

Welcome Spring 2006

"Spring Magic"

Saturday, March 18, 2006

At Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve

near Barneveld, Wisconsin

Program Schedule

10:00 am	Open for arrivals. Come and help us weave together the Magic of Spring! The Circle Resource shop located in the upstairs of the Temple Room will be open for most of the day.
10:30 - 11:30 am	Welcome & Spring Magic Sharing Circle Selena Fox will introduce and facilitate this Community discussion. Participants are invited to bring along Spring chants, charms, lore, experiences, and perspectives to share.
10:30 - 11:30 am	Children's Wand Crafting Workshop Children and young teens will gather in the Summer Kitchen to create tools of Spring Magic! Acorn Ribbon Wands will be created to dance in the spring and wake up the land during the afternoon ritual!
11:30 - 11:45 am	Break
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Discovering the Magic of Spring through Balance & Nature The Spring Equinox is a moment in time where light and dark are in perfect balance. It's a time for us to think of whether we are balanced in our lives. Do we give as much as we take not only in our lives but in nature? Participants can travel to three workshop areas where they will create Spring Magic working with the balance of the elements and nature. With the magic of Land and Dark, you will bury seeds in the dark soil so they may begin to seek the spring light and sprout. You will work with the magic of Sky and Light on the wings of butterfly Faeries you create to soar in the Springtime. And, you will create personal Balance talismans to carry with you when you may need to restore the balance in your life.

1:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Break
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<p>Ostara Egg Hunt & Spring Magic Fun</p> <p>Celebrate the Spirit of Spring and the awakening of the land. Have a chance to explore the land and be a part of our annual egg hunt! Try your skill at egg balancing. Prepare your egg for divination during the ritual. Or, bring a drum or rhythm instrument and feel the rhythm of the season in your heart as we drum and dance around the bonfire.</p>
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	<p>Egg Hunt Prizes and Announcements</p> <p>Prizes will be awarded in adult and child categories. Sharing of Community news.</p>
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	<p>Spring Magic of Dionysus</p> <p>Garan du, Minoan Brotherhood High Priest from Ohio will talk about ancient Greek Pagan traditions of Spring and work with the Green God, Dionysus.</p>
4:30 pm	<p>Community Spring Equinox Ritual</p> <p>This year's ritual has three parts. It begins with the consecration of the newly expanded Circle Cemetery . Bring a symbol or tool associated with Earth, Air, Fire, or Water and then join others who have selected that Element in the procession to and through the restored prairie and adjacent woods. The Cemetery blessing will culminate in a Community Circle at the original Cemetery area. For the second part, we will journey to the nearby Stone Circle where we will welcome in Spring, energize our Balance talismans, and do magic for Spring growth. Finally, we will do Egg Divination by rolling our prepared eggs down Ritual Mound. All or part of the ritual will be held outdoors, depending on the weather. Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes/boots for walk to the prairie and Stone Circle . Some ride assistance will be available for those with mobility challenges. Ritual will be facilitated by Selena Fox & others.</p>
After Ritual	Potluck Feast and Celebration
8 pm	Clean-up & Departures

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