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Pan Pagan Festival 40—Growing

The 40th Pan Pagan Festival, i.e. PPF, will be here sooner than you think. It's taking place August 3-7, 2016 at Rising Sun Family Campground. We had such overwhelming response to our site in the field that we will be there again. We will have both sides of the road, so there will be additional shade available. Each of the workshop areas will have a larger shade areas and hopefully a cooling station.

The rates will stay the same as last year, check them out on our website. Yes, we accept pay pal, but you still need to complete the registration form and either e-mail or snail mail it to us.

Please check out our website for information on the fest.

www.panpagan.org

As always Pan Pagan Festival is a way for pagans to meet in a safe place to commune with nature, the Goddess and the God, and share and exchange ideas. We had reviewed the feedback sheets and have taken into consideration the comments made. Thanks to all who completed it.

We are still looking for artwork for the Theme "Growing, Changing, Renewing". If so far we have received very few submissions. If your artwork wins, you will receive a free registration to the fest. This year Drum will honor the Council by taking on Main Ritual while Opening and Closing will be done by one of the Council groups unless someone who has been at the festival at least 3-5 times would like to volunteer. If you do, please email the Council at midwestpagancouncil@yahoo.c om

This year we have a special performance on Friday evening by PICTUS!

For more information on the band, see our website.

The Follies are moving to Thursday evening directly after meet and greet and before the Labyrinth is lit.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Contest! Contest! Contest!

Time is counting down for submissions for the Pan Pagan Festival 40 artwork!

The Theme:

Changing, Growing, Renewing

We need all artwork postmarked **January 1st.**

We ask that the artwork

portray the theme. While we do love color designs, we ask that if you submit a color design you also submit a black and white design as well for printing on the program books and flyers.

We accept snail mail sub-

missions to our P.O.Box or digital (png or jpeg) to midwestpagancouncil@yahoo.com

Midwest Pagan Council P.O. Box 160 Western Springs, IL 60558 oranges light the sky.

Soon a soft white glow

appears at the horizon.

The clatter of the birds

It is at that point we

strike our match and

light the fire laid at our

feet. The longest night

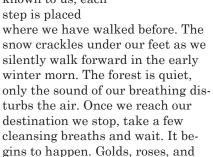
has ended and we cele-

brate the return of the

pierce the frozen silence.

Winter Solstice by Taz Chance

The chilled wind whispers across our faces as it rustles through the trees. The moon is bright as it approaches full and provides the light we need. Our destination is well known to us, each step is placed.





Sun.
Four our group, the idea of the return of the light is significant. From Samhain to this point, we have been in a state of hibernation, of reflection within ourselves. It is at this point that we, as a group come together as a family, share our deep profound thoughts of the journeys we have taken, and

make plans for the upcoming year. We share our food, we share our good times, and we enjoy each minute of sun that is added to each day after this one. In that, we give thanks to our ancestors for the knowledge they have passed to us in our journeys, we give thanks to our group members for their support during this time, and we give thanks to the divine for their inspiration. Our group devotes a lot of time to the idea of gratitude. Being grateful for what we have and for sharing that with others. This year, as in past years, we will use that gratitude to work within our community.

Hot Holiday Wassail

With the chill in the air, and snow and ice on the horizon, nothing helps to warm the home and the soul like a good Holiday Wassail.

1 gallon 100% Cranberry Juice

- 1 gallon 100% Apple Juice
- 1/2 gallon of water
- 1 C Sugar
- 3 Cinnamon Sticks in pieces
- 1 tbsp. Lemon Juice
- 1 tbsp. Whole All Spice Berries
- 1 tsp. whole Cloves
- $1\ Orange{---}{\rm sliced}$

Place spices in a piece of cheese cloth.

Pour all liquid into a large pot and add sugar.

Place the spiced cheese cloth into the pot with the juices.

Add orange slices.

Heat to simmer on medium heat, do not let boil.

When the spice bag sinks, remove it and turn the burner down to the lowest setting.

Serve in mugs and enjoy!

For a slightly more adult Wassail, add 1 Cup Brandy.

Also, if you cut the orange slices thick enough, you can stud the cloves in the oranges as well.



Numerology 101 Part 3—Meaning Behind the Numbers by Lady Anna

Each number has a positive and negative attribute, as well as cyclic lessons.

