

# The Journey...



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## NEWS

**Survey Says...** Thanks to everyone who filled out the survey! The summary of responses is printed in this issue. I didn't include *all* comments that were sent, just mostly due to space limitations and editorial reasons, but most of them are there. Thanks to the survey we've gotten some volunteers who are interested in helping out with CST things, and we've started a new Yahoo email group, called [CST\\_Volunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:CST_Volunteers@yahoo.com). Feel free to join! Our first project is going to be a kissing and/or tarot booth at FallFling, and we're looking for volunteers to help out. We'd also like to have a silent auction there, so donations of items would be great!

**BOD Minutes:** If you will read over the minutes on page 4, you'll find that we had quite an active and productive meeting! We have tons of ideas, and really need some volunteers to help out.

**Membership Drive:** On the theory that there is strength in numbers, CST is having a membership drive! This drive will last until Samhain (November 1), and will be repeated each year from Lamas (August 1) till Samhain (November 1). If you join or renew during this time, Individual memberships are just \$12.50 (normally \$20), and Family memberships are \$20 (normally \$35). All memberships are good for one year. Tell your friends!

**Membership Expiration Date:** You can always find the date of the expiration of your membership on the back of the newsletter, on your mailing label. It's always listed underneath your name and address, in italics, like this: *Individual 10-31-2003*. Each time a newsletter is due to be mailed out, I go through the list of members, and check the expiration dates. Those that are coming up within the next 2-3 months get a letter mailed with their newsletter reminding them to renew. Those whose memberships have already expired get a postcard reminder, but no newsletter. Letters will be sent at least once, sometimes twice; postcards are sent only once. Those who do not renew their memberships after 30 days are considered inactive. So please remember to renew!

**Disaster Relief:** This take two parts: 1) collecting household items (no clothes) to give to community members in times of need; and 2) collecting monetary donations to send checks to disaster relief agencies (mostly Red Cross) in the wake of disasters. To help with these efforts, we need to collect items and build up our Disaster Relief Fund. We will have donations boxes for items and money at FallFling and other upcoming festivals and gathering. Please consider donating to effort—all donations are tax-deductible (remember to ask for a receipt!).

**Pagan Prisoner Committee:** Join this committee! Write letters! Be an important link to members on the inside!! Currently, the members of the Pagan Prisoner Committee are Cliff Landis, Violet Jade, Nion, Eugene Chapman, and Tarl Hoch. The purpose of the committee is to help out our incarcerated members. We have a web page where we list addresses of those inmates who wish to receive letters and information, linked to the CST web site. If you'd like to be part of this committee, just email and let us know!

**Want to Review Books?** CST receives new books from various publishers quite often. The publishers are hoping we'll read these books, and publish a review in our newsletter. \*I\* don't have time to read all these, but if someone else would, that'd be great! Just let me know, and I'll mail you the book. By the way—you get to keep it if you review it! A list of books for review is inside this issue on page 6.

- Linda

## 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.”

**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 [cathycst@yahoo.com](mailto:cathycst@yahoo.com).

# CST Membership Drive

by Cathy Rankin, President, CST

This year is the first annual membership drive for CST. I hope that all current members will renew and that many of our friends and participants will join. I have had several people tell me that they are not members because they do not believe in organized religion. Well, if that is the case, this is most certainly the church for you! CST does not sponsor any specific religion, path, or sect. The only CST rule that applies to all of its members is "Do as ye will, and harm none." I chose to join CST mainly because of that fact. No other church in the United States could possibly be more of a gold standard for freedom of religion and freedom of speech than CST. I am very honored to be a part of this organization. Membership does not only provide you extra privileges but it provides an opportunity to be part of a community, a community where paganism is recognized and respected. As a community, we are able to have more of a positive impact on the world around us—the larger our community, the greater our impact. CST has come to the aid of members and friends who have experienced personal disasters regardless of whether that person is an official member. CST has also contributed through our disaster fund to many of the disasters that have affected other communities near and far. By making these sorts of contributions, CST is not only making the world a better place but also letting others know that pagans are caring and concerned individuals with a lot to offer. CST would like to have you as a member, not for money or power, but because the larger our group, the more we can support each other and those who might need us in the future. I truly hope you will think about joining or renewing your membership. CST is a great organization only because of the great people involved in it. -Blessed Be.

# My Spirit Child

I Hold You Close My Spirit Child  
I Rock and Sing the Songs of Old~  
Songs of Ponies, Mockingbirds and Gold.

I Hold You Close My Spirit Child  
Only in My Minds Eye I See;  
Your Golden Locks~ Curls Flying Free.  
Your Bright Eyes Shining  
Eyes that See ~ Though Ones Soul to  
Eternity.

I Hold You Close My Spirit Child.  
I Feel Your Love, Your Hugs and Hear  
Your Laughter.  
I Hear Your Voice and See You Smile,  
Watch You Run and Dance in the Wind.  
The Sun in Your Face, You Twirl and You  
Spin.  
Free is Your Soul From Cares and Woe.  
You Ask Many Questions Like: What  
Makes Flowers Grow?

