

# CUUPS

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Last month, I announced to my fellow board members my resignation from board co-presidency, effective June 30, and my resignation from the board itself effective at Samhain. Health reasons make it necessary for me to take this step, after five years on the board and four in the position of president or co-president. I will continue to be involved with CUUPS, Inc., to pursue my special projects within the organization, but I will be freed from the administrative burdens of board membership, to which I am not all that well suited anyway.

I'd like to take a moment here to talk about what board membership involves and the tasks for which the board is responsible. Most members and friends of CUUPS are not knowledgeable about the work of CUUPS, Inc., which is unfortunate since the ability of the national board to function effectively has consequences for the continued acceptance and growth of local chapters.

CUUPS, Inc. has a nine-member board, with each board member serving a term of three years. Elections are held every year, in the late summer/early fall, and three new board members are elected each year, assuming there are no resignations. Board members can serve a second three-year term if they wish, but they must be re-elected. The board meets monthly, by telephone, and board members are not reimbursed for their phone expenses. Meetings last about an

hour, and usually end with tasks assigned to each board member. All other board business is conducted by e-mail.

Every spring, the Nominating Committee identifies three or more candidates to run for board membership. The Nominating Committee presents its nominations to the membership at the annual meeting, which is held every year at General Assembly. (An announcement of this year's annual meeting is in this issue of the newsletter.) Once the Nominating Committee's report is accepted at the annual meeting, the list of nominees is submitted to the Polling Committee to conduct the actual election.

The Polling Committee is a chapter which has volunteered to conduct the election. Conducting the election involves creating, mailing, collecting and counting ballots, and reporting the results to the board. Three chapter members must be named specifically as the Polling Committee, but the entire chapter can assist in the work. (If any chapters are interested in performing this service for CUUPS, please contact me at [MaryCUUPS@aol.com](mailto:MaryCUUPS@aol.com).) The election is conducted during the late summer/early fall and board membership changes at Samhain.

CUUPS has an all volunteer board and this is a partial list of the tasks for which we are responsible:

- filing for independent affiliate status with the UUA

- operating a booth representing CUUPS at General Assembly
- all GA programs, including the annual meeting and the summer solstice ritual
- publishing and distributing a quarterly newsletter
- receiving and processing memberships applications and renewals for over 500 individual members and 70 chapters
- maintaining the confidential membership database
- maintaining our status as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation
- creating and maintaining a web-page and chat lists
- identifying and/or producing educational and liturgical materials suitable for CUUPS and UUA use
- troubleshooting problems in chapters
- networking with other Pagan groups
- networking within the UUA
- arranging for a regular convocation
- organizing volunteers to assist with these and other tasks

The Nominating Committee is working right now. CUUPS, Inc. is actively seeking new board members who bring 1) skills in any of the above areas, 2) knowledge from working with a local chapter, 3) an ability to get along with others and focus on the tasks at hand, 4) an interest in serving UU Paganism in this manner, and 5) a positive vision of our shared future. If you are interested in serving a term on the board, or know someone you think would be excellent, please contact me at [MaryCUUPS@aol.com](mailto:MaryCUUPS@aol.com).

Speaking for myself, I would like to thank all of you for twice electing me to this position and for allowing me to serve as your board president for so many years. I

have learned a great deal in this position, about myself, about Unitarian Universalism, and about Paganism. I have enjoyed meeting every one of you that I have been privileged to meet. I strongly believe that Unitarian Universalism Paganism has a strong future within our association. We have a great deal to share with our congregations, and with fellow seekers within our congregations. We also have a role to fill within the greater Pagan community as we provide a safe gateway for many who are called to this path, but also threatened by what that means. CUUPS, Inc. and CUUPS locally have a bright future, providing we work together to keep our vision clearly in focus.

Namaste,  
Mary

## NOTICE OF INVITATION TO ATTEND ANNUAL CUUPS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

To Be Held at

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
ASSOCIATION

Fort Worth, Texas  
June 23-27, 2005

Meeting on Saturday, June 25 at  
12:00 noon

A light lunch can be purchased for \$7.50,  
or you can bring your own brown bag.

Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. Lunch tickets  
will be available at the CUUPS booth at the

## **CUUPS Chapters in the Twenty First Century**

Written by Mary Ann Somervill

*[Editor's Note: CUUPS (the Covenant of UU Pagans) was founded in 1987 as an Independent Affiliate of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. Initially, CUUPS was largely an organization of individuals within the UUA who held Pagan beliefs. Over the years, the number of CUUPS chapters affiliated with different congregations has increased. Chapter/congregation relations have developed and evolved and we have learned a great deal about how not to build strong chapter and congregation relationships. Fortunately, we have also learned a great deal about how to build strong and supportive relationships between chapters and home congregations. This document, written by Mary Ann Somervill of MoonPath CUUPS in Ft. Lauderdale, assisted by Spelcastor also of MoonPath, and Rev. Gail Tapscott of the UU Church in Ft. Lauderdale, is a tool to help chapters navigate the tricky waters of right relationship with their home congregations. Because of the length of this article, it will be published in two parts. The second half will be in the next issue of CUUPS newsletter and will include RE, Finances and Chapter Members.]*

CUUPS has come a long way in our eighteen-year history. We have chapters in over seventy Unitarian Universalist congregations. Individuals and groups of CUUPS members or prospective members are a presence in additional congregations as well as at various UU camps and conferences. Throughout a large part of our denomination we have moved from the

fringe into the mainstream, from marginal toleration to increasing acceptance. It is good that we pause and review our successes and pat ourselves on the back. But it is also necessary that we continue forward, adding new chapters, improving old ones. As we move steadily into the twenty-first century, we can again look at the role and behavior of the well-grounded CUUPS chapter at

<http://www.cuups.org/content/chapters/wellgrounded.html>.

### **Right-Relationship With Our Home Churches**

In our interactions with our home congregations, it is vital that CUUPS chapters recognize the important part that congregations play in our support, indeed in our very existence. While it is true that CUUPS is an Independent Affiliate of the UUA, each chapter is also a guest of its home congregation and should be aware of this when establishing and maintaining their relationship. Paganism has become far more accepted by the denomination and by society as a whole than it was at our inception in 1987. But we must continue to remain alert to the comfort zones of our fellow church members and go gently into areas of discomfort. If seeing pentacles in their domicile is still a bit unnerving to some, it's probably best not to wear one the size of a grapefruit to Sunday services. Just as we would not want non-Pagan UUs to change our rituals, so, too, we must respect the liturgy of their worship services. A number of useful ideas and suggestions for the chapter wishing to create or maintain a right relationship with its home congregation are listed below.

### **Understanding the UU in CUUPS**

It is essential that CUUPS chapters understand and respect the Unitarian

Universalist traditions that support their existence. The Principles of the UUA (<http://www.uua.org/aboutuua/principles.html>) should guide the operation of a CUUPS chapter as clearly as they guide the operation of the home church. UUs invite diversity. They encourage spiritual growth and promote a search for truth and meaning among their members. As CUUPS members, we must embrace the diversity of the many Pagan paths, claiming none as the true or representative Pagan tradition. UUs respect the inherent worth and dignity of every person, encourage acceptance of all, and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations. So, too, must chapters respond humanely in our interactions with our home congregation, with Pagans of diverse paths, and with one another. UUs affirm the use of the democratic process. That value is reflected in the lack of hierarchy in CUUPS chapters. Responsibility for governing the chapter and its events and for creating rituals is shared by all members. Chapters are encouraged to create by-laws to describe how their groups operate and how leadership changes within their groups. UUs and CUUPS members are also in agreement in our respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part, and in our goal of world community. These principles unite us in values and in action. CUUPS members who came to paganism from a background in Unitarian Universalism are aware of our Principles and Purposes and are therefore in tune with the interests of their church. [<http://www.uua.org/aboutuua/principles.html>]

CUUPS members who came to Paganism from a background in UU will quickly learn that they already share many values with their home congregation. They are encouraged to learn, perhaps from UU CUUPS members or perhaps through an

adult religious education program, about Unitarian Universalism, its values, history, and goals. Copies of the Principles and Purposes are available from the UUA Bookstore on bookmarks and wallet cards at very reasonable prices. A solid introductory step would be to distribute the bookmarks or cards among new and prospective CUUPS members. Distributing a similar summary of Pagan values to the church board might help them recognize our similarities. We have much in common, the UUs and the Pagans. Understanding those commonalities from the start would serve to unite the two groups and to ward off possible misunderstandings. The two groups complement each other nicely. Unitarian Universalists tend to be intellectual and analytical, while Pagans are generally emotional and spontaneous. UUs, then, provide the head while Pagans bring in the heart.

