

Yule Fair 2009

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1928 Ste. Catherine St. West, Montreal



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About the Vendors

<p>Nathalie Menard Body Essentials & Home Made preserves</p>	<p>Crescent Moon School / Black Forest Clan Pouches, Crafts & Chocolates</p>
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<p>Bodhran Babe Celtic Knotwork Jewelry http://www.bodhranbabe.com/</p>	<p>Catharine Allan Tarot & Astrology Divination http://river-rain.com/gratitude/</p>
<p>Segolene Gautier Paintings and Cards http://www.creattitude.com/</p>	<p>Silver Dragon Silver Jewelry</p>
<p>Elissa & Rosemary Feather Wafers, Wands, Lip Balms, Soaps and Body Painting elissabaltzer@gmail.com</p>	<p>Lady Rose Chain Mail Jewelry http://www.lady-rose-designs.com/</p>
<p>Owen Crochet Crafts</p>	<p>Rob St. Martin Author www.talyesin.com</p>
<p>April Anna Bremers Henna Artist http://www.aprilanna.com/</p>	

Bringing our Pagan Family Together for the Holidays

Yule and Christmas can sometimes be a mixed bag of gifts. Snow is on the way, the pressures of holiday shopping can reach frenetic levels, and the promise of visiting relatives and far-flung friends can be a joyful thought, but maybe tinged with some dread.

For us, the promises of Yule include all those things, but it also gives us a chance to reconnect with our traditional family of friends that we see during the Yule Fair. The Concordia University Pagan Society (CUPS) started the first Yule Fair and ran it successfully for five years. Since then, the MPRC and Melange Magique have taken up its tradition, providing a place where pagan friends can congregate in a familiar spot, socialize and share, and exchange warm wishes for the season.

Call us corny if you must, but we find great comfort in that idea, which is why it's such a pleasure to bring this event to you. Don't get us wrong: it's a lot of extra work, layered with frustrations and stress, but when it all comes together, we collectively take a moment to breathe a sigh of satisfaction. It's fun.

We hope that you enjoy all the activities, lectures, vendors, and friends that you will meet and reconnect with during this Yule Fair. We thank you for sharing all that you are with us during this event and this holiday season. And we wish that the Gods and Goddesses guide you safely to and from our doorstep. May their blessings be upon you.



All the best of the season
to you and your family,

*Debra Aubin, Robyn Stroll (Melange Magique)
Scarlet Jory (Crescent Moon School)
Hobbess (MPRC)*

The Program: Saturday

10am-11am	Tea and Chat	Upstairs
11am – 12pm	Community Organizations with Lena B. A chance for the local community organizations to get to know each other and how we can help each other. Also, the MPRC will present its newest program: <i>MPRC Sponsorship</i> .	Upstairs
12:45 pm to 2:45 pm	Alternative Healing panel discussion with Robyn Stroll As times change and people become less certain of the western healing system, people are searching for alternative solutions for their health and wellness. But there are many modes of healing available, it can be confusing. This panel discussion will explore several different methods of healing including Reiki, Osteopathy, TBD	Downstairs
12:45 pm to 1:45 pm	Broom Closet panel with Arin Murphy-Hiscock Join editor and moderator Arin Murphy-Hiscock and a panel of contributors to <i>Out of the Broom Closet</i> as they discuss the initial challenge of sharing your spirituality with family, friends, and colleagues, and what they discovered about themselves when asked to write about it for the anthology.	Upstairs
2 pm to 3 pm	Demystifying the Astrological Signs with Catherine Allan A look at the positive and shadow aspects of each zodiac sign. What's in the books and how we actually experience them in real life.	Downstairs
3:30pm to 4:30pm	The Pagan Roots of Santa Claus with Judika Illes	Upstairs

Witches fly riding on brooms, animals, or in chariots drawn by animals. In Norse tradition, witches traditionally fly up and down chimneys during Yuletide. Sound familiar?

Officially, Santa Claus is also known as jolly old Saint Nicholas, a third century bishop, but there are no legends of him flying a sleigh pulled by antlered reindeer at Yuletide, like some night riding witch. Where did that idea come from?

Join us for this workshop as we explore the Pagan origins of Santa Claus and discuss who is really carrying that bag of toys.

3 pm to 4 pm

**Artistic panel discussion
with Taras Stasiuk**

Downstairs

How do we define *Pagan* art? In terms of the artist's beliefs? The intent or result of the work? Is there a difference between *Pagan* and *non-Pagan* art? Do we have a responsibility to support Pagan artists? What does art say about us as a community, among ourselves and to the rest of society?

