

Ancient Ways Newsletter

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The 21th annual

PantheaCon 2015

Feb 13 – 16, 2015

(President's Day weekend, as usual)

**San Jose Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway
Place, San Jose CA**

**Membership fee: \$60 (till Sept 1),
\$70 (till Jan 1); \$80 after Jan.1 and on
site; Pre-Reg closes Jan. 15
(includes all events at the four day conference)
\$40 for a full day, \$20 for an evening only**

PantheaCon.com

PantheaCon Theme for 2015

Pagan Visions of the Future; Spirit of
Networks - Building Pagan Safety and Social Nets

See the local events on the Store calendar
about gatherings for us to brain storm what we might
want in the future for our communities.

Join us in our diverse earth spirit
gathering filled with education and celebration.
As usual we fill the whole hotel with over 14
function rooms for workshops, rituals, and
presentations including 4 ballrooms for Vendors
along with open house parties.

Programming applications are available
on the website. We want to encourage new
presenters as we like diversity. First Deadline
applications have more chance of being scheduled. If
you'd like to see a favorite event again from a
previous con, email feedback@pantheacon.com.

On line Membership **Registration** (with
PayPal) will open July 1, but **closes Jan. 15,
2015**; after that register on site. A pdf
Membership Registration form for printing and
mailing will also be on the website. Mail must
reach us by Jan. 15.

TheurgiCon

Sat, July 26, 2014

at the Bay Area Thelemic Temple
130 East 12th St at 2nd Ave., Oakland, CA

\$30 Pre-reg until July 7, \$30 at the door. Includes
snacks and whatever people bring to share. Find
our discussion questions on line July 1.

Pay on line at : TheurgiCon.com

This year Dr. Layne Little, Lecturer, UC Berkeley:
Department of Religious Studies will open with a
Ganesha puja to bless the event, then present his
talk titled: Theurgy, Hindu Ritual Theory & the
Practical Adaptation of Hindu Rites to Other Pagan
Contexts. See TheurgiCon.com for more details.

10 am – 10:45 am Opening introductions and
remarks followed by a Ganesh puja

11 – 12:30 - Layne Little with Hindus & Theurgy

12:30 – 1:30 pm - Lunch easily found nearby

2 – 5 pm Group discussion with Q & A.

6 pm Dinner and Social time – we can send out for
delivery.

Important Dates for PantheaCon 2015

July 1, 2014 – Membership Registration opened

July 1 - Presenter Applications Opened

August 1 - Vendor Applications open

Vendor deadline Oct 15

Sept 1 - First Deadline for Presenters

Oct 1 - Final deadline for Presenters (Programming
closes to submissions),

Oct 15 – Hotel Room reservations opens

Parking at the hotel is \$5 a day for attendees with their badges. Only hotel guests get in-out privileges. A shuttle van (rented especially for PantheaCon attendees) will go among the hotels.

Doubletree Hotel Room Reservations opens Oct.15

(More on this later on the website. Email hotelrooms@pantheacon.com with your questions.)

Regular Doubletree reservations for hotel rooms will go through the DoubleTree booking system – you will be able to book a room online or call the hotel directly on that day to reserve one room. The hotel is contracted to have blacked out all rooms this whole weekend for our attendees to reserve. Any Doubletree hotel rooms reserved before October 15 will be void. No more than one room reservation per person will be allowed. Last year the blocks of rooms were sold out after only a few hours; so be prepared to look at overflow options. Another block will open in November and possibly a few later.

Look for updates about how the Doubletree room arrangements will work and about **Overflow Hotels**, discount rates for PantheaCon along with their amenities and shuttle schedules. We plan to contract for some blocks of discounted rooms at the various hotels. Details will be posted on the website as we get them and in the Autumn newsletter.

For a specific room number assignment at the Doubletree or a special-needs room please contact special-needs@pantheacon.com, starting in August. Special-needs rooms include families with small children and physically challenged people. (We reserve the right to jury this area. If you have questions or want to be in this group, please email special-needs@pantheacon.com.)

Any Doubletree hotel rooms reserved by mistake before Oct 15 will be void. The hotel is contracted to have blacked out all rooms this whole weekend for us.

STAFF NEEDED. The shuttle worked fairly well in 2014 last years, but still needs work to make it better. (Any volunteers to help with this?) We need a better match for the route, times, signage at all the hotels, perhaps A-frame signs etc.

We also need more Staff in several other departments, like Registration. Please ask your friends already on Staff to introduce you to us or get acquainted thorough our volunteer/Gryphon dept. You can also email – glenn@pantheacon.com

Ancient Ways Store

I did not go to the Denver New Age Gift Show, but am mining my old suppliers for their best products.

For **Candles** – We are adding about 40 new styles of glass jar candles this summer. Let us know how you like these. We hope to stock some led candles for outdoor use in this drought summer.

For **Jewelry** – Deva Designs brings us some great talismans designed by Christopher Penczak and Ted Andrews. Peter Stone has a wonderful pentacles and inexpensive white bronze. Steam punk designs showed up in two different lines, one includes watches that work. We expect to get Egyptian jewelry in abundance

For **Statues** – Mostly just a few Egyptian ones from China (They've lost interest in producing a variety of gods). We expect a shipment from Mythic Images any day now.

For **Incense** – Look for our pre-bagged Ancient Ways incense blends at the counter. We have rolls of charcoals available again. We are also carrying small charcoals from Shoyeido Japan along with samplers of their incense.

For **Incense Burners** –A new supplier had a great selection of very nice brass incense burners; we are reordering these. Another tool for using incense is the tong and spoon set. This makes handling the hot charcoal much easier. We reordered these.

Sales at the shop will continue with the **Sales Table** soon featuring a **Book Over-stock Sale** along with flyers for local Climate Change actions. (See our Calendar for info about these in the Pagan Activists meetings.)

Events at Ancient Ways Store

We're taking a break on classes this summer with no first Fridays for Sirius Encampment, OTO and only a couple of classes (Money Spells and Dowsing) and the irregular Second Thursdays for the Pagan Activists Meet-Up. Be sure to check the free All Pagans discussion meeting on July 30 about a topic related to this year's PantheaCon theme. (See the 2014 summer calendar.)