

# The Journey...S

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an Ecumenical, Faerie Faith church

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## NEWS

**CST Library:** We have one! Finally... All the books are cataloged and organized into clear plastic tubs, stored on shelves in the small storage room of our (mine and my husband's) barn in Waverly, Alabama. This is where most of the CST rituals are held. It's not the best solution, but at least it gets the books out of my shed! We're still working on how to make these books accessible to all members, and how to make sure the books come back once they've been checked out. If you have any ideas, please tell us! I'm including in this issue a list of the books we have so far. Feel free to donate any books you may have, even if we already have a copy. All donations are tax-deductible—just be sure to ask us for a receipt. (Psst: we need some silica gel packets to keep the books dry!)

**We're getting submissions!** A couple of our inmate members have sent some excellent work lately; we'll be publishing these over the course of the year. Also, Cori Tindragon writes excellent poetry, as evidenced by her poem in the last issue. We'll see more of her work, too. For the rest of you out there—don't be afraid to send your stories, articles, poems, and artwork to be published. We still need some good artwork, clean, line-drawn, if possible. Please make sure your articles or poetry are typewritten, or at least very neatly handwritten, so it can be read. If possible, email it to us.

**Letters:** Thank you to those who have contacted some of our other members! Remember, if you're shy about giving out your home address, you can send letters to us here, and we can forward them in a CST envelope to the recipient. Many of our members, especially inmates, have contact listings, but receive no letters from other members, and they in particular feel the need for contact from others. Also, we can publish Letters to the Editor, meant to be read by the whole membership, in The Journey. Please consider writing to either another member, or to the newsletter in general, next issue. Just be sure to state on the letter that it is for publication.

**Business Listings:** Boy, it'd be great if someone would take us up on this offer! To reiterate: as a new service to our members, we are going to start offering business listings. If you own a business or provide a service that you would like advertised to the other members, please send us a description. It should include the business or service name, your name, your address, email, phone, and/or web page address, plus a good description of goods or services offered. If you have a logo or other artwork to be included, please send that too. The format of the listings is still not finalized, but it will probably be a columned listing, like classifieds. The first two times we run this, in the Spring and Summer issues, will be free. After that, depending on the draw that the listings get for the business owner, we may charge a small fee. So take advantage of this now! - Linda

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## Who Are We?

Church of the Spiral Tree (CST) is a non-profit, volunteer-staffed, ecumenical pagan/wiccan church, designed to foster and celebrate a sense of community and family among pagans, both locally and in other regions of the country/world. CST celebrates the unique pagan family: parents, children, elders, and extended family. It is an ecumenical church in that it encompasses all traditions, and is non-exclusive. It welcomes all who revere the Earth Mother and adhere to the tenets of the Wiccan Rede ("An it harm none, do as you will"), regardless of which tradition one is affiliated with.

CST was incorporated in August 1997 to provide a legal, tax-exempt status to the Pagan community. This status enables us to offer to the community a variety of open rituals that anyone may attend, to ordain ministers, and to extend our tax-exempt status to sub-groups of CST. One of our projects has been the forming of a Pagan cover school program for homeschooling families in Alabama (Sacred Grove Academy). CST also has a Disaster Relief Fund, so we can collectively donate money in the name of an established Pagan church to disaster relief efforts, including the American Red Cross.

If you would like to help with any of our projects, have any further ideas for the church, or have any resources which would be of benefit, please contact us. CST is also seeking volunteers to help with various parts of the church. Call us with ideas!

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## Info About Our Services:

**Ministers:** CST, being a church, may ordain any member over the age of 18 a minister. The fee for this is \$35.00, and you must also be a paid member. This ordination is for life; you do not have to maintain your membership to continue to be a CST minister, but we would really appreciate it. Each year we have to renew our "Registered" status in various states in order for our ministers to be legal, and your continued membership fees help pay for this. Ministers are entitled to perform legal weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Ordination as a minister does not automatically confer "Elder" or "High Priest/ess" status upon anyone.

**Subordinate Organizations:** The main form of a local CST group is a Grove. This can be formed by at least three paid church members, who apply to CST for a charter. If you are interested in forming a Grove, simply find two other like-minded friends, and encourage them to send in their membership to CST, then apply to us for a Grove charter. The application and first year's fee is \$35.00. Note that whomever forms a Grove and runs it, including writing and performing rituals and teaching mysteries, does not automatically become a "High Priest/ess."

**Note on Ministers and Groups:** For those of you who wish to form a local group or become ordained as a minister, if you're somewhere besides Alabama or Georgia, you just need to let us know a bit ahead of time.

