

Greetings! We have moved.

As many of you may know, we recently moved our home to beautiful Cape Cod, Massachusetts. And now, our previous New Moon Newsletter, has moved to this new format and name: The Center of the Circle, Newsletter.

The content remains the same, with a few additional features we hope you will like. You'll find the usual Free Mandala to Color and the new Book of the Month suggestion under the Quick Links section on the right.

We value hearing from you, so please let us know what you think. We also appreciate it when you forward the newsletter, in its entirety, to those you feel might enjoy or benefit from it.

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New Moon in Virgo



The sun sign of Virgo is known, in part, for excellence at details and devoted service to others. Every quality can be expressed on a continuum from challenging to enlightened. The difficult part of being good at details is to worry about perfecting minutiae and to forget the big picture. And, unfortunately, our culture has come to equate the word service with servitude.

My Mom was a Virgo who played and taught piano. She was able to translate very complicated scores into beautiful music that inspired and uplifted. Many of her students have gone on to have successful careers as musicians. My sister is also a Virgo. She serves others by doing accurate, behind the scenes, research for a teaching hospital.

We all have Virgo in our natal chart somewhere. This is a great time to look at the qualities of organization and service in your life. Are you consumed by details, trying to attain impossible "perfection"? Or, perhaps there is some area of your life that could use a bit of tidying up. Are you giving true service in your life, or have you become an indentured servant to once treasured ideals?

For Alan and me, organizing our newsletter into this new format is a prelude to offering you more efficient and joyful service.

Happy Birthday Virgos! May your harvest be bountiful.
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Link of the Month

Each Center of the Circle newsletter will feature a link from our resource guide. This month we invite you to visit the mandalas created by 42 students at Pocantico Hills Central School, Sleepy Hollow, New York. Charming captions, written by the children, are also informative about what goes into creating a traditional Tibetan mandala.

[Mandalas by Students at Pocantico Hills Central School](#)

Tibetan Sand Mandala Constructions

MYSTICAL ARTS OF TIBET TOUR:
COLORADO Sept. 11-14 at University of Colorado. Denver

NEW YORK Sept. 15-19 at University of Buffalo Center for the Arts

WISCONSIN Sept. 23 at Nicolet College, Rhinelander
Sept 26-30 at Beloit College, Beloit

Please call the venue in advance to confirm. If you know of other opportunities to see sand mandala rituals, please let us know and we will gladly list them here.

[Read on...](#)

Alan's Corner



For the past year and a half, I have served as editor for our "New Moon Newsletter." This issue, I turn the editor's chair over to Clare.

New name, new look, new editor. Yikes! I'm having a hard time letting the old way go. Everything changes, I know, but it's scary. No matter how big an SUV I buy, or how sophisticated a security system I install, there is no insulation from the fact that nothing lasts.

Tibetan sand mandalas make this point vividly. One little breeze and the intricately ordered pattern is destroyed. The Buddhists actually destroy their mandalas on purpose. They say that the trick to living happily in this ever-changing world is non-attachment — not getting hooked by any particular state of things, but rather to appreciate each moment for it's own uniqueness.

Breathing helps. Ahh...

OK, I have to admit that I like the new look. And it sure will be nice not to have to work so hard getting the thing out every month. There, I'm feeling better already.

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