

The Acorn



Just for Kids...
(of all ages)

We All Come From the Goddess...

If you've stood any circles at Spiral Oak, I'll bet you've heard (& maybe learned to sing along with) this chant. Have you ever asked yourself "Who is this Goddess, anyway?" My answer to that would be "Who do you want Her to be?"

One of the things that many people find draws them to Paganism is the idea that it's okay to see the Goddess and the God the way *you* think They are...so your image of them might not be the same as anybody else's. And you know what? That seems perfectly fine with Them, as far as many Pagans' experience seems to indicate!

Your image of the Goddess may be a beautiful Maiden riding a white horse, or a regal Lady in a billowing cape with stars in Her eyes & in Her hair, or a gentle Grandmother who sings you to sleep at night. You might see Her in different ways at different times, depending upon why you are seeking Her company. If you want advice or wisdom, your vision of Her might be as a teacher. If you seek a playmate to run through the forest with, She may appear to you as someone your own age...you may even find reflections of Her staring back at you from the mirror, at important moments in your life. Some people connect with a certain Goddess, that they call their "patron" - sort of a spiritual companion to look to when learning the Mysteries of the Spiral Path.

My Goddess? She looks & sounds a lot like my Mother! As you color the pictures on page 17 of *The Oak Leaf* - think about what your Goddess looks like to you, & maybe try drawing Her. Send us Her picture - we'd love to see your vision!

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Kidspirations!

Jennifer

Adventurous, kind, tomboy

Math, poetry, art

Watermelon, steak, cherries

Climb, run, camp

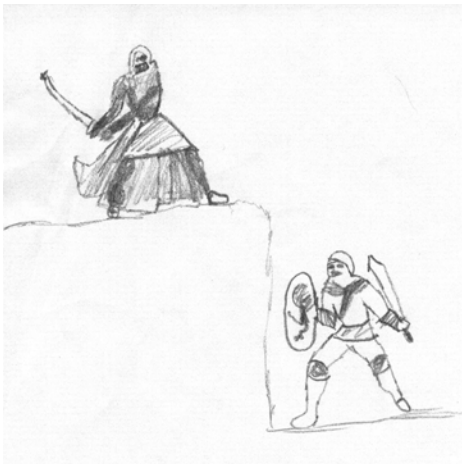
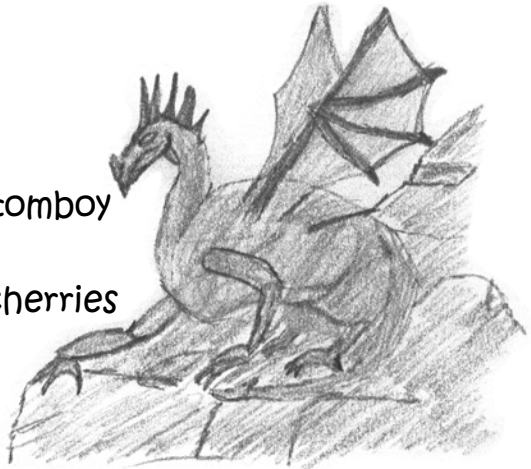
Sometimes heights

Being a Pagan

Akron, Ohio

Rhyme, make sense, magical

“Dragon”



This
issue's
Artwork
and
Poetry
by
Dragon,
age 12,
of Akron

Do you ever draw pictures, write poems, or think thoughts you would like to share? Send them to *The Acorn*, & we could print **your** creative inspirations in here, too!



Crafts by Starlite ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

How to Make a Collage

Pictures and Scissors

Sequins, Ribbon, Trim

Magazines or Catalogs (to cut up)

Cardboard (any size you want)

Craft Glue

Colored Paper

Fabric

Markers

I love to make a collage when I get bored... it's something that you can do on those cold days we have had lately! First, pick a theme. It can be about you - everything you like or like to do. Find pictures of things you like - for example: Browns football. You can find pictures of players, the logo, footballs, score boards and maybe tickets. Understand that it will take some time to find many pictures. Gather them and place them on the cardboard or heavy stock paper you will use to make your collage.

Important hint: place them first before gluing. You can use construction paper, to fill in gaps with color and to make it look nicer. Glue the pictures when it looks just right. You can use markers to add sayings Like "Go Browns!!", lines to add wherever you want or just to color. You are the artist!

Scented Rocks

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup Boiling Water

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon Essential Oil

Food Coloring, if desired

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Plain Flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Salt

Bowl and Spoon

Mix dry ingredients in bowl. Add oil and water. Scent will be strong, but will fade slightly when dry. Add food coloring, one drop at a time until you have the color you want - or make more than one color by separating the mix into different bowls. Blend all together. Shape to look like rocks, then let stones dry. Place them in a pretty dish or bowl, or make sachets by adding them to a small bag. Sachets can be placed in closets or drawers to keep things smelling good.





The Fox's Den



Since we've spent some of this *Acorn* issue looking at Goddesses, I'd like to steer you in the direction of maybe learning something about Them that may help you figure out whether or not a particular Goddess seems like She might be "yours" - or rather, you might be "Hers!" One of the best places to learn about Gods & Goddesses of old is not at a Pagan gathering...it's at the library! If you haven't been to the library lately, see if someone would be willing to take you. You may have a school library - but if it's anything like ours, it seems like kids do not get to stay in there long enough to really look around as much as they want. A library trip can be a great way to get out to a place that doesn't cost a cent, offers something for the whole family to enjoy - & gives you something to take home with you, to help chase away those "when will wintertime be over?" blues!

If you are interested in Deity (another name for Gods & Goddesses, that can include Them all!), ask some of the Pagans you know from Spiral Oak or in your family about which ones they feel drawn to, & why. Check out the things around your house that have Deity images - statues or jewelry, pictures, books...coins with the Statue of Liberty on them! (Ever hear Her called "Lady Liberty?" Yep - She's a Goddess!)

Thinking about exploring this? Here's where the library can really come in handy! Check out the stories from Greek & Roman mythology, Native American folktales, books about the legends of Ireland & Scotland, Egyptian & African lore...you may find Gods & Goddesses you've heard people mention or invoke at COSO in circle! To get started - look at the lists on *The Oak Leaf* puzzle pages (12-13), to see who you already may know something about, & who you might want to discover!