I Hold You Close My Spirit Child  
Do You Know How Much I Love You?  
More Than the Sky!  
A Tear I Wipe Now From My Cheek  
As I Rock You Fast Asleep.

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# Homework Altar

by Kathryn Lane

My oldest son has been having a hard time staying on task with his school work. He avoids homework like the plague. It hit me one night to make a homework station in the kitchen complete with its own altar. I set it up on the leaf of my sewing machine table. We went outside and found a piece of wood to decorate as "Odin" for wisdom and knowledge. We made him look rather like Albert Einstein complete with the crazy hair. Since "Odin" was wood, this was our earth element. We used Alex's favorite incense for air. A candle was used for the southern fire element and we used a cute little plastic frog toy for the water element. We set all this up on the sewing machine table and let the candle and incense burn the whole time he was doing his homework. I explained how "Odin" could help him tap into the wisdom and knowledge within himself, how the incense could bring inspiration, how the fire could bring motivation, and how the water frog could bring him creative flowing energy. He and the other boys loved this "homework altar." He completed his homework without the usual one million urgings. It was incredible.

This "homework altar" is better than any punishment that the boys usually receive when they do not do their homework. They see the altar as their own spiritual education space.

# MINUTES

## CST Board of Directors

### August 24, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Rankin at 1:15 pm, at Auburn, Alabama, with the following Directors and guests present:

Cathy Rankin, President; Don Mikovitz (Nion), Vice-President; Linda C. Kerr, Secretary-Treasurer; Lee Mikovitz, Craig Kerr, and Rowan Kerr.

#### **Ideas & Things To Do**

Linda has compiled a list of things that were suggested we do, from past BOD meetings. All present looked over this list. Also looked over the summary of the CST Survey, with names listed as to who volunteered to do what.

We should start doing a gift exchange/giveaway at Yule. We had talked about this before, but never implemented it. We will need to put a note about this in the newsletter and the flyer. If we want people to bring canned goods, we'll need to note that in the ritual and festival flyers.

We need a new sign for the gate at Waverly; something weather-resistant, that can stay outside the whole time.

Cliff or Violet Jade need to contact each prison chaplain and official to see what is allowed as far as books.

We could use a notary public, just to be available to the community if needed, at festivals and rituals. Willow Blue is a notary. We will ask on the list who else is.

It would be good to work with colleges in various areas, to join forces with student pagan groups or just do CST rituals in their area.

We should make a separate CST display for both Cathy and Nion and others so they will have one available themselves for any functions they attend.

#### **Need Volunteers**

We need someone to be in charge of things: collecting canned goods, speaking at rituals, etc. Nion can collect things at festivals, and perhaps Kathryn in Auburn and Ellen in Columbus can collect items in their areas. We need boxes to collect things, that will be colorful and decorated. We need to make sure the folks who volunteered to do this will be able to store things.

For someone to speak at rituals, we should have a Hospitality and/or Publicity person. We could get someone to sign up for each ritual so one person doesn't always have to do it. Give them a cheat-sheet, with info about CST, the library, and upcoming things. Maybe we could ask the membership for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. on the membership form, or better yet, upload it to the Yahoo group (CST\_Volunteers and friendly\_pagans). Find someone to email, call, or write to get news and birthdays, etc.

We need a Volunteer Coordinator (not Linda)—maybe one for rituals, publicity, hospitality, CST party, etc, and one for charity, fundraising, collecting and storing items, etc. Lee decided to be the Volunteer Coordinator for the latter. These coordinators can then upload info to the Yahoogroups, listing who has storage for what, etc.

We need a librarian, to keep up the library, keep track of books, remind people to return books, put the list on the Yahoogroups, etc. Densho was volunteered to be the librarian. Let's check into buying or finding a small building for Waverly to house the library, that will have more room than the current storage room it's in. Keep it sprayed or treated for bugs and mice, and still keep the books in plastic tubs for protection, but have shelves and a table to put the boxes on to look through them.

Our publicity person, when we find one, can send cards to potential donors

#### **Things to Buy**

We can make CST nametags, and permanent ID pins for BOD and staff members. If not an actual pin, then a magnet, or tag hanging from a cord.

Cathy will get us an easy-up tent pavilion for a CST booth, and we'll paint CST on it so it'll be recognizable. She'll also pick up a couple of small folding tables. There was discussion about coordinating with Serpentstone and maybe keeping common tables and pavilions at Dragon Hills, but it was generally decided that we shouldn't store things there. Cathy can transport these items as needed.

Cathy is going to buy a receipt book. Linda will get a stamp with CST, our address, email, and web page, to stamp receipts and other documents.

## **Rituals, Festivals**

We need a BOD member to be a Pagan Pride Day. We'll have the CST display there, plus flyers and info for volunteers.

It was noted that we should personally invite Willow Blue, our registered agent in Georgia, to CST functions.