For the group and the ministership to be legal, we need to be registered in your state. This takes a little time to get the paperwork done and sent in. We will register in other states as needed, as there's a bit of expense involved. Your membership fees and the fees for ordination (\$35) and forming a group (\$35) help pay for these costs. CST is already registered in Georgia, so anyone wishing to put together a local CST group there can do so. Full info on starting a CST grove and becoming a minister is now on the web site, < <http://www.spiraltree.org> > .

**Ritual Link:** You have the option of participating long-distance in our rituals. All you have to do is let us know that you want to do this, and before each of our planned rituals, we will mail, email, or FAX a copy of the ritual to you, along with the "kick-off" time and date of the ritual. This way, members who wish can do the same ritual the rest of the group is doing, at the same time, on the same day.

Let us know if you're interested in participating this way. As our rituals sometimes are not completely written till the night before, we need either an email address or FAX number to quickly send you the ritual.

**Natural Family Planning:** Cathy, a health services professional, is offering counseling on natural methods of family planning, both fertility and contraception. For more info, email her at [tabbatcat@yahoo.com](mailto:tabbatcat@yahoo.com).

# SYMBOLS IN RITUAL AND ESOTERIC OR OCCULT PRACTICE

by Frater Yod  
a.k.a. James A. Roesch

Man's practice of religious ritual is ancient and complex. As he has attempted to communicate, pay homage to, or worship a higher power he has developed various systems—some ritualistic and complex, others simple and straightforward. Yet one concept is constant, in a seven-day Navajo healing ritual, or a simple blood sacrifice of a living animal, symbols or symbolic acts are the chief method of conveying the “mentalism” or “spirit” of the act to the practitioners.

There exists in all sentient beings a “Collective Consciousness.” We all have in our psyche a vast store of memories which accompanied us into this world from our prior existence. Our spirit has accumulated a “vault” of knowledge and wisdom which remains locked away in our subconscious. A symbol is designed precisely to awaken in our conscious mind the memories of that which we have already known.

Symbols illuminate the worlds within us; whether or not they reveal things pertinent to our current existence is one aspect of the view by some that at best, symbols are unimportant, or undesirable; they may skew or perception of “reality.”

There is no doubt that man's tendency to see in everything around him intimations of a veiled reality and to perform actions which are themselves symbolic has played an immensely important role in the history of religious and magical ritual, but the elucidation of symbols is a very precarious business. This is because a symbol is essentially an attempt to express that which is otherwise inexpressible, ineffable, or to conserve words.

Also, a symbol can always be studied from an infinite number of viewpoints and each to study it has the right to discover in the symbol a new meaning corresponding to the logic of his own conception. Symbols are intended to arouse thought by means of suggestion and thus cause the truth which lies hidden in our consciousness to reveal itself.

Occult knowledge cannot be adequately transmitted either orally or in writing, but only through both along with symbolic imagery which is then contemplated in deep meditational practice, either ritualistic or silent mental assimilation. The symbols can be in the form of talismans, amulets, sigils, pentacles, artistic images, scents, sounds, or color. Often it is a complex amalgam of several types. Any stimulation of the five senses (sight, smell, taste, touch, hearing) is useful providing the correct symbols formulate into a “key.”

Sometimes the meaning of a symbol is layered or multi-faceted according to the degree of initiation to whom it is presented. The obvious meaning to the uninitiated may be radically different from what is derived by an advanced adept. There are often deliberate mis-conceptions depicted in and taught about a certain icon or image. To the learned is revealed the grade to which the viewer alludes in his interpretation. Almost like an “eye chart” will show a person's level of vision according to which level of symbols he can read.

Symbols used for meditational purposes are imagery that evoke repressed knowledge. Take for example the Tibetan Mandalas used in Tantric meditation. The literal interpretation of these is shocking, vulgar, disgusting, or repulsive. However, the esoteric representation is crafted to aid the meditation to pierce the veils of ordinary reality and to enter the sublime.

Myths have served as symbolic representations of a set or system of practices that can be evoked in their entirety (if well known or taught) by merely alluding to their symbol. An example is the symbolic scenario represented in these well-known icons: Isis, Ashtaroth, Aphrodite, Kali, Oisín, Odin, Mercury, or Lilith. Even when we don't recognize their image, we more often will know their legend; as when it is alluded to in Arthurian legend that he had magical powers owing to his apprenticeship with Merlin.

