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The Wandering Wiccan

Rev. Winterghost

Qing Ming Festival

During my time in China, I was lucky enough to observed Qing Ming Festival with the friends I had made there. Qing Ming Festival goes by several names, including Tomb Sweeping Day, Chinese Memorial Day and Ancestor's Day. It is a traditional Chinese festival celebrated wherever Chinese have settled, including Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand.



Qing Ming falls on the fifth solar term of the traditional Chinese lunisolar calendar, 15 days after the Spring equinox, which, in 2021, is April 4th. As with Samhain, or Mexico's El Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead), Qing Ming celebrates the dead, in particular, our ancestors. Families will go to their ancestral tombs to clean the gravesites, make offerings, light incense and pray to their ancestors.

Qing Ming recognizes the traditional reverence that Chinese have for their ancestors within their culture. It only became a public holiday in China in 2008 but has been observed for over 2500 years.



A traditional food known as qingtuan is eaten during the festival – green dumplings made from glutinous rice and either mugwort or barley. In Taiwan, a similar dish known as shuchuguo is consumed, made this time from seaweed.



The origins of the festival lie within the story of Jie Zhutui, a man loyal to Prince Chong'er during the prince's time of need. When he was passed over for a reward from the prince, Jie Zhutui retired to the forest around Mt Mian.



The prince went searching for Jie Zhutui, but when he failed to find him, he ordered his men to set fire to the forest in order to smoke him out.



The next day, Jie Zhutui's body was found.



The prince, filled with remorse, declared that day a day to remember Jie Zhutui, and fires were banned. The resulting festival became known as Cold Food, or Hanshi, Festival.

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The festival as it is known today evolved after Emperor Xuanzong of the Tang dynasty declared too many people were spending too much time and money over the year revering their ancestors. He declared that such respects be restricted to one day and linked it with the Cold Food festival. This became known as Qing Ming Festival.





Symbols of purity such as pomegranate and willow branches are carried or used to decorate doors and gates.



Willow is also believed to ward of restless, troubled spirits or evil entities, that may be wandering the earth during Qing Ming festival.

Burning spirit money is another tradition, as well as paper replicas of material items such as cars and houses. It is believed that the spirits will still need these things during the Afterlife.



Family members, in order of seniority, will kowtow 9 times in front of the tombs of their ancestors. After, they will settle down around the graves, or in a nearby memorial park, for a picnic attended, as they believe, by the living and the spirits of their ancestors







Tarot of the Month

by Lady WolfCiara

11- THE SINGER OF TRANSFIGURATION-TRANSFORMATION. TRANCENDENCE. METAMORPHOSIS

It tells us, that we have been through the gate, we have passed the initiation process, and we have reached a new way of being, reflecting deep transformation within ourselves. Joy of success after a time of struggle, and a sence of inner peace is growing. The struggle has all been worth it.

Prediction for April 2021

During the month, we will notice changes, and ending of things that have been hanging as a red thread in front of us, but yet to been accomplished. This is the time for change, and mostly all for the better, of course. It will be both on the surface, but also more indepth, and with a truly life-turner in the near future.

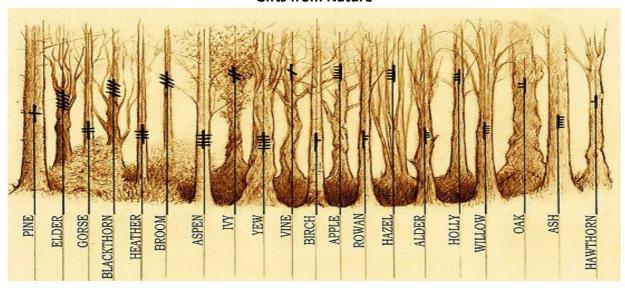
Tarot Deck



The Faeries' Oracle Deck by Brian Froud

Crafting with Bella

Gifts from Nature



When I was a child, I spend a lot of time outdoors. Climbing trees, building caves, picking apples, At that time, I never thought that nature could be a place to go to for advice, meditate or finding gifts.