CST will set up a booth at FallFling on Saturday, from noon till 4:00 pm, for fundrasing, CST info, etc. We'll ask for volunteers to sit there, and perhaps have tarot readings, a kissing booth, or other similar activities. We can also have a silent auction.

In the FallFling second flyer, Linda will note the silent auction, and ask people to bring items for it. Also mention the booth, and bringing canned goods.

## **Web Page, Yahoogroups**

We should ask our CST ministers if they want to be listed in the newsletter and on the web page.

We can have a prayer list on the web site, or on the Yahoogroups. We'll make a note of it in the newsletter, and Cathy will write an intro.

## **Memberships**

How can we get more CST members? We can offer a discount at FallFling, a special rate of \$10 or \$15. Or, for officers, a discount could be available. Let's make it \$12.50 for Individual, and \$20 for Family memberships. These memberships will be good for one year. We'll make it a membership drive, between now and Samhain, and make it a yearly event, from Lammas to Samhain. We could ask Cori to talk to people and encourage them to join CST.

There was discussion about whether our volunteers should be paid members or not. It was decided that committee chairs or officers, etc., have to be paid members, but volunteers do not.

## **Upcoming Events**

The next CST ritual will be Samhain, November 1. Since Cathy is not sure she can make it, we'll hold it at Cori's place in Troy, who volunteered earlier to have it. The ritual after that will be Yule, on December 20, either at Waverly or at William & Pelayah's house in Loachapoka (near Auburn). The dates for 2004 are set, but the locations are not.

## **Other Business**

The next two BOD meetings were scheduled to be held November 2 and February 1 in Auburn, AL.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.



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# **The Corn Spirit**

**A reading by Animal Talker (David Carson Neeley)**

In a village where the corn harvest had always been rich, people became lazy and careless. They forgot to weed and left corn to be trampled. They let the dogs eat the surplus and stored their seed in poorly dug holes and damaged baskets. Worst of all, they neglected to give proper thanks to the spirit of the corn.

Assuming that they could continue to get more food by hunting, the men roamed the forest for game. But the animals had vanished. The hungry people dug up their baskets. But their stores had rotten or been eaten by mice. Only one man had given thanks for his harvest and stored his corn securely.

Walking in the forest one day, he came upon an elm bark lodge surrounded by weeds. Seated there was an old man. Dirty and ragged, the old man was weeping. "Grandfather, why do you weep?", he asked. "Because your people have forgotten me," replied the elder. As the man pursued his questions, he realized that the old man was the spirit of the corn, and that he was dirty and ragged because the people had become careless and ungrateful. The spirit of the corn was weeping because he thought that he had been forgotten.

The man returned to the village and found the people on the verge of starvation. Recounting what he had seen, he warned that the spirit of the corn might leave them forever. If, however, the people began honoring him again, the spirit would help them. Then the man dug up his own supplies and found that the spirit had increased them.

From that time on, the people honored the spirit of the corn. They carefully planted, weeded, harvested and stored. And they always gave thanks to the spirit who blessed them.



# 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.

Note: For all upcoming sabbats, we need someone to volunteer to write and run the ritual, and in some cases, we may need someone to volunteer to host the ritual at Waverly in Linda's stead, or to host the ritual at a different location.

## 2003:

**Samhain:** November 1, Troy, AL. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards. Weekend of Board of Director's meeting.

**Yule:** December 20, at Waverly, AL. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards. Also CST's bi-annual General Membership (non-voting) meeting.

## 2004:

**Imbolc:** January 31, location TBA. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards. Weekend of Board of Director's meeting.

**Ostara:** March 20, location TBA. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards.

**Beltane:** May 1, Waverly, AL, 9:00 am. CST is co-hosting with Pantheon. Weekend of Board of Director's meeting.

**Summer Solstice:** June 19, location TBA. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards.

**Lammas:** August 7, location TBA. 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 18, Pagan Pride Day, including the Fall Equinox ritual, Auburn University Arboretum, Auburn, AL. CST is co-coordinating with Pantheon.

**Samhain:** November 6, 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 18, at Waverly, AL. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards. Also CST's bi-annual General Membership (non-voting) meeting.

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## Upcoming Festivals (Not CST events):

FallFling	October 9-12, 2003	Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA
Moondance	May 27-31, 2004	Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA
Earthdance	September 2004	Kolomoki Mounds St. Pk., Blakely, GA

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## BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

CST receives new books from various publishers quite often. The publishers are hoping we'll read these books, and publish a review in our newsletter. If you would like to read one of these and write a review on it for The Journey, we'll mail you the book (you get to keep it if you review it!).

Dunwich's Guide to Gemstone Sorcery - by Gerina Dunwich

When Someone You Love is Wiccan - by Carol McColman

Exploring Native American Wisdom - by Fran Dancing Feather & Rita Robinson

Wicca for Couples - by A.J. Drew

Karmic Tarot - by William C. Lammey

Balance Point (Searching for a Spiritual Missing Link) - by Joseph Jenkins

Asteroid Goddesses - by Demetra George & Douglas Bloch

Mastering Candle Magick - by Patricia Telesco

# On the Back Porch With Nion

## Reflections on a Life's Journey

### Or How I Became a Pagan

*(Editor's Note: This is an old article by Nion, one of our Board of Directors members, which was originally published in The Hazel Nut, Issue 13, February/March 1995.)*

Hi ya'll, Nion here. I thought I would share with you my perspective on how I became a Pagan. Why, you may ask, would I want to do this? Well, my reasoning was that by putting my spiritual meanderings on paper, I can better understand and internalize my own present path.