### **Relations With the Church Governing Board**

Maintaining good relationships with the board is essential to any chapter's existence. Our CUUPS chapters, like most Pagan groups, function primarily by consensus and without a hierarchy. But regarding interactions with the home congregation, chapter members must defer to those who are also members of the church. The reality is that the church board is not about to turn over the keys to someone who is not a part of their congregation. The keeper-of-the keys should be a person with one foot planted firmly within the chapter and the other equally firmly within the congregation. Knowing not only the UU values, but also the concerns of that particular UU church will provide stability in maintaining positive interactions. The minister and board will be far more comfortable about the CUUPS

chapter if at least one member is a well known and respected member of the congregation. The longer the history of this person is with the church, the greater the comfort level of both board and minister with a CUUPS chapter. Open communication between the chapter and the home congregation is essential. Sensitive issues must be dealt with rather than ignored, preferably before problems erupt. Someone in the chapter should serve as a liaison between the church and the chapter, possibly even attending board meetings so both groups are aware of upcoming activities and events.

Church newsletters can be valuable tools in building good chapter church relations. CUUPS events should always be publicized in the church newsletter. Announcements, with details, of our activities will make congregation members aware of us and might generate an interest in participating. An occasional educational piece about Paganism, perhaps seasonally, would also serve a positive function. Equally, church events, including fund raisers, should also be publicized in the CUUPS newsletter or electronic equivalent. It is helpful to emphasize in our initial contacts regarding Sunday services and educational programming that we share the UU tradition of not proselytizing. Our role is to provide worship and information. What we present will resonate with some, who may join us, and not at all with others, who may choose to avoid our events.

When we as a chapter do something which generates positive publicity, that publicity should be shared with our congregation. It is of extreme importance, however, that each and every event which could possibly result in publicity be shared with the minister and board president well in advance of the activity. Ministers and board presidents tend

not to like surprises of the variety that involve questions from the press about church activities of which they were unaware. CUUPS chapters are not empowered to make policy decisions for their home congregation, so when speaking to the press, chapter members must be extremely careful in their use of language.

Obviously all CUUPS activities must be within the law as well as within the guidelines of the home congregation. The law prohibits illegal substances, as do chapter policies. The law prohibits serving alcohol to minors. CUUPS rituals which include “cakes and ale” always provide a non-alcoholic alternative, not just for young people, but for any adults who may prefer that choice. It would certainly be necessary to check the church’s policy regarding alcoholic beverages before using alcohol in a ritual, or at a CUUPS sponsored get-together. The law prohibits public nudity and many chapters have that same prohibition for any rituals. If a skyclad ritual were to be planned within a CUUPS chapter, great care should be taken to avoid offending anyone. It should be a very closed ritual in a very private location. Young people should not be included, and it would certainly not be a time to invite new and prospective members! *[Editor’s Note: See next issue for conclusion of this report.]*

### **Out of the BRUUm Closet (UU and Pagan, or Pagan and UU?)**

Kathleen S. Granville

Unitarian Universalism encompasses many beliefs and many paths; in fact, one of our guiding principles is that each person is entitled to the “free and responsible search for truth and meaning” on their spiritual

path. So the realization that there are Pagans within the congregation should come as no surprise. Pagans also hold dear the idea that no one else tells them what to believe. Then how does Paganism compare to UUism within the framework of the seven UU principles? You might be surprised how closely Pagans do follow them.

The first principle deals with the inherent worth and dignity of every person and the second is justice, equity and compassion in human relations. These can be grouped together if you realize that for most Pagans, everything and everyone is sacred. I personally believe that the Divine created the Universe and is participating in it. I also believe that the Divine gives off sparks of its essence and that we are each one of these sparks—so we *are* the Divine, if only a tiny piece of it. If I truly honor the Divine and the sacredness that is around me, I cannot treat others as less than the sparks of the Divine that they are. Most Pagans also accept the idea of the three-fold law, which says that any energy you send out (in other words, everything you do) will come back to you at least three-fold. Makes one stop and think about what's going out, since it will return in greater portions. Besides, it just takes too much effort to be nasty.

