

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Death Education Project Mtg 3

Location: BlaQyard, Oakland, CA

Time: 10a

Because of love, there was no doubt...

We gathered and broke bread for about an hour. Dan set up for their ceremony. Herbs were summoned for the ceremony that awaited. When the time felt right, Lalin opened with a grounding she told us a story about one of her clients, an elder woman who has deeply ashamed when her grandson needed to wash her and and support her. We reflected on what it meant for our elders to die in shame. I then shared a bit about Cashmere and my shame from sleep training her, that so many people in our circles had trained their children to be independent as early as 6 months old; we shared with the group our reflections on this desired independence and the collective shame around need each other; humans are one of the most dependent mammals yet we pride ourselves in our independence and wallow in our shame when we need each other, we need each other. We then share our collective needs as a community, vulnerably and oh so beautifully. the tears and openness flowed; Leah shared about their new place and finally living alone; Lea shared about their newfound awareness after returning back from New Orleans, to create boldly again; so much was shared; Miko wept in a way that I had never witnessed them surrender to her grief and hopes for herself; Miko just put up her altar and recieved a passage in a book from Dan revealing changes she needed to make to her altar; she thanked me for the support with her first altar and I thanked Jewell and others who inspired me with my first altar; Jo shared appreciation to simply be; Tiffany and Dan sat across from me magically rooted Dan then lead us in caring for each other; we washed each other,,s feet, with herbs and prayers; we poured the water at the base of the black walnut tree; toward the end of our session, Lalin had us gather in a circle and sing to Damballah and Aidah Wedo. Leah called in fire, fire so that we could rid ourselves of that which was not serving us; ase; ayibobo