

Imbolc 2018

Celebration of the Celtic Fire Festival of Imbolc

Brigid's Day Festival
Saturday, February 3, 2018

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

Coordinated by Minerva



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

9:30 am | Open for Arrivals

All Day	<p>Snack Table</p> <p><i>Please bring items to share. Due to severe allergies, no peanuts or peanut products please.</i></p> <p>Brigid's Healing Ribbons (self-paced)</p> <p><i>A table with examples and supplies to make your own healing ribbons. Use your imagination to make ribbons personal to you. Place them on the altar for blessings under Brigid's mantle. Open to all (young children must be supervised).</i></p>
10 am	<p>Welcome and Opening Ritual with Minerva</p>
10:30 am	<p>Workshop: Foods of the Season with Paul (Truly) Herrick</p> <p><i>Join Truly in exploring the foods of Imbolc (means Ewe's Milk). He will present some interesting history as he discusses some savory and sweet facts about Sabbat-worthy Imbolc foods.</i></p> <p>Youth Workshop: Sabbat Story Time for Children with Florence Edwards-Miller.</p> <p><i>Florence will share some seasonal stories with our little ones. Target ages 0-6 years.</i></p>
11:30 am	<p>Burning of the Yule Greens</p> <p><i>Join in a farewell to Yule with the burning of Yule 2017 evergreens at our bonfire circle. Bring evergreens or use what's provided.</i></p>
12 pm	<p>Community Lunch</p>
1 pm	<p>Brigid of the Sacred Waters with Rev. Selena Fox</p> <p><i>Brigid is the goddess of sacred waters and holy wells. Bring a small bowl and learn ways to work with Brigid and Her waters for healing, wellness, and inspiration.</i></p>
2:30 pm	<p>Candles of Candlemas with Florence Edwards-Miller</p> <p><i>It is traditional that a household's candles are made at Imbolc, also called Candlemas. Join Florence Edwards-Miller for dipping candles.</i></p>
4 pm	<p>Socializing, Shopping and Ritual Preparation</p>
4:30 pm	<p>Imbolc Ritual with Rev. Selena Fox</p> <p><i>Selena Fox will lead us in honoring the Sabbat. We will light our own candles from the flame of Brigid (lit at Brigid's well in Ireland) and bring light back to the winter.</i></p>
5:30 pm	<p>Cleanup and Departures</p>

Items to Bring:

- White taper candle and candle holder for ritual
- Brigid images & symbols to be blessed (*optional*)

- Yule greens to cast into the fire as part of the annual Burning of the Greens
- Jar with lid for collecting water from Brigid's Spring (*optional*)
- Drum or rattle, if you have one, to play in rituals
- Snowshoes for yourself or to share with others (*optional*)
- 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.

QUESTIONS?

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