

Sisterhood of the Planetary Water Rites

March 2011 Newsletter



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A Message from Grandmother Wind Wolf Woman:

As women we must keep the balance within self and trust the sisterhood, always keeping a sharp eye and a sensitive ear so that we may hear the heart cry from others as we women continuously teach the young to keep the balance between their male-female powers.

To relate these old ways into today's times, I will use the language of the image makers and their newest buzz words. Never are we to give away our power to a co-dependent situation. Eat or be eaten is the natural law of nature. Never break those natural laws taught by our Mother Earth. Women are the ones that heal others from the heart and restore the value of life to all the brothers and sisters of the world. As one of Mother Earth's children, a woman must birth her nurturing abilities which are gifted to her through developing her intuition.



An equinox is a balancing point in time for the yearly movement of the Sun. It is a time of balancing the darkness and the light. This does not mean balancing good and evil, but means the balancing of the internal and external. The darkness is the interior, introspective mind set. The light is the exterior or outgoing aspect of life.

At the equinox, day and night are perfectly balanced at the equator. It is the time when the Sun is directly over the Equator at true noon. In effect, it is the time when the Sun appears to be entering or leaving our hemisphere (our half) of the planet. This is an excellent time of the year to encourage fertility of your mind as well as your body. It is the time to cultivate new ideas, plant seeds for your personal, spiritual, family and business success this coming year! Because of this, it is a time to begin to shift into a different mode of action. In the Fall we begin to prepare ourselves for the darker days and colder weather. We make plans to make sure we are safe. In the Spring we begin to make bold steps toward new activities, new ideas.

The ceremonies at this time should reflect these changing times. (In the tropics this pattern is somewhat reversed. This time is a celebration of cooler weather. A time for work and productivity. The unrelenting sun begins to wane.)

The Spring ceremony is usually one of emergence. It is a clean sweep ceremony often emphasizing putting the past aside and making a new start. Forgiveness ceremonies are good at this time. Also cleansing and fasting, visioning, and Sweat Lodges for cleansing are all good activities around this time. Affirmation work is also a good thing.

Things you'll need:

- Spring flowers
- Dress, shirt or robe that's green or decorated with flowers
- Floral incense
- Eggs
- Salad greens
- Seeds

1.

Get into the mood for the Spring Equinox ritual by taking a walk in a field of flowers. Choose a park, botanical [gardens](#) or somewhere out in the country. Go to a florist and buy fresh flowers if you can't manage to take a walk. Pick the ones that appeal to you without worrying if they "fit together."

2.

Reflect on the meaning of spring. The Spring Equinox is a time to plan what you want to accomplish in the coming months. Decide what new things you want to bring into your life. Find objects that represent your desire and bring them with you into the ritual circle.

3.

Decorate the altar with your fresh flowers. Pastel colors are traditional for the Spring Equinox but any bright colors will work. Wear a robe, dress or shirt that's green or has flowers on it. Jasmine, rose or any floral incense is appropriate to burn during the ritual.

4.

Paint hard-boiled eggs with symbols of fertility, rebirth and spring. You can also make deviled eggs. Any green salad and sprouts are appropriate Spring Equinox food. Pumpkin and sunflower seeds symbolize the growth of the season.

5.

Prepare your altar and your tools. Cast the circle, light incense and meditate on themes of spring. The Spring Equinox ritual is a time for planting ideas. Ask the goddess and god for guidance in carrying out your wishes in the coming months.



Messages from the Women that Traveled to the UN....

Circles and SWCW Reached the Ears of UN CSW Governmental Representatives

Anele Heiges reported that she and nine other UN NGO organizations read their statements this morning to the UN CSW General Discussion Session. Anele added to the statement using her own words to emphasize the importance of reaching out to grassroots women and girls, especially those who are marginalized and have no connections to the United Nations. She ended with a plea to have a 5WCW and how grassroots women and girls are asking for this to happen. In a setting where applause is not the norm, her plea for circles connecting to the UN and a 5WCW received a ripple of applause. A man from Senegal came up afterwards and thanked her and wanted to take home a copy of the UN Women's Circle Campaign Statement. He liked what she had to say about circles connecting grassroots women and girls to the UN. Anele is now a proclaimed circle evangelist and felt our support as she spoke to the UN audience on our behalf.

UN Women, UN Women's Circles and 5WCW are launched. Now we need to spread the word.

Ann Smith Video of the Meeting at the UN <http://circleconnections.com/un-women-circle-campaign/>

ACTIVE FRONT LINES

- **100th Anniversary of International Women's Day**, March 8, a moment for 'every woman' to experience and convey unity. See a [calendar of celebrations at Gather the Women Global Matrix](#); or gather at [Rights of Mother Earth](#), www.internationalwomensday.com,

www.internationalwomensday.org. Also on this auspicious day **[Sole2Soul Walk begins its walk across America](#)**, inviting women everywhere to meet them along the way and/or walk with them in their 7 month journey and invitation for women's unity in diversity.

