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Welcome to the forty first edition of the Forest Witch Magickal Monthly. Thank you for signing up to receive magickal tips, personal and spiritual development articles, and updates on new products and specials.

A warm welcome to our newest members! Feel free to forward this to your friends and encourage them to join the mailing list. For suggestions on topics you'd like to see in upcoming issues, please write to DianeWing@ForestWitch.com.

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Quote of the month:

"The false self is an amalgam of images, concepts, defensive attitudes, and bound childhood pain which we mistake for our identity...we have an imagined sense of who we are. We live in a 'dream' in which our true center is deserted and hollow."

- Judith Blackstone, *The Enlightenment Process*

Magical Tip:

"To give your positive or negative attention to something is a way of giving energy. The most damaging form of behavior is withholding your attention."

- Masaru Emoto, *The Hidden Messages in Water*

Magickal Events for January:

- January 1 - [New Year's Day/Kwanzaa ends](#)
- January 2 - [Preparing for 2012 - Becoming A Clearer Channel](#)
- January 4 - [New Moon in Capricorn/Solar Eclipse 3:50 am EST](#)
- January 8 - [Radio Appearance Paranormal Palace radio show](#)
- January 12 - [Spellcraft Workshop/Readings, West Reading, PA](#)
- January 14 - [Create a Thriving Business Intensive, Baltimore, MD](#)
- January 19 - [Radio Appearance Carole Tollen Psychic Experience radio show](#)
- January 19 - [Full Moon in Cancer \(Cold Moon\)](#)
- January 20 - [Sun enters Aquarius](#)
- January 21 - [Celtic Tree Month of Rowan begins](#)
- January 27 - [Aligning Your Business With Your Soul's Mission workshop, Newtown, PA](#)

"I began studying with Diane without knowing any of her accomplishments. I was searching for the meaning of my connectedness with the universe and fate brought me to her or destiny sent her to me. She gave me 'tools' to live in the everyday and helped me see what was already inside of me. The spirit that is inside of her is a reflection of the love that the universe has to offer. She is a conduit through which the Universal Love manifests itself so that others will not be afraid of their life purpose, themselves, or others around them."

-Annette Sadelson, Baltimore, MD

Gemstone of the Month: Unakite



Need some help with that New Years Resolution? Unakite is a type of jasper that facilitates the gradual elimination of bad habits and helps release the bonds of old emotional wounds. Unakite's energy stimulates the healing of disease brought on by the repression of emotions, particularly anger and resentment. Unakite helps prevent these patterns from turning into diseases or helps release them from the tissues if they have already manifested. Unakite offers support in the treatment of cancers or heart diseases. It promotes the growth of healthy tissue and can be useful in recovery from injury. This stone can assist one in truly releasing negative emotions and the habitual thoughts and inner dialogue that create them. Unakite is also ideal for children's sensitive emotional bodies. It supports the emotional resilience of children and helps them to bounce back from sorrow, grief or disappointment. Unakite teaches patience and persistence and reminds one that anything worth having is worth waiting for.

Excerpts from The Book of Stones by Simmons & Ahsian

This section of The Magickal Monthly is provided by Gina Struebel, a master wire artist, jewelry designer, teacher and amateur rock hound. Gina has always been involved in the arts in one form or another; drawing, painting and photography are a few favorites. To get your own Unakite pendant, visit her website at http://www.twistedandbent.com/gemstone_of_the_month.html



Read excerpts and reviews by clicking [here](#)



Aligning Your Business With Your Soul's Mission
 January 27, 2011 **Soulutions For Daily Living** Newtown, PA
 7 pm to 9 pm

To be successful in your business, it is important to align it with your soul's mission. Learn the secrets of attracting your ideal clients and create a solid foundation to manifest a thriving business.

In this interactive workshop we will:

- *Articulate your life purpose and mission*
- *Express it in your brand and marketing*
- *Align your business with your core self*
- *Identify the tribe you serve and the ultimate result you help them achieve - Remove blocks to making money with your special gifts*
- *Develop an effective elevator pitch and confidence in yourself and your services*

Tickets \$45 per person

To reserve your seat, call **Soulutions For Daily Living, Inc.** 126 N. State Street Newtown, PA 18940 215-968-9750 www.soulutionsfordailyliving.com



Symbolic Tarot

February 5, 2011 **Havre de Grace, MD** 1 pm to 3 pm

Ever wonder why certain images were chosen for the Major Arcana cards? Discover the hidden meanings behind the colors, flowers, environments, and symbols indicate used in the Rider Waite deck. This course for advanced Tarot students reveals the symbols of Tarot and how their understanding can enhance your readings and your use of the tarot as a tool of growth and enlightenment. Tuition is \$45

Diane Wing will also be doing readings by appointment from 11 am to 12:30 pm before class.

