and Dark Gothic Resurrected Magazine and has appeared on 30 Odd Minutes with Jeff Belanger, Z-Talk Radio in Washington, the Julie Savv Show in the UK, and Darkness Radio with host David Schrader, paranormal investigator and consultant to the Ghost Adventures and Taps paranormal groups.

Krystal has authored "Haunted Sleepy Hollow" and has published articles in Both Inner Realm and Wisdom Magazines, Witches and Pagans Magazine, Voices of Conjure, and the Pagan Federation Newsletter in the UK. She hosts the Festival of Witches events in Sleepy Hollow, New York, and is host of the Official Sleepy Hollow Witches Halloween Ball each October.

Maryalyce Merritt

Classes: Sacred Heart Healing Circle; Prosperity in Practice; Kala Sacred Unbinding

Maryalyce (aka Akasha’s Heart) has been practicing witchcraft and the magickal arts since 1994. She is an ordained minister, priestess, ritualist, writer, teacher, and

healer. She is a member of the Hands On Trade Association, is a Reiki Master Instructor and Practitioner, Advanced Level IET Practitioner, Rún Valdr Instructor and Practitioner, and teacher of such things like reading Tarot and Medicine Cards, Introduction to Wicca, Introduction to Witchcraft, Witch-Crafting (making magickal tools), How to Organize/Construct/Lead Rituals, and others.

Mockingbird aka Francis Braunlich

Classes: How to Divide Seven into Twelve or Thirteen; Puzzles of Ninma; Tinker Tailor

Mockingbird has studied calendars, religions, animals and their relationships for some 30 years.

Larry Obern

Classes: Otherworld Relations; Advanced Techniques Center, Ground, Shield; Chaos and Order

Larry Obern is a third generation Family Traditionalist. He has worked with Ecumenicon as a teacher for several years. He was ordained as a priest by the following Organizations: ULC, Nomadic Chantry of the Gramarye, and Ecumenicon Fellowship. He continues his clergy under the auspices of the ULC, and Nomadic chantry of the Gramarye. He has taught basic level classes, as well as the more advanced forms of the same classes.

Selena Rifkin

Classes: Spirit of Wealth; Saving the Planet with Permaculture

Selina Rifkin, L.M.T., M.S. is a graduate of Temple University and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. In 1998 she graduated from the Downeast School of Massage in Maine where she specialized in sports massage. In 2006 she completed her Masters program in Nutrition with a focus on traditional foods, and the work of Weston A. Price.

In 2008, she started working for Cherry Hill Seminary and currently serves as the Assistant to the Director and manages the online classrooms. When the school started to offer Master of Divinity degrees in 2009, she applied and was accepted to the program. She has a blog at Witches and Pagans called Caldron to Kitchen and is the author of the Referral Guide to Complementary Care. Selina recognized she was Pagan in her late teens and has also participated in many circles in several different traditions.

Sophia Kelly Shultz

Classes: Leadership and Raising Stones at Four Quarters Interfaith Sanctuary; Egyptian Magic: An Introduction Without the Laundry List

Born and raised in suburban Philadelphia, Sophia Kelly Shultz has been working professionally as an artist for 29 years, at first specializing in “fantasy” portraits in which customers could order portraits as, for example, centaurs or fairies, etc.–and more recently in the spiritual and mythological paintings for which she is now widely known.

Jane Sibley

Classes: Runes: Elder & Anglo Saxon Futhark; Runes: Younger Futhark; Norseworking

Jane T. Sibley, Ph.D., is a traditional Norse practitioner and a specialist in Norse folklore and runes. She has taught at many Pagan events for decades, including at Rites of Spring, Feast of Lights, Twilight Covening, Beltane, Ecumenicon ... the list goes on ... and created MithraCon, a conference on Mithraism and other cults in the Roman Empire. Her books, “Norse Mythology...According to Uncle Einar”, “The Hammer of the Smith”, “The Divine Thunderbolt: Missile of the Gods”, and “A Different Dragon” are available in the dealers’ room, along with her spices & seasoning blends, teas, and coffees. <http://www.auntiearwenspices.com/>

Kathryn Smith

Classes: Tarot for Fiction Writing; Publish Your Own Tarot Deck

Kathryn has been a student of the esoteric in various forms since the mid 1980’s, and began studying with R. J. Stewart in 1996. Since then she has been exploring both the Western esoteric traditions and fairy lore. She is currently pursuing teacher Certification with R. J. Stewart and Anastasia Nutt. Under the pen name Kathryn Scannell, she has published several short stories and a novel.

Starwolf

Classes: Every Day Carry.

As a shaman, Witch, professional psychic, Reiki Master and metaphysical engineer and soldier of fortune, Starwolf brings a broad range of knowledge and experience to the fields of magick, metaphysics and spirituality. His practical approach to adapting traditional metaphysical elements to modern lifestyles pulls magick into the twenty-first century. You can find him and his wife Catherine online as Foresight (the Information

you need for the Adventure of Life) at www.ForesightYourPsychic.com or www.ForesightYourCtPsychic.wordpress.com

Tchipakkan

Classes: Healing Without Tools; Divination Without Special Tools

Tchipakkan is an artist, writer, healer, and eclectic pagan-heathen-rustic. Openly pagan since the 60s, she's currently living on a small farm in NH aimed at self sufficiency and sustainability, with 3 adult children- all artists and writers, and a varying assortment of animals- friends and livestock. On weekends Tchipakkan teaches at [SCA](#), pagan, SF and other conferences & festivals, while her daughters sell the family's art through Cabochons, and they write, paint, sculpt, etc. the rest of the week. Recent writings include articles in "SageWoman", and Hex magazines. Tchipakkan also wrote [Divine Cookies](#), [The Heathen Cookie book](#), [Anglo-Saxon Magic](#), and paints book covers and portraits. <http://www.tchipakkan.com/>

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