

2012 Theme
Sharing the Spirit



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Located in the beautiful Mendocino Woodlands; a place where all women and girls can come together to empower each other and celebrate our diversity. Create ritual, workshops and entertain each other while celebrating the goddess and sacredness of nature. Enjoy fabulous catered meals, merchants, music, arts and crafts; all under the redwoods. This is a time and place for healing and growth. Come join us!

For more information regarding Elderflower Womenspirit, visit our website, or contact us:

info@elderflower.org

415-339-8000

~Big Changes coming to Elderflower~

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Don't forget to check out the Website for Information/ Registration and Online Payments:
<http://www.elderflower.org>



The Elderflower community is moving the organization to a Council style ran committee. Currently there are four main members and various other volunteers that help out tremendously. The goal is to included more individual, have more crossover training and disperse the workload more evenly. Please contact anyone of the below individuals if you are interested in joining the board. Please know that the structure is still being designed at this point in time.

EWF Phones : Eldene Gallagher

EWF Email/Scribe : Edye Cheeseman

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**Data Base/Registration/
Workshop Coordinator**

Cynthia Larsen
vixen152003@gmail.com

Contract Manger/Bookkeeper

Phyllis Gallagher

*Elaine Perry
*Tina Nettleton

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 1pm, next meeting to be announced, please bring a snack to share

Meetings are at different locations : Contact the EWF phone number for latest information. 415-339-8000

If you would like to donate a space for the next meeting please contact the EWF Phone Number. 415-339-8000

2012 Event Schedule

Feb. 17 - 20	18th Annual PantheaCon , located in San Jose http://pantheacon.com
April 8, 11 am - 10pm	Spring Into Elderflower , All day event Located at the Humanist Hall in Oakland, CA
May 12	Berkeley Pagan Pride
Aug 9-12	Elderflower Womenspirit Festival http://www.elderflower.org

The "Bring a friend program"

Congratulations to the following women who brought a new woman to last years festival and earned \$25.00 off of this years festival fee as well a chance to win a new custom made goddess doll by Maeryn. Bring a friend this year and earn your certificate as well as a chance at this years doll.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certificate</u>
Alice H	REF001
Mariko	REF002
Heather A	REF003
Stacey M	REF004
Xela	REF005
Artemis	REF006
Suzanne S	REF007

EWF Merchandise available for purchase:

20 oz aluminum water bottles \$7.00
or
16 oz latte mugs \$5.00.

Send email to info@elderflower.org

Wanted: Massage Therapists

To join our festival and offer services for a fee.

• Massage is offered in the open air under the redwoods in the Mendocino Woodlands. Normally massage is offered at a cut rate to the women in attendance, but it's your decision. There is a Bodywork Coordinator at the festival to help organize the set up.
• Bring your supplies and table.

• Call or email EWF info lines for further questions or request the name and number of the Bodywork Coordinator:
415-339-8000 / info@elderflower.org

NEW REGISTRATION FEES / DEPOSITS

Due to the increase cost associated with the festival and the slower than expected growth of members we (the council) has made the very difficult decision of raising the cost of the festival. +25.00. Also we have returned to the fee based on dates due to the funds coming in very late and making several activities very last minute, thus causing undue stress to our all volunteer staff. Please be kind and register as soon as possible or at least send in your registration form with a deposit of \$75.00 to commit to the festival and provide seed money for bill paying.

Registration Fees:

Payment or deposit before March 31 is \$285-\$325

Payment or deposit after April 1 is \$300-\$325

Minimum deposit is now \$75.00

Fee **at door** is \$325.00 in CASH only

~ Workshop Leaders ~

Workshop Forms need to be submitted when you register. If you are not able to submit the form with your registration I need to have at least the following information to receive your discount:

Name of Workshop

Description (1-paragraph)

Preferred time/day/location ie (Morning, Fri or Sat, outside with chairs)

Last day to get on the program / schedule with your workshop is **June 15**,

Email to Workshop Coordinator: Cynthia L, email: vixen152003@gmail.com

*** Workshop leaders are in-charge of cleaning up their areas prior to next workshop.

All workshops located in dining hall need to be cleaned up prior next meal, with the exception of the On-going quilt making workshop (Must be limited to 2 tables only) *Subject to change with the # of attendees.