I, as many Pagans have done in the past, started out in the Judeo-Christian faith, being brought up Roman Catholic. I even made altar boy for a while (ha!). My schooling was in parochial schools until my high school freshman year, so having the Brothers and Nuns (who, by the way, didn't believe in sparing the rod for infractions to authority) drum in the everpresent catechisms along with the three Rs was a daily occurrence.

But, about 4th grade and beyond, my religious utterances were really by rote with no true belief behind them. I just didn't feel anything inside when I said my 'prayers' or thought about 'sin' as a good little Catholic boy should. In fact, when confession time (a Catholic rite to become cleansed of willful sin) rolled around, the many many instances of juvenile self-abuse along with a little exaggerated story telling here and there made me well-acquainted with spouting acts of forgiveness and endless rosaries for penance. BUT IT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING to me. I just didn't feel or believe any of it, and since lightening didn't strike me down or the earth open and swallow me up, I guess I spiritually evolved as an agnostic.

When I became 18, I graduated from high school, and within three months joined the military to see the world. Uncle Sam gave me two years' paid vacation (which I couldn't even take) in sunny, muggy, and grubby Vietnam, where I very quickly lost what little I had left of religion and became thoroughly atheist. In my mind, there AIN'T NO GOD with all the blood, gore, death, and man's inhumanity to people that I saw those two years, and to me, NO all-mighty and ever-present deity could ever permit those or any other acts of violence and death in a religion's name or a god's name, no matter what faith it was from.

Well, I survived the military and actually stayed in for 20 years. I retired older, and probably not too much

wiser, still muddling along life's pathways. In the 20 years of military life and service here in the United States and many other countries, I have gone to other religious services to see what everyone had to offer. But I never found a niche that I found comfortable or spiritually 'filling.'

Nonetheless, there has always been some void that needed to be filled with something. Through the years, the closest I have come to peace was sitting on the Oceanside sand with the waves lapping at me; or running naked in the foam of the sea; or sitting on a rock contemplating the sunrise or sunset. Or listening to nature's constant chatter in a forest glade or a meadow, the wind rustling in the leaves and branches, the insects' buzz and drone, the birds or squirrels at play; or in observing the Southern Cross or the Milky Way on a crystal clear moonlit night. All of those instances have drawn me to Mother Nature as an entity that I could relate to and that I felt right with.

I guess I have always been a daydreamer, an avid science fiction nut, and a sword & sorcery fan. (Robert Heinlien was, is, and ever shall be, my hero, whose writings of lifestyles seemed to mirror how I wanted to live.) I always seemed to be somewhere else when I was supposed to be doing chores or classwork. I'd be the first one to go if E.T.s wanted our species for a goodwill exchange, or to live in space when it came time for everyone to be able to do so. Over the last 5 to 10 years, I have been reading more and more of New Age philosophy, the Occult, and other alternative lifestyles; and the writings of Raymond Buckland, Scott Cunningham (in particular), Margot Adler, Silver Ravenwolf, Amber K., the Farrars, and Starhawk have fascinated and appealed to me as a way of living and a way of relating to the environment, to others, and most importantly, to myself

About 18 months ago, I was browsing through the local weekend flea market, and a particular booth caught my eye. A young woman was selling pentagrams, ankhs, jewelry, bumper stickers, and weird books. I stopped and became fascinated with her wares, and took about 30-45 minutes working up the nerve to try and talk with her about my interest. (You must understand that I am smack dab in the middle of Bible Belt country). She was amiable for discussion, and in

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# Book Reviews:

## **Triumph of the Moon: A History of Modern Pagan Witchcraft, by Ronald Hutton. Oxford University Press, 2001, ISBN: 0192854496**

Hutton's Triumph of the Moon is a cultural history of the modern Pagan Witchcraft movement in Britain. The book is split into two sections. The first examines the various philosophical, literary, anthropological and cultural forces that came together to bring about the birth of Pagan Witchcraft. The second section examines the early growth of this movement from its foundation in England to its spread throughout the world. The last three chapters look at distinctly American concepts in Pagan Witchcraft that have had a profound effect in Britain, as well as the modern stance of Pagan Witchcraft in Britain.

Hutton's book is a masterful work, bringing together a massive collection of sources to create a clear picture of the development of Pagan Witchcraft and its early growth. He has taken careful steps to locate documentation to support his narrative, despite the fact that many of these sources are held in private collections or are otherwise difficult to locate.

