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Runes

By Gothi Freyatron

As I write this it is new year's day, marking the end of one calendar year and the start of another it occurs to me that I am at something of a turning point from a runic and Heathen perspective too.

I have just had my third intake of students graduate from my basic rune course; but I haven't started the next class yet. I have done all the seasonal rituals in various places. Including two at Folkvang Shrine and going with a group to Stone Henge to mark the Solstice sunrise. (This included a druid ritual inside the centre circle which I didn't take part in for two reasons. One: it was a completely stage managed ritual for the crowd; and two: they completely missed the fact that the sun was rising as they performed the ritual.) I was standing with some friends on the bank outside the stones and managed to catch it on my camera.

There is now a break in the Heathen festival year till Disting: the festival of the Dises (also known as Disir) in mid February. I have also had a break from several of my other classes which will start up again in the new year and thus I find myself with free time but not the energy to use it.

Talking about the year the rune that springs to mind is Jera. Jera also means a harvest, something we more normally associate with the late summer and autumn festivals. But I think in some ways a Harvest is just what I have had. Frantic work to make sure everything is ready and gathered together for the festivals. Travelling hundreds of miles to be in a certain place or with certain people. Now I am experiencing the bare soil of the harvested fields before the next crop has been planted. It doesn't look like anything is alive or growing. This is also a part of the cycle of harvest though and not one that I often think about when I draw Jera during a reading. It is a time for reflection and rest before the next cycle of new birth and growth. Something which I think many people can relate to at this time of year. Perhaps I should make the most of it while I can, and take the rest that I need so that I can fully commit to the challenges ahead and bring about another successful harvest.

The Granny Phenomena!

by Faerie K.

Grannies are in and popular, especially among many a Pagan. Preferring grannies already has a venerably long tradition, which seem to be still continuing.

Some Characteristics of the Granny Phenomena

One of the most important characteristics of the Granny Phenomena is, of course, a granny. This "granny" isn't necessarily always a grandmother. "She" can also be a grandfather or some other (old or elderly) relative. Grandmothers are the most common relative in question, so in this article the words "granny" and "grandmother" are used to denote other possible relatives popping up in the Granny Phenomena.

The Granny is usually left unnamed. She isn't "my grandmother Mathilda Smith from the Pineside house in the village of Millwither", but simply just "Granny". The reasoning behind leaving the Granny unnamed is often said to be duty to keep certain things secret/oaths of secrecy, responsibilities of not revealing an elderly person to witch hunters, and "this is how it's always been". The better known the location and the person in question, the more likely it is that the Granny is said to be long dead. There are practical reasons for leaving the Granny unnamed and/or declaring her dead: if the name isn't known or the person in question is no longer among the living, nobody can go and check with her the truth behind the claims. Nobody can possibly reveal the person riding on the Granny Phenomena to be a fraud, either. You can't, of course, ask the friends of the said Granny - the family secrets weren't revealed to any outsider at all.

This secretive Granny has either taught the family traditions to her grandchild, or even initiated her to the family mysteries. For some strange reason, one generation is always skipped. Furthermore, the one being taught or getting initiated is, most often than not, the only one in her generation deemed fit enough to carry on the traditions. If you ask any details about the actual initiation or training, you won't easily get any kind of answers. Furthermore, you won't be told about the details of the teachings. For goodness' sake, these are things that are part of the family tradition and therefore no outsider has any business knowing them at all! However, for some strange reason, it seems to be rather common that teachings and mysteries which actually get published are misleadingly similar to material published earlier. The Books of Shadows of those "Family Tradition Witches" who came out of the woodwork after Gardner went public contained teachings interestingly resembling those of Gerald Gardner, while the secrets of "countryside Witchery" can be read in folklorists' books dealing with folk traditions. Sometimes including the folklorists' possible misinterpretations and/or with the geographical area of the traditions described in the books being different from where the famtrad claims to originate.

The Granny story is used to build up a personal history: to stretch the roots of one's Paganism to way back to the beginnings of history and at the same time, to something that is a "better, more genuine" Paganism than the versions "everybody else" are practicing.

The actual motives vary from one representative of the Granny Phenomena to another. For an ordinary everyday Pagan a Granny story brings along a feeling of belonging to something and of having a long history - instead of having been converted to Paganism and learned from books. At the same time, somebody with a Granny can look down on everybody else, building

her ego. "Anybody can read books and learn from them, anybody can log on to the Net and download information. Anybody can claim to be a Witch/Pagan after doing the reading. I am not `anybody'. I have Family Tradition background and skills I've inherited from my lineage. I'm special and better than all the others." Or, to put it shortly: having a Granny gives some a reason to belittle all those poor souls without a Granny of their own.