I have presented it as basic meanings, Lessons and Year, to aide you on how to apply it. For example, Your Life Path would be reading the first part, Challenges would be Lessons and The Year would be applied to Personal Year. You've got the idea. I will point out which section in 'The Meaning Behind the Numbers', to use, as we learn the math of each section of the chart.

1 - ONE

The Self - The beginning of every cycle.

An active, mental number focusing on innovation as individual action, ego and independence. Drawing upon his own resources and ambitions 'one' will create his own opportunities and exhibit confidence in his abilities to land on his own feet, although he is not above stepping on toes to achieve his ends. One seeks attainment in all he does – for himself. A leader, they will always be on top.

<u>Lessons:</u> Although one may in truth be quite unable to stand upon his own, he will. Cooperation must be learned for one must not be so pigheaded in his dealings with others and learn to allow room for their truths while following his own initiative.

The Year: This is a new cycle, do not cling to the past. Decisions bring rewards. Know what you want and go for it. Speak out. Take the initiative for you are establishing your own new life.

<u>Attributes:</u> Red – Fire – Root Chakra – Sun

2 - Two

The path of cooperation and partnership, 'two' is an emotional number that seeks to give and receive love and companionship. This is the peacemaker who will stay on the beaten path. Two has a great ability to work well with others and take instructions. He or she does not like to stand alone, be it social, business, or an emotional framework. Marriage is favored, if not mandatory.

<u>Lessons</u>: Two must learn to overcome shyness and crablike tendencies while putting others before self. Avoid becoming a clinging vine.

The Year: This is a bad year to forge ahead on your own. Listen to associates and put their ideas to work. Success will come through opportunities that arise spontaneous and unbidden without you seeking for them. This year will bring new friendships and owing duality of the sign, the vibrations are equally strong for marriage or divorce, harmony or discord in relationships. You will meet those who will help you on your path. This year, you will taste what you planed in the #1 year preceding.

<u>Attributes:</u> Orange, Water, Spleen Chakra, Moon

3 - Three

Self-expression. The number of birth, or original creation, be it of a painting, a new story or a new soufflé. Three is a pleasant path to follow as its focus is on self-expression, creativity, communication and social pleasures in a harmonious circle of friends. The doors that open for this path generally lead to a warm place for this is a path that can be full of inspiration, talent and kindness. Three will be social, outgoing, and artistically expressive. He or she will strive to create, and be concerned with the product rather than the acclaim the product will generate. Three is easy, and often seeks a very free sexual life, which given the charm of the native, is almost always found.

<u>The Lesson:</u> Three must learn to follow through on inherent creative/

expressive abilities. Also, jealousy of any kind is to be avoided.

The Year: Doors open to relationships. However, if you cling to things of the dead past and did not release them in your previous #9 year, you could experience a loss, probably on an emotional plane. Creativity and positive self-expression will be rewarded. And, if you take care to control moodiness and overspending, it should be a really wonderful year, filled with new friends.

<u>Attributes:</u> Yellow – Fire – Solar Plexus Chakra – Jupiter

<u>4 – Four</u>

The number of earth, hard work and restrictions as opposed to the openness of the number three. Attention to details and the home life as this is filial duty. The dog is associated with this number for its loyalty and devotion. Four is the sole bedrock of society for he or she builds, painstakingly, brick by brick, the home, the economy, and the nation. He or she is the patient worker who is trusted to organize and the dog who can love but never quite understands the butterfly.

<u>The Lesson:</u> To stay put, and develop attention to details and duty as benefits a cornerstone of society. Watch out for fanatical or blind devotion and unjust hatred.

The Year: In this year, there could be problems with money, home, parents, and family. A year of hard labor in which you must work to maintain peace at home and a steady income. DO not let details boggle your mind — for you can either get lost in details or overlook them — either way is erroneous. Always seek the stable medium. Make no changes. Take no long trips,

<u>Attributes:</u> Green – Earth – Heart Chakra - Uranus

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5 - Five

With this number comes the constant desire for change and greater personal freedom. (IE: adventure, travel, romance, and lots of sex.) Five is unattached no matter how often he or she involves them self. They always know there is a change, beyond this change, and will seek it with the curiosity of a cat. And, like a cat, they will often be slapped down for their overwhelming curiosity. Five is a magnetic, charming, quick witted, landing on all four feet, and can live more in a lifetime than others can in several.