There is a difference in symbolism recognized through learned experience and that which is instinctual or subconscious. I know that some revelation is not from “self” but from age-long memory of self. There is that innate knowledge that causes the mollusk to shape his shell, and the child in the womb to crave to suckle, and the bird to know when to make its nest. Man, in his civilized form, has repressed much of his memory of self. He no longer remembers except in a certain moment of crisis that buried self that transcends our trivial daily minds. By symbol the triggers of buried self are revealed, because the symbols evoke memories of crisis.

The use of symbols in meditational practice cannot be better represented than the Jewish mystical “Kabbalah”

system. The use of 10 sephirah and the 22 paths between them provides an infinite matrix of contemplative possibilities. Each path and each sephirotic orb has numerous symbolic representations. The placement of each on the "Tree of Life" is significant. There are planes or realms represented by the groupings of sephirah and it is understood that a flow or "flash" on the Tree is progressional and in the progression the aspects of the preceding orbs are fused with the one being contemplated. Essentially, each orb is by itself inert until activated by another. The force of the flow is directed from pillar to pillar. The dynamics of Hermeticism are present on the Tree and operate in harmony. The principles of "vibration," "rhythm," "gender," "polarity," "mentalism," and the divine paradox are all present and operating.

Indeed, it would be impossible to find a religious, mystical, or magickal system that is devoid of symbols. Symbols are the "DOS"—the operating system—the binary code, as it were, of the subconscious mind.

In ancient times builders would construct massive cathedrals without calculators, computers, or even pencil and paper. Many builders were illiterate as the king forbid anyone about the clerics and scribes to learn to read and write. These ancient architects and engineers performed all of their "work" in their imaginations. Through symbols, the patterns and plans, designs and blueprints of a huge edifice would be constructed on the "trestle-board" of their minds. By an elaborate plan kept solely in their memory these masters could instruct the operative builders using symbolic language on how to proceed in the great work of their undertaking. They built "castles in the sky" purely of mind and then directed the construction to "as above, so below." Such was the sublime art of our Craft. Symbolism. From the mind comes All, for the All is purely of mind.

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## CST Calendar:

Church of the Spiral Tree welcomes church members, beginners, newcomers, solitaries, and anyone else interested in participating in rituals honoring the Sabbats. You need no experience or knowledge to participate, but we do request you come with an open mind and heart, and show respect for your fellow participants. Email us for directions. We share a potluck dinner after each Sabbat, so those who come are asked to bring some type of food to share.

Please wear something comfortable and appropriate for outdoors. Ritual robes are welcome but not necessary. No skyclad, please! Children of all ages are welcome. Donations to the Church are entirely optional but appreciated.

**May Day:** April 27, at Waverly, AL, 9:00 am. Weekend of Board of Director's meeting. CST is co-hosting with Pantheon.

**Moondance:** May 24-28 at Dragon Hills near Carrollton. Includes CST's General Membership meeting (May 27) and election of officers.

**Summer Solstice:** June 22, at Waverly, AL. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards.

**Lammas:** August 10. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards. Weekend of Board of Director's meeting.

**Pagan Pride Day/Fall Equinox:** September 21 OR 22, Pagan Pride Day, including the Fall Equinox ritual, at the Arboretum, on the Auburn University campus, Auburn, AL. CST is co-coordinating with Pantheon.

**Samhain:** November 2 OR 9, location TBA. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards. Weekend of Board of Director's meeting.

**Yule:** December 21, at Waverly, AL. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards. Also CST's 2nd annual General Membership meeting.

### Upcoming Festivals (Not CST events):

Moondance	May 23-27, 2002	Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA
Earthdance	August 16-18, 2002	Hard Labor Creek St Pk, Athens, GA
FallFling	October 11-13, 2002	Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA

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# MINUTES

## CST Membership Meeting

### December 22, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Linda Kerr at Waverly, AL, at 8:10 pm, with the following Directors and members present: Linda Kerr, Craig Kerr, Shadowhawk, Nion, Lee, Dave, Rat, Cori (apologies if I've left anyone out!)

There was some discussion about CST rituals. Nion mentioned he may want to do one that takes 13 people to do. Shadowhawk might be interested in writing one for Imbolc. Linda said that Marsha might be interested in doing a ritual in Birmingham.

Nion asked how many members we have, Linda told him about 40. We actually have more Sacred Grove students than members! Some discussion on homeschooling in general followed.

We're trying to put the CST name out there. We created a display that we used at Pagan Pride Day and FallFling, and have used at rituals since then. We ordered pens with "Church of the Spiral Tree" printed on them, with our web page, to give away to members and folks who attend the rituals.