Pagans also are tolerant of other's spiritual paths. We have to be, because in any group of Pagans you will have as many definitions of Paganism as you have people. Even among people who follow similar paths, like Wicca, there are individual interpretations that may not be quite identical. We also encourage each other to grow spiritually. There is an enormous upsurge in websites and other public forums for Pagans to learn from each other, to share our experiences and to meet like-minded people. It may seem like there are suddenly many Pagans

around—it's not that they weren't there before, but the general atmosphere of our society is much more open to the acknowledgement of belonging to Pagan religions. It is, quite literally, safer to announce this path now than ever before.

We have determined that Pagans definitely believe in the free and responsible search. For them, it should be an ongoing process for each one, regardless of their status within their Pagan group. Even the highest High Priest should always be asking questions, always checking to see if what he believed last month still holds true for him, or has it taken on a new and better meaning? I do not believe that there is a point where any Pagan can say that they do not need to seek out knowledge, to learn more. This is a lifelong process and should be for everyone, regardless of religion affiliation.

Pagans also hold with a democratic process, although it can look more hierarchical within traditional groups. If a group has a power structure--High Priest/ess, Priests and Priestesses, Initiates and Novitiates--it can look quite stratified, and the HP/s probably does have a fair amount of decision-making power. In a healthy group, that power is not abused and the actual decision-making is done more democratically with the HP/s merely announcing the group's consensus. As with any group of humans, the potential for a Little Hitler does exist, but is generally more the exception than the rule. In an eclectic group (non-traditional), the democratic process is the most efficient method of reaching a decision that will please most of the members.

I think Pagans have a really good grasp of world community as an ideal. We tend to find each other in all sorts of places, and because everyone is sacred, then peace, liberty and justice are only logical



consequences of that holiness. There seems to be less division with Pagans as can be found with any other religious group. As a Pagan, I am accepting of all other Pagans, and do not think that they aren't "real" Pagans just because they do not believe exactly as I do. I have personal experience with Baptists who think that Catholics aren't even Christian. Hassidic Jews do not recognize most American Jews as being Jewish. And how many groups of Muslims are out killing other Muslims in the name of Allah?

As for respect for that great, interdependent of all existence, hey, the Pagans originated that idea! Most definitions of Paganism include as a primary phrase that they are Nature-based. Our holidays are based on the cycle of the seasons, the sun and the moon. Many Pagans check the star positions and moon phase before working any ritual, since everything influences all. Or all influences everything, whichever way you want to look at it. Like the allegory of the pebble tossed in the lake, everything you do, everything you are creates ripples in the Universe. You cannot step outside of this; you cannot be an observer without changing the situation merely by being present. We are all connected, each and every one of us, regardless of the adjectives we use to describe others or ourselves. We are all connected to Mother Earth and to Her creatures and living things, whether we care for them or abuse them. We have an impact on the Universe—which is very busily having an impact on us.

So here I am, a Pagan who is also a UU only by virtue of being a Pagan first before finding BRUU. This means that when asked about my spiritual path, I have a long explanation. I have to take a deep breath

and tell people that I am a solitary, eclectic Wicca/Pagan who follows the Egyptian pantheon with strong Chinese influences as well as attending the local Unitarian Universalist congregation—because they do accept me as a solitary, eclectic Wicca/Pagan, etc. What can we learn from each other?

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## Pagan Kids Learning Circle with Sparrow

**Book Review: The Kids'  
Book of Awesome Stuff  
by Charlene Brotman**



Looking for resources for your pagan children's education? The latest offering from Charlene Brotman teaches, amazes, inspires... The Kids' Book of Awesome Stuff tells it like it is -- the geology, biology, chemistry, and physics of the miracle of life! The chapters of *Awesome Stuff* stand alone, or can be easily made into lessons: *You're Made of Star-Stuff*; *You're Saved by Something Green*; *The Awesome Thing About Poop and Pee and Dead Stuff that Rots*; *If There Were No Bugs to Bug You*; *The Ancestor of All Your Ancestors Was Invisible*; and *You Live on a Speck in a Spinning Spiral*.

I use The Kids' Book of Awesome Stuff in conjunction with the Great Story work of Connie Barlow and Michael Dowd, culminating in a stardust communion. Ms. Brotman's material celebrates kids and their

connection to the physical world in language that is not specifically religious. It's up to us as pagan parents to interpret the spiritual dimension as appropriate to our own little miracles! The material is directed best toward elementary school children, who will just flip over the illustrations and positive messages of this book.

To order the book, reach Ms. Brotman at [brotmanco@aol.com](mailto:brotmanco@aol.com). Check out other religious education materials by her (the UU Kids' Book is fabulous) and other independent UU curriculum developers at [www.hzmre.com/uucards/antlist.php](http://www.hzmre.com/uucards/antlist.php).

