

# The Pellet

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**Merry Meet** and welcome to the millennial edition of The Pellet. This issue is stuffed to the brim with all sorts of interesting "stuff". Since there was no Ostara issue (Take two small children and add a good dose of a bronchial viral infection and no sleep.), this issue has some of that issue in it as well as the usual hodge-podge. Inside these pages you'll find mythology essays on *four* deities: Danu, Llew Llaw Gyffes, Isis, and Osiris. Commemorating our food correspondent's travels abroad, a recipe for a yummy sounding Greek bread is also included. And you'll find the usual potpourri of offerings, like the word find and runic meditations from Shadow-walker.

I also want to thank those who've helped make the Pellet happen since it's creation. Krystal, Jeff, Silverwind, Sabrae, Shadow-walker, Ivan, Mary Ann -we'll get her bread recipe next spring, John, thanks to all of you for your writing. And apologies to anyone I may have forgotten. Remind me next time you see me.

Merry Part,  
Melinda



## Athens Area CUUPS First Regional Event

Yep, you read it correctly. Our little chapter is putting on a regional gathering/event this September 28th and 29th. Friday night will be a getting acquainted/opening reception event for those who wish to arrive early. And then on Saturday we'll go all day for a series of workshops and discussions, finishing up with a ritual that evening.

July brings a workshop on magical tools. The idea is for different folks to pick a tool and then do a short talk on it's uses, history, etc. (about 5 minutes.) That way no one person get's stuck talking the whole time and we get to enjoy what everyone has to bring to the discussion. If you'd like to volunteer to talk about your favorite type of tool, just say so. There should be some discussion on the list before hand. This should be an interesting workshop with some great show-and-tell.

Some things to look forward to in the chapter include our quickly-becoming-traditional Mabon labyrinth ritual. If you haven't made it before, I really suggest you try and come. There is also a possible spinning workshop taught by Mary Ann later this fall. She'll have both spindles and wool available. We're also discussing a mask-making workshop for the fall. If you had a chance to see the masks made by the Rise Up class in 1999, you'll have a good idea of what we'll be doing. And come winter, there may be a pre-Imbolc candlemaking class.

## Faery Alpha Poem

*Silverwind 2000*



Another time, in another place  
Beside a clear pool, I glimpsed your face,  
Caught your dear likeness, my faery friend,  
Darting in shadows, with leaves to blend.  
(Elven faces seen so briefly...  
Figments of my daydreams, chiefly?)  
Gladly beheld I your glimmering world--  
Hastily, midst misty veils soft-furled;  
I sensed your lithe form lightly hopping  
Just beyond my eye-tail stopping.  
(Kindred Spirits? Ne'er-Shall-Meets?)  
Looking my way with glances discreet--  
Maybe my form doth shimmer for thee  
Not seeming solid, as I seem to me.  
Only while our two worlds touch  
Perceive we the other in forms as such.  
Questing for contact with creatures so dear,  
Resisting advances, yet hovering near -- I'm  
Sensing your presence and wanting to speak -- I'm  
Tensing and turning to capture a peek,  
Unwilling to move, yet fearing to stay;  
Visitors to Faery Lands "for one brief day"  
Will often remain in realms far below --  
EXpecting reunion with those that they know  
Yet learning that whole generations have passed  
Zephyr-like, while they merrily twirled 'neath the grass.