The Lesson: If this desire for change is put down or rejected, the resulting misery is staggering. There is a WARNING here Do Not Overindulge in things sensual, sexual, or habit forming. Five must learn to accept frequent, unsought changes, and she or she must learn to consider the feelings of others in their wild traveling.

The Year: Moving lines – moving your location, possibly more than once, moving into another love affair, or moving through a myriad of sexual affairs. Overindulgence, lusting, loose, travel. However, make no unnecessary changes for any reason unless the past four years have been hell, then treat this year as a #1 year. What you plant now will be reaped in year #7, so take care and do not misuse your personal freedom.

<u>Attributes:</u> Tan – Air – Throat Chakra – Mercury

6 - Six

Six is the number of dealing with responsibility, organization, and decisions to be made. Six will quickly get to a position of power and some authority. How he or she will deal with it is another question. Six is constantly biting off more than they think they can swallow in terms of responsibility. Six needs to be married if only to calm them down temporarily. Adjustment is the keyword, for six looks

for perfection and must constantly adjust to the fact that life rarely is perfect.

<u>The Lesson:</u> To make decisions, and accept circumstances without being tyrannical. Willingness to serve must be cultivated.

The Year: Accept responsibility. This is a year in which divorce is possible, referring to marriage and long term investments. Set your house in order and resist the temptation to engage in debauchery, although it will be hard. Also, stay away from gossip or giving unsolicited advice. You may find something bouncing back at you in your number nine year.

<u>Attributes:</u> Blue – Air and Earth – Third Eye Chakra – Venus

7 - Seven

Seven is the number of the loner, the dreamer, the hermit, the mystic. Seven needs to live alone, for in his or her quest for faith, spirituality, and wisdom, seven can be a cantankerous person to deal with. He or she will quietly find their own way and that is that. There can be loneliness and poverty, but also there can be a richness of thought that is marvelous. Seven will want to work alone, and they should. Seven could be a priest, professor, philosopher or doctor.

<u>The Lesson:</u> Coldness and aloofness should be conquered. You must leer faith. You will be called upon to be a sounding board, an advisor, and a mediator. It is to your best advantage to accept this cheerfully, no matter how much you don't want to be bothered.

<u>The Year:</u> Beware of possible loss: of love, of money, of position. A year to meditate, rest, clean your spiritual house. You will be alone a lot, and you can use this time very well if you understand yourself and your beliefs. Material gain is covered with bad aspects, but great spiritual and intellectual insight is very possible. This is

the time to perfect your 9 year cycle. DO NOT BROOD, but instead use your time. This is the perfect year for a long extended trip or holiday.

<u>Attributes:</u> Purple – water – Crown Chakra – Neptune

8 - Eight

Eight is the number of material gain, power, authority, and Karma. Eight must be part of the winning and high rolling team. "But The power behind the throne is a less visible target" is Eight's philosophy. There can be a degree of paranoia here and perhaps it is because of Karma, for Eight is the number of Karma, as well as, concern with the material world. Eight is a puzzle, frequently madly romantic, he or she is immensely practical and relaxation of that is appreciated by those around them, which is practical.

<u>The Lesson:</u> This is a very hard path to live. Need to control love of power and money. Realize that there is no such thing as a free lunch. Learn to roll with the punches and not harbor visions of revenge, for whatever happens here, you brought it down yourself.

<u>The Year:</u> A good year to invest as your dealings with money are important. However, take care in your personal dealings, for this is the year in which you can set yourself up for a royal fall. Be careful and circumspect.

<u>Attributes:</u> Grey – Earth – Feet Chakra – Saturn

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<u> 9 – Nine</u>

Nine is a highly emotionally charged number whose outlook is the world. Nine may be willing to sacrifice all for the enlightenment of, say the Hopi Indians, but may forget to sacrifice his or her personal convenience to the extent of getting up to refill their lover's glass. Nine sees the forest but rarely sees the trees. Nine strives for knowledge and being highly intelligent, usually gets it. Nine will make a good lover, kind, and considerate, if one can overlook their frequent moody withdrawals, for Nine is basically shy. There will be great attainment on this path, for Nine will constantly be reaching for knowledge and peeling away layers to get to the truth. Sometimes, there is great suffering attached to this path because of the extremist nature of the sign.