[Editor's Note: Sparrow is a mom, a CUUPS member, and a UU religious educator writing from the wilds of New Hampshire]

## Chapter Highlights

Niko Tarini,  
CUUPS Chapter Coordinator

In this issue, we have received news from three of CUUPS' member chapters. **Triad CUUPS of Greensboro, NC**, has branched out into performing community action work. **Prairie Wind CUUPS of Springfield, IL**, has woven itself into the congregational fabric of its host church through fellowship and adult religious education activities. **MoonPath CUUPS** is serving the needs of a large portion of Florida. The news from these three chapters demonstrates the impact that CUUPS chapters can have in their churches and communities.

**Triad CUUPS** President, Julian (Jay) Cheek, writes, "Triad CUUPS, in Greensboro, NC, is quite committed and active in both our host congregation and the greater community. Each June, Triad Health Project (THP), the local HIV/AIDS service organization, holds an event called 'Dining for Friends.' Groups and individuals across

the region host fund-raising parties, all on the same day. For the third year, Triad CUUPS is proud to sponsor such a party on Friday, June 3rd 2005. Last year, we hosted the event with our church's (Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro-UUCG) Social Action Committee and raised over \$700. For two years, we have participated in the Winter Walk for AIDS, also sponsored by THP. This past December, Triad CUUPS organized another fund-raising team. Thanks to congregational support, we were able to raise over \$1000 to combat HIV/AIDS. This garnered us the distinction of being the #1 fund-raiser among religious groups for the event. As a result, I have been asked to serve on the Winter Walk steering committee for 2005. In Spring 2004, we participated in Christopher Penczak's 'Magic for Marriage' initiative where we collected money for the Triad Equality Alliance, a local gay marriage rights organization.

"Our Full Moons and Sabbats offer worship options for the congregation as well as the local Pagan community. Last year, we began taking up a collection at our rituals for the church. UUCG is a member of the Greensboro Urban Ministries, and one of the church's projects is to collect peanut butter for the food bank. Triad CUUPS encourages attendees to contribute to this collection. We also hold two annual CUUPS fund-raisers - our Pagan Ball each January and our Magical Fall Festival each September/October. We donate half of our proceeds to the church. Our monthly Pagans Night Out attracts quite a few attendees.

"Individually, many of us are quite active in the church, serving on various committees and on the church board. Three of us serve as RE (Religious Education) and OWL (*Our Whole Lives* curriculum) teachers, others serve on the Worship, Finance, Buildings &



Grounds, Membership and Hospitality Committees. Still others serve as Sunday morning Service Leaders, Ushers and Coffee Hosts. Two of our members prepare food for the church's Wednesday night Share Meetings. Triad CUUPS is a member of the church's Programs Council, with our Vice-President serving as liaison. Our group has also shared our various spiritualities by our participation in Sunday services. Usually once a year, we deliver Sunday services for our congregation."

Buffy Lael, Coordinator for **Prairie Wind CUUPS** writes, "Prairie Wind CUUPS has been busy! This past fall, we created our first ever By-laws for the chapter. This was an exciting AND daunting experience. This is a first for our chapter and we are proud to have completed this milestone!"

"We hosted a 'Pagan 101' education course for congregation members, friends and the community at large. The book we used was *Paganism: An Introduction to Earth-Centered Religions*, written by River and Joyce Higginbotham. They joined us at our last class, and it was a great time for learning and discussion! [Editor's Note: information on teaching this class is available by contacting CUUPS co-president Mary Gelfand at ([MaryCUUPS@aol.com](mailto:MaryCUUPS@aol.com)) or chapter coordinator Niko Tarini at ([keltknot@qis.net](mailto:keltknot@qis.net)).]

"We continue to hold open circles (for the community and our home church) throughout the Wheel of the Year. We have seen tremendous growth over the past six months and attribute this to increased presence on the web and local events. We are blessed to call ALUUC (Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation) our home, and they request us to provide lay services twice a year.

"Prairie Wind CUUPS is starting two new events this year. The first is a book

club/discussion group that will meet monthly. This is the first time we have taken on something of this nature and we are excited. The second is a chapter camping trip to be held in the late summer. We hope this will be an annual event. Check us out on the web! [PrairieWindCUUPS.org](http://PrairieWindCUUPS.org)".