A fun and thought-provoking discussion for anyone who wants to share a viewpoint, or just listen.

6:15pm—

Dinner with the Guest Speakers

Resto TBD

The Program: Sunday

10am-12pm **Pagan Sunday Brunch** **Café Oxford**
2170 Rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest

1pm - 2pm **Book Reading** **Upstairs**
with Rob St.Martin
Join local author Rob St-Martin at the official book launch for his new novel, *Princess Smith and the Clockwork Knight*. Rob will be doing a reading from this latest novel.

1pm - 2pm **A Winter's Tale** **Downstairs**
Storytelling with Hobbes and Shayne Gryn
Join us for an hour of music and tales about the Winter season which is upon us!

2:15 pm to **Loneliness and Revelation** **Upstairs**
3:15pm **with Dr. Brendan Myers**
Everyone experiences loneliness in their lives. Yet most people are secretly afraid of it, and will do nearly anything to avoid it.

But what if loneliness were not a social phenomenon, nor a medical condition, nor a weakness of will? Rather, it could be an existential condition of life; a part of the way things are in the world; a source of profound spiritual insight.

Dr. Myers offers a new understanding of the idea of Revelation through Loneliness which can push back the frontier of loneliness and render life meaningful, beautiful, and worthwhile.

2:15 pm to **Aura Cleansing** **Downstairs**
3:15pm **with Scarlet Jory**
As we move through life, struggling with daily events, our aura can become cluttered and cloudy, making us feel heavy and drained. This is a traditional hoodoo aura sweeping workshop will teach

you how to cleanse someone's aura and includes a practice session.

**3:30pm to
5:00 pm**

**A Workshop for Non-Wiccan Witches
with Judika Illes**

Upstairs

Many assume that the words *Witch* and *Wiccan* are synonymous but they are not. *Wiccan* refers to a specific spiritual tradition and yet the world is filled with witches who adhere to other traditions or, in the case of atheist and agnostic witches, no spiritual tradition at all. Join Judika Illes, author of *The Element Encyclopedia of Witchcraft* and the forthcoming *Weiser Field Guide to Witches*, as she discusses the many paths of witchcraft.

**3:30pm to
5:00 pm**

**Ethical Magical Practices
with Mark Hughes**

Downstairs

6pm-8pm

Yule Ritual

Upstairs

This Winter Solstice, we will be sharing our light as we wait out the longest night of the year. Participants are asked to bring a small candle that can be placed safely on the floor.

About the Speakers

Arin Murphy-Hiscock is a Montreal author and editor whose books include *Power Spellcraft for Life*, *Solitary Wicca for Life*, *The Way of the Green Witch*, *The Way of the Hedge Witch*, and the recent anthology of personal stories about coming out as Pagan, *Out of the Broom Closet*.

Dr. Brendan Myers is the author of several well-respected philosophical books, including *The Other Side of Virtue* and *A Pagan Testament*. He earned his Ph.D in philosophy from the National University of Ireland and has lectured at the University of Guelph.

Hobbes is a storyteller, writer, and published author. He has been telling tales in schools and festivals across Canada for over 13 years. In 2005, he published collection of tales in a book/CD called *You Don't Know Jack*. www.documentia.ca/storyteller/

Judika Illes fell in love with the magical arts when she was a little girl and has been studying and practicing them ever since. She is the author the *Encyclopedia of 5000 Spells*, *The Encyclopedia of Spirits*, the *Element Encyclopedia of Witchcraft*, *Pure Magic*, and *Magic When You Need It*.

T. Scarlet Jory is a 3rd Degree Wiccan High Priestess in the Black Forest tradition and coordinator of Crescent Moon School. She has devoted her university studies in anthropology and religion to further the academic studies of Wicca and to augment her own personal growth.

Rob St-Martin (aka Talyesin) is a Montreal-born and -bred author and editor. His works include articles, reviews, short stories and novels, including the acclaimed *Truthseekers* series. More information can be found at his website, www.talyesin.com

Taras Stasiuk

Taras is a Performance Shaman.

Catherine Allan

Catharine has been counseling privately and offering workshops for 14 years. She holds a BA in English Literature, Art History and Education, a graduate degree in Community Economic Development, and a certificate in Women's Business training. She is also a professional Costume Designer and Artist.

Valerie Laville has a background in Biology and Ecology, and completed these studies in Canada and South Africa. She is currently studying to become an osteopath. She has had strong interests for the world of the occult and its mysteries throughout her life.
