



## Earth Day is on the Way!

A holiday that is not a Sabbath - but is VERY important to many Pagans - is coming up soon: April 22nd, Earth Day! Since a close relationship with the Earth is a big part of many of our belief systems, it makes sense that Earth Day is a perfect time for us to do something to show that we love & respect her. I say "her" because a lot of people on Nature Spirituality paths (whose ways are very strongly connected to the natural parts of our world and the cycle of the seasons) call her Mother Earth, and see the Earth as a Goddess. Some of the names given to her are Gaia (or Gaea), Ertha, Erce, Erda, Demeter, Jord, Gran Mater (sounds a little like "Grandmother"), and Willendorf - after the name of a place in Austria where a very famous ancient Earth Goddess statue called "Venus" was found.

Whether you see the Earth as a Mother to be honored, a living entity, or simply as the place in the universe that you and your family live, it makes a lot of sense to do whatever you can to take care of her...we depend on her for food, clean air, and a place to live a good life - so keeping her healthy and happy can help US to stay healthy and happy, as well! Though many folks think about this more on Earth Day, you can start right now: recycle as much as

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possible, clean up litter, and encourage your family and friends to use products that are "earth-friendly." Let people know that you care about our planet - she's the only one we've got!





## \*\*\*Kidspirations!\*\*\*

### Love is Like a Circle

Love is like a circle  
Love never ends  
It keeps going and going  
Never knowing when  
it will stop  
Love is like a circle  
Love never ends  
It keeps walking and walking  
Never knowing when  
it will stop



### Every Wish

Every wish  
Can come true, if  
you wish  
hard enough.  
Every wish  
has a  
conscience  
whether it is  
good or bad.  
So be careful  
what you  
wish for.

### The Magical Hug

One single hug  
Can turn  
someone's life  
around.



These poems (& a piece in **The Oak Leaf!**) were written by Dragon, age 11. If you write or draw - or just want to share something - send it to us, so that we can publish your work, too!



**Crafts by Starlite** ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ 

Imbolc and Ostara...Spring is on the way! At our house (and maybe yours, too), this is the time for cleaning and organizing. Here is a project that could be used to help organize your house - making it easier to find things or handle a crisis - and a few to just brighten it up in a new way.

**Message Center**

*(Use this to organize your papers so you can find them - you can make one for your family to put by the phone if you want.)*

*Cardboard or Plywood*

*Cloth Fabric*

*Glue/Stapler*

*Rubber Bands (assorted sizes) or Ribbon*

You can make this whatever size you want. I saw one on TV that was as big as a sheet of plywood!! Cover your cardboard or plywood with fabric and glue it down, spreading glue thin. Smooth out with a large flat surface, like a large putty knife - don't push, just kind of drag it over the top to smooth it flat. Pull tight and staple down. Place rubber bands or ribbons in all directions, making sure to crisscross in places. This is where your message will be placed. Add some things like important phone number list to your message center if wanted.

**Important numbers (good idea for younger people):**

Emergency: CALL 911 (don't laugh sometimes when you're scared or worried, you can't think very well!)

Police:

Doctor:

Fire:

Dentist:

Mom's Work:

Nearest neighbor:

Dad's Work:

Nearest relative:



Paper Decorations - a New Way!

*Card Stock Paper*

*Push Pin*

Card stock can be found at stores by the regular computer paper. It is thicker than your normal printer paper. You can print a larger design on your computer or draw one your self - a large butterfly, airplane, sun, flower, or car...whatever you like. Use a push pin and out line your design on the inside of your cutting line. Cut out your design! Simple but sweet!

Sun-Catchers

*Clear Yogurt Lids*

*Markers*

Save your clear yogurt lids after a treat. Use markers that are not washable to draw and color a design. Punch a small hole in the top with a sharp pin or paper punch. Tie on a string to hang in sunny window, and enjoy beautiful color and light!



The Fox's Den



Not long ago, my coven spent an evening asking each other questions. Some of them were silly & others were serious - but it was a very good way to share our thoughts and feelings with each other. Most of the questions we used came from **The Book of Questions** by Dr. Gregory Stock. He has written several books like this, including one especially for kids! If you want to spend a fun night (this would be great for a sleepover!) getting to know surprising things about your friends, & maybe about yourself, too, you could probably find his book at the local bookstore or maybe at the library. For me it felt like playing Truth or Dare...only it's more like just "Truth," & that can be scarier (& more interesting) than a lot of dares I've heard!