Spelcaster from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida writes "**MoonPath CUUPS** in Fort Lauderdale holds eight open sabbat rituals each year and runs a Study Group every Thursday at 7:30 PM. All our information is online at [MoonPathCUUPS.Org](http://MoonPathCUUPS.Org). We divide our sabbats among our High Priestesses. Each lady organizes "her" sabbat. Pagan Pride at Mabon, as well as our Witches Ball at Samhain, are community efforts.

"We have a different topic each week at Study Group. They can be anything from intellectual topics like history or book reviews, to tool crafting, to spontaneous rituals around a bonfire. We see ourselves as a gateway into the Craft. Pagans come from as far as 50 miles away to meet their neighbors from back home.

"Coming sabbats:

- ✓ June 18, Saturday, 8:00 pm: Open Ritual to Celebrate Litha at the UU Church of Fort Lauderdale
- ✓ July 30, Saturday, 7:00 pm: Open Ritual to Celebrate Lammas at the UU Church of Fort Lauderdale"

Thank you Julian, Buffy and Spelcaster for those reports. Your chapters are fine examples of the contributions that CUUPS can make in our communities. I look forward to hearing from our other chapters in future issues.

## News of Pagan Interest

The Beltane issue of PAGAN INSTITUTE REPORT is now online, with more practical information and news that impacts our community. Since the last issue, we've added several exciting new authors and features, and improved navigation through our site. You'll find a complete table of contents showing the

#### News of Pagan Interest (Cont.)

essays, 14 categories of Pagan news, tools for activists, and, features, at <http://www.paganinstitute.org/PIR/contents.html>  
The Pagan Institute Report is a labor of love and service by volunteers to provide hard news and tools for the Pagan community. We invite your comments and submissions.  
([editor@paganinstitute.org](mailto:editor@paganinstitute.org))

*Tired of feeling left out of the secular summer celebrations of Memorial Day and 4th of July?*

*Tired of struggling to find ways to mesh your love of your country with your spiritual beliefs?*

*Visit the CUUPS website for an excellent ritual to celebrate your patriotism. The ritual is available on the CUUPS website*

<http://www.cuups.org/content/liturgy/ritual/SpiritofPatriotism.pdf>

**Reclaiming the Spirit of Patriotism  
A Ritual to Begin Taking Back What Belongs to All of Us**

*This ritual is written and provided to CUUPS by Taliesin, a Reclaiming Teacher and member of the Dreamweaving Reclaiming Circle.*

Allen Butcher ([allenbutcher80207@yahoo.com](mailto:allenbutcher80207@yahoo.com)) has

### CUUPS Summer Solstice Ritual

At The UUA General Assembly  
Fort Worth, Texas

Presented by the Ft. Worth Circle of  
Life CUUPS and The Bridge - Denton  
CUUPS Chapters

Date: Saturday, June 25, 2005

Time: 1:00 p.m. (after the  
annual meeting)

wonderful pagan music, chants, etc. for sale.

## SUMMER "PAGAN CAMPS"

### Diana's Grove

Diana's Grove is an intentional Pagan community set in 100+ acres of rolling hills in south central Missouri. You can learn more about The Grove and current prices at [www.dianasgrove.org](http://www.dianasgrove.org). This summer Diana's Grove offers 3 week-long intensives, Please note that all Diana's Grove events are open to both women and men, except the Lunacy Women's Week.

- Astrology Week -- June 27 - July 2

Join Cynthia Jones, Fern Feto, and Teri Parsley-Starnes and learn to speak the language of astrology! Beginners and Advanced students welcome.

- Lunacy Women's Week -- July 9 - 16

Step into the mysteries of empowering healthy group process, as well as a personal journey into the question of what women really want, using the story of the marriage of Sir Gawain as a tool.

- Tarot Week -- August 6 - 13

The cards become characters in a murder mystery - and you become the cards. Bring the archetypes to life while learning their secrets!

### Reclaiming Witch Camps

Week-long Reclaiming Witch Camps, hosted at sites around the country and around the world. Most Witch Camps present a central theme for whole group ritual each night, as well as smaller classes or paths every morning. Themes and paths vary from camp to camp. Visit the Reclaiming website and click on the link to Witch Camps for more information. [www.reclaiming.org](http://www.reclaiming.org).

### Deadline for CUUPS Fall Newsletter is August 1, 2005

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