Nion asked about how to update addresses on the web page. Linda pointed to Dave as new web master. There was some discussion about a database, a members-only site, etc. Blue Domino.com was mentioned as a potential site for web hosting. It was suggested we look into getting POP email accounts for members, i.e., <name@spiraltree.org>. Will have to check into the costs involved, see if it'll work; will also check on email forwarding.

Our next big thing after the Imbolc ritual is Ostarsa. This will be a weekend-long mini-gather for Pantheon people, the student pagan group at Auburn University. CST is helping with this, and will do the ritual Saturday night, March 16. Then May Day is April 27.

Dave asked if we have thought about publicity around Auburn. Nion suggested we network with other pagan groups. Linda needs a clone; would like to hand off some work to other people, due to having absolutely no extra time for more work.

Nion asked why we only have four BOD members;- don't we need an additional number for tie-breaker - Linda said it might be a good idea. We'll discuss it further in the near future. Discussed the bylaws, the Board of Directors, and committees. Linda said she took the structure for our bylaws from Church of All Worlds, and made changes to suit CST.

The Hazel Nut was mentioned. Imre had a web page for it, but it seems to be gone. It's thought that he has moved it, we just don't have the address for it.

We want to get members more involved in doing stuff with CST. One day Linda wants to be able to give it away—to let someone else handle the administration and all the work involved.

A group at Fort Benning earlier this year wanted to find another group, get support. There was a discussion about military pagans. Witch's Voice was mentioned as a great networking site. CST want sto do the "Adopt a Military Pagan"—Linda just needs to get around to it!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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## CST Board of Directors

### February 2, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Craig Kerr at 7:10 pm, at Waverly, Alabama, with the following Directors and members present:

Craig Kerr, President; Linda C. Kerr, Secretary-Treasurer; and Cathy Rankin, Member-at-Large.

#### **Old Business**

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Yule ritual was held on December 22 at Waverly, and was very well-attended. We had a blanket give-away that went very nicely. Craig did his usual Norse-style ritual.

The Samhain ritual was held October 27 in Auburn, in the woods next to Carol's house. It was a joint CST/Pantheon ritual. Dave wrote and ran the ritual, and had a pot-luck afterwards at his house.

#### **New Business**

Skippy (Rob von Allmen) is resigning as Vice-President; we will need to nominate someone new. Talked about nominating Cathy to become Vice-President, and nominating someone new to become Member-at-Large. Nion and Matt were both suggested.

Sigg is now our ritual coordinator. This means he sends out notices about rituals, keeps up with who is planning to attend, opens the gate at Waverly and sets up the site and the stuff for pot-luck, handles cleanup, and basically makes sure everything runs smoothly at rituals.

Linda is trying to find someone else to handle the newsletter, The Journey. Both Cori and Killa have volunteered. Cori has experience, Killa is enthusiastic. Linda will talk to both of them, and decide on one.

The new ink pens came in - they have "Church of the Spiral Tree" printed all over them, in different colors of ink, with our web page address printed in black. Very nice pens, with a rubber grip. We ordered 200 of them, and will give them out to people at rituals, to members, to folks at festivals, just wherever we want to publicize CST.

We fixed up the CST library today—cleaned out the storage room in the barn at Waverly, and put in a shelf. We're cataloging the books by genre, and will put them in clear plastic storage tubs. Had some discussion about how to work the library—ask people to put down a deposit to check out books? There should be a time limit, for instance, till the next CST ritual, usually 6 weeks later. Most CST rituals are at Waverly, so this would work. We need to keep a check-out list, and a past-due list.

BOD meetings are generally scheduled for every cross-quarter day; Imbolc, May Day, Lammas, and Samhain. In the past we've been postponing these so that all 4 BOD members can attend, but then we wind up having the meeting a month or two late. So from now on, all BOD meetings will take place on the day scheduled, and we'll just have to try our best to be there.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Our next ritual is Ostara on March 16. No one has volunteered yet, so Craig volunteered himself, Sigg, and Matt to do it. May Day is April 27. Both of these are joint CST/Pantheon rituals/events.

#### **Ideas & Things to Do**

Cathy suggested we do some fundraising by putting up a booth at Moondance, and doing tarot readings or something similar for \$1, and donate this money to CST. It will also make CST more visible. We can get members to take shifts at the booth throughout the weekend.

We can also do a silent auction—get people to donate items. Can do this at Moondance.

Cathy suggested we put up a labyrinth at Waverly for meditation purposes. It'd be a nice Spring-time project to do.

