

Beltane 2022

April 29 - May 1,
2022

IN PERSON
at Circle
Sanctuary Nature
Preserve
near Barneveld,
WI

Make Merry And
Festive

If we think about
how Beltane or
May Day was
traditionally
celebrated, it was
a holiday in the
truest sense of
the word. A break
from the work of
life to celebrate
life. Entire
families would

come into town from their farms and connect with the larger community. Trading was done, games were played, Divinity honored, and fertility fostered. It was a time to focus on feeding the land in the hopes of getting a good crop. A concentrated period of time to focus on fertility, the hopes and dreams for the rest of the year both figuratively and literally. So, let's follow in those ancient footsteps, leave our homes, and pilgrimage to Circle. Come together for a weekend



of connecting with Deity, celebrating community, and doing the sacred work of fostering vitality and rebirth.

About Beltane:

Celebrating the Seasons: Beltane

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday, April 29th	
1 PM	Gate opens for VENDOR arrivals.
3 PM	Gate opens for arrivals. Welcome back!
5 PM	Faerie Shrine Blessing
5:30 PM	Dinner served behind the farmhouse
7:30 PM	Opening Ritual <i>Merry meet and join us in finalizing the community building that has been occurring all day. Time for us to stir up that fertility magic and all this holiday has to offer. As a group we will set the foundations of the weekend as well as start the festival fun.</i>
8 PM	Mama Wati Band in the Temple Room <i>Back by popular demand this group of powerhouse woman plan on shaking the dust off and showing us how to make merry. Embracing the African mermaid spirit, the music they make flows into your heart, soul, and bones. Bones, by the way, which were made for dancing!</i>
Saturday, April 30th	
8 - 9 AM	Breakfast in the Summer Kitchen
9 AM	Gate Opens for New Arrivals Raffle / Silent Auction Tent Opens Merchanting on the Green Opens
10 AM	May Day Creations - for all ages <i>Join in on the activity of making May Day crowns/wreaths, bell bracelets for the fairy parade, and dancing ribbons for the Beltane rituals. Those who are interested will be paired up with children of the community to assist them in making these creations while you make a set for yourself.</i>

10:30 AM	<p>Morris Dancers & May Day Royalty Selection</p> <p><i>This group of Morris dancers have been performing at Circle's Beltane celebration since the mid-90s. The English folk dance has been a part of the May Day celebrations for centuries and we are happy to continue the tradition. During this time, we will also announce and crown the May Day Royalty! This participatory performance will be just one of many opportunities to embrace the heritage of the holiday.</i></p>
Noon	<p>Lunch behind the Farmhouse</p>
12:30 pm	<p>Newcomer Lunch with Shel</p> <p><i>Snack with Shel as she shares the ins and outs of Circle events and answers any questions you might have.</i></p>
2 - 3 PM	<p>May Eve Magic with Rev. Selena Fox, live-streamed from the Circle Temple Room</p> <p><i>May Eve is a magical night that has long been associated with Fairies, Fertility, Flowers, Witches, Bonfires, and Divination. Learn about some ancient European folklore and traditions connected with May Eve and explore some ways to create your own personal celebrations.</i></p> <p><i>To attend this workshop online, please register in advance.</i></p> <p>Sabbat School - Beltane Basics Family Programming</p> <p><i>Children, families, and all interested are invited to learn about the festival of Beltane and help make magic for our community. Divinity of the holiday, the Fea, May pole dancing, fire jumping and many traditional aspects of the holiday will be covered. Parents of younger children are encouraged to accompany their child and participate in the workshop.</i></p>
3:30 PM	<p>Childrens' Beltane Ritual</p> <p><i>As a part of the children's programing there will be a ritual specifically designed for the shortest of our community. This ritual will not only be a time for them to celebrate with their peers but an opportunity to also learn ritual traditions that feel familiar with when they attend rituals with the entire community. All are welcome.</i></p>
3:45 PM	<p>Maypole Dance Practice</p> <p><i>People of all abilities will be able to spend some time dancing the May dance. If you want to participate but worry you won't be able dance the whole time, at practice, you will be connected with a partner. You can take turns so all who want are able to participate.</i></p> <p>May Day Creations</p> <p><i>For those who were not able to do so earlier today you will have another opportunity to make May Day crowns/wreaths, bell bracelets for the fairy parade, and dancing ribbons</i></p>