When I first started reading about Wicca and witchcraft, I joined a group that had several projects going. One of them was to make your own runes from Celtic trees with the Ogham alphabet. I thought that was a wonderful idea as I did not know about the subject at that time.

I wanted to make a new rune for each New moon so every month I had to go out different places, looking for one of these particular trees.

The task was very easy;

come up with your own symbol and meaning for the chosen tree and burn it into the bare tree. Furthermore, I would write about the meaning, symbolism and properties of the Ogham tree in my Book of Shadows as I always do with bigger projects.



I tried to make my symbols without looking at the original Ogham alphabet but some of them ended up similar anyway. One was exactly the same.



And of cause, now that I had the materiel, I made a double set so I had both my own set and an original Ogham set.

Just for fun and because I love making my own things.

And I just love these so much.

★ This is my life ★

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Rune of the Month

By Lady WolfCiara



N -Nauthiz - Hamingja - Emergency Rune - MAGICAL FORCE

This rune at interpretation means: to produce what you need most; patience; long-time goal; something big and inevitable will happen, for better or worse; insight and rebirth.

Prediction for April 2021

For the coming month, we will get our most wanted thing, to lock in place, and after having to struggle with it for a long time; there are situations that will occur and the outcome is not forseen at the moment; you will look introspective, and come out from it, with a life-lesson.

New Potato & Salmon Salad

Written by Good Food Team

INGREDIENTS:

- 600g baby new potatoes
- 6 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1 small finely diced red onion
- 1 crushed garlic clove
- 1 pack chives , snipped
- 2 x 213g cans salmon , flaked into bite-size pieces
- handful watercress



Boil 600g baby new potatoes for 15-20 mins. Cool, then halve.

Mix together 6 tbsp olive oil, 1 tbsp Dijon mustard, 2 tbsp white wine vinegar, 1 small finely diced red onion, 1 crushed garlic clove and 1 pack chives, snipped.

Mix potatoes and 2 x 213g cans salmon, flaked into bite-size pieces, with handful watercress. Drizzle over dressing.

By Bella Silver Raven



Featured Correllian Chartered and Certified Bodies

The Correllian Tradition has many Temples, Shrines, Orders and Groups, but how many of them do you know or know any information about them? Each edition of the Correllian Herald shall feature a brief look at a particular Temple, Shrine, or Order, but first you need to identify which one is to be featured! Below is a black and white logo of a particular Temple, Shrine or Order for you to identify and colour in. We shall start you off with a nice and easy one to get you going! Name what this logo belongs to! What do you know about this group and can you colour it in correctly?! Answers will be featured in the next edition!



If you have a Temple, Shrine, Order or Group and would like it to be featured here then please email – heraldeditor@gmail.com – with your logo and brief overview to be featured in the following edition.

Wolfciara's Wiccan World



By Lady WolfCiara

Merry meet my fellow Wiccans and Welcome to my little corner of the Wiccan World.

So, have yet another month passed by, with that the Ostara came along, and made its presence with one part snow, and one part warmth spring-like weather. Otherwise, it has been such a nice month for me. Some mayor breakthroughs were made. And they were all fun and cheery.

Firstly, I was finally able to meet up with my middle-brothers two girls: Ellie – blond hair, who is 7 ½ years of age, and Nikki – ginger hair, who is 4 years of age. We have had some bad quarrel, my brother and I, between us for a couple of years, so it is with happy heart that I can say that we are back on speaking terms, again. With that, came the BIG day to finally meet up with the girls of his, and they were meeting their aunt for the first time.



They were a little bit shy with me at first, but it did turn out really well in the end. They spent 5 hours on Saturday with me, and their father, of course. And then they

came on Sunday to have a sleep over until Monday, too.



Then 10 days after that they came from Thursday to Friday, for a sleep-over, again, as it has been a bank holiday on Friday, due to Easter. So first there is nothing at all, and then there is like that, when you shake that Tomato-ketchup bottle. First, there is nothing, then there is nothing, and then all are coming at once. I am not the one that complaints. Oh, no! Not at all. We did some colouring as you can see, and also we played a little bit Hide-and-go-seek. Fun had we nevertheless.

