

## Green Spirit 2018

July 27 - 29, 2018

at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve  
near Barneveld, Wisconsin

*Coordinated by Messina and Raven*

### "Reaping the Bounty"

Join us as we gather together for this year's Green Spirit Festival to celebrate and give thanks for the bounty of the First Harvest! It's time for us to reap the bounty of what we have sown not only in our fields and gardens but in our lives. Lughnasadh is also a great time to share your skills with your tribe and reap the bounty of your own talents! Perhaps you're an artisan and would like to peddle your wares on the Green as merchant. Maybe you're a wonderful bard who will reward us with your karaoke singing talents or lip sync contest. Perhaps you want to enjoy and learn during our amazing workshops of the season. Or maybe you'll want to hone your athletic ability (or lack thereof) and join in the games of strength and exciting relay races! There will be family programming, a labyrinth and a Lughasadh ritual and so much more! Whatever gifts, skills, or just presence you have to offer, we invite you to join us and give thanks as a community for the abundance we have in our lives at this First Harvest Time!



**Featured Presenter: Nancy Vedder-Shults**

Named a Wisdom Keeper of the Goddess Spirituality Movement in 2013, Nancy Vedder-Shults, Ph.D is the author of *The World is Your Oracle: Divinatory Practices for Tapping Your Inner Wisdom* (Fair Winds Press: April, 2017). This innovative book presents 40 multicultural techniques, 1/3 of which are visual, 1/3 auditory, and 1/3 kinesthetic. Nancy is the theological columnist for *SageWoman Magazine*, and blogs for *Elephant Journal*, *Feminism and Religion*, and formerly for *Matrifocus*. She recorded *Chants for the Queen Heaven*, a CD of Goddess chants from around the world and has offered spiritual growth presentations across North America since 1987. Nancy honed her intellectual skills from 1975 -1991 in the emerging field of Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where her focus on empowerment began.



## SCHEDULE of EVENTS

### Friday, July 27th

Noon	<b>Open for General Arrivals</b>
1 pm	<b>Stone Circle Bounty Blessing</b> with Rev. Selena Fox and Florence at the Stone Circle <i>Placing of stones donated during road restoration in Circle Sanctuary's Stone Circle and Nature meditation.</i>
2:30 pm	<b>Workshop: Animal Oracles for Accessing Your Inner Knowing</b> with Nancy Vedder-Shults, Ph.D. in the Temple Room <i>This interactive workshop will use an ancient Celtic oracular method called deuchainn to tap into our 'knowing'. After discovering what we want to ask and fine-tuning our questions, we will invite our wisdom to respond in the form of an animal, bird, or bug. Opening to our inner depths allows us to set priorities, meet challenges, and find creative solutions. These practices can empower us on our spiritual paths and daily life. Come and renew your connection with Spirit.</i>  <b>Family Programming: Tree Talking</b> with Florence at the Family Center <i>We'll explore the meaning of Green Spirit, and how we can connect with the life-forces that are all around us. Kids will learn a bit of basic energy work, and how to feel the</i>

	<p>energy around trees. We'll make friends with a tree, and learn about leaving offerings. We'll also make some nutrient-rich comfrey sun-tea to offer to our plant-friends. Parents are encouraged to participate with their kid(s).</p>
4 pm	<p><b>Opening Ritual: Sacred Woods and Kindling the Flame</b> with Rev. Selena Fox and Messina on the Green  <i>Come join with us to kindle a first harvest fire with the Celtic nine sacred woods. Learn more about the first nine trees of the Celtic Tree Calendar and the ritual uses of their woods as we build our festival fire and bless the festival.</i></p>
5 pm	<p><b>Newcomer Meet &amp; Greet</b> with Papa Jim and Ministers-in-Training in the Temple Room</p>
5:30 pm	<p><b>Dinner</b> behind the farmhouse</p>
7 pm	<p><b>Chanting Workshop</b> with Nancy Vedder-Shults, Ph.D. in the Temple Room  <i>Bring your favorite chants and a hunger for new ones as we come together as one voice.</i></p>
8:30 pm	<p><b>Tavern on the Green</b>  <i>Lughnasadh is a great time to share your skills with tribe and reap the bounty of our talents! If you're a bard, or just like to have fun, come share your karaoke, singing, speaking talents, and lip sync abilities.</i></p>
TBA	<p><b>Sunset Lodge</b> in the Lodge Space (depending on weather)</p>
<p><b>Saturday, July 28th</b></p>	
TBA	<p><b>Sunrise Lodge</b> in the Lodge Space (depending on weather)</p>
7 - 8:30 am	<p><b>Breakfast</b> in the Summer Kitchen</p>
9 am	<p><b>Baby Blessings</b> with Rev. Sharon on the Green  <i>All are welcome to the blessing of three of our community's newest members and their mothers. Join Heidi, with Ryden and Soren, and Jessica, with Serafina, as we welcome them into our loving community.</i></p>
10 am	<p><b>Workshop: The World is Your Oracle: Divinatory Practices for Tapping Your Inner Wisdom</b> with Nancy Vedder-Shults, Ph.D. in the Temple Room  <i>Come and learn divinatory methods that Nancy has gathered in her book, "The World Is Your Oracle", to explore ways ancient, indigenous, and contemporary cultures have tapped into the wisdom that resides within each of us. We will investigate three major intuitive senses: the visual, auditory, and kinesthetic. Oracles help us turn inward to develop deep listening, deep vision, and deep sensing of our insight. This workshop is an introduction for those who are just beginning to perform oracles as well as an opportunity for those experienced with divination to find fresh inspiration. Come and sink deeply into your inner knowing!</i></p>