Triumph of the Moon is easy to read, although it is highly detailed and descriptive. This can become tiresome at times, although it is highly necessary to create a fair and well-supported picture. In fact, Hutton is so fair as not to directly deny many traditional myths within the Craft. Instead, he often paints several scenarios, discusses the likelihood of each, and leaves the reader to make his or her own decision based on the evidence that is present. And yet when the evidence is clear, he quickly points out the facts.

Hutton states that the book is a history of Pagan Witchcraft in Britain. However, it should be on the reading list of all Pagans. Although it is not an 'easy' book, it does tell the true story of the re-birth of Paganism, and dispels myths that many Pagans still hold today (such as the "Burning Times," and prehistoric Universal Goddess Religion). I cannot emphasize this enough: This should be the next book you read on Paganism and Witchcraft. And believe me, that is not something I say lightly.

Hutton is Professor of History at the University of Bristol, and is renowned for his works on history and Paganism, with such books as The Pagan Religions of the Ancient British Isles: Their Nature and Legacy, Shamans: Siberian Spirituality and the Western Imagination, and Stations of the Sun: A History of the Ritual Year in Britain.

- Reviewed by Cliff Landis

## **Creating Home Sanctuaries with Feng Shui: Sacred Spaces, Alters and Shrines by Shawne Mitchell with Stephanie Gunning. New Page Books/ A Division of Career Press. ISBN 1-56414-570-0, \$14.99.**

If you haven't read this one on Feng Shui, then you should. It was easy to read and understand. I sat down and read the first 100 pages without stopping. There are tips for clearing clutter, energetic space clearing, and creating your own sacred space. It is the only book that hasn't left me confused about the "what and where" of Feng Shui. The bagda shown in the book is very simple to apply to each room or space, be it home, yard or garden. Mitchell and Gunning also give information on Angels, Archangels, chimes, crystals, music, incense and essential oils. I am crazy about this book and consult it often. I think that you will enjoy it too. So next time you're in the market for a good book or one on Feng Shui, you should try this one. It is available at bookstores, online booksellers or from the publisher: 1-800-227-3371, <<http://www.newpagebooks.com>>.

- Reviewed by Cori Tindragon

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## **On the Back Porch with Nion - continued from page 7**

the course of conversation gave me a phone number for a more extroverted and vocal Pagan who talked with me at length, and who eventually invited me to an ongoing open circle where I saw first hand what a lunar celebration was all about. I loved it. After about 10 months of going every month, talking with the various participants of different traditions, I decided that I wanted to be a part of it all. So, last June's rainy, muggy, steamy full Dryad moon, in the woods, standing naked within a stone circle in front of an oak tree, I dedicated myself to our Triple Goddess and Her Consort, in the presence of the elders of the Church of Rhiannon (C.O.R.).

As I travel the path that I have chosen, I would like to give my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for those who had patience and understanding, and who were always willing to talk with me. I want to thank Shadowcat, Coll, Oak, Ailem, Raincrow, and all the others who helped guide me on this new path. Blessed Be.





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**Remember, you get a free listing with your paid membership. You may also submit your listing at any later time. NEW SERVICE: You can send letters to CST, and we will forward them to your intended recipient.**

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**Densho:** <densho@knology.net>, from Montgomery and all points thereof.

\***Frank Palmer:** (a.k.a. Bridget), Druid (always in training!), seeking friends to correspond. I enjoy role playing games, primitive living, and am looking for pen pals of all interests and faiths. I am incarcerated; please don't let that deter you. Can receive any mail less than 1/4" thick. Frank Palmer, a.k.a. Bridget #546776, Box 9200, New Boston, TX 75570-9200.

\***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, Bay County Jail, 314 1/2 Harmon Ave. Cell 3-A, Panama City, FL 32401.

**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.

\***Rev. John Jacob Samulski, Jr.:** I am an extremely open minded person; an outdoorsman; have many interests in most religions. I am a strong believer in "national socialism" and a believer in separatism. I would love to hear from anyone on interests or without interests. John Samulski, #22408, P.O. Box 250, Draper, UT 84020.

\***Justin Jessop:** #30967, Utah State Prison, P.O. Box 250, Draper, UT 84020.

\***Michael Fugger:** #844334, P.O. Box 9200, New Boston, TX 75570-9200.

**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.

**Scott Moore:** Looking for like-minded people to correspond with. Scott W. Moore #22154, U.S.P., P.O. Box 250, Draper, UT, 84020-0250.

**Shane Smith:** Looking for like-minded people to correspond with. Shane Smith #31594, OQ 1-105-B, U.S.P., P.O. Box 250, Draper, UT, 84020-0250.

\***Timothy Hornsby:** Seeking pen-pals who are Wiccan/Pagan. Interested in all subjects: divination, Pagan philosophy, ecology, self-improvement, Irish and Welsh traditions. Can receive up to 20 pages in one letter. Timothy Hornsby #166781, C-3, 565 Bibb Lane, Brent, AL, 35034.

