

Diana's Grove Mystery School 2008
Seasons of the Soul



**A year-long exploration of
group dynamics**

12 needs. 12 facets, 12 desires....See yourself and
the world around you in a deeper way.

Self - Resources - Communication - Self-Image - Worth - Service & Work

Alliances & Others - Death, Sex, Money, & Power - Philosophy & Mythology

Status & Excellence - Community - Sacrifice.

Will you join us to learn more?

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Wheel of the Year: Seasons of the Soul

Discover the mysteries of human nature and group dynamics by stepping into the desires and concerns represented by the 12 astrological signs.

This year is devoted to the universal *mysteries of being* and the way we are all shaped by a year's cyclical wisdom. You hold the whole year within you. You are the mystery and the promise each season makes to the night sky.

Our year begins in the month of Aquarius (January); we will explore group dynamics, and social politics. In February, Pisces asks us to unravel sacrifice and find the essence of mysticism. Month by month, you will see your own reflection as the passing seasons are captured in the mirror of your soul.

Mystery School 2008

Just Imagine...

Imagine yourself looking into a mirror.

The natural world appears as your reflection. Red, rust, yellow; in the time of autumn, you see yourself as the bright leaves and the clear, cool nights. You are a field of golden wheat ready to be harvested. You are the season's ripe bounty; you are beauty's feast.

November: bare branches stark against the moon; you are the rattle of dry leaves and the taste of winter in the air. Look deeper; look within the season and see a seasonal way of life. That's you.

Clan life, long-ago life, life before walls, life when the fire was the only heat and the Shaman talked to the spirit of the deer to discover the pattern of migration.

Yes, that is your reflection.... Or is it that you are a reflection of those long-gone times? Instinct, cellular memory, the history that runs in the marrow of your bones; the key to these mysteries is held by the seasons of the soul.

The lucky are born at the Summer Solstice when the nights are warm, food plentiful, and mother's milk abundant. The child born at the Winter Solstice knows the value of every resource and is blessed with the will to survive and a strategy to do so.

Seasons of the soul...

The astrological wheel is the keeper of the mystery of human nature. Each sign is a complex history and a deep-seated prophecy. The seasons of the year hold the mystery of the growing cycle, the rise and fall of the vital sap within the trees.

Just as the changing light awakens the instinctual wisdom of plants and animals, the seasons of our souls tell us when to gather resources and when to emerge from winter's slumber.

Astrology, Seasons and Group Dynamics

Although our personal astrological charts are varied and unique, this year is devoted to the universal *mysteries of being* and the way we are all shaped by a year's cyclical wisdom. You hold the whole year within you. You are the mystery and the promise each season makes to the night sky.

The challenge and gift of the current season will be the focus of each Mystery School intensive. Our year begins with Aquarius, with community and our need for each other. We will travel, sign by sign, through the year.

If I were more disciplined, the whole weekend could pass without an astrological word, but I am not. You will hear astrological jargon, but only in passing. If you are interested in astrology, there will be a 1-1/2 hour astrology class every Sunday morning and an on-line astrology class. If you aren't interested in astrology, other options are available.

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Reflection, a mirror; within it, a maze. Step in, wander, discover who you are.

Will you come? Will you step with us into the seasons of the soul?

What is Diana's Grove Mystery School?

Mystery School is a year of monthly online packets, email discussion groups, on-line classes and a menu of weekend and week-long intensives to bring the material to life.

Mystery School is a vital community committed to inclusion and healthy interactions. 2008 can be your year; a year for you to step into these mysteries and discover yourself. Mystery School will encourage you to be an active designer in your own becoming.

Personal Growth...

Personal growth and professional development.... I wish I could find another word for *Personal Growth*, a word that better describes Mystery School's focus and intention. Self-realization, self-actualization, yes...but in the context of community. Not personal growth just for yourself but personal growth so you can be more fully a part of life, so you can be more acutely present in all of your relationships. Regardless of the theme, that is the purpose of Mystery School.