Sigg as our new ritual coordinator, can welcome attendees and make church announcements prior to each ritual, including changes and passages, births and deaths, birthdays (need to get dates from

members).

We need to get a small notebook to put the BOD minutes into.

### **Other Business**

The next two meetings were scheduled to be held April 27, 2002, and August 10, 2002, in Auburn, AL.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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## **Letters:**

### **January 23, 2002**

#### **Greetings Lady Linda and the CST!**

Finally, I'm doing what I've wanted to since receiving Issue 17 The Journey—to send my praise and appreciation.

I send praise due to the poems and Birth article The Journey included... so with my praise, my "thank you" goes out to Epona, Cori Tindragon, and Arion for what was shared with those who seek such to be enjoyed, savored, pondered upon.

While sending my "thank you," please permit me to thank Sparrow for the holiday card. I'm sure Sparrow must be a member of the Tree so the card touched me deeply by granting me a sense of feeling "welcomed." I must also say, very nice card! I remember greeting cards mentioned before in The Journey and I wonder how this endeavor is going. Has to be quite a market for "Paganish" cards :). Anyway, the card gave me cause to ponder endeavors of the Tree—gave me cause to feel welcomed—gave me cause to have future hope regarding members reaching out to one another in some aspect or degree.

Lady Kerr, I noted your plea and do pray your call is answered. Out of so many members, so much knowledge must be available. I truly wish more would do so, regardless of where their interests rest.

I'm still very interested in what Faerie Faith involves. Perhaps some of your own knowledge could be shared. I'm positive any shared teachings regarding the Faerie Faith would only enhance one's chosen Path—if not become the Path itself.

Perhaps, as well, Craig could share a bit of his rune knowledge. Perhaps, as Pagan parents, you could share some experience you've had with Rowan—some family activities geared towards introducing Rowan to our Mother's love.

That is what each and every member has to share if nothing else—ideas regarding how one remains in touch with the Mother in our present society of seperationism.

We've got to get you (us) a reporter—a Journey reporter. All can't and should not fall on your shoulders. The Journey could tell how the introduction of the wolf back into Alabama is going... or of the parcel of land given back to the Amerindians of that area near Eufaula. The Journey could interview the lady who sells herbs and oils—Ms. Janice I believe who Mary L. Brown told me about. I'm sure I'm not the only one who would love to hear about such—the only one to be thrilled over particular discoveries in "our" area.

I truly wish it was where I could be more involved and I give you my vow that once freedom arrives, I shall be more involved if you permit.

I'm enclosing a SASE if there is any way possible I can receive a copy of any past or future ritual held by the CST... or just some Faerie Faith teachings. I miss the "studies" I once had access to.

Whatever you, or any willing member, can do to aid me on my journey, I'll gladly do whatever desired to prove I'm earnest in my desire to hear—to learn—to share.

Thank you for your time and thank you so much for all the years you've helped others know of other Paths existing.

**Peace & Harmony,  
Tony Curtis Jackson**

# Letters (cont.):

February 7, 2002

**Mi Lady Kerr,**

**Greetings Mi Lady!**

Received your care package earlier this week and wish to thank you very much! :)

No one can share wisdom—only the knowledge that may guide one towards that goal. I do believe you to possess much wisdom, certainly a lot of knowledge in the realm my quest lies. If I believe that with you, why should I not also believe other members of the Tree to possess something to share.

Since we are children of the Great Mother (“we” being those who are aware of that fact) I pray for The Journey to one day become the Sacred Fire family and friends and clan once and do gather around to share of themselves whether that be an event from the day, knowledge to teach, or the passing on of legend.

Too often have I read “and lost in the mist of time.” I find that so sad because we are talking of an age when the written word was nonexistent or extremely rare and for the “lost” to occur there had to be no more talk—no more sharing through gathered conversation... communication. We all have experiences, all have a gift, all have something to share with someone else and I pray The Journey becomes the place where it is shared.

How time-consuming could it be for one to give a book report—a magazine report—or just point out running across an interesting article somewhere that pertains to what we believe in? All of “us” don’t have the same access to information. I once noticed an announcement in The New Worlds of Mind and Spirit (Llewellyn’s magazine/catalog) of Ann Moura giving a shop at a bookstore in Florida—same city a member of the CST resides in. Lady Moura is author of several books on Greencraft. I prayed for that member to have taken that opportunity to meet a “like mind” and perhaps share that experience with the Tree.

Does any member garden? They could share that experience with us. Do they have a pet in their family with an awesome personality—a story of it could be shared. Any Pagan parent has a story or two about their child(ren) they could share.