	<i>for the Beltane rituals. Or you can make more!</i>
4:30 PM	Raffle & Silent Auction Ends <i>Join in for what is always an entertaining conclusion to the auction and raffle. Don't miss out on adding to your fairy treasure hoard!</i>
5:30 PM	Dinner behind the Farmhouse
7 PM	Fairy Parade judged by the May Day Royalty <i>It is well known that the Fae are a mischievous bunch. Prone to sneaking into Beltane festivals and playing their tricks. Let's fool them by costuming ourselves and parading around the green ringing the bells and setting the stage for all sorts of Beltane fun. Come dressed as your best version of a fairy, nature spirit, or fun festive fool. Prizes and awards.</i>
7:30 PM	Maypole Dance <i>For the past 2 years we have, both chaotically and deftly, woven our way through the pandemic. Into a lock down, out of offices and stores, into technology, away from face to face, poking our heads out thinking times were settling down only to have to jump back into a protective bubble. That adaptive 'dance' has made us more than ready for the organized chaotic magic that is the May pole dance! Let this ancient tradition be therapeutic as we dance off into the height of all the newness spring brings.</i>
8 PM	Beltane Ritual <i>Also: Bale Fire jumping - Following the ritual we will transition into the jumping of the ritual fire. Tradition says those who jump the Beltane fires will be able to take the luck and fertility of May with them for the rest of the year.</i>
9 PM	May Eve Balefire Bardic Circle <i>Join in the ancient traditions of burning the fires on Beltane eve. Come ready to tell a tale, sing a song, play an instrument, laugh deep and clap loud. May Eve magic will be afoot! How often do you get to literally bring in the May on the actual day with the Circle community? Are you up for the challenge of ensuring the fires bring in the May?</i>
Sunday, May 1st	
8 AM	Breakfast in the summer kitchen
9 - 10 AM	Resource Shop Open
9:30 AM	Spirit Rock Hike

	<i>Greet the day with a blood pumping climb to Spirit Rock. Once at the top, the view makes the effort so worth it. Ring in the May by calling out your fertility wishes from one of the highest points on the land. Don't forget to dress for Mothers Earths potential challenges that may include but are not limited to dew, wind, brambles, ticks, rain, mud, sun, ankle twisting rocks, and all manner of earthly challenges. Good idea to bring walking stick/poles if you have them.</i>
10 AM	Sound Healing with Dan & Sharon Stewart in the Temple Room <i>What hopes and dreams have you fostered this weekend? Come join in a Sound Healing session to release the left-over stress and tension that maybe holding you back from fulfilling those hopes and dreams. Utilizing the vibrations of various singing bowls and other musical instruments, allow the healing power of sound to relax you, soothe you, and heal you. Bring a yoga mat or blankets & pillows to lay down and get comfy allowing your body to relax, your mind to loosen up, and your body to open for healing.</i>
11 AM	Brunch served behind the Farmhouse
1 PM	Closing Ritual and Community Rearrangement <i>As a group let us fully take in the last little bit of fertility magic for the weekend. We will rearrange and put back what we got out (both spiritually and literally) so that we could all be together for this weekend. It is not a taking down of the community but a 'rearrangement' of where the community is going and where it will be for the next few weeks. A merry part, until we meet again.</i>
3 PM	Final Departures

Items To Bring:

- An item or two to donate for the Raffle and/or Silent Auction
- Ritual garb and/or brightly colored clothes, as well as a crown of flowers or greens for your head or bells for your feet, to wear during the Beltane ritual.
- Offering of small crystals, fresh flowers, other items for Fairy Shrine.
- Flowers for various uses during the weekend
- Ribbons to donate for head dress and dancing ribbon making
- Bubbles! Lots and lots of bubbles!
- Your best fairy or land spirit costume for the Fairy parade. Go ahead, get your Bridgerton on!
- Offering of small stones, crystals, rocks, flowers for the Stone Circle
- Your own refillable water bottle and coffee cup to use for drinks at meals and other times.
- Camping Gear: tent, sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress, flashlight, water jug, towel, biodegradable soap and shampoo, personal toiletries, sun gear, raingear, cold weather gear, insect and tick repellent.

- A lawn chair, mat, or blanket for outdoor seating. Many activities will be outside.
- Clothing for 3 seasons. Love Mother Earth, love all her weather choices.
- Long pants, hiking shoes/boots for Spirit Rock hike.
- Drum, rattle, or other rhythm instrument.
- Chants, songs, poetry, or rhythms for the Bardic Circle.

VENDORS

Outdoor vending space is available -- please review [the FAQ](#) and the [Guidelines](#), and contact the Circle office with any questions.

REGISTRATION

All adults and all youth 5 and up must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination. If we do not have your vaccination info on file, please email a photo of each person's vaccination card to circle@circlesanctuary.org.

To attend only Selena's workshop **livestreamed online**, please register [here](#).

No registrations will be accepted at the gate. All attendees must observe [Circle's COVID Guidelines](#).

Adults (each):	Through 4/28
3 Days	\$125
Fri - Sat	\$95
Sat - Sun	\$95
Sat. Only	\$75
Children 5+ (each)	Through 4/28
3 Days	\$55
Fri - Sat	\$45
Sat - Sun	\$45
Sat. Only	\$30

Children under 5 are free.

Register NOW!

Questions?

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