

THE SECRET CIRCLE: BOOK OF SHADOWS

Note* To avoid confusion please remember that all of the information found here is from L.J. Smith's SECRET CIRCLE Trilogy: The Initiation, The Captive and The Power books, not the CW's TV show.

New Salem Town Facts

In 1693 a year after the Salem Witch Trials ended the real witches left and moved to an island in New England. These original families founded the Town of New Salem. The name Salem was common in Colonial times and comes from the name Jerusalem. In the 300 years since settling in New Salem the original families intermingled to keep their blood pure.

Today's coven consists of the direct decedents of the original families. The human outsiders living in New Salem are descended from the original families hired help, or from drifters that came to the island and were allowed to settle there.

The houses on Crowhaven Road belonged to the original coven. The witches of New Salem still occupy the houses today. The homes on Crowhaven Road are mostly in poor condition due to their age with a few exceptions. The current living arrangements are as follows:

- Number 1 – Diana**
- Number 2 – Deborah & Nick**
- Number 3 – Vacant**
- Number 4 – Melanie**
- Number 5 – Laurel**
- Number 6 – Faye**
- Number 7 – Vacant**
- Number 8 – Doug, Chris & Kori**
- Number 9 – Adam**
- Number 10 – Suzan**
- Number 11 – Sean**
- Number 12 – Cassie**
- Number 13 – Only the foundation remains.**

Spells and Ritual Facts

- Spells misused can rebound on the person who cast it threefold.
- The Master Tools: A Crystal Skull, Leather Garter, Silver Diadem and Silver Bracelet
- A circle is cast by going around it with a dagger, water, incense and a lit candle. Earth, Water, Air and Fire.
- Trees are attuned to things like love and friendship making them good for working spells of that nature.
- Red and Orange crystals can be overwhelming and shouldn't be worn all the time.
- Milk of Roses consists of rosewater and oil of sweet Almonds
- November 17th The Night of Hecate is a night for fortune telling and Prophecies.

Coven Facts

Diana, Suzan, Faye, Deborah, Adam, Nick, Melanie, Doug and Chris are seniors at New Salem High School. Laurel, Cassie and Sean are juniors. Kori is a sophomore.

The permanent leader of The Club must be 17 years old and have the majority of the coven's votes.

Male witches are called witches too.

A crescent moon symbolizes membership in The Club. It can be displayed in several ways such as jewelry, clothing and tattoos.

Joining The Club includes the promise to never harm another Club member, or use magic against another member without their knowledge.

There are a lot of cousins on Crowhaven road. First cousins include Faye and Diana and Nick and Deborah.

Witches are superstitious and do not take photographs.

Symbols of the witch leader: Diadem, Bracelet and Garter.

Spell Titles in Diana's Book of Shadows:

- ***A charm to cure a sickly child.***
- ***To make hens lay.***
- ***For protection against fire and water.***
- ***To overcome a bad habit.***
- ***To find treasure.***
- ***To change your luck.***

- *To turn aside evil.*
- *A spell against contagious diseases.*
- *To cause dreams.*

Faye keeps a wooden box of crystals and gemstones to work with; Diana keeps hers in a blue velvet pouch. Some crystals and gems include Garnets, Fire Opals, Red Jasper, Black Onyx, Moonstone, Jade, Amethyst, Peridot, Star Rubies, Carnelian, Citrine and Quartz.

The Club celebrates several holidays including The Night of Hecate, The Full Moon, Samhain, The Fall Equinox and The Club's Birthday Season.

The Birthday Season:

November 3rd Nick

November 5th Adam

November 7th Melanie

November 10th Diana & Faye

November 17th Chris & Doug

November 24th Suzan

November 28th Deborah

December 1st Laurel

December 3rd Sean

Cassie and Kori's Birthdays fall outside of the Birthday Season on July 23rd and September 22nd.

Gods, Goddesses and Deities

- **Hera** – *Queen of the gods*
- **Artemis** – *Goddess of the hunt*
- **Aphrodite** – *Goddess of love*
- **Athena** – *Goddess of wisdom*
- **Hecate** – *Greek goddess of crossroads*
- **Persephone** – *Goddess of flowers and growing things*
- **Herne** – *God of forests, nature and animals*
- **Calliope** – *Muse of poetry*

- **Diana** – *(not the Roman Diana) Ruler of everything, goddess of the moon and the stars*

Definitions

A Pendulum: A crystal secured at the end of a chain or string. Used as a tool to follow or locate. The pendulum aligns with what the user is looking for and swings to indicate direction.