For Pagan authors and those striving to teach others, the initial reason for riding on the wake of the Granny Phenomena may be more driven by plain old monetary reasons. Advertising yourself and your teachings as "the unbroken continuum of ancient traditions kept secret for decades and countless of generations - and with my help you will be now able to tap into these mysteries" can win much more interested seekers (and bread on the author's and/or teacher's table) than another type of approach, albeit a more honest one: "I took bits of teaching from here, bits from there, smaller portions from many other sources, cooked it all up to a whole I spiced with some of my very own ideas", or even: "I copied this so called tradition from group X, but as I don't want to be just one of the many teachers of said tradition and instead want to have my name written down in Pagan history with a much bigger font size, I put a `Family Tradition' label on everything I copied and elevated myself as the highest teacher of my very own tradition."

To put it in other words: it is quite possible to sell a greater number of books and/or to get larger amounts of students with a Granny story. The most appropriate target for people spreading Granny stories are relatively new or naive Pagans, who haven't as yet read enough Pagan literature (or interacted with other Pagans) to notice that there could be something fishy with certain claims of ancient traditions, or who are under the illusion that somebody being Pagan somehow makes her automatically more ethical than the rest of humanity and therefore incapable of committing fraud.

Yet another reason for assuming a Granny is wishing to get status within the Pagan community - a status you otherwise wouldn't be able to get. It may be quite difficult for a beginner to get appreciation among fellow Pagans - depending on the Pagan community, of course - when you're still in the phase of relatively little knowledge, skills or practice. By utilizing the Granny Phenomena, you can try to gain admiring looks and at the same time cover your own greenness. After all, somebody carrying on a Family Tradition is not allowed to share her information with outsider. However, hinting about possessing secrets nobody else can get their hands on isn't forbidden at all.

Complete article: <http://www.ecauldron.com/granny.php>

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The information we need in order to best catalogue your crystal/s is the following. Your Craft Name and E-mail Address along with your City, State, Country, Latitude, and Longitude. Sent to the following e-mail address: www@correllianorders.info

Please include the above information, if you have removed your crystal from the Crystal Web along with 'Remove' in the subject line. If you have added several crystals then we would need a separate entry for each crystal, unless they are located together. If they are located together then please include how many crystals are at that location.

We are excited about this project and hope that you will be too. Once the crystals have been properly catalogued we can then begin placing them on the map program. This will give us a good visualization on the Crystal Web. Thank you in advance for your participation in this wonderful project.

Bright Blessings,
The Order of Web Weavers

Temple, Shrine, Order and Study Group Services

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<http://www.shrineofserenity.bravehost.com/index.html> U

Healing Rituals Date: last Thursday of the month Time: 9pmK (BST) Place:

<http://www.shrineofserenity.bravehost.com/chat.html>

Full Moon Rituals on the Date, Time: 7PM GMT

Place: <http://www.shrineofserenity.bravehost.com/chat.html>

For more information please contact the Shrine: shrineofserenity@hotmail.co.uk

For inclusion in the Healing Rituals please contact Rev. Silver- Moonblossom:

rev.silvermoonblossom@hotmail.com

- **Animal Shrine of Sothistar Animal Healing Rituals**

Rituals are held on the first quarter of the moon, at 9pm UK time. Requests for animal healing and/or to join the Shrine and group may be sent to me at coatimundi@btinternet.com

For more information about the Shrine of Sothistar and online rituals please contact

Rev. Mehitabel coatimundi@btinternet.com

- **Sedna Temple Online Rituals**

For all information on all of Sedna's online rituals please contact Lady Anna

information@sednatemple.co.uk

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- **Living Stones Memorial Shrine**

<http://clik.to/memorial>

Memorial Rituals. Sunday in the last moon quarter; Times: 9pm UK & 9pm EST

- **Shrine of the Moon**

Moon Rituals (Full & New) Date: On the actual date (will be announced) Times: 9pm UK &

9pm EST Place: <http://formalmoonshrine.bravehost.com/>

- **8 Festival Shrine**

Sabbat online rituals dates are announced online

Healing Gaia Shrine Healing Gaia Rituals, monthly online rituals

Online Initiation Rituals also provided by Sedna Temple on request. Contact

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P.O. Box 13033, Olympia, WA 98502

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For more details and information contact Rev. Isarma lady@sacredearth temple.com

Green Man Temple, Norfolk England

Online rituals for all Sabbats, General get togethers on a fortnightly basis.

Contact: Polgara sheppardz@ntlworld.com

Sedna Moon Shrine: <http://formalmoonshrine.bravehost.com/>

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Forum: <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/Moon-Shrine/>

UK rituals start at 9pm GMT Second US rituals: 9pm EST Contact: Lady Anna:

annahp@btinternet.com Rev. Mick: dotnmick@tiscali.co.uk or Rev. Dragon Angel:

dragon_angel_22_ca@yahoo.ca for more information.

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Sabbat Online rituals

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Contact: Rev. Anna: annahp@btinternet.com, Rev. Mick: dotnmick@tiscali.co.uk or Rev.

Mehitabel: coatimundi@btinternet.com

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Online memorial rituals

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Contact: Lady Anna: annahp@btinternet.com or Rev. Mick: dotnmick@tiscali.co.uk or Rev.

Mehitabel: coatimundi@btinternet.com

Forum: <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/LSMemorial/>

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<http://klik.to/reikiorder>

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hoancestors@hotmail.com

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