\***Timothy O'Brien:** Sincere, mature, responsible Irish pagan seeking correspondence - prisoners welcome. Interests: all Wiccan-Druidic-pagan related topics/studies, self-transformation, music, fantasy art, environmental issues. Working to become spiritual counselor and pagan clergy of depth and character. Mentors needed. Timothy O'Brien, #69221, P.O. Box 1010, Canon City, CO, 81215-1010.

**Violet Jade:** Interests are gardening, herbology, stones, reading, spirituality, drumming, wicca, shamanism and currently studying Faerie Faith. (205) 621-9938, P.O. Box 55 Alton, AL 35015-0055, <violetjade11@yahoo.com>.

# Notices:

## **Prison Writing Program**

A program for people in prison who like to write; be it fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, memoirs, jokes, etc. They also have a listing for Pen Pals, books for writers, a directory of small magazines that \*pay\* for inmate writings, a list of book programs for prisoners that give free books to all that are in a cage, info on opportunities for education, and a punctuation guide. This is all FREE to inmates. Write them and ask for "Handbook for Writers in Prison."

Prison Writing Program  
PEN American Center  
568 Broadway, Suite 401  
New York, NY 10012-3225

## **Wiccan/Pagan Fellowship Club**

The Circle of the Goddess sponsors an international pen friend club for shut-ins. What we do is match up people with similar interests from the "free world," with those who find themselves shut-in.

The program has been in operation for over ten years now is ever growing. Many great friendships have developed over the eight years we have been going at this little labor of love.

We are looking for outside people to get involved via the inky trail.

If you are interested please contact the address below and information will be sent to you. Any requests for information will be just that, information only. You will be sent membership forms and full details, and then if you are still interested you can return the forms.

Douglas H. Lagossy (Aspen)  
P.O. Box 760  
Campbellford, Ontario  
Canada K0L-1L0

## **The following organization puts out a newsletter for prisoners:**

The Millennial Kingdom  
681 North Second St.  
Pottsville, PA 17901  
Rev. Paul Salem or Louise Salem  
Newsletter: Rays of Light Newsletter  
Cost: 6 postage stamps per issue (quarterly) for prisoners

A prisoner may send 6 stamps initially, requesting the most recent issue of the newsletter, and then go from there.  
(From: Timothy O'Brien)

## **Lock of Love web site: <<http://www.locksoflove.org/>>**

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children across the U.S. under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

We meet a unique need for children throughout the United States by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics. Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses we provide help to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers. You can help by donating your hair after a hair cut!

## **The Breast Cancer web site: <<http://www.thebreastcancersite.com/>>**

You can click a button on this site to help fund mammograms for women in need.

## Notices (continued):

### **Greenpeace: <<http://www.greenpeaceusa.org>>**

Greenpeace began in 1971 and for 30 years, Greenpeace has tackled environmental issues. Today their work focuses on six major efforts: Saving ancient forests, stopping global warming, eliminating persistent organic pollutants (POPs), protecting the oceans, eliminating the threat of genetic engineering, and ending the nuclear age.

Contact information:

<http://www.greenpeaceusa.org>

Phone: 1-800-326-0959

9:30 am - 5:00 pm Eastern, Monday-Friday

You can join Greenpeace for as little as a \$5.00 donation.

### **Writer Seeking Memories**

Dear American Pagan Community:

I am an American Indian researching history topics; I plan on developing into articles and books. I hope to make contact with Pagan persons (including Elders) who have memories to share. Two topics are on WWII history and the respondee need not have been "out" about his or her beliefs during the war years. I will use a pseudonym if someone wants one. Any anecdote or story, no matter how brief is sought.

Seeking anyone who experienced unusual phenomena or strange happenings during the war. Includes: hauntings, ghost tanks or ships, premonitions, good luck charms, psychic bonds between relatives or buddies, visits to fortune tellers, seances, out of body (near death) experiences, foe fighter sightings, strange animals or sea creatures, vampirism, lycanthropy, Halloween or other Pagan holiday observances, telekinesis, encountering magical beings/creatures, extraordinary coincidences, or any event a person deems to be supernatural or paranormal during the war. Especially, interested in any person (solo) or covens who did spells of protection around individuals, cities or nations.

Seeking any patriotic Pagan who served in the military, Civil Air Patrol, Red Cross, USO, merchant marine, civil defense or held a war industry job during WWII.

For a more contemporary topic, I am researching gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and 2-spirited people's experience with the supernatural and paranormal. If any GLBT2S person can relate experiences like those mentioned in the previous topic, contact me. I am also, interested in any information on this topic as it relates to persons of the past. Sometimes persons are aware of an ancestor's sexuality. Any lesbian distant cousin who had premonitions in the 1800s? What of a bisexual grand uncle who believed he saw a ghost in the 1920s? Contemporary or historic information is sought.

I am researching women's contribution to medicine, natural history, conservation and related fields. As many Pagans have matriarchal influences, I want to know of women who had knowledge of botany, herbalism, midwifery, etc. Does anyone know of women involved in nature preservation, bird watching, scientific illustration, hawking, etc? Women could have been from any century and even brief references are sought. Especially, wanting to hear from Pagans who have pursued natural history or science careers, because a female ancestor or mentor was interested in such fields.

