

Yule 2015

Saturday December 19, 2015

at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve
Near Barneveld, Wisconsin
10 am - 5 pm

Coordinated by Bo

Theme: Celebrating Traditions, Family & Tribe

Bring your family and friends and join Circle Sanctuary as we make merry and kindle warmth ahead of the longest night of the year! Featuring all-ages activities including storytelling, crafting Japanese holiday cakes, ritual magic, our annual gift exchange and more!

Articles, rituals, & more about Winter Solstice lore & traditions

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Items to Bring:

- 3 or more cans of food to donate to Circle's annual food drive that benefits the local food pantry
- Pre-prepared snacks and/or sweets (cheese and crackers, meats, prepped fruit, cookies, etc) to be shared during the Bardic Yule Circle.
- For Adults: a magical gift to exchange. Please write your name and something about the spiritual significance of the gift on the card so that the receiver of your gift can thank you! Wrap the card



and the gift in non-see-through paper! Kids need not bring a gift to exchange -- our Yuletide gift bringer will have a special present for each child!

- Drum, rattle, or other rhythm instrument (*if you have one*)
- Dress in holiday colors (red, green or white) if you want.
- Stone for the Stone Circle (*optional*)

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

10 pm	<p>Open for Arrivals <i>Owl's Nest open for Yuletide Shopping (Closed during lunch and ritual periods)</i> <i>Charity Food Drive: Canned goods donations accepted.</i></p>
10:30 am	<p>Welcoming Circle/Opening Ritual: Please bring stories to share of your favorite childhood holiday traditions/stories.</p>
11 am	<p>Festival Fruitcake Decorating with Florence in the Temple Room In Japan multiple religious traditions come together to create a new and inclusive spiritual landscape. One of the delightful (and delicious) results is the modern Japanese practice of communities coming together to make "fruitcake." Instead of the dense chopped-fruit cakes of Europe, the Japanese version is a light and airy frosted cake, layered and topped by slices of fresh fruit. Together we'll work to create our own colorful cakes, some to be taken home and some to be eaten during our community feast! (<i>Both regular and gluten-free options will be available.</i>)</p>
Noon	<p>Yule Feast Lunch in the Temple Room We will have a meal of hot soup, bread and salad provided for all participants. Festival participants are more than welcome to bring snack foods/cookies that can be enjoyed throughout the day's events.</p>
1 pm	<p>Winter Solstice Traditions by Selena Fox Learn about Winter Solstice customs and symbols across time and cultures. Explore some ways to enhance personal and household Yuletide celebrations.</p>
2 pm	<p>Community Yuletide Gifting Circle in the Temple Room For Adults: bring a magical gift to exchange. Please write your name and something about the spiritual significance of the gift on the card so that the receiver of your gift can thank you! Wrap the card and the gift in non-see-through paper! Kids need not bring a gift to exchange -- our Yuletide gift bringer will have a special present for each child!</p>
2:45 pm	<p>Break</p>
3 pm	<p>Yule Log Burning and Solstice Ritual with Georgette Paxton & Others We will come together to celebrate the longest night of the year and the magick that it brings as we say farewell to the dark and welcome back the sun!</p>
4 pm	<p>Bardic Yule Circle & Snacks in the Temple Room (<i>Storytellers TBA</i>) The Yuletide Season is full of traditional stories, myths and fairytales. We will invite a few of our communities' best bards and storytellers to share traditional Yule time stories</p>

to illustrate and remind us of the magick of the season. So bring your favorite story time snack or sweets to share while we listen to the stories of the season!

5pm

Departures & Final Farewells

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