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Witchy Woman

LaSara FireFox brings her sex-positive mission of empowerment to Magickal Winter Weekend

by Theresa "Darklady" Reed

LaSara FireFox is an excellent representative for her recently released magical workbook *Sexy Witch*. The ruddy, fresh-faced activist, writer and pagan ritualist is an enthusiastic and articulate spokeswoman for her revolutionary worldview, which promotes the radical notion that liberation comes from responsible, positive sexuality.

The queer-identified FireFox will bring her message of sexy spirituality to Portland during the Magickal Winter Weekend from Feb. 3 to 5, when she serves as the featured speaker for the city's first-ever spiritually based Imbolc event at the Airport Shilo Inn Suites Hotel.

In order to celebrate the middle of the year's dark season and the earth's preparation for rebirth and regeneration, attendees can participate in rituals, browse and purchase vendor goods and an on-site art gallery, groove to the Celtic beat of musician Heather Alexander, attend musically focused workshops and participate in bardic and drum circles. Additionally, representatives from a variety of alternative spiritual paths, including FireFox, will lead workshops and presentations aimed at increasing attendees' understanding of not only their relation-

ship with the divine but also of one another and the world at large.

According to FireFox, who will lead the weekend's opening ritual as well as participate in tantric temple exercises, the goal is to create a unique environment within which "people of alternative religious or spiritual orientations, mostly earth-centered, earth-based traditions, can come together and share information, tools and techniques. Plus it's an opportunity to be around like-minded people, which is such an important component of being able to really experience and practice the beliefs that we have in our lives."

Helping others fully experience their lives and walk their paths is a special passion for FireFox, who has developed a wide range of workshops to assist others in achieving their goals. Because she has seen a great deal of "crossover between alternative spirituality, queer-oriented people and the sex-positive scene," many of her workshops are gender-inclusive or women-only, in addition to being polyamory-friendly, although the straight and monogamous will find plenty to resonate with.



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"Living Revolution," which she will offer Feb. 2 at Another Moon, will provide attendees with the tools needed to manifest their personal "(r)evolutions" and identify and remove blocks that hinder their ability to live them on a daily basis. Those who bring or buy a copy of *Sexy Witch* can have it autographed by FireFox and will receive a special *Sexy Witch* sticker.

Although the ultimate lineup of Magickal Winter Weekend workshops is still being determined, FireFox anticipates presenting on a number of fun but important subjects near and dear to her heart, including sex-positive parenting, grrl-grrl flirting and flirting for the sex-positive community. She will also participate in a panel on sacred S/M. During "Organic Paganism," FireFox will bring her self-sufficient, rural living skills to the table in order to assist pagan practitioners dealing with a tight budget or a preference for a less materialistically focused approach to ceremony in developing a more intuitive relationship with their magickal path.

The workshop FireFox is most excited about, however, is "New to It: The Responsibility of Freedom," because this is her first opportunity to present it in a conference setting. Its goal is out-

reach to post rite-of-passage youths seeking solutions to the confusion of meeting potential romantic partners and navigating the tricky waters of dating. Along with helping her students learn "respectful and effective flirting" skills, FireFox hopes to encourage questions and explore non-traditional relationship solutions during the safe-space exploration of love in its many forms.

Raised in a pagan community that included family members on both sides who participated in what FireFox refers to as "family tradition" witchcraft, the energetic writer lived an "intense existence" as a child, going without television, telephone, electricity, running water or easy access to roads during the winter. FireFox's experience living close to nature helped fuel her with a desire to help others step fully into their power; she was ordained as a pagan clergy member at the age of 29.

Living in rural northern California with her partner and their two children, she is giving serious thought to relocating to Seattle, where she has found a "very well-established, sex-positive community that is incredibly supportive" of her work. If that happens, chances are excellent that Portland will hear and see more of this sexy witch's pansexual magic. ©

For more information about LASARA FIREFOX visit www.lasara.us or www.magickalwinterweekend.org.

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