<u>The Lesson:</u> To retrain your own EGO – Do not give in to vanity, fickleness, promiscuity, or constant daydreaming. To learn to feel real compassion, without condescension.

<u>The Year:</u> This year is the equivalent of the Tower card in Tarot. The death of the old, the birth of the new. There may be loss, and suffering may be required this year, but keep in mind, there is still rebirth. This is a time for many trips, but make no plans until October. Your new life can begin, so cast off old burdens, repay old debts, and journey into the next year cleansed in the winds of change.

<u>Attributes:</u> Gold – Fire – Hand Chakras – Mars

The Master Numbers

11/2 and 22/4 are master numbers in the same way trump cards are special in a tarot reading. These numbers represent higher thinking and higher awareness. They have a duality to them. A person who has 11/2 number in their chart, is both 2 and 11, in that they are an octave apart in vibrations. People with this master number cannot stay in 11 mode for long and drop back down to the 2 for a rest. When there is a Master Number in a chart you must include the lower octave number in the reading, as well.

11/2 – Eleven

As a master number, Eleven is that of inspiration, revelation, and intuition. Those who have Eleven in their chart are old souls for Eleven is the number of the God force. The duty is revelation and the responsibilities are great. This is a very tense, high powered intellectual number. Fame or renown is possible, but they can be hard to live with. They can be reduced to a '2' path if they cannot deal with the pressure. Eleven is selective of friends. In fact, few people can handle this slightly superior, highly strung individual.

<u>The Lessons:</u> Eleven must learn not to embroider his inspirations with dishonesty and to refrain from imposing his will on everyone.

<u>The Year:</u> Released are the hidden intuition, revealed are the secrets. There will be a pull between your inspiration and your relationships. But, follow the Star. These messages have a higher purpose.

22/4 - Twenty Two

The master number, as with '11', if the path is too hard to live with and you do not shrink from inhibiting your true nature, the path can be reduced to that of four. '22' incorporates the intelligence of '11' with the world wide attitude of '9', for '22' is a builder. Unconcerned with the daily business of life, they are always looking for the bigger, the better plan. This number may be very hard to deal with. In order to walk this path, you must keep both feet firmly on the ground and still stay open to inspiration.

<u>The Lesson:</u> To retain ideas, to finish the project while keeping your head on straight is the challenge. WARN-ING: DO NOT dabble in the black arts as insanity may result.

<u>The Year:</u> (RARE) In an unusual way, expect to have your personal great work revealed to you, then get busy.

To The Summerlands... by Dori

Our Beloved Sister, Bonita K. Luchs, known in the community as Lady Nimue was welcomed to the Summerland on September 1, 2015. She was High Priestess of Nova Coven, renamed Our Lady of the River, then SkyFireSong, Gythja of Northern Way for many years, as well as part of the Midwest Pagan Council and the Covenant of the Goddess.

I met Bonnie in the 1980's when I was searching for answers which she was willing to supply. She became my initiate, my mentor and my friend and she will be dearly missed by many. She invited those close to her at celebrate the 4th of July with her and to celebrate life. I ask that the Lady and the Lord protect her and

guide her to her next reincarnation until we meet again.

I will be honoring Bonnie and all that have passed at Pan Pagan Festival in August. There will be a special cove for the Ancestors at Pan this year where the service will take place and all participants can use to honor their departed ancestors.

If you see someone walking with a huskie, say Hi for you have just met Bonnie!

If you have a loved one that has passed on, and would like them mentioned in the Newsletter, please let us know.

The Midwest Pagan Council is comprised of covens and solitaires in the Midwest region. We are always open for new members. If you are interested in joining the Council, please email us at: midwestpagancouncil@yahoo.com.

Annually the Council puts on the Pan Pagan Festival, currently in our 40th year. We are an outdoor, week long, family friendly festival that usually is the first full week of August, Aug. 3—7, 2016 specifically this year. For more information or a registration form, please visit the website or email us at midwestpagancouncil@yahoo.com and we will happily get you the information you need.

The Newsletter is always open and taking submissions for articles that touch on pagan issues, crafts, recipes, Holidays, etc. If you would like to submit an article, please send it to: midwestpagancouncil@gmail.com

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