Well, I’m here to tell you, banana peels do work well on improving rose blooms... I also had a Shepherd who loved to eat Tonka Toys (not just chew, but actually eat) and was brilliant at opening gates.. got two children who loved to skinny dip when kids... little could be more magickal than the innocence of children accompanied by their imagination.

I receive The Wilderness Way magazine; last issue had a good article on how to build a piroque (pearow)—very simple for those who like the water.

I obviously can’t volunteer my skills but I will gladly share my building (homes and cabinets) experience with anyone—whether they need plans or just some helpful hints.

Sorry, I just become so excited when I ponder what The Journey could evolve into. I also subscribe to The Sun; wonderful magazine and every issue points out a “cause” for all to ponder pertaining to humanity.

How goes the work with the CST library? What books are offered, what books are desired? This issue could be addressed in The Journey.

Oh well, best I put my soap box up and close on out—our lights went out, take awhile to get back on. Take care and Blessed Be the Tree.

**Sincerely,**

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# Book Reviews:

The Well-Read Witch, by Carl McColman. Franklin Lakes, NJ: New Page Books, 2002.

With this book, McColman succeeds in his attempt to list the better books of the Craft. *The Well-Read Witch* lists books according to topic (Goddess, Psychology, Herbalism, etc.) and level of study (books for beginners, intermediate or advanced students). In addition, the author explores the effect of the written word on the Craft, as well as methods for finding rare books. A good reference book for any Pagan. See the book's website at: < <http://www.wellreadwitch.com/> > .

- Reviewed by Cliff Landis

Watership Down, by Richard Adams. Avon Books.

This is arguably the best animal tale of our time. Set in a real part of English countryside, with a map of it too boot! This book is excellent for Pagans of all ages. It would make a great bedtime story as well as a fireside tale while passing the waters of life.

The life of the rabbits have all the Pagan elements. They have the Warrior, the Prophet, the Bard, and the Wise Ones. It's almost as if the author grafted the Celtic culture into the personalities of these rabbits.

Though this tale is also based on true facts of rabbit behavior, from how rabbit does reabsorb kitten in their wombs in bad times, to bucks pressing their chin glands, a lot of their actions even have rabbit mythologies behind them. There is a rich bardic tradition of the rabbits in this book, including creation myths, a cultural rabbit hero, to a rabbit lord of the underworld. It even has rabbit words and language. It explains how and why rabbit is a trickster in a beautiful, entertaining way.

I highly recommend this book for young Pagan readers who want a classic that has a Pagan flare.

- Reviewed by Senagenos Na Saille (Frank Palmer)

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**James A. Roesch:** Advanced adept in multiple disciplines and orders. Hermeticist/Qabalist, A.A.S.R. 320, Rosicrucian. Will advise, guide, or discuss the Craft as any may desire. Write to: James A. Roesch #049547, Mayo Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 448, B1-2117-U, Mayo, FL, 32066.

**Jimmy Pesci:** Encouraging all members to contact me for intellectual and spiritual rewards. Jimmy Pesci, Box 495, F.C.C.C., 13613 S.E. Highway 70, Arcadia, FL 34266.

**Rob Von Allmen:** Tired? Bored? Wanting to find true love and happiness? Well, what are you doing talking to me?! I don't have all the questions, much less the answers. But I do have a clue (I found it in a cereal box) and am licensed to share the wisdom of the ages (answered an ad in Rolling Stone). If you also ponder such mysteries as "Is there life after death?," "Was he a man dreaming he was a butterfly...?," and "Where am I parked?," then please drop me a line at: Swann's Tr. Pk. #1, Lot 130, Auburn, AL 36863, < skippy\_the\_witch@yahoo.com > , 334-826-3953.

**Shadowhawk:** < WJPalmerJr@CilleDaire.org > or < ShadowHawk@CilleDaire.org > , < <http://www.CilleDaire.org> > , Ozark, AL, 334-445-0647.

**Stacy Bandura:** sbandura@tuckercapital.com

**Steven D. Richert:** Beginner Asatru Gothi and still new to this path, recent CST Minister and general all-around eclectic Celtic and Norse pagan. I'm looking to write with anyone who will write an inmate in prison. Steven D. Richert #17987, S-208-L, IC/USCF, 2136 N. Main St., Cedar City, UT 84720.

**Tony Jackson:** Just an ole Pagan Seeker with a desire to know fellow members - do you have rune, herb, folk lore, or Fairie Faith knowledge you wish to share? I could be your captive audience. Tony C. Jackson EF 183981, Dodge State Prison, Q2 16T, P.O. Box 276, Chester, GA 31012.

