

HWK NEWSLETTER NO. 7 - SAMHAIN 2007

Dear All,

Welcome to the HWK Samhain newsletter. The summer seems to have whizzed by, and despite the generally lousy weather, we have had a busy summer at Hedgewitches' Kitchen.

Rebecca W is over in South Africa for the next few weeks attending a wedding, before hopping on the back of a truck to do some travelling. In her absence, she has left me in charge of things here - tee hee!

The highlight of our summer has definitely been Carolyn Hillier and Nigel Shaw's Rivenstone festival at home on Dartmoor. This got us out and about, meeting lots of new people as well as catching up with some very dear old friends. We made clay ocarinas, dipped in the river (which was bracingly cold) and met a wonderful new friend who grows lavender in her back garden. We also had the luxury of being able to walk down the track and across the stream each day to go and sell soap - if only every day's commute was that pleasant! Back in London, I find solace in the armfuls of fresh lavender which are drying nicely in the loft. The smell is just divine and I am looking forward to brewing something nice with it soon.

As I write, the Rowan trees outside my window have turned a beautiful shade of orange which has reminded me of our next turn of the wheel. This year's Samhain soap will be ready any day now. Our theme and inspiration for this sabbat has been Osiris, the Egyptian god of Life, Death and Fertility. Osiris was not only the redeemer and merciful judge of the dead in the afterlife, but also the god that granted life and the fertile flooding of the Nile. As Samhain is traditionally the time of year when the veil between the worlds is at its thinnest, and time will be spent connecting with our ancestors and those we have lost in death, it feels right to call on the energies of Osiris. Our new Osiris soap is green, in honour of Osiris' green face, and brings a blend of Patchouli, Sandalwood, Lavender and Bergamot. It will be found at our favourite haven, Treadwell's bookshop in the next few days or online on the website.

Now I am off back to the kitchen, to work on a new range we have in development - Planetary soaps!

Best wishes,

Rebecca B

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