A group for those interested in hoodoo, conjure and rootwork, an American praxis derived from African, Native American and European folk magics.

# A Hoodoo, Conjure and Rootwork Forum

This group is intended to be a forum for discussing Conjure, Rootwork and Hoodoo, a system of low magic that relies extensively on animal, vegetable and mineral curios, as well as a handful of other materials and techniques.

Hoodoo - not to be confused with Vodou - is not a religious system, though it does borrow elements of religious systems for use in its techniques. There is no pre-assumption of spiritual affiliation with Hoodoo, which borrows from a wealth of African, Native American (particularly those tribes found where the slave trade thrived) and European folk magic techniques.

## **Content**

### **General Concepts & Techniques**

Some basic concepts and techniques employed in hoodoo practices.

- The Magical Use of Psalms, by Sangraal
- Crossroads Magic & Crossroads Keys, by Oakthorne
- Personal Concerns, by Oakthorne
- Buying Graveyard Dirt, by Oakthorne
- Saint Cards, by Leisha
- Honey Pots, by Oakthorne
- Poppets, by Grayson
- Conjure Graveyard, by Oakthorne
- High John the Conquerer Root Lore, by various
- Weight-Loss, Conjure Style, by Oakthorne

### **Conjure Formulary**

A variety of posts containing recipes for some of the various oils, powders and other substances used in hoodoo work.

- Conjure Oil Recipes, by Duir
- Powder Recipes, by Shawn
- Astrological Oils Recipes, by Shawn
- Vegetable, Mineral...Animal?(Curios), by Shawn
- Four Thieves Recipes, by Elise
- Hoodoo Herbal Baths, by Rachel Ann

## **Mojo Bags**

Making mojo bags in the hoodoo traditions, small bags filled with specific ingredients intended to be carried and tended in order to cultivate certain magical effects.

• Fixing a Hand/Toby, by Oakthorne

## **Setting Lights & Candle Magic**

The tradition of using candles to accomplish magic is very old and prevalent in conjure traditions. Here are some of the techniques and methods involved.

- Master Candles, by Oakthorne
- Making Client/Petitioner Candles, by Oakthorne
- Practical Candle Burning, by Oakthorne
- Covering with Light, by Oakthorne
- Problems Melt Away Candle, by Grayson
- Homemade Conjure Lamps, by Flammeous

### Marie Laveau's Words

A series of folkloric testaments attributed to Marie Laveau, containing excellent hoodoo lore and advice. Very practical, and charming to boot.

- Advice to Spiritualists and Mediums
- Helping Hand for Person Who Has Never Had Spiritual Help

### **Hoodoo Blogs**

Blogs written by members of this site detailing some of their hoodoo and conjure work.

- Oakthorne: Making a Healing Toby; Healing Help: A Candle Burning Octavo
- Shawn: Setting My Lights; Buying Graveyard Mud; Crossroads Connections
- Strata: <u>Buying Graveyard Dirt</u>; <u>Making My Saint Expedite Candle</u>; <u>Rose of Jericho/Saint Expedite Petition Ritual</u>; <u>My High John the Conquerer Oil</u>; <u>Setting My Protection and Healing Lights</u>; <u>Making My Conjure Graveyard</u>; A Prosperity Working
- Rachel Ann (EisHexe): Setting Lights During a Thunderstorm; My First Petitioner Candle
- Charlie Jackson: Making & Working a Hot Foot Bottle

# **Basic Needs Series**

A great series in which people post their top three needs in their lives, to allow the others in this group to "practice" their conjure-style evaluation and prescription of hoodoo remedies for those needs.

- Introductory Post
- Individual Posts: <u>Alorer, Beorc Kano, charletsumtymes, Elise, EmJ, Flammeous,</u> Grayson, Julica, Leisha, Miss Nel, Oakthorne, Seren Haf, Shawn, Strata

# **Other Useful Links**

- Modern Conjurefolk and Resources
- Hoodoo Blogs
- Orion Foxwood's Introduction to Southern Conjure
- "These Old Bones," by Dolly Parton
- Association of Independent Readers and Rootworkers
- Hoodoo Hymns, a collection of jazz songs with hoodoo as part of the subject