



# Ancient Ways Newsletter

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The 16<sup>th</sup> annual  
**PantheaCon 2010**  
Feb 12 – 15, 2010

**San Jose Double Tree Hotel**

**2050 Gateway Place, San Jose CA**

We have all the function room space with 4 ballrooms full of wondrous vendors and 4 ballrooms for rituals and workshops along with 10 additional rooms. Parking at the hotel is \$5 a night for attendees with their badges. Only hotel guests get in-out privileges. The Double Tree is sold out of rooms for our weekend.

All the overflow hotels have free parking and you can reach the hotel by cab or a short walk. We expect to have a shuttle bus or van go among the hotels. When the Holiday Inn is full we will post other “contracted and designated” hotels on line.

- 1 - The Holiday Inn San Jose (408) 793-3300; \$85; has 2 restaurants on site. We have a 100 room block, but will need to share it with a business group.
- 2 - Extended Stay America Deluxe, (408) 453-3000 \$95 F & Sat nights, more on Sun., has kitchens.

**Important Dates for PantheaCon**

**[www.pantheacon.com](http://www.pantheacon.com)**

On line Registration for the Con is open now, and closes Feb. 1; after that register on site.

On line Programming application forms are open and close Oct. 15

Vending applications are available and are mail- in only; it closes Oct. 15

**Theme: Back to Basics**

As energy and economics implode we look for more simple ways of life. Our pagan ethics and worship of our Earth Mother help us forge new sustainable lifestyles as we honor the old ways. What we know about the old ways of life, others now acknowledge as new imperatives to be custodians of our earth. What is the bottom line when it comes to our lives and our spirits? What living skills of our traditions are especially needed for the future?

For Presenter applications, see this store newsletter or [www.pantheacon.com](http://www.pantheacon.com) Presentations will be “judged” to get a good variety. The Deadline is October 15. Applications received after Oct. 15 go on a waiting list. Please be brief, but detailed. See the form enclosed or go on line. Descriptions of events and personal biographies should be less than 100 words; we prefer not to have to chop to fit the space available for you. Confirmations go out in mid November.

**Registration** now includes an optional carbon footprint donation to offset travel emmissions. See Carbonfund.org for more info.

**Web site** We finally have the forums mostly working. There are 2 forums to sign-up for a log-in, one for Ancient Ways site and one for the PantheaCon site. We hope that the forums will allow people to seek roommates and rides to PantheaCon. (Please remember that we cannot screen people for you. You must be a wary buyer in that respect.) The forums will also include a Pagan interest Political page. (These forums will be moderated to keep out obvious ads.) Let us know if you have difficulties – webmaster @ pantheacon.com or @ ancientways.com.

**Vendor** applications are included in this Newsletter and are subject to approval and space available. We will be “judging” the vendor merchandise types to get a good mix. The Deadline is October 15; “late” applications will not be considered. Vendor forms **cannot** be filled out on the website, only downloaded and mailed in. They will be notified by November 15, 2009.

### **Special pre-PantheaCon Intensives**

We expect both **Ardantane** and **Cherry Hill** will have Thursday intensives on Feb. 11, 2010 at the Double Tree again. You sign up separately from PantheaCon for the Thursday event you wish to attend. We will have links and information on the PantheaCon website as it becomes available.

### **Ardantane Pagan Learning Center**

As we go to press we have not received the information on what is planned for Ardantane’s Intensive. To find out more look on their website and I expect they will have it there soon.

For more information contact: Ardantane, P.O. Box 307, Jemez Springs NM 87025

Go to [www.ardantane.org](http://www.ardantane.org), or e-mail [Registration@ardantane.org](mailto:Registration@ardantane.org),

### **Cherry Hill Seminary**

As we go to press we have not received the full information for Cherry Hill’s Intensive. It will be something about Storytelling, Drama and Ritual.

To find out more look on their website and I expect they will have it there soon.

Cherry Hill Seminary; "Distance Education for Professional Pagan Ministry", P.O. Box 5405, Columbia, SC 29250-5405  
[www.cherryhillseminary.org](http://www.cherryhillseminary.org)

### **News from the Store**

Look for a big summer clear out sale coming soon. I picked up some things from the old store Curios & Candles – so there will be a sale of odd candles and statues and maybe other kinds of odds and ends

We are well stocked with our usual candles, incense, incense burners, lots of athames, statues etc. We have delightful new things from a new age Gift Show I went to in June. This is the time I shop for the next 6 months and for Yule, Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza holiday gift giving. Check out the fine Feng Shui house balancing items and Turkish blue eyes used to avert the evil eye to bless and protect your home or car.

**The Ancient Ways Festival** went well at Stone City Pagan Sanctuary – now the 2nd annual festival at that site.

Next year’s Ancient Ways Festival will be May 19 – 23, 2010, the weekend prior to Memorial Day. We lowered the early registration prices for the festival. It is only \$50 for 4 nights before Feb. 15; the other prices for fewer days also \$10 less. We again hope for milder weather next year.

The festival raised over \$900 for T. Thorne Coyle’s non-profit community service group, “Solar Cross”. There was a cauldron of money jingling change to help others. The workshops by T Thorne were inspiring as well as the Saturday night ritual. The milder weather this year allowed for especially fun evenings of music, talent and partying. The vendors were great with plenty of great things people could buy.

The Festival committee invites you to a summer pot luck gathering in Berkeley on Sunday, Aug. 9 at 2 pm. Email [glenn@ancientways.com](mailto:glenn@ancientways.com), if you want to come and help plan next year’s festival and the work parties at Stone City or if you have any comments, suggestions or feedback about the festival.