	<p><b>Family Programming: Labyrinth Walk</b> with Florence at the Family Center  <i>We'll journey out to Circle's Spiral Labyrinth to learn about labyrinths, and how we can use them for personal change and discovery. We'll walk the labyrinth and do our own short ritual at its center. Grown-ups are invited to join us. Please apply sunscreen and bug-repellent to your child before this workshop. Parents are encouraged to participate with their kid(s).</i></p>
Noon	<b>Lunch</b> behind the Farmhouse
1:30 pm	<p><b>Workshop: Lughnasadh Prosperity Magic</b> with Rev. Selena Fox in the Temple Room  <i>Explore ways of working with Lughnasadh symbols, meditations, and rituals for abundance, prosperity, and wellness in personal and community life.</i></p> <p><b>Family Programming: Lughnasadh Songs and Stories</b> with Florence in the Summer Kitchen  <i>Take a break for stories and songs celebrating the themes of Lughnasadh, also known as Lammass and Green Spirit, including family, food, nature, and the harvest. Parents are encouraged to participate with their kid(s).</i></p>
3 pm	<p><b>Green Spirit Games</b> on the Green  <i>Celebrate Lughnasadh with the tradition of the Tailteann Games and Fair of Taltiu. Activities for adults and youth.</i></p>
5 pm	<b>Raffle / Silent Auction Drawing</b> with Amanda behind the barn
5:30 pm	<b>Dinner</b> behind the Farmhouse
7:30 pm	<p><b>Community Lughnasadh Ritual</b> with Rev. Selena Fox, Minerva, and Rev. Sharon  <i>Join as we celebrate the turning of the wheel into the harvest season. Now is time to reap the bounty of our hard work. Come to honor our gods and goddesses, the first harvest of the season, and ourselves.</i></p>
Following Ritual	<p><b>Spiral Labyrinth</b>  <i>As the wheel turns, spiral in and spiral out to reflect on your bounty during the first harvest.</i></p>
10 pm	<p><b>Midnight Late Night Life Chats</b> with Messina and Raven in the Summer Kitchen  <i>Congregate in the Summer Kitchen for camaraderie and community building through intentional dialogue. Converse on random topics drawn from the cauldron of possibilities.</i></p>
<b>Sunday, July 29th</b>	
7 - 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b> in the Summer Kitchen

9 am	<b>Book Signing</b> with Author Nancy Vedder-Shults, Ph.D. on the Green
10:30 am	<p><b>Lughnasadh Ritual Post-Mortem</b> with Ritual Leaders in the Temple Room  <i>Discuss the process and insights of the ritual with the community and ritual leaders. Hear what they had in mind, share what you experienced, in body, and connect soul to soul. (Recommended to attend if going to the Closing Ritual.)</i></p> <p><b>Family Programming: Children's Service Project - Japanese Hedge Parsely Pull</b> with Florence at the Family Center  <i>Not all plants are supposed to be in our nature preserve. We'll be working to reduce the population of Japanese Hedge Parsley, an invasive species that's too common in our woodlands. Grown-ups, please apply sunscreen and bug-repellent to your child before this workshop. Boots or socks under sandals will be a good idea. Parents are encouraged to participate with their kid(s).</i></p>
11:30 am	<b>Closing Ritual</b> with Rev. Selena Fox and Messina in the Temple Room
Noon	<b>Lunch and Final Departures</b>
2 pm	<p><b>Memorial Service for Sandy "Artistfair" Kucyk</b> with Rev. Selena Fox and Rev. Ana Blechschmidt in the Temple Room  <i>Join with the Kucyk family and the Circle Sanctuary community for the burial ceremony of Sandy's ashes. Meet in the Temple Room for further information, followed by a procession to the Circle Cemetery.</i></p>

## Items to Bring

- **Please help us conserve paper:** bring your own 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, sungear, raingear, cold weather gear, insect and tick repellent.
- Items to donate to the raffle and silent auction
- Offerings of fairy images, crystals, fresh flowers, dried or fresh herbs for Fairy Shrine at Opening Ritual & other times (optional)
- A lawn chair, mat, or blanket for outdoor seating. Many activities will be outside.
- Herbs or grains as an offering for main ritual
- Green Crown, Foliage Mask, and/or other ritual garb (optional)
- Clippers for Mugwort Harvest (optional)
- Drum, rattle, or other rhythm instrument. (optional)
- Chants, songs, or rhythms for late night drumming/dancing (optional)
- A stone to give away to the Stone Circle. (optional)

# VENDORS

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

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## REGISTRATION

<b>Adults (each):</b>	<b>Through 7/26 and at gate</b>
3 Days	\$120
Fri - Sat	\$90
Sat - Sun	\$90
Sat. Only	\$75

<b>Children 5+ (each)</b>	<b>Through 7/26 and at gate</b>
3 Days	\$50
Fri - Sat	\$40
Sat - Sun	\$40
Sat. Only	\$30

Children under 5 are free.

Register **ONLINE**

Registration at the gate is also available.

Cancellations received before July 26th will be refunded minus 50% processing fee. Cancellations received on July 26th or later will not be refunded. Please refer to [Circle's cancellation policy](#) if you should need to cancel your event registration.

## QUESTIONS?

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