## CST Library Books:

Note: This list will be maintained and updated on our web page, at < <http://www.spiraltree.org>> . For those of you without internet access, if you'll let us know, we'll be happy to mail you a current listing every 6 months or so, or as it is updated. Remember, we need ideas about how best to maintain this collection and make it accessible!

TITLE	AUTHOR(S)
<b>Health</b>	
The Detox Diet - The How-to & When-to Guide for Cleansing the Body	Elson M. Haas
Shed 10 Years in 10 Weeks	Julian Whitaker & Carol Colman
Eight Weeks to Optimum Health	Andrew Weil
Your Inner Physician & You - CranioSacral Therapy & SomatoEmotional Release	John E. Upledger
<b>Recovery &amp; Self-Healing</b>	
The Courage to Heal Workbook - For Women & Men Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse	Ellen Bass & Laura Davis
The Courage to Heal - A Guide for Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse	Ellen Bass & Laura Davis
A Gift to Myself - A Personal Workbook & Guide to the Bestselling "Healing the Child Within"	Charles L. Whitfield
Healing the Child Within - Discovery & Recovery for Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families	Charles L. Whitfield
<b>Personal Guides</b>	
The Strong-Willed Child - Birth Through Adolescence	Dr. James Dobson
It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It	Robert Fulghum
A Guide to Rational Living	Albert Ellis & Robert A. Harper
Happiness is a Serious Problem - A Human Nature Repair Manual	Dennis Prager
Invulnerability - On Securing Happiness	Steven Luper
Beyond All Fear - A Children's Story for Adults About "Real" Responsibility	Jay
Wishcraft - How to Get What You <u>Really</u> Want	Barbara Sher
Manifest Your Destiny - The 9 Spiritual Principles for Getting Everything You Want	Wayne W. Dyer
The Life You Were Born to Live - A Guide to Finding Your Life Purpose	Dan Millman
Discovering Your Soul Mission - How to Use Karmic Astrology to Create the Life You Want	Linda Brady & Evan St. Lifer
Meditation - A Simple 8-Point Program for Translating Spiritual Ideals into Daily Life	Eknath Easwazan
The Path of Perfection - The Spiritual Teaching of Nur Ali Elahi	Bahram Elahi

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR(S)</b>
<b>Psychic Abilities</b>	
Psychic Living - Tap Into Your Psychic Potential	Andrei Ridgeway
Psycho-Pictography - The New Way to Use the Miracle Power of Your Mind	Yernon Howard
Palmistry - How to Chart the Lines of Your Destiny	Roz Levine
Romance on Your Hands - Palmistry for Lovers	Spencer Grendahl
Flying Without a Broom - Astral Projection & the Astral World	D.J. Conway
<b>Spiritualism</b>	
In God's Truth	Nick Bunick
A Guide for the Advanced Soul - A Book of Insight	Susan Hayward
The Seat of the Soul - A Remarkable Treatment of Thought, Evolution, & Reincarnation	Gary Zukav
The Way to God	M.K. Gandhi
Talking to Heaven - A Medium's Message of Life After Death	James van Praagh
Reaching to Heaven - A Spiritual Journey Through Life & Death	James van Praagh
The World Before - Spirit Guides Reveal Past & Future	Ruth Montgomery
The Lost Gospel Q - The Original Sayings of Jesus	
The Place We Call Home - Exploring the Soul's Existence After Death	Robert J. Grant
Clearing for the Millennium - Lessons from the Creator & Director of the Sedona Intensive	Albert Clayton Gauden
<b>Wiccan/Pagan</b>	
King of the Witches - Biography of Alex Sanders	June Johns
A Witch's Bible Compleat	Janet & Stewart Farrar
A Witch Alone - 13 Moons to Master Natural Magic	Marion Green
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Natural Magic	Doreen Valiente
Earth, Air, Fire & Water - More Techniques of Natural Magic	Scott Cunningham
Power of the Witch - The Earth, The Moon & The Magical Path to Enlightenment	Laurie Cabot with Tom Cowan
Turning of the Wheel - A Wicca Book of Shadows for Moons & Festivals	Stanley J.A. Modrzyk
The Complete Art of Witchcraft - Penetrating the Secrets of White Magic	Sybil Leek
Hedge Witch - Guide to Solitary Witchcraft	Rae Beth
Magical Herbalism - The Secret Craft of the Wise	Scott Cunningham

