

## Imbolc 2014

### Celebration of the Celtic Fire Festival of Imbolc

Brigid's Day Festival

Saturday, February 1, 2014

9 AM - 7 PM  
at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve near Barneveld, Wisconsin

*Coordinated by Minerva & Messina*

Join Messina, Minerva and your community to celebrate Imbolc or Brigid's Feast Day. This is the time when we awaken the earth and honor the animals that provide our sustenance for the coming year.

### SCHEDULE of EVENTS

9 am	<b>Open for Arrivals</b>
9 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Owl's Nest Open for Shopping</b>
All day	<b>Brigid: the Goddess of Poetry, Healing, and Smithcraft</b> <i>Come visit our community Imbolc altar and place an object there to receive magic and blessings throughout the day.</i>
9:30 - 10 am	<b>Circle of Welcome</b>
10 am - 11:30am	<b>Brigid the Healer</b> in the Temple Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become acquainted with Brigid the Healer and build a beautiful healing wreath to be a focal point on your home altar. This is a variation on the traditional healing hoop and can be tailored to your specific needs.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commune with Brigid the Goddess of Poetry and participate in the open mic/poetry jam in the Temple Room. Bring your favorite poem or essay on the Goddess Brigid, or dedicate your favorite work to Her.</li> <li>• Craft (ideal for children) - House: assemble a suet bird feeder to feed the birds at Circle Sanctuary this winter. (Peanut Free)</li> </ul>
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	<p><b>Snack Break</b></p> <p><i>Take this time to enjoy a snack and to socialize. You may want to collect some water from Brigid's well.</i></p>
12:30 - 1:30 pm	<p><b>Brigid as Mother Nature</b> with Selena Fox</p> <p><i>Honor Brigid as Mother Nature and learn about some of Her Sacred connections with Land, Elements, Creatures, and Plants.</i></p>
1:30 pm - 1:45 pm	<p><b>Brigid around the World</b> with Michael McDermott</p> <p><i>Michael shares some multicultural perspectives from Brigit: Sun of Womanhood, the anthology that he and his late wife Patricia Monaghan compiled and edited.</i></p>
1:30 pm - 2 pm	<p><b>Break/Snacks/Shopping</b></p>
2 pm - 3:30 pm	<p><b>Brigid as Goddess of Crafting</b> with Messina &amp; Minerva</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In one of her many aspects, Brigid is known as the Bride. She is a symbol of fertility and prosperity, and is seen as yet one more step in the cycle of life, death, and rebirth. Traditionally, the Brigid doll is made of woven grain such as oats or wheat. This version, however, uses needle felted wool fiber. You may, instead, construct a prosperity/fertility wand to accompany the Brigid doll in Brigid's bed.</li> <li>• <b>Children's Craft</b> (House) - Younger Pagans can craft their version of a Brigid doll and wand for Brigid's bed, using felt and natural fibers.</li> </ul>
4 pm - 5 pm	<p><b>Imbolc Ritual and Burning of the Greens</b></p> <p><i>Blessings of newly crafted Brigid dolls, prosperity wands, healing hoops/wreaths, other Imbolc/Brigid items in the Temple Room. Bring your Yule Greens to burn in the Imbolc Fire following the Temple Room rite. Join in celebrating the turing of the Wheel of the Year, through awakening the Earth for the coming season and Honoring Brigid in all Her forms.</i></p>
5 pm	<p><b>Brigid's Feast</b></p> <p><i>Enjoy a family style meal with your community. We'll provide Shepherd's Pie (meat and vegetarian versions). Please bring some bread, salads or a dessert to share.</i></p>
6 pm - 7 pm	<p><b>Owl's Nest Open</b> for last minute shopping</p>
7 pm	<p><b>Cleanup and Departures</b></p>

## Items to Bring:

- Yule wreaths, sprigs, boughs, besoms, for the Burning of the Yuletide greens during ritual (*optional*)
- White candle in a votive candle holder or jar for the Brigid Altar during Ritual (*optional*)
- Jar with lid for collecting water from Brigid's Spring (*optional*)
- Drum or rattle, if you have one, to play in rituals (*optional*)
- Brigid crosses, images & symbols (*optional*) to be energized on the altar for later use at your home.
- Bread and snacks (crackers, cheese, veggies, dip, fruit) for midday snack (appreciated). (*No peanuts please*)
- A contribution of salad, breads and desserts for Brigid's Feast. Your dish should be already prepared, pre-sliced and ready to eat, since there will be no kitchen space available to do this. (*No peanuts please*)
- Wear something white or gold to the Brigid Ritual. (*optional*)

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