To reserve your seat and/or schedule a reading, contact **Patti Hawse, Soul Purpose Productions** 410-446-2569

hawsejourneywithin@yahoo.com

www.karmafest.com



Contact Diane Wing at dianewing@forestwitch.com to discuss your particular needs.

Forest Witch Commentary: Spiritual Sacrifice

I've heard people say things like "I sacrificed everything for him!" or "What do I have to sacrifice to make things right?"

This idea of having to sacrifice something for someone or to a deity of some sort has been around as long as humankind has walked the earth. Yet the idea of sacrifice has been muddied - in the actions of cultures that sacrificed animals and humans to a deity to convince the god to do what they needed and by those people who felt that self-sacrifice was a way to manipulate someone to get them to do what they wanted. It creates scenarios ripe to foster resentment and disappointment.

In addition to the above definitions of sacrifice, it is also considered to mean "The act of losing or surrendering something as a penalty for a mistake or fault or failure to perform, etc." and "[something] surrendered or lost in order to gain an objective." [WordWeb]

With all of these scenarios, the act of sacrifice indicates a giving up of something to get something else. In occult philosophy, the idea of sacrifice is more closely aligned to the idea that shedding old ways of being and killing off old beliefs are the sacrifices required for growth. This is not to say that that which is a valued aspect of self should be removed, but rather something that must be released in order to transform. This released energy creates room for the new, the fresh, the higher vibrational types of energies that are aligned to who you are now and who you are trying to become.

Old energies and beliefs cloud the psyche and prevent clear vision of your ideal existence. The more you hold on to the hurt feelings, disappointments, and other negative types of memories, the less likely you are to see past them and get on with your life in more positive ways. Sacrifice these outmoded ways of being and you will feel renewed and refreshed, ready to shed the relationships, emotions, behaviors, and beliefs that are holding you back.

It is not about sacrificing the self in the sense of saving another, but rather allowing the death of a part of the self that is no longer appropriate to your path - whether it is a personality trait or an external behavior, habit, or belief. Death of an old way of being is the only way to transform and create a new beginning.

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Wise Winter Garment: Capes

Whether you are attending a special celebration or performing an outside ritual, a cape will help you stay warm and look the part!

These beautiful capes are made of crushed Panne fabric, which is machine wash and dry with all of your other clothing. The straps can be tied in the back and under your arms for hands-free wear and no choking at the neck, so it can be worn for long periods of time in comfort.

It is the most elegant cape that I have found. The hood drapes either in back or around the face creating a magical appearance. Wear it for ritual, fun, or formal events.

They are perfect for both men and women, and also come in kids and



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baby sizes. These capes can be worn to keep you warm as well as cool you off - as you walk it circulates the air.

The cape is rounded in the front and pitches down about 3-4 or more inches in the back. It looks great as a wedding accessory. Comes in 20 colors and can be two-toned with hood one color and cape another color. Click here for [color chart](#).

Have yours hand-painted in one of many beautiful designs or keep it simple and elegant. Customize yours for a unique look. [Click here](#) for some examples of what you can do.

Order them as is, or specify your custom colors and patterns! Please allow 2 to 3 weeks for your cape to be made to your specifications. Choose the size to match your height: Small capes fit person 5' or under; medium cape is good for a person 5' to 5'6"; long cape fits person 5'6" tall and up.

Arachne's Alchemy: This section of the newsletter is dedicated to transformation. Your questions are always welcome and can be emailed to me at arachne@forestwitch.com to get a direct reply. **Detachment is transformative.** People can be very emotional and reactive, and it's easy to get caught up in the drama of the situation. Responding to an emotional reaction with yet another emotional reaction just perpetuates the problem and heightens the ill feelings that may result. Instead, try detaching from the situation and view it objectively. Rather than taking it personally, consider that they may be reacting to something that the situation triggered deep within them. It may be that what they are reacting to is a lack of confidence or some other personal issue. I've seen people react to minor comments or situations because they have nothing else in their lives to focus on and so grab onto minutia and make it bigger than it needs to be. Try letting go of the situation and understanding what is actually happening. Detachment doesn't mean you don't care, but rather, it removes the emotionality from the situation so that it can be seen clearly. In this way, the lessons inherent in the situation may be gleaned without emotional upset. Practice detaching as part of your strategy for the New Year and see how much less drama you attract to your relationships. Blessings, Diane Wing a.k.a. Arachne