

International Alchemy Guild Bulletin

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Announcements

AN AMAZING ACQUISITION! <u>AUTHENTIC</u>
REPRODUCTIONS OF THE EMERALD TABLET are now available. Actual size, museum-quality replicas of the original Emerald Tablet have been commissioned by the **Guild** from an artist in Spain. This is the accepted version of what the Emerald Tablet really looked like. Written from right-to-left in Phoenician dialect (as was the accepted custom of stone cutters around 2300 BCE), this translucent bas-relief version of the Emerald Tablet is simply awe-inspiring! Available in two sizes.

http://www.crucible.org/ET replica.htm



ALCHEMY GUILD BUMPER STICKERS are now available for purchase! The high-quality, sun-proof vinyl bumper sticker carries the sigil of the International Alchemy Guild with the Latin phrase "Visita Interiora Terrae Rectificando Invenies Occultum Lapidem," which means "Visit the interior of the earth and you will discover the hidden Stone." The initials spell out VITRIOL, which is sulfuric acid, one of the main agents of transformation of the alchemists. Size: 3x9" Cost: \$2.95 each. 5 for \$11.50.

http://www.crucible.org/Artwork.htm#AG01



RUSSIAN ALCHEMY GUILD - The Guild is pleased to announce that a new chapter in St. Petersburg, Russia is now open. The team is headed by spiritual alchemist Tatiana Matveeva. The entire Guild website is being translated into Russian. Tatiana and Dmitry Nazareev are also translating alchemy texts into Russian. They plan to spread the teachings throughout Russia. We are honored to welcome our brothers and sisters in Russia to our international community of alchemists! http://AlchemyGuild.germetism.ru

Международная Алхимическая Гильдия

ALCHEMY MUSEUM - The first alchemy museum in the United States will open June 21, 2014, at Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California. It will have its own dedicated building on the beautiful campus across from the world famous Egyptian Museum. It will also have a separate building for a fully equipped Alchemy Laboratory for classes in practical alchemy that begin in July 2014!

Dennis William Hauck has been chosen to design the two Projects and will be working with the architect and suppliers. This Museum is something American alchemists have hoped for a long time.

PLEASE HELP WITH THIS INVALUABLE PROJECT - The Museum is looking for old or new lab equipment and glassware. Donations are fully tax deductible.

ROSICRUCIAN PARK is offering all current Guild members free admission to the Egyptian Museum in Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, CA. Members may print their membership card from the Guild Archive in the section "00-Guild Documents."

Don't forget to sign up for the **INTERNATIONAL ALCHEMY CONFERENCE** newsletter for the latest updates on the next **Alchemy Conference** in **2013**. http://alchemyconference.com/?amigosid=5

GoToMeeting.com has donated software services worth \$5,000 a year to the Guild for the use of students and instructors in the Alchemy Study Program. The company donated its highest level Go To Webinar online video conferencing services to enable online meetings, study groups, and classes for alchemy students. The Alchemy Guild wishes to sincerely thank GoToMeeting.com for its support. http://www.alchemystudy.com/

"The Emerald Tablet," said noted Jungian author Dr. Edward Edinger, "is the cryptic epitome of the alchemical opus, a recipe for the second creation of the world."

Excerpt taken from the Sorcerer's Stone by Dennis W. Hauck

Meetings/Conferences/Workshops

EMERALD TABLET WORKSHOP – August 25-27, 2012, Rosicrucian Campus, San Jose, CA, given by **Dennis W. Hauck**

The Emerald Tablet is an ancient text that inspired over 3,000 years of alchemy and Hermetic philosophy. It reveals the universal pattern of transformation that is present in everything undefined from the birth of stars to the emergence of our individual personalities.

This three-day intensive workshop shows how to apply the principles of the Emerald Tablet in the everyday world and how to reconstruct the metallic temperament of our souls.

Fees: \$200 (for AMORC members), \$250 (for general public).

For more info and a map with directions: www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1117055

<u>Contact Information</u>: Rosicrucian Park, 1342 Naglee Ave., San Jose, CA 95126, email: tours@rosicrucian.org

Information on the lecturer can be found at: http://www.DWHauck.com

Publications

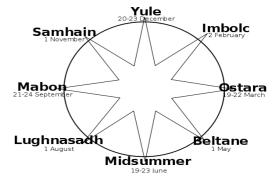
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Did You Know?

WHEEL OF THE YEAR



The **Wheel of the Year** in the Northern Hemisphere. In the Southern Hemisphere these festivals are commonly shifted to match the local seasons.

Over the past several months I've randomly come across the term **Wheel of the Year.** By the third time the term came to my attention, I figured it was time to do some research on it. As I read, I wondered whether the stages of **Alchemy** might apply to the **Wheel**. This article is the result of that research and my ponderings. If readers have

additional information to add or counter, please do so at <u>paulette.harris@alchemyguild.org</u> to be posted in the next Bulletin.

The term Wheel of the Year is of contemporary Wiccan origin and adopted by Neopaganism. It is a combination of the two cultures' solstice and equinox rites and celebrations, an annual cycle that echoes the life, death and rebirth of the God and the fertility of the Goddess.

The **Wheel** consists of eight festivals or sabbats, spaced at approximately even intervals throughout the year. The term sabbat is of Hebrew origin; however, the festivals themselves have historical origins in Celtic and Germanic pre-Christian feasts.

Quarter and cross-quarters days originated as pagan holidays in Sweden, Norway, Finland, United Kingdom and Ireland and today they are known as neopagan holidays. Quarter days are the four festivals which fall on the solstices and equinoxes, known as Lesser Sabbats. The other four festivals fall approximately midway between and are commonly called cross-quarter days, fire festivals or Greater Sabbats.

While I acknowledge that Wicca and Neopaganism as practiced today are generally based in religious rites and ceremonies and that alchemy is an initiation process based on the desire to achieve higher levels of consciousness, still I felt drawn to parallel the quarter and crossquarter days with the stages of alchemy using nature and the planting cycle as an analogy.



<u>Imbolec</u> – February – <u>Calcination</u> – Farmers burn the fields to prepare for planting, catalyzing the first growth of the new cycle.

<u>Spring Equinox</u> (Ostara) – March – <u>Dissolution</u>. Water allows the seeds to transform into seedlings.

<u>Beltane</u> – May 1 – <u>Separation</u>. Weeding out some of the seedlings to make room for plants to grow.

<u>Summer Solstice</u> – June – <u>Conjunction</u>. The union of fire (sun), water and air (separation) produce the newborn Earth element—the plants.

<u>Lammas</u> (Lughnasadh) – August – <u>Fermentation</u>. The rich earth materials break down into nutrients to feed the living plants.

<u>Autumn Equinox</u> (Mabon) – September – <u>Distillation</u>. The falling away of diseased fruits as healthy ones ripen to harvest.

<u>Samhain</u> – November – <u>Coagulation</u>. The fruit is harvested; the process complete and thanks is given.

Winter Solstice – December – Yul – Quintessence.

In the gray of winter, Quintessence stirs in the ashes readying to rise ever higher to life's renewal.

Submitted by Paulette Dager-Harris

From Our Readers

The **Venus Transit** occurred late afternoon PCT on June 5, 2012. **Transits of Venus** are rare. They occur in pairs eight years apart every 100+ years.

The below photo is of the contraption one of our readers built using an umbrella, a pair of binoculars and a tripod in order to capture this extraordinary event old-school style. The following photograph is the result of his ingenuity.





The dot on the lower right hand corner of the sun's sphere is Venus.

Photos courtesy of Dick Harris

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