Arretophoria : “The Trust Festival” An older member of a group gives the youngest member a box. The younger member takes the box and buries it without looking inside. It will be dug up and opened at a later date.

Plants and Herbs

Feverfew - *in small doses is good in salads, makes a good wash for insect bites, and can be used in love spells*

Ground up Catnip - *relaxes, great in tea*

Roses - *soothing and purifying*

Thyme - *used in soup can help to overcome shyness*

Apples - *sacred to the goddess Hera, symbolize love and death*

Trees - *attuned to friendship and love*

Hazelnuts - *for Wisdom*

Crystals and Gemstones

Jade – *calming, peaceful, sharpens mental clarity*

Peridot – *a visionary stone*

Clear Quartz – *power, clarity and purity*

Tiger’s Eye – *to ward off bad dreams*

Hematite – *powerful stone for iron strength*

Citrine – *physical activity, energy and fitness*

Amethyst - *soothing and balancing, focus and fight off psychic attacks*

Rose Quartz – *helps draw love to you*

Fire Opals – *passion*

Red Jasper – *stability*

Carnelians – *stimulating*

Onyx – *surrendering to your shadow self*

Star Rubies – *amplifies passion or anger very quickly*

Chalcedony – *protective influence*

Moonstone – *good dreams, calming*

Lodestone – Magnetite – *black iron oxide magnetic, strength, power and darkness*

Beauty and Makeup

Girls Halloween Dance Prep:

*Bathed with fresh sage leaves to enhance their psychic powers.
Milk of Roses wash used to soften the skin and leave it sweet smelling.*

Suzan's Beauty Mixtures:

*Beauty bath mix – thyme, mint, rosemary and lavender for tranquility.
Chamomile hair rinse – to brighten hair and bring out highlights
Fragrant resin redolent with the mysterious virtues of tropical balms – for a clear and brilliant complexion.*

Cassie's Homecoming Dance Makeup

*Brown eyeliner used to line the eyes giving them a doe-like look.
Almond eye shadow over the entire lid. To enhance without being obvious.
Midnight blue eye shadow in the creases to add mystery.
Nails treated with a witch hazel infusion and then painted with Chanel Flamme Rose nail polish.
Suzan's irresistible perfume mixture of mignonette, tuberose and ylang-ylang.*

Halloween with the Coven

The Circles Halloween Dance Costumes:

Sean – Skeleton

Diana - Coven leader in ceremonial white shift

Faye – A dark witch

Laurel – Nature fairy

Deborah – Rocker

Adam –Herne, the forest god

Doug & Chris – Zax, a magician from a sci-fi show

Nick – Cassie’s date, no costume

Suzan – Aphrodite

Melanie - Sophia, biblical spirit of wisdom

Cassie – Calliope – Muse of poetry

Samhain – the day when the veil between the living and the dead is the thinnest.
Lighting a white candle and setting it in the window to guide the dead.
Setting food out to feed the spirits so they don’t come in.

Divination/Celebration/Rituals

Peel an apple in one long spiral. Throw the peel over your shoulder; if it doesn’t break it forms the initial of your true love.

Throw a Hazelnut in the fire and say a pair of names. If it pops they’re meant for each other, if not they’re doomed. “If he loves me pop and fly, if he hates me burn and die.”

Spells, Chants, Poems, Rituals and Celebrations

Pizza Man...He Delivers

Cassie and Suzan light pink and red candles around Faye’s living room. Then incense composed of ginger root, cardamom and neroli oil. Faye places red crystals around the room including garnets, carnelians, fire opals and pink tourmalines. Faye wears extra Star Rubies, and Suzan wears a Carnelian necklace. Faye orders 6 pizzas and then waits for the delivery men to arrive. As each arrives the girls invite the boys they like in. Intoxicated by their surroundings the boys are helpless to leave, becoming slaves to the girls.