It gotten even more fun, as the two nieces's from my youngest brother met up, with his daughters, also on Friday, and we had the 1st ever cousin-meeting. Even though, that they were 4 of them, they weren't overalarming, and bonded really well, after just a short while. We were outside and played for an hour and a half. Had Easter Lunch (Egg, potatoes, meatballs, miniature-hot dogs, tomatoes and cucumber), then their got their Easter egg filled with candy, and we finished of the day at 6PM, after having pizza for dinner. So, it was a very active and fun day, that was. A lot of hugz and love was shared between us, of course.

Secondly, I have since before, 2 other nieces from one another brother of mine, and they are 8 (Nylah), and 7 (Zion) years of age. They have been calling their auntie, or as they call me: "Senga", which is auntie in Luganda, where their mother comes from: Uganda. They got themselves watch-phones in birthday-presents, so now they call me early mornings around 7.30 AM, and also at about 2 PM in the afternoon, after the school is finished. Many calls have come from them, but I do enjoy it every minute that they are calling, and just want to hear the voice and say: Hello, Senga! What are you doing? One will wonder, where will it end? LOL...

Thirdly, I am back as Mentor on WitchSchool, again. Have just been approved, so I haven't got any students as of, yet. Although, they come when it is time for them, to come... I am just happy, that I can give back to the Tradition, what I have been given during my years within the Community. Will learn a lot of it, in new eyes from the students, and still, we are discussing the same core-material.

That's all for this month, and say it again: Happy Easter, and a lot more sunnier days and hopefully warmer days, to come.

Take care until next time. Blessed be all of you. Love and light, hugz and blessings.

WolfCiara

Contemplation



The Temple of Contemplation Formal Shrine.

The Temple of Contemplation is now offering a monthly "contemplation" for anyone and everyone who wishes to partake. So, for this month, we at the Temple of Contemplation have been thinking about what people in general think about at this time of the year. Calendrically, January is the typical time that people think about New Beginnings, but seasonally we are now encroaching on Spring. We thought that this was the perfect time for us to reflect on our own personal growth and what "new beginnings" we have encountered or would like to embark on. By now, many people would have more than likely given up on their New Year Resolutions, so we thought it was the perfect time for a re-set and re-think and for people to renew their vigour once again into achieving their goals! So, do you have anything new that you wish to achieve? Are there things in January that you set out to achieve but haven't? If not, why not? Can you still go on to achieve them? In the time of the year of new life and new beginnings what is new for you?

If you wish to share your thoughts and contemplations with us and have them published in the next edition of the Correllian Herald, then please feel free to email them to – heraldeditor@gmail.com

Blessings and happy contemplating!

Become a Reiki Master



The School of Reiki now has available places for new students to train in the art of Reiki **FREE OF CHARGE** at the online School - <u>School of Reiki Class Site</u> – you can sign up and start your training today and become a reiki Master! For more information visit the school website - <u>School of Reiki</u> – or email <u>admin@schoolofreiki.org</u>

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Word Search



The Order of Divination Tarot Word Search

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Order of Bards

CALLING ALL BARDS!

The Order of Bards is looking for writers to feature their works in future editions of the Correllian Herald. So, if any members of the Order of Bards, or any budding writers in general would like to have their work, short stories, poems etc featured then please send your writings to – heraldeditor@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: All writings MUST be original, and you MUST be the author of any works submitted. We cannot publish any plagiarised or copyrighted works.

Chartered Bodies of the Correllian Tradition

NEW ORDERS

The Order of the Green Man - Contact email: greenmanordercnt@gmail.com

The goals and purposes of the order are similar to the ones pursued in the Men's Green Tent organization. We want to inspire, motivate, teach and learn from every male identifying person to eliminate the toxic ways taught to us from early ages in time and family. It is the hope to build a community of expressive, supportive and loving males that can be a huge part of changing our community and world. It is about rebirth of the male role in our community and making a positive impact.

