

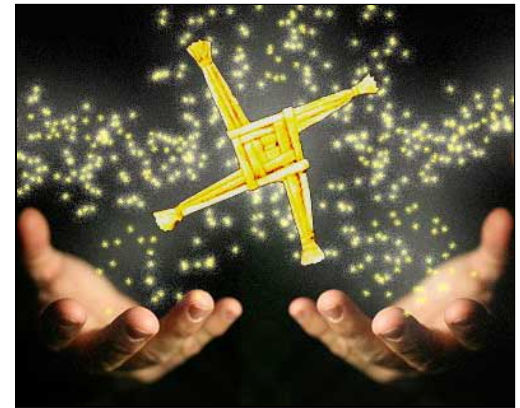
Imbolc 2017

Celebration of the Celtic Fire Festival of Imbolc

Brigid's Day Festival
Saturday, February 4, 2017

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

Coordinated by Paul



Imbolc is an ancient Celtic festival that marks midwinter in the solar calendar and is a time for preparation for coming out of the dark time of the year and into the light of spring. This is the time of celebration for the Goddess Brigid, which teaches us about healing, home, hearth, birth, inspiration, and the work we must do inside and outside ourselves to walk out of the cold of winter and into the warmth of spring. Join our community as we learn about ways to prepare our bodies, our minds, our spirits, and our communities for the turning of the wheel of the year.

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

9 am

Open for Arrivals

9:30 am	<p>Welcome and Opening Ritual with Paul <i>We will start the day by welcoming Brigid's presence into the circle of our community to help teach us about discipline, healing, inspiration, and light.</i></p>
10 am	<p>Brigid of the Hearth: Bread Working with Paul and Tanya <i>Join Paul and Tanya for an exploration of home bread baking as a physical and spiritual practice. Help us prepare loaves for the community ritual and bring home instructions for making both glutinous and gluten-free bread. Optional: bring a mason jar and lid to bring home a live sourdough starter for you household.</i></p>
11:30 am	<p>Community Lunch <i>A simple lunch of stew and bread will be provided. Offerings will be suitable for omnivores, vegetarians, and people avoiding gluten.</i></p>
1 pm	<p>Brigid of the Eternal Flame: Brigid Fire Through The Ages with Rev. Selena Fox <i>Join Selena as she talks about the history of Brigid worship in ancient Celtic Europe, in Irish Christianity, and contemporary Paganism around the world. Explore empowerment with Brigid & Her Sacred Fire in challenging times. Bring a votive glass & tea light.</i></p> <p>Youth Programming: Crafting Imbolc Candleholders with Rev. Bo and Florence <i>Imbolc or Candlemas is the celebration of the Goddess Brigid and the beginning of the return of spring. We will talk about the themes of the season and create candle holders to take home for our family altars.</i></p>
2:30 pm	<p>Brigid of the Cross: Daily Spiritual Practice with Rev. Ana Blechschmidt <i>Ana will talk about the benefits of a personal spiritual practice and how to make one for yourself. She will give examples from her own long time work with the Goddess Brigid.</i></p> <p>Youth Programming: Fire Magick with Rev. Bo <i>Come and help craft, bless and energize fire starters that will be used to lite sacred fires at Circle and PSG throughout 2017. An annual youth favorite workshop!</i></p> <p>Imbolc Infant and Toddler Storytime with Florence <i>Young children with a caregiver are invited to join Florence for stories, songs, and rhymes with a seasonal theme (20 minutes) followed by playtime for the children and social time for caregivers.</i></p>
4 pm	<p>Brigid of the Well: Meditation with John Markey <i>John will take us on a guided tour of meditation techniques for cultivating focus, instilling calm, and engaging in self-discovery, suitable for different temperaments and lifestyles. He will talk about the benefits of meditation from science and his own practice.</i></p> <p>Youth Programming: Brigid Stories and Myths with Rev. Bo and Florence</p>

	<i>Who is Brigid and why do we celebrate her this time of year? Join Florence for storytelling about Brigid and a discussion about her symbols and meaning.</i>
5:30 pm	Imbolc Ritual <i>We will join together in a ritual of candle lighting to celebrate the strength of community, the wheel turning out of the darkness of the year, and the new spring to come. Ritual includes a celebration of the Awen, Druidic symbol of Divine inspiration, plus a Planetary Healing working for the United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week.</i>
After Ritual	Cleanup and Departures

Items to Bring:

- Community Lunch contribution of bread, salad or dessert for 12 people. *****PLEASE NOTE***:** due to severe allergic reactions, please do not bring peanuts or other nuts!
- White taper candle and candle holder for ritual
- Tea light in votive glass for Brigid Fire Workshop
- Brigid images & symbols to be blessed (*optional*)
- Yule greens to cast into the fire as part of the annual Burning of the Greens
- Items from you home for your fire starters and to share; old wax, dried herbs or greens, paper to be recycled, dryer lint, cardboard tubes, eggs cartons, crayons, pine cones, easily flammable materials you want in your fire starters (*for kids program, but adults are encouraged to bring items to contribute*)
- Jar with lid for collecting water from Brigid's Spring
- Drum or rattle, if you have one, to play in rituals
- Snowshoes for the nature walk; for yourself or to share with others
- A personal cup or glass you can drink out of all day to reduce waste

DRESS: Bring clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather as part of the ritual will be outside. Bring snow shoes if you have them for walking on the land if snow depth warrants this. Boots for outside Nature walks are highly recommended. A different pair of shoes or slippers to wear inside the Temple Room is also a good idea, to keep the Temple Room floor free of wet and mud.

DO NOT BRING: Please do not bring fireworks, firearms, illegal drugs or animal friends/pets.

SHOPPING: The Owl's Nest spiritual gifts shop will be open periodically throughout day for shopping and browsing.

REGISTRATION:

Registration for this event is limited. Please register online to guarantee you will be able to attend. Some same-day registration may be available depending on numbers.

Adults: \$20 in advance before February 2, or \$25 at the door

Youth (5 - 17): \$5 in advance before February 2, or \$5 at the door

Children under 5 are FREE.

Register ONLINE

QUESTIONS?

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