***All craft/workshop items must be out of dining hall by Saturday evening 12 Midnight (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Arrival and Departure Times

*Early Arrival is on **Wednesday at 3pm (\$25.00 extra fee required)** please note this on Registration form to be added to the food count. A casual dinner of deli trays will be served. There are no catered meals this day, so be prepared and bring some extra snacks for yourself.

Departure is on **Sunday at 11am**. In the past we have left later, but our contract states that the departure time is 11am and the Woodlands are holding EWF to that time this year. All vehicles must be on the road at 11am. So with that said you should have most of your gear packed the night before.

~ Meal changes ~

Meals will remain the same great food with the exception that there **will NO longer be a Vegetarian option**. There is the Omnivore option (Meat) and a Vegan option. The cooks will still support the members that have Gluten and Dairy allergies. If you have other special needs please know that there will be a refrigerator available for you special items.

~ General Schedule ~

Thursday	8:00 am – 10:00 am	Breakfast – Dining Hall
	10:00 am - 11:50 am	Workshops
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch – Dining Hall
	1:30 pm – 3:15 pm	Workshops
	4:00 pm – till...	Opening Ritual in the Main Meadow
	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Dinner in the Dining Hall
	7:15 pm – till...	Community Meeting - Dining Hall
Friday	8:00 am – 10:00 am	Breakfast – Dining Hall
	10:00 am – 11:45 am	Workshops
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
	1:30 pm – 3:15 pm	Workshops
	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner – Dining Hall
	7:30 pm – 7:45 pm	Gather in front of the dining hall for Ritual procession
	7:45 pm – 8:00 pm	Ritual procession
	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Ritual in the Main Meadow
Saturday	8:00 am – 10:00 am	Breakfast– Dining Hall
	10:00 am – 11:50 am	Workshops
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
	1:30 pm – 3:15 pm	Workshops
	3:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Workshops
	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Dinner – Dining Hall
	7:30 pm	Vendor area SHUTDOWN
		<i>*vendors must be packed up prior to 12midnight</i>
	7:30 pm – till...	Talent Show - Dining Hall
Sunday	9:00 am – 9:30 am	Closing ritual –in front of dining hall
	9:45 am-10:00am	Photos
	11am	DEPARTURE TIME

*Changes are mainly ritual days / talent show day, vendor shut down and Departure time.

Discount for leading a workshop

The discount for leading a workshop has been increased to **\$25.00 for each workshop** with a Maximum discount of \$50.00. This has been increased to offset the Increased cost of materials. Please note that all workshops are subject to approval by the board. Please submit your workshop descriptions with your registration in order to receive discount.

Registration form



Date: _____

Name _____

(Child's Age) _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone(D) _____ (E) _____

Email Address _____

Elderflower does NOT release or sell its mailing list

____ I do NOT want my name and contact information on the list provided to festival attendees.

Cabin/Camping Requests (Place a check next to the ones you would like)

____ rustic cabin (or) _____ I plan on bringing own Tent.

I would like to share w/ _____

____ Unrestricted area _____ Clean and Sober Area _____ 24 Hour Quiet Area

Gourmet meals currently consist of meat and vegan options ONLY.

