

Samhain 2019

Ancestors Calling

October 25 - 27, 2019

at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve

near Barneveld, Wisconsin

Coordinated by Rev. Sharon and Raven

As the Veil between the worlds thins, and we move into the dark time, we listen.....

We listen for the familiar voices of our beloved ancestors as they reach out to us to offer healing and guidance in lessons we're learning, or lessons yet to learn.

Join us as we reach out with our voices, prayers, rituals, and meditation to open our hearts and souls to hear them more clearly as we walk among our ancestors at this Samhain time.

Space is limited for this popular festival, so reserve your spot today!



More about Samhain:

[Celebrating the Seasons: Samhain](#)

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Friday, October 25th	
Noon	Gate opens for arrivals. Donations for Raffle & Silent Auction accepted at Raffle Tent, next to the barn.
1 pm - 2 pm	Chanting to Honor the Ancestors with Rev. Shel Skau in the Temple Room Come lend your voice to singing a selection of songs of remembrance and connection with focus on the passing of the oral lessons from our elders.

Granny Magick with Christabelle in the Big Tent

Inspired by the death of her last remaining grandmother in 2017, Christabelle created a "Granny Magick Spot;" a place for her to feel comforted and quiet. This workshop will remind us how to connect with our grannies, how to learn where they came from and preserve granny wisdom and memories.

Family Programming: Scarecrow Making with Rev. Florence in the Summer Kitchen

Help build and charge a guardian Scarecrow to watch over our gathering.

2:30 pm - 4 pm

Circle through the Ages with Rev. Selena Fox in the Temple Room

Join Selena Fox in a reflection and honoring of the life and legacy of Circle Sanctuary. Watch a historic retelling of the adversity and triumph of Circle Sanctuary and Founding Minister, Selena Fox.

4:30 pm - 5 pm

Opening Circle with Rev. Selena, Rev. Sharon, and Raven in the Temple Room

5:30 pm

Dinner with our wonderful Kitchen Witches, Rev. Messina, Beckie, and Jodie behind the Farmhouse

6:30 pm

Kids Trick or Treat! with Rev. Florence gathering in the Summer Kitchen

We'll go through camp, collecting treats for our party and showing off our costumes. Grown-ups are encouraged to reserve some of their Witches' ball contribution to gift to the children or bring treats to distribute. Kids are encouraged to be in costume!

Newcomers' Meet and Greet with Rev. Jake, John, and Judith in the Temple Room

7:30 pm

Gate is open from 7:30 pm - 1 am for those coming just for the Witches' Ball

7:30 pm - 9 pm

Family Programming: Mexican Traditions in Media with Rev. Florence and Laura Gonzalez in the Big Tent

Join Laura and Florence for an annotated viewing of Disney's Coco, including commentary on the real Mexican spiritual traditions mentioned

in the movie. Parents, please be sure to pick your kids up at 9 pm!

8 pm - 12 pm

Annual Witches' Ball with Slipjig in the Temple Room

A grand Samhain celebration featuring live music from local Wisconsin band, Slipjig, refreshments, dancing, and merriment with friends of many Pagan paths. Costumes are encouraged: Join us for a rollicking evening of good fun!

Saturday, October 26th

8 am - 9 am

Breakfast with Rev. Messina, Beckie, and Jodie in the Summer Kitchen

9 am

Circle Sanctuary Clue Quest with Blake and Rev. Jake in the Temple Room

Come and learn about an exciting day-long activity! You'll follow the clues to sites on the land to see if you can solve the mystery and find the flag at the end! There are 3 difficulty levels so ALL AGES can play!

9:30 am - 10 am

Remembering & Honoring Reverend Nora Cedarwind Young with Rev. Selena Fox in the Temple Room

Share in the memories of Rev. Nora with friends, family, and community as we watch a short video of her life, service, and missions. Prepare to head out to the Circle Cemetery for the funeral.

10 am - 11 am

Funeral for Rev. Nora Cedarwind Young with Rev. Selena Fox and others in the Circle Cemetery

Join us as we process and ride up to the Circle Cemetery for the funeral of our beloved Rev. Nora Cedarwind Young.

Family Programming: Sugar Skulls with Rev. Florence and Laura Gonzalez in the Temple Room

Sugar Skulls are a traditional part of Mexican celebrations. We'll talk about this tradition and decorate our own skulls to take home or include on the Ancestor Altar.

Noon - 2 pm

Dining and Divination in the Graveyard with Rev. Sharon, Rev. Messina, Beckie, Jodie, and others in the Circle Cemetery

Revisit a lost tradition as we picnic with the spirits of the dead at this time of year where the veil is the thinnest. Delight in various forms of divination being offered, grounds tending & decorating, tombstone washing, sharing memories, singing, games, and a boxed lunch to share with those who have

left this realm. Transportation will be provided for those in need of it.