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR(S)</b>
The Candle Magick Workbook - Why & How Candle Magick Works	Karla & Katz Pajeon
Techniques of High Magic - A Guide to Self-Empowerment	Francis King & Stephen Skinner
The Magic in Food - Legends, Lore & Spells	Scott Cunningham
The Modern Witch's Book of Home Remedies	Sarah Lyddon Morrison
Golden Secrets of Mystic Oils - Over 550 Oils, Over 1300 Spells	Anna Riva
Llewellyn's Magical Almanac 1993	Scott Cunningham & Ray Buckland
The Witch's Almanac - Spring 1998-Spring 1999	
Faery Wicca, Book One - Theory & Magick: A Book of Shadows	Kisma K. Stepanich
Faery Wicca, Book One - Theory & Magick: A Book of Shadows	Kisma K. Stepanich
Faery Wicca, Book Two - The Shamanic Practices of the Cunning Arts	Kisma K. Stepanich
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WiccaCraft for Families	Margie McArthur
The Pagan Family	Ceisiwr Serith
<b>Lunar Magic</b>	
Grandmother Moon - Lunar Magic in Our Lives	Zsuzsanna E. Budapest
Moon Magick - Myth & Magic, Crafts & Recipes, Rituals & Spells	D.J. Conway
<b>Celtic</b>	
Dancing with Dragons - Invoke Their Ageless Wisdom & Power	D.J. Conway
The Book of Druidry - History, Sites & Wisdom	Ross Nichols
The Irish Celtic Magical Tradition - Ancient Wisdom of the Battle of Moytura	Steve Blamires
Earth Light - The Ancient Path to Transformation, Rediscovering the Wisdom of Celtic & Faery Lore	R.J. Stewart
The Western Way - A Practical Guide to the Western Mystery Tradition	Caitlin & John Matthews
<b>Misc.</b>	
Wisdom of the Mystic Masters	Joseph J. Weed
The Elements of The Grail Tradition	John Matthews
The Elements of The Goddess	Caitlin Matthews
Prehistoric Astronomy & Ritual	Aubrey Burl
<b>Prophecy</b>	
Edgar Cayce - Modern Prophet - 4 Complete Books: Edgar Cayce on Prophecy; Edgar Cayce on Religion & Psychic Experience; Edgar Cayce on Mysteries of the Mind; Edgar Cayce on Reincarnation	

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR(S)</b>
Nostradamus - His Prophecies for the Future	
<b>Shamanism</b>	
The Power of Silence - Further Lessons of Don Juan	Carlos Castaneda
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Secrets of Shamanism - Tapping the Spirit Power Within You	Jose Stevens & Lean S. Stevens
Shamanic Voices - A Survey of Visionary Narratives	Jan Halifax
<b>Misc.</b>	
The Structure of Magic - A Book About Language & Therapy	Richard Bendler & John Grinde
The Satanic Bible	Anton Szandor LaVey
Bhagavad-Gita - As It Is	His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
Moon in a Dewdrop - Writings of Zen Master Dogen	
Sacred Earth - The Spiritual Landscape of Native America	Arthur Versluis
QPB Treasury of North American Folktales	Catherine Peck, Ed.
<b>Mythology, Archetypes</b>	
The Power of Myth - With Bill Moyers	Joseph Campbell
The Hero Within - Six Archetypes We Live BY	Carol S. Pearson
The Warrior Within - Accessing the Knight in the Male Psyche	Robert Moore & Douglas Gillette
<b>Novels</b>	
Indian Killer	Sherman Alexie
Joshua - The Journey Home (3 Novels)	Joseph Girzone
It	Stephen King
Blue Light	Walter Mosley
The Sea Priestess	Dion Fortune
Druids	Morgan Llywelyn
Where the Bright Lights Shine	Anne Nall Stallworth
Leviathan	Thomas Hobbs
<b>Misc. Stuff</b>	
Earth Search - A Kid's Geography Museum in a Book	John Cassidy
The Tracker - The True Story of Tom Brown Jr.	William Jon Watkins
Video - Switzerland	
Tarot - Shapeshifter Tarot	
Misc. magazines & newsletters	

# Important Dates

## **Board of Directors' Meetings:**

April 27, 2002, Auburn, Alabama; August 3, 2002, Auburn, Alabama;

## **Annual Meetings of the General Membership:**

May 26, 2002, Moondance, Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA; December 21, 2002, Yule Ritual, Waverly, AL;

## **CST Sabbat Dates:**

Imbolc	February 2
Ostara	March 16
May Day	April 27
Summer Solstice	June 22
Lammas	August 10
PPD	September 21 OR 22
Samhain	November 2 OR 9
Yule	December 21

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