Professional development:

Our approach begins with understanding ourselves, then others, then the nature of groups and finally, the group that we serve. On that foundation, effective communication and a commitment to integrity, excellence and accountability are our focuses. These values shape our staff and all of the work that we offer.

Leadership, Facilitation, Community Arts

The pattern of the year offers you a key not only to yourself, but to the deeper mysteries of group interactions. It will give those of you who have accepted the responsibility of leadership an extraordinary tool. You will be able to see the roots of conflict, and you will have a way to understand, address and resolve that conflict.

If you are a mediator, facilitator or a person interested in creating a healthy group or community structure, this year's work is original and revolutionary. It is the culmination of fourteen years of using the metaphysical arts as living mentors.

We will be offering what I consider to be our most significant and potent philosophical contribution. Secrets are held in the timeless patterns; individually and together, we will step into the mystery of our deepest selves and our relationships.

Mystery School Intensives

This year, weekend and week-long intensives will explore the mystery of the seasons through provocative material, ritual, small- and large-group discussion and submersion in the month's subject. Add to that great meals, insightful conversations, a wood-heated hot tub and friends you have yet to meet. Get a massage and your experience is complete.

Mystery School enables a weekend or week to follow you home. It invites a coast-to-coast community into your computer for continuing dialog. It leads you into the mystery of being who you are and asks you to share yourself with others.

There is a Mystery School intensive every month. Occasionally, we offer an open intensive so that those not in Mystery School can join the community and experience the focus and intensity of a weekend. Our year holds other open weekends, too: seasonal celebrations, weekends devoted to the Tarot, and more. These weekends are open to everyone.

What is a Weekend Like?

Mystery School will encourage you to deepen your commitment to your own excellence. The years of Mystery School have laid a field of intention at the Grove. History shapes the present and makes promises to the future.

Imagine being with a group of people committed to personal growth and each other. On those bones, we stand. A pattern is laid.

Mystery School brings together different points of view and spiritual paths and traditions. Our respect for each other creates common unity, community.

Arrivals on Thursday or Friday

Most Mystery School weekends begin on Friday. If you pick a 4-day weekend, then Thursday is Friday and you will have two Saturdays. No matter when Friday is, plan to arrive after 3:00. Come on up to the house. We will welcome you and help you get settled for the weekend.

If you are in one of our leadership programs, your group meets at 3:00. The first whole group session, Creating Community, is at 4:30. It is an introduction to the weekend's material and each other.

Circles of Support

Circles of Support, small groups within the larger group, meet at 6:00. If you are new to the Grove then, by dinner, you will know other "Mysteries" who will help you make yourself at home.

Meals

Then dinner...a soup and salad supper that is often graced with homemade bread and conversations of reunion. Meals are made with love and most often eaten with the same emotion. Some Mysteries come just for the food.

Although our menu is omnivore, vegetarian options are plentiful. Coffee, tea and fruit are always available. If you have special dietary needs, we work with you to figure out how to feed you during a weekend.

Friday Night

Connect with your primordial instincts, your soul's desire, your body's knowing, your dream's memories. We will step into the time of the clan.

Friday evening dissolves time. Enter a place where candlelight flirts with darkness and songs are sung with and without words. Step back into your ancient self and let the world inform you. Dream memory's dream; let the wisdom of the season take you in her arms.

The evening's work is followed by dessert. The hot tub is steaming under the stars.

Saturday Sessions

Saturday begins with Soul Motion, a gentle moving meditation for those who rise early. The day is filled with small - and whole-group sessions.

Saturday Night

Explore the mysteries and issues that each of the "twelve seasons" bring. Saturday night's ritual will coax you into a place of possibility and give you an opportunity to use your insights to change your relationship with the world around you and within you.

The evening session ends about 10:00. Dessert is served and then...off to bed or to the hot tub or out into the night to walk the labyrinth by moonlight.