The Red Tent: Sisterhood - Contact email: RedTentCNT@gmail.com

Goals and purposes of the Order: Celebrate all stages of a woman's life (Maiden, Matron, Mother, Crone) and educate each other on our stages of life. To provide compassion for our LGBTQ and Trans women. Create a safe and empowering feminine space for all ages. Value all women and validated their experience.

Full list of Orders here: http://correllian.weebly.com/orders.html

<u>Witan Shrines</u> are the first level of the Temple-Making Process. Witan Shrines are created by Charter of the Tradition and may progress to Full Temple status over the course of several years or remain at Witan Shrine status indefinitely.

A list of current Witan Shrines may be found HERE: http://correllian.weebly.com/witan-shrines.html

<u>Proto-Temples</u> are groups which have progressed beyond the status of Shrines and are on their way to becoming Full Temples but have not yet achieved that status.

A list of current Proto-Temples may be found HERE: http://correllian.weebly.com/proto-temples.html

<u>Full Temples</u> of the Correllian Tradition have completed the Temple-Making Process and, if headed by a Third Degree, have representation on the Witan Council. A Full Temple can perform all of the functions of a Temple and may in some cases have multiple branches.

A list of current Temples may be found HERE: http://correllian.weebly.com/temples.html

<u>Formal Shrines</u> are Shrines that are dedicated to specific activities of a limited nature. Formal Shrines may exist as an aspect of a larger group or may stand alone in their own right.

A list of current Formal Shrines may be found HERE: http://correllian.weebly.com/formal-shrines.html

<u>Personal Shrines</u> are an aspect of an individual Correllian member's personal piety, and are not bodies of the Tradition as such. Personal Shrines exist wholly at the discretion of the member, however the Tradition does acknowledge them upon request.

A list of current Personal Shrines may be found HERE: http://correllian.weebly.com/personal-shrines.html

<u>Orders</u> are associations within the Tradition dedicated to specific skills, tasks, or interests. This sort of Order is not to be confused with the Meritorious Orders which are awarded in recognition of service.

A list of current Orders may be found HERE: http://correllian.weebly.com/orders.html

<u>Houses of Contemplation</u> are established to facilitate the temporary or permanent practice of the contemplative religious life. Depending upon the rules of the specific House of Contemplation guests may come for spiritual retreats of designated length, or to pursue a life of permanent contemplation in the manner of a Monastery.

A list of current Houses of Contemplation may be found HERE: http://correllian.weebly.com/houses-of-contemplation.html

For information on how to start a Shrine, Order or Correllian Study Group or for an application form contact the Witan Herald: witanherald@gmail.com

Membership Groups

Outer Court Department

https://www.facebook.com/groups/265398186909862

This is a social group for all the members of the Outer Court of the Correllian Tradition. Feel free to share, discuss, and enjoy with all our wonderful Correllian family around the Globe!

Correllian Membership Hub

https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorrellianMembershipGroups

Correllian membership group for all Correllian members

Correllian Clergy

https://www.facebook.com/groups/CorrellianClergy

Group for all members of Correllian Clergy

Witan Herald's Office

https://www.facebook.com/groups/WitanHeraldOffice

This is where general membership and clergy may directly contact the Witan Herald

<u>Correllian Herald - Newsletter</u>

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Correllian Herald Publication Group. This group is for the distribution of the Correllian Herald Newsletter.

Correllian Prayers

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2112247592362824

To provide a supportive venue where all Correllians, friends and family may post prayer requests.

Correllian Elder's Office

https://www.facebook.com/groups/133563646851853

This Facebook group is for ALL TRADITION members to enter and submit a comment.

The Correllian Temples, Shines, Groups and Project Keepers

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1508370089410767

The Correllian Temples, Shines, Groups and Project Keepers is a place for all Third Degrees, Second Degrees, First Degrees, Temple Heads, Shrine Heads, Group Heads, and Project Keepers. Purpose: is so that all groups can share open communication with each other. Giving each other support and encouragement. As well as hopefully, work on collective projects from time to time.

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