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Annual Meeting with Rev. Selena, Rev. Bob, and Rev. Sharon in the Temple Room

Participate in a review of Circle Sanctuary's activities over the past year, recognition of the contributions of volunteers and staff, and presentation of the Annual Report. Share ideas for the future and celebrate Circle Sanctuary's 45th birthday.

Family Programming: Besom Creation with Florence in the Summer Kitchen

We'll make our own brooms out of plants we've harvested from the land.

Circle History & Memorabilia in the Barn Lounge

Take time to stop and enjoy some of Circle's history that volunteer Robin Umber has been gathering and organizing.

4:30 pm

Circle Sanctuary Clue Quest with Blake and Rev. Jake in the Temple Room

Results of the first-ever Circle Sanctuary Clue Quest will be shared!

5 pm - 6 pm

Raffle & Silent Auction with Amanda and Niki at the Raffle Tent

Try your hand at winning unique & inspiring Pagan goods, generously donated by the community. Bid on silent auction items or get your raffle tickets earlier in the day, then come to the raffle to see who takes home fantastic prizes. All proceeds go to Circle Sanctuary for festival programming, office maintenance, and activism work.

6 pm

Dinner with Rev. Messina, Beckie, and Jodie behind the farmhouse

7:30 pm

Labyrinth opening with Teresa and Jason at the Labyrinth Circle

A self-guided journey through Circle's candle-lit Spiral Labyrinth for silent reflection and ancestor visioning.

8:30 pm

Family Programming: Samhain Ritual with Rev. Florence in the Temple Room

Join us in the Temple Room for a family-centered Samhain ritual for adults and children.

9 pm

Samhain 2019 Ritual with Rev. Sharon and others in the Big Tent

Come and join us as we open to the ancestral energies around us, in preparation of honoring their memories at this ritual. Walk with them,

listen to their voices calling you, listen, listen, listen.....
Meet near the picnic tables, with your items (photos, mementos, candles, etc.) for the Ancestor Altar.

Family Programming: Samhain Showtime with Rev. Florence in the Temple Room

We'll have a popcorn party and watch the animated adaptation of The Halloween Tree by Ray Bradbury.

Parents should pick up kids immediately after the ritual.

**10:30 pm
(Following Ritual)**

Rhythm Circle with any and all in the Temple Room

Bring your drums, rattles, shakers, bells, flutes, and voices as we gather as community to celebrate the season in this free-form drum circle! Listen to what others are playing and join in. It's not about perfection but rather participation and building community. Come share your gifts!

Sunday, October 27th

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Breakfast with Rev. Messina, Beckie, and Jodie in the Summer Kitchen

9 am - 10 am

Crystal Singing Bowl Healing Sound Bath with Rev. Sharon & others in the Temple Room

Do you need time to relax and process the messages received from your ancestors throughout the weekend? To ponder on the lessons or directions received from the ancestors? Or just need some down time? Then join us as singing bowls are played in a manner designed to relax the body, quiet the mind, and ignite your experiences from the weekend. Feel free to bring a yoga mat/blanket if you'd like to lay down.

Family Programming: Stories and Songs of Samhain with Rev. Florence in the Summer Kitchen

We'll wrap up the weekend with storybook readings and songs of the season!

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Funeral for Robin "Beket" Arnhold with Rev. Selena Fox in the Circle Cemetery

Join us outside the barn as we process and ride up to the Circle Cemetery for the funeral of long-time community member, Beket.

Ancestral Paganism with Rev. Eric Eldritch in the Temple Room

Exploring the religion of your ancestral spirit. Languages and lineage may be lost, customs may fade away, but the blood remembers.

Noon	Closing Circle with Rev. Selena, Rev. Sharon, and Raven in the Temple Room
12:30 pm	Lunch with Rev. Messina, Beckie, and Jodie behind the farmhouse
3 pm	Final Departures from Circle Sanctuary All attendees must be off-site by this time. Thank you for joining us and safe journeys!

Previous Samhain Events:

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VENDORS:

Owing to limited space on the Green, there will be no vending at this event.

REGISTRATION

Adults (each):	Through 10/14	Through 10/24
3 Days	\$130	\$140
Any 2 Days	\$110	\$120
Sat. Only	\$75	\$80
Witches' Ball Only	\$20	\$25
Children 5+ (each)	Through 10/14	Through 10/24
3 Days	\$55	\$60
Any 2 Days	\$45	\$50
Sat. Only	\$35	\$40
Witches' Ball Only	\$15	\$20

Children under 5 are free.

Register [ONLINE](#)

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.

Cancellations received before October 25th will be refunded minus 50% processing fee. Cancellations received on October 25th 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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