

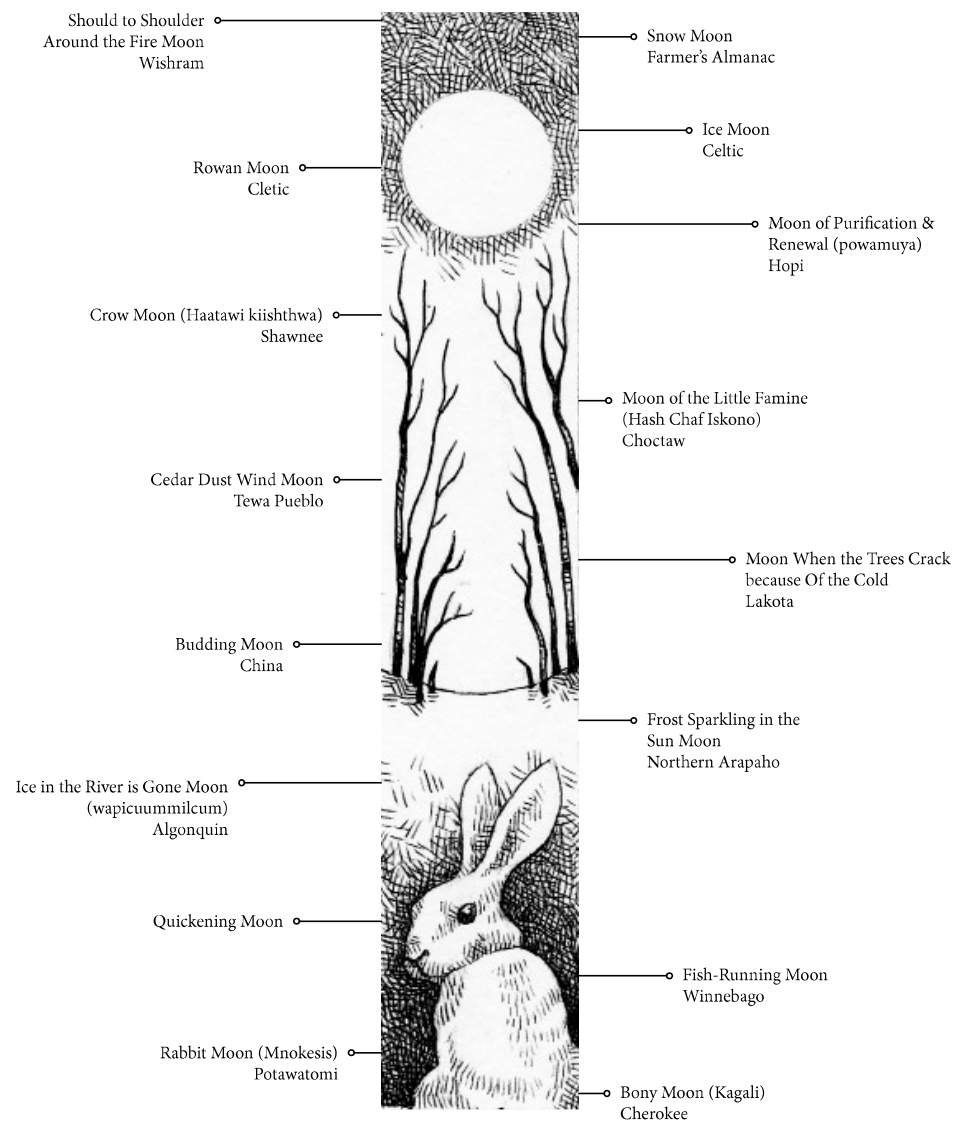
February
Moon

February doesn't relent, but at least the Moon of the Terrible is behind us. This cycle, both the Snow Moon and the Budding Moon somehow shine together in the sky. Stay on guard though, cold brings misery. The Ice Moon appears with its siblings: the moon of the Little Famine and the Bony Moon.

Keep your head up, the Old Moon moves this season along once again. As the it fills, stick by the Shoulder to Shoulder Around the Fire moon and hold on just a little longer while spring nears. Listen out for the Moon When the Trees Pop and the Moon of Cedar Dust Wind.

As we near the peak of the season, look out for the Crow Moon and the Moon of the Rabbit. We are lucky that the Quickening Moon has reached us. Flow towards the full moon with the Fish-Running Moon and the Ice in the River Is Gone Moon. Tumble into the Frost Sparkling in the Sun Moon, drip into the Moon of Purification & Renewal. And when the moon is gorged, bask fully in the Rowan Moon.

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Lunar New Year

Feb 1st is a day of many beginnings. Across the world Lunar New Year is celebrated by feasts, fireworks, and other festivities. It is a time to honor ancestors, gods, and elders.

This year will be ruled by the Water Tiger: courage will triumph over fear. Listen to the silent trickle of your inner strength and feel it grow into a stream and later a river. You will slowly find it easier to move and take action. Be patient, stay grounded, and get ready to dive into sudden changes.

February 1st is also a time to celebrate Imbolc, the ancient Celtic Spring festival. Look to Brigid the bright one, goddess of poetry and fertility. From her you can learn to whistle in the night.

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Sources:

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HOME REMEDY



Ellie's Journal

Thanks for using this zine! It's the first of the monthly Lunar Journals, published by Rhizine x Tech Witches. I first distributed this zine at the LNY celebration at the Cyber Love Hotel (mtl). With it I gave various items which I'll tell you a bit about:

- Candle for the shoulder to shoulder around the fire moon. It won't be cold forever
- Tea (Jasmine) caus u always need tea
- Birdseed: build relationships with local feather species, you'll be grateful for it.
- Milkweed seeds: a man told me to plant milkweed for the monarchs. Took me a while to find seeds but I finally found some when harvesting plants at champ des possibles with Nico and Anya. Spring is close so start locating where you put your seeds from last season. They'll start sprouting soon enough.

QUICKENING MOON

Deep in the frozen soil life begins to move. Seeds are preparing their ascent towards heat and light. Animals in the womb start stirring in anticipation for their birth in the spring. This is a good time to plan your crops. This cycle offers you a clean slate. Take it, make it yours, think ahead. What do you want out of the year to come? What do you want to reap in the summer? What will keep you alive next winter?



- Anything else

A black and white line drawing of a plant. It features several long, thin, upright stems that are slightly curved. On the left side, there is a small, branched structure with several small, rounded lobes. The drawing is simple and appears to be a sketch or a stylized representation of a plant.

ROWAN MOON

In Celtic mythology, the Rowan tree is known as the tree of life. It brings clarity, protection, and transformation. Neo-Druidic tradition associates the Rowan tree with portals, thresholds, and gates. Look within yourself and draw a map from where you are to where you want to go.

FEB 15TH: FULL MOON

Sit under the full moon for several moments. feel the light on your face and feel the glow seep into your skin. say hello. write whatever u feel like.



Write here now or later, come back as much as needed.

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FEB 8TH: 1ST QUARTER

We're halfway to the full moon! Do you feel your strength coming in? Here are some more writing prompts.

- Write about a very long dinner party in three acts, who is there and what did you eat?
- Write about how you can slowly feel yourself developing a secret hidden power and you have to choose between revealing it or keeping it hidden
- Write about a mischievous imp who has played a trick on you
- Write about a quest you are on and you become stuck then find tool(s) to aid your journey
- Write about your favourite cliché
- Write about waking up in the body of a 10,000 year old tree

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