Sunday

Mystery School weekends end with Sunday lunch at 1:00.

The Mysteries and the Seasons 2008 Calendar

Winter:

The time of long nights --- Inter-Dependence and Politics
Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces

December: Status. Resources and survival strategies; the pursuit of excellence and professionalism.

January: Group processes. Our need for each other, social order, personal politics and group dynamics.

February: Sacrifice. The doorway to mysticism, our need to give ourselves to something larger than ourselves.

Opening Mystery School Jan 25-27 (3 days) This very special weekend begins the year.	Drum & Trance: A skill specific intensive - Ericksonian Trance Technique and Frame Drum Feb 7-10 (4 days) February Mystery School Feb 22-24 (3 days)
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Spring: The time of lengthening light --- Personal Development
Aries, Taurus and Gemini

March: Autonomy and identity. Self definition, individuation, personal freedom and self expression.

April: Comfort. The foundation for involvement; our need to be safe. secure and cared for.

May: Communication and information. How we teach, why we learn and the way we reveal ourselves in every interaction and exchange.

<p>Women's Spring Equinox Mar 21-23 -Open- (3 days)</p> <p>March Mystery School Mar 28-30 (3 days)</p> <p>April Mystery School Apr 24-27 -Open- (4 days)</p>	<p>Tarot - Out of the Box May 8-11 -Open- (4 days)</p> <p>May Mystery School Intensive May 24-31 (A week)</p>
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Summer:

The time of heat and ripening --- Family and Foundation
Cancer, Leo and Virgo

June: Retreat. The urge to protect, the mystery of sensitivity.

July: Worth. The need to be seen, recognized and valued; the power of creativity and personal mythology.

August: Service and work. The desire to give, the need to contribute.

<p>Midwest Reclaiming Camp with Starhawk June 7-14 (A week)</p> <p>June Mystery School June 26-29 (4 days)</p> <p>Lunacy Women's Week: Astrology, personal growth and more July 12-19 -Open- (A week)</p>	<p>July Mystery School July 24-27 -Open- (4 days)</p> <p>Priestess Intensive: Aug 21-24 (4 days)</p> <p>Going Deeper - A Tarot Intensive Aug 28-31 -Open- (4 days)</p>
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Autumn:

The time of harvest and slaughter --- Psychology
Libra, Scorpio and Sagittarius

September: Cooperation and harmony. The mystery of partnership, best friends and open enemies.

October: Death, sex, money and power. The quest for immortality.

November: Philosophy / Mythology. A time to invent the gods and give meaning to life.

<p>Fall Equinox: The Feast of Persephone Sept 19-21 -Open- (3 days)</p> <p>Rites of Passage: A very special time to honor growth Oct 10-12 -Open- (3 days)</p>	<p>Fall Mystery School Intensive: Face death, understand power Oct 25-Nov 2 Saturday to Sunday (9 days)</p> <p>Samhain: Summer's end Oct 31 - Nov 2 -Open- (3 days)</p> <p>Closing Mystery School Nov 21-23 (3 days)</p>
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Mystery School Registration includes:

- Moon Shadows: A journal to record your year
- A monthly packet
- The quarterly magazine, *Between the Worlds*
- Email groups to discuss your work
- An online astrology class
- A selection of Mystery School weeks and weekends you can choose to attend

Register online, by phone, or by mail

Early registration until December 15th - \$175 to \$250
Dec 16th to December 31st - \$200 to \$275
January 1st to January 15th - \$225 to \$275
Registration closes on January 15th

**For details: [www. Dianasgrove.com](http://www.Dianasgrove.com)
573-689-2400**

Weekends and week-long Intensives

3 day weekends: \$225 - \$275
4 day weekends: \$250 - \$300
Weeks (8 to 9 days): \$550 - \$600
All prices are a sliding scale; pay the amount that is right for you.

New this year: to create an intimate group and assure your comfort during a weekend, groups will be limited to 30 participants, plus our staff.