I prefer the ____ Meat option ____ Vegan option (Allergies to: ____ GLUTEN or ____ DAIRY)

*****Registration Fees**

**Payments not received by Aug 1st
must be paid in cash at door.**

+ _____ \$285 - \$325 (if registered before **March 31**)

Or+ _____ \$300 - \$325 (if registered after **April 1st**)

or _____ \$140, ages 8-12 (children under 8 are free)

+ _____ \$25 Pre-Festival Wed Camp-out Fee

+ _____ \$25 Merchant Fee

= _____ **Subtotal Fees**

Discounts available

- _____ \$60, age 13-18

- _____ Workshop leader (\$25 per workshop, Max \$50.00)

- _____ Scholarship (Must have prior approval, forms must be received by June 30)

- _____ Staff Discount (Must have prior approval)

= _____ **Total Payment Due**

Deposit Enclosed* _____
(\$75.00 minimum non-refundable)

***Payment Plan Note: A deposit is required to hold your space and fee level. Please be aware that you will NOT be billed and it is your sole responsibility to ensure FULL payment is received by August 1st.**

Mail Completed Registration form to (or) register and pay online at www.elderflower.org
Elderflower Womenspirit Festival, P.O. Box 410236, San Francisco CA 94141-0236

Elderflower Womenspirit Festival Workshop Questionnaire

Please submit this form with registration or as soon as possible. If you wish to be eligible to receive a discount, send it with your registration form. If you have materials you would like participants to bring or gather, it would be a good idea to get this form in as soon as possible.

Elderflower Womenspirit reserves the right to refuse workshop presentation requests.

This form must be received by **June 15th** in order to have your workshop description listed in the printed program. Descriptions for the program can be received as late as **June 20th** if sent via email. Any workshop information received after that date may not appear in the printed program. If your description doesn't make it into the program, please bring copies to post at the festival. If you need to make changes, or wish to cancel a workshop, or have any questions, contact the **EFW Workshop Coordinator at info@elderflower.org**

Presenters Name: _____

Title of your Workshop: _____

Scheduling Information: *(Please note: We try to meet all scheduling and location needs. We request that you not make unnecessary changes at the festival.)*

Time/Day preferences: Morning - Afternoon / Thursday - Friday - Saturday
(Circle all that apply)

Location Most outdoor locations are shady with some afternoon sun.
Any preference? (Indoor, outdoor, quiet, shady, electricity, tables required)

Workshop Description:

A short paragraph to entice and inform potential participants. **Maximum of 100 words.**
Please word to inform women about your workshop, as well as any items they need to bring.

We will have a room at PantheaCon (**February 16-19 2012**) to gather, visit, and invite new women to join us. We would also like to share our community with others and invite more women to join us at the Festival. To do this WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to hang out in the room and meet and greet. Please call Tina (510-331-7222 or taradia@gmail.com) if you plan at being at PantheaCon and can take a 1-2 hours shift. This is really important for the growth and development of our community. Please consider signing up!

~ *Spring Into Elderflower* ~

A one-day gathering of the Elderflower Womenspirit community, including drumming, vendors, potluck feast, and evening ritual.

Price: Full Day Admission: \$15. Ritual Only (7 pm): \$10. Vendor \$25.00

When: Sunday, April 8, 2012, 11 am – 10pm.

Location: Humanist Hall: 390 27th St., Oakland www.humanisthall.net/

For more information about Spring Into Elderflower (including being a vendor Workshop presenter or volunteer use either below contact)

**EWF Phone Number. 415-339-8000 or
email FeistyAmazon@hotmail.com (Reply in Subject "Attn: SIE")**

~ *Berkeley Pagan Pride* ~

We are planning on having an informational booth at the 11th Annual Pagan Festival in Berkeley on **May 12, 2012**. Again, sharing, meeting and greeting the larger community are imperative to the growth and development of our community. We need volunteers to sign up to hang around the booth and meet and greet people along with share about your experiences of our Festival.

If you can work a 2 hour shift PLEASE contact Tina (510-331-7222 or taradia@gmail.com) to choose a time.

EWF 2012 Main Ritual Participants Needed

Contact Luna if you would like the opportunity participate in the creation of this Beautiful spiritual Gift to the 2012 Elderflower Community.

Email Luna: Luna@lunastouch.com

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