- **[The Heart to Lead: Women as Allies for Greater Good](#)**, a necessary film from [Imagine the Good](#). In these times of immense change and uncertainty, pointing each person toward their own wisdom, each woman in the film following her own inner call to discover herself and her potential. Witnessing how the flow of truth from many women is forming a new culture, from the inside out, and inviting a new wave of women's circles to come forward.
- **[UN Women's Circle Campaign](#)**, a step toward connecting grassroots women to the United Nations through circle. Brought forward by [Circle Connections](#), the International Public Policy Institute and many partner organizations to [UN Women](#), on the same day it was launched at the [2011 Commission on the Status of Women](#). Holding hands with the grassroots effort to hold a **[5th UN World Conference for Women](#)**, brought to UN Women at the same time by [Millionth Circle](#) and many supporting organizations with over 10,000 signatures. Sister initiatives coalescing the voices of women everywhere to be recognized by the United Nations as a tide of women holding out their hands to each other across all boundaries.
- **[Women of Spirit and Faith](#)**, a call from within for wholeness and truth, across many women's interfaith initiatives. Currently inviting North American women to explore 'The Alchemy of Our Spiritual Leadership: Women Redefining Power' April 28–May 1, San Francisco. Joining women's gatherings within faiths, like the **[Episcopal Women's Gathering](#)**, March 18-20, 2011, Delray Beach, Florida.
- **[Water Blessings](#)**, a call to unity from the Sisterhood of the Planetary Water Rites to value, bless and protect the living waters that connect all life. (See conversations coalescing at [Water Convergence](#) as well.) Inviting us all to come together in our [World Prayers for Water](#) on March 22.

Thank you so much for your generous help at this challenging turning point.

With love and blessings,

Carol

"The Blessing," (image is a woman giving a blessing to another woman) was \$500, now \$250

"Soft Stream" (image is abstract, soft streamlike flowing shapes) was \$249, now \$150

"Circle of Plenty" (image is Goddess of Plenty with arms raised in a circle of abundance) was \$1500, now \$900

"Harvest Blessed" (image is of woman resting by her garden) was \$1000, now \$400

"Welcome" (image is of table & chair on porch) was \$200, now \$100

"Love is in the Telling" (image is of young woman holding quilt with grandmother) was \$800, now \$300

"The Comforter" (image is of angel over sleeping dreamer) was \$1500, now \$700

"The Crowning" (image is of woman being crowned and her gifts) was \$1800, now \$500

Thank you again! Carol

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About the WTRN

<http://www.temperaterainforests.org/about.htm>

In May, 2003, the first World Temperate Rainforest Conference brought together environmentalists, scientists and First Nations at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Conference participants from temperate rainforest regions in British Columbia, Alaska, Chile, the Pacific Northwest (U.S.), Argentina, Australia and New Zealand shared stories and developed strategies to work together for the good of temperate rainforests and all life within them. They elected to move forward together in the World Temperate Rainforest Network (WTRN).



About the Network

The World Temperate Rainforest Network is made up of organizations, scientists, First Nations and individuals who care about the future of temperate rainforests and those who live within them. A steering committee made up of activists and First Nation representatives from each temperate rainforest region of the world work to keep the network functioning

So, yesterday was deLIGHTfull and a time for reconnecting with the gardens. We just talked about setting a date for another ceremony now that the weather is a bit better. Since it is out doors and no electricity or utilities, it gets quite cold in the winter, so we can't meet there. We look forward to spring. Thank you once more for helping us with the sacred water!

Much Love, and many blessings! Anyah



Aloha folks,

Can you believe another lunar month has gone by? I have spent the entire month onboard S/V Seabound. Part of that time Whitewolf was also aboard. I have soaked up my time here absorbing as much as I can about living on the water. Capt.Harvey has been a wonderful model and teacher.

Been sailing to the Spanish Virgins off the east side of Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and St. John. Been happy and blessed to snorkel with turtles, eagle rays, schools of grunts,lobsters, conchs, star fish, trumpet fish, angel fish, heaps of sea plumes and fans, sponges and coral.The water has been really warm and welcoming.

We also did a few land trips in Puerto Rico to Taino Indio sites to view petroglyphs, caves and the largest raído astronomy observatory on earth.

To see more pictures of Puerto Rico go to my facebook page of <http://www.facebook.com/#!/aliciamerlady>

To read of my fabulous adventures go to <http://aliciamerlady.wordpress.com>

Enjoy, Love, Dream, Be...Blessings Alicia M



Dear Water Family:

How I love springtime! The energies on Medicine Creek are so happy with knowing the upcoming Bear Clan Equinox Gathering will soon be here! This year we will be having a Water Blessing facilitated by Shalahnia of our Sisterhood. I am blessed with having her living nearby. Let me remind those that are doing water blessings to bring a little jar or bottle of clean water from your area labeled with name and location. This would be your offering to the Blessed

Waters and you will be able take the Blessed Ceremonial Water back with you to continue the energy to be shared with others.

Our website has been updated and we hope you will visit our Current Events page for happenings going on around the world... www.waterblessings.org

The Grandmothers have been giving us many messages these past few months. Mainly to take care of ourselves. With the changes upon our Earth Mother we are feeling the effects.

Our Clan Mother of the Third Moon smiles down with her Warm Brown cloak flowing with breezes from the chilly springtime air. She is Weighs the Truth!

She guides without judgment that we will make the right decisions when the time is also right. She shows us our connection to the Divine Law as it is connected from our Sky Father and Earth Mother.

The Grandmothers came to say that this is the time to manifest our Dreams. The energies are pure and strong with intent. They say to know our Sacred Space at all times, to stand secure upon our Earth and accept those feelings that we are receiving even if we must adjust to them to walk more securely upon our paths.

These adjustments will come to each of us in many different ways. Some will feel the need to change their diets, more or less salt. Some will find the need to move to a different area in order to accomplish what is needed for their path at this time. As we go within the Grandmothers will guide us. They said to clean up our altars, wash our items in pure waters laced with sea salts. Place fresh flowers upon them as well as new candles! This is the time of planting our seeds it is good to start out fresh and clean in all of our being, all of our intentions and actions. AHO, Many Blessings, with Honey in the Heart, Grandmother Whitedeer