Cassie’s First Spell

*“Sky and Sea keep harm from me,
Earth and Fire bring my desire.”*

Faye's Poem

*I dream about fire,
Tongues of flame licking me.
My hair burns like a torch,
My body burns for you.
Touch my skin and your fingers will stick.
You'll blacken like a cinder
But you'll die smiling
Then you'll be part of the fire too.*

Cassie's Poem

*Each night I lie and dream about the one
Who kissed me and awakened my desire
I spent a single hour with him alone
And since that hour, my days are laced with fire.*

The Girl's Celebration Ritual on The Night of Hecate

The Night of Hecate celebrates all of the phases in a woman's life, Maiden, Mother and Crone, making it a perfect night for the girl's ritual. Held at a crossroads in honor of Hecate goddess of crossroads and transformation, the girls enter the circle and sit around it. Each takes a candle and lights it saying a virtue or aspect of womanhood that they'd like to celebrate. The candle is then set in the center of the circle. Each girl's candle once set in the center creates a circle of candles. The white and last candle goes in the center of candles. The girls then show the candles to the elements and get their blessing. The ceremony is to celebrate and affirm what girls are.

Faye** uses a **Red Cinnamon** Candle to celebrate **Passion

Suzan** uses an **Orange Peach** Candle to celebrate **Beauty

Deborah** uses a **Yellow Lemon** Candle to celebrate **Courage

Melanie** uses a **Green Pine** Candle to celebrate **Wisdom

Cassie** uses a **Blue Bayberry** Candle to celebrate **Inspiration

Laurel** uses a **Purple Hyacinth** Candle to celebrate **Compassion

Diana** uses a **White Vanilla** Candle to celebrate **Purity

For an Untrue Lover

Stand in the light of the full moon. Take a strand of the lover's hair and tie knots in it while saying:

*No peace find
No friend keep
No lover bind
No harvest reap
No repose take
No hunger feed
No thirst slake
No sorrow speed
No debt pay
Rue the day
You wronged me.*

Cassie's Initiation

*Diana calls down the Powers.
Earth and Water, Fire and Air,
See your daughter standing there,
By dark of moon and light of sun,
As I will it let it be done.
By challenge, trial and sacred vow,
Let her join the circle now.
Flesh and sinew, blood and bone,
Cassie now becomes our own.*

A Tree/Apple Spell to Find and Bring Someone to You

Take an apple and split it in half. Take two sewing needles and put one needle through the eye of the second needle. Bind the needles together with thread. Then put the needles in the apple and close it up again. Tie it with thread so it stays closed. Tie the apple back on the tree and say a few words to tell the tree what you want it to do. Something like:

Friendly tree, friendly tree bring my special friend to me.

Or

*Bud and blossom, leaf and tree
Find him, bind him, now to me.
Shoot and seedling, root and bough,
Threads of love entwine us now.*

To Hold Evil Harmless

Bury the evil object in good moist loam or sand, well covered. The healing powers of the earth will battle with the poison. If the object be not too corrupt it will be purified.

A Talisman for Strength

Take a smooth and shapely rock. Carve on one side the rising sun and a crescent moon, horns up. On the reverse side carve the words:

*Strength of stone, be in my bone.
Power of light, sustain my fight.*

To Cast Out Fear and Malignant Emotion

Sun by day/and moon by night/let all dark thoughts/ be put to flight.

The spell To Turn Aside Evil

Invoke the power which is yours alone, calling upon the elements or those features of the natural world which lie closest to your heart. These powers have you over all that is evil. Power of Sun and Moon and Stars, and of everything belonging to the earth.

**POWER OF MOON HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF SUN HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF STARS HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF PLANETS HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF TIDES HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF RAIN HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF WIND HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF ICE HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF LEAF HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF ROOT HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF ROCK HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF THUNDER HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OVER LIGHTNING HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF DEW HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF BLOOD HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF FIRE HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF DARKNESS HAVE I OVER THEE
POWER OF NIGHT HAVE I OVER THEE**

The Silver Cord

The silver cord is a thin cord of humming silver energy that binds two soulmates together. They are meant for each other, they are destined to spend this and many more lifetimes together. They can never love anyone else.

Mauve Howard's Words to Her Granddaughter

"There is nothing frightening in the dark if you just face it."