

Imbolc 2008

Celebrate the Celtic Goddess Brigid

Friday, February 1, 2008: Brigid's Night

Saturday, February 2, 2008: Brigid's Day Imbolc Festival

at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve

near Barneveld, Wisconsin

It is Midwinter, when the chill winds blow around us and bare branches reach toward the clear bright sky. Yet, the promise of Spring draws near as the days lengthen, animals awaken, and hope fills us. Imbolc is a time of illumination, reflection, and purification. We honor the Goddess Brigid now, looking into Her Well for guidance, clarity, and portents of peace in the days to come. Join us as we celebrate this ancient festival, connecting with the Goddess and each other.

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Program Schedule

	<p>Friday, February 1: Brigid's Night</p> <p>Shamanic Intensive with Selena Fox</p> <p>7-10 pm</p> <p><i>Join us for this special evening for adults focused on Shamanic work with the Celtic Goddess Brigid for inspiration, healing, transformation, & spiritual growth.</i></p>
7 PM	Arrivals and Meet & Greet
7:15 PM	Circle of Welcome & Intro to the Intensive
7:30 - 8:15 PM	<p>Brigid Altar Magic:</p> <p>Creating, activating, & working with an altar to deepen connections with Brigid, Celtic Goddess of inspiration, healing, and transformation. Bring a long-burning white candle to donate to Brigid and Her altar at this festival time, plus a personal candle (any color) in a votive glass that will burn for at least 2 hours.</p>
8:30 - 9:30 PM	<p>Brigid Inner Journey:</p> <p>This shamanic journey for communing with the Goddess Brigid includes</p>

	<p>invocation, attunement, alignment, inspiration, healing, transformation, thanksgiving, & return. Bring a journal & pen for noting messages at journey's end. Bring a cloak or a blanket to symbolically wrap yourself in.</p>
9:30 - 10 PM	<p>Interpreting Messages from Brigid: Guided journal writing, followed by group discussion.</p>
	<p>Saturday, February 2: Brigid's Day Imbolc Festival 10 AM - 7 PM <i>Join us for a day of celebration of Brigid & Imbolc. Open to adults & youth.</i></p>
10 AM	<p>Open for arrivals. Resources Shop open. Self-guided visits to Brigid's Spring.</p>
11 AM - Noon	<p>Brigid Magic with Brigid Crosses: Brigid Crosses symbolize the power of the Celtic Goddess Brigid and the Sacred Sun. In this workshop, Selena Fox demonstrates some of the sacred ways of working with Brigid Crosses -- such as a ritual tool for directing spiritual power, focal point for meditation, symbol of Imbolc, home blessing charm, and personal amulet. This workshop will conclude with a demonstration of making a Brigid's Cross by Moonfeather. If you have one, bring a Brigid Cross to work with during this workshop. Some Brigid Crosses will be available for loan to participants. Some materials will be available for participants to make their own crosses during the break that follows the workshop.</p>
Noon - 12:30 PM	<p>Snacks & Social</p>
12:30 - 1:30 PM	<p>Magic of Brigid's Fire: For centuries, a sacred fire was tended by Pagan priestesses and then Roman Catholic nuns at Brigid's holy site at Kildare in Ireland. The tradition of this sacred fire has been revived with the rekindling of the fire in the late 20th century. The magic of Brigid's Sacred Fire at Her ancient place of power is alive and spreading worldwide through the use of transmittal candles and attunement rituals. Bring at least one taper candle (any color) to turn into a Brigid's Fire candle by kindling it from a candle kindled from Brigid's Fire at Kildare. If you have visited Kildare & been part of the Fire magic there, bring photos and other mementos to pass around and/or a tale to tell. If you have a Brigid's Fire candle kindled at Kildare, bring it along for the kindling of Brigid's Fire at the start of the workshop. Workshop facilitated by Selena Fox, with Tales of Kildare & Brigid by Jean of Storylore and Michael McDermott of Black Earth Institute.</p>
1:30 - 2 PM	<p>Break</p>
2 - 3:30 PM	<p>Brigid Healing Ritual: Invoking and working with Brigid of Oak, Swan, Sun, Spring, & Spirit for healing self, others, & the planet. Facilitated by Selena Fox, with music by Celtic bard Michael Doran. Bring a personal candle to kindle. If you have one, bring a Brigid's Cross to use to direct healing to those in need.</p>

4 PM	Brigid Imbolc Bonfire: Gather outdoors at our Bonfire Circle for our annual Imbolc Burning of the Yuletide greens to symbolically celebrate the turning of the Wheel of the Year toward Spring. Bring rhythm instruments to play and, if you have them, some dried evergreen sprigs from Yule to cast into the fire.
5 PM	Candlelight Brigid's Day Potluck Feast Bring an already prepared potluck dish to contribute to the feast.
7 PM	Clean-up & Farewells

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