I also, seek any freely donated materials (books, articles, photographs) on paranormal topics for a developing archive. Any freely given responses or donations are appreciated.

Robert J. Clark

PO Box 685

Collinsville, Illinois 6223

# Samhain Celebration

November 1, 2003, 6:00 pm Central Time  
Hosted by Church of the Spiral Tree

CST's Samhain celebration will be held at Cori's house in TROY (south of Montgomery, AL), on Saturday, November 1, at 6:00 pm. Please be there by 5:30 so we can start the ritual on time, and eat at a reasonable hour.

NOTE: This ritual is at a different location: we've had 2 rituals there so far, and they've been well-attended. We'd like to encourage all our pagan friends in south Alabama and north Florida to please come join us! Also, Troy is only 2.5 hours from Bham, and 1.5 hours from Auburn, so it's not really that far for more northerly folks. Cori has plenty of camping space, so feel free to bring a tent!



Please, **NO DOGS ALLOWED!** Cori has a very large wolf/dog, and a couple of other dogs, who don't get along with other dogs too well. Also, **PLEASE** keep an eye on your children! The dogs will be contained safely, but kids should not go to the dog pen to pet the "puppies" at all.

A potluck dinner will follow after the ritual at the same location. **PLEASE SEE GUIDELINES BELOW!** We're a long way from civilization, so bring plenty of ice, drinks, cigarettes, snacks, and food. There will not be time after the ritual to run into town for food and still get back for the potluck.

### **Our Rules for Potluck:**

1. If you don't bring something to contribute, please don't eat! Or, you can wait till **EVERYONE** else has gotten a plate, then you may eat if there is food leftover.
2. **BRING A DISH** (general rule is to bring enough to feed 8 people) for the pot-luck, plus whatever you want to drink (bring an ice-box). You may cook your food on-site when you get there - Cori has a full kitchen, so you may re-heat or actually cook there if you need to. **PLEASE BRING REAL FOOD**, not just bread, cookies, raw veggies, or sweets!
3. So that we don't get stuck with nothing but cake and chips, please follow this guideline: If your last name starts with: A-G bring veggie/grain dishes (cooked, not just raw veggies!); H-O, bring meat dishes; P-T, bring appetizers (including raw veggies and fruits), salads, or breads; or U-Z, bring desserts. Also, please email Cori at [<cori\\_tindragon@hotmail.com>](mailto:cori_tindragon@hotmail.com) with what you're bringing, so we don't get too much of the same thing.

If you'd like, you can bring a tent and camp

out Saturday night. Also, be sure to bring lawn chairs (we don't have very many chairs), and any other supplies you may need for the pot-luck or for camping. We may get a fire going, so bring your drums and marshmallows!

You do not need to be a member of CST to participate! All in the community are welcome to our rituals, including beginners, solitaries, and children, whether pagan or pagan-friendly. **OUR RULES:** Please show respect; keep your language clean (we have children here!); no chatting or talking during ritual; please come to ritual sober - anyone under the influence will not be admitted; ritual robes or street wear is fine, but note that **WE DO NOT WORK SKYCLAD!**

An RSVP is requested (include what food you're bringing), so we know how people to prepare for, and whether we need to delay the ritual to wait for someone to show up. And please tell your like-minded friends - all are invited! Kids are especially welcome.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

### **DIRECTIONS FROM POINTS NORTH:**

From Birmingham: Take I-65 south to I-85 north in Montgomery. Just on the other side of Montgomery, take Exit 9, Taylor Road (Alabama State Rd #271). Turn right onto Taylor Road and continue on down to the Hwy. 231 junction. Turn left onto Hwy. 231 going south.

From Auburn: Take I-85 to Exit 9, Taylor Road (Alabama State Rd #271), just before getting into Montgomery proper. Turn left off the exit, and continue on down to the Hwy. 231 junction. Turn left onto Hwy. 231 going south.

From Montgomery - Just take Hwy. 231 south to Troy.

**\*\*All travelers from points north: On Hwy. 231, go to Troy. Go on through Troy, continue on 231 south; pass Wal-Mart shopping center, pass Sister's Restaurant. Turn RIGHT on County Road #3304 (Curtis Rd). (Landmarks: Cattleman's Association Building and Huge Silver Bull on left). You are now on County Road 3304.**

Turn left on the 2nd PAVED road on the left. This is County Road 3319 (Fox White Rd). We are #6735, the first house and huge metal building on the right, less than 3/10 of a mile from the turn.

### **DIRECTIONS FROM POINTS SOUTH:**

From Enterprise: Take Hwy. 87 to Troy. Turn right at junction of 87 and 231, so you go south on Hwy. 231. Go through Troy, continue on 231 south; pass Wal-Mart shopping center, pass Sister's Restaurant. Turn RIGHT onto County Road #3304 (Curtis Rd). (Landmarks: Cattleman's Association Building and Huge Silver Bull on left). You are now on County Road 3304.

