

Greetings from Talisman and Cauldron's new home in Derby!

New Shop Hours:

Tues-Thurs 11am-7pm

Fri-Sat 11am-8pm

Sunday 12-5pm

Monday Closed

Before I begin, I want to let everyone know that parking is available in the City Hall parking lot (which is diagonally across from Talisman) after their business hours during the week and on the weekends. The hours vary, but you'll know because the lot will be empty! During the weekday parking is on the street but there is usually a spot nearby. We opened this past Wednesday and have been wonderfully busy; planning a "Grand Opening" in early autumn which will incorporate the launch of our new tarot deck.

I cannot even begin to write anything before saying THANK YOU to the team of 30+ people who showed up last Sunday morning to pack and move inventory. By noon, most of the shop was empty! It was amazing and validating and heartwarming ... I will always be grateful.

So ... what is going on out there in the big ol' world? While it's true that I have been preoccupied with the move, I have remained busy with readings - and what I am seeing/hearing is a LOT of "bad behaviour, revealed" going on. In the workplace and in the home - nothing is staying hidden. Politically, it is viral. People who have gotten away with very bad behaviour for a very long time are suddenly being caught out, or with their pants down (in some cases literally) and trust me I am not selling THAT many of my Mirror Spell Kits! And I do so love a good Reveal! Bad bosses are losing their jobs - I think that's a good thing, personally. Infidelities are being "discovered" - well, that does give the other person the right to make decisions about their life and I think that's

hard, but fair. There is nothing worse than living a lie. The drama and "Witch Wars" of Salem are legendary but the personal attacks and level of crazy is off the chart these days ... so very, very grateful to be a boring ol' Connecticut Witch right now. More alarmingly, health issues believed to be benign or low-risk are turning out to be anything but. Lastly, all this turmoil is creating drama, meltdowns, and temper tantrums. Health services professionals are telling me that the hospitals are particularly toxic - people are literally at one another's throat.

What to do? What I always suggest - cleanse and keep clear. If you hit "reply" to this newsletter and add a note "please send salt bath and sage information" I will respond and send you two papers I have created with lots of ideas and ways to keep the energy clear. Alethea, our in-house astrologer, touches on the astrology of this time in her written piece at the end of the newsletter.

Protect your heart chakra! Wear some sort of protective symbol or stone directly over the point where your hand touches your chest when you do the flag salute. This is old wisdom - Mongolian shamans wear a metal plate to cover this very vulnerable point - it is where you take your psychic "hits" (there, and the other opening to the heart chakra which is between your shoulder blades). So when someone "puts a knife in your back" they are hitting you right in the heart chakra!

I hate to bring this up, but the truth is now that the Solstice has passed, the days begin their slow but inevitable march and grow incrementally shorter. In times past (and for farmers now) In another month we would consider the harvest, winter stores, and preparing for the lean times which winter brings. Traditionally, winter is the time we craft, study, write - contemplative indoor versus physical outdoor activities. I mention this because when we align ourselves with the natural energetic flow of the earth's seasons, we seem to live healthier and more productive lives. It is not premature to begin thinking

about taking an adult education class at one of the local high schools - most communities offer a wonderful diverse range of affordable classes including yoga, meditation as well as more metaphysical studies. Here at the shop, we will begin classes again, starting with Tarot 101 on Monday, July 17 from 6-8pm. See details listed farther down in the newsletter!

So tonight (as this newsletter is being sent) marks the end of our fourth day of business here in Derby - it has been fun and wonderful and exhausting and GREAT!

Blessings,
Laura