Turn left on the 2nd PAVED road on the left. This is County Road 3319 (Fox White Rd). We are #6735, the first house and huge metal building on the right, less than 3/10 of a mile from the turn.

From Dothan/Ozark: Take Hwy. 231 north through Brundidge toward Troy. Turn LEFT on County Rd 3304/Curtis Rd. (Landmarks: Cattleman's Association Building and Huge Silver Bull on right). You are now on County Road 3304.

Turn left on the 2nd PAVED road on the left. This is County Road 3319 (Fox White Rd). We are #6735, the first house and huge metal building on the right, less than 3/10 of a mile from the turn.

**\*\*\*\*We will have CST signs with arrows for help but... Should you get lost, we'll bring you in by phone or we'll come and get you. Call 334-566-8483 or 334-372-7562. If you have questions, email Cori at <cori\_tindragon@hotmail.com>.**

**See you there!**

# SURVEY FOR CST MEMBERS SUMMARY

Responses received from: Members: 6; Non-members: 14

**Number which member benefits you personally *like and dislike* the most as a member of the Church of the Spiral Tree. You can have more than one favorite or least favorite! (1=my favorite or most useful; 2=fairly useful; 3-8=varying degrees of usefulness; 9=fairly useless; 10=completely useless):**  
(\*=available to active CST members only)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
3	4	1		2						*Newsletter for members only
4	1	1		2						Networking with other members through newsletter
9	3	3								CST web page
12	3	2		1				1		Open Sabbat rituals hosted by CST
3	2		1	2			1			*Bi-Annual Membership Meeting at Moondance
4	2		1	1			1			*Bi-Annual Membership Meeting at Yule
5	1	1			1			1	1	*Having tax-exempt status
4		2		2				1		*Having an elected Board of Directors
3			1				1	2	1	*Discount on enrollment in Sacred Grove Academy
5	1	1	1	1					1	*Discount on Moondance & FallFling
5	3	1	2					1	1	*Option to get Ministerial credentials
4	2	1	2						1	*Option to begin a local chapter of CST
7	2	5		1						Referrals to teachers, groups, healers, clergy, etc.
4	1			2			1		1	*Pagan Prisoners Committee
7	3	3					1			CST library
9	3							1		*Joy of belonging to a Pagan church

**Which member benefit(s)/services would you be *willing* to do volunteer work for in order to keep (Please indicate all that apply):** (# = number of responses)

- 3 Newsletter
- 3 CST web page
- 5 CST Sabbat rituals
- 4 Local CST chapters
- 4 Pagan Prisoners Committee
- 3 CST library

**“I would be interested in volunteering for the following jobs”:** (# = number of responses)

- 1 Newsletter editor & publisher
- 1 Membership Coordinator
- 3 Hosting rituals at Waverly
- 5 Hosting rituals at other locations

- 4 Writing and performing rituals for open sabbats
- 2 Serving on Pagan Prisoner Committee
- 4 Publicity/Public Relations
- 6 Community/charity work
- 5 Fundraising
- 6 Hospitality
- 5 Collecting and storing items to give to needy people
- Linda's job © (yeah, yeah, I know, but I had to ask!)

**“I think it would be great if CST would”:** (# = number of responses)

- 5 Try to get health insurance for members
- 4 Offer discount on Sam's Club for members
- 7 Build a shelter at Waverly for rituals
- 7 Hold sweatlodges at Waverly
- 5 Have blanket give-aways at rituals
- 8 Have a CST party at Moondance and/or FallFling

**Why did \*you\* personally join CST?**

I wanted to support a religious organization I actually agree with

I was looking to become part of a large pagan community

The newsletter, wonderful friends, supportive family, spiritual growth and support

For a sense of belonging to folks I admire and enjoy being with...and the cutest women around are at your parties!!!

My husband joined and after we married, it only made sense for me to be a member too

**Will you renew when your membership expires? Yes (6) Why?**

I think what the CST is trying to do is great and needed in the pagan community

I love the people, I feel I have family, love the newsletter, enjoy rituals

**Comments about CST in general:**

I enjoy the content I do get though I would like to get response back from my inquiries.

Linda and Craig have put a lot of time and hard work into CST and continue to do so. I know I have grown spiritually in the 1.5 years that I have been a member and the years previous that I was just a hang-around. I would hate to see any member benefits lost as I appreciate all of mine, and I love the newsletter. I commend them and the other members for the wonderful charitable work that they do: establishing and running the prisoner program, the disaster relief program, cover school program, collecting food for the food bank, and just helping when ever there is a need. I don't want to see the church disbanded due to lack of support. That would be sad.

Linda, for what it is worth I think you are doing a great job. Keep up the good work.

As a rule, I think the world needs another church or religion like I need a kidney stone, but I think y'all do good works and provide those Seeking a Way a good ship to sail the Seas of the Unknown. I'm glad to know y'all are there if I do ever decide to get religion!!

From what i have seen and getting help from I hold CST in the highest.

Greatest group of people that I have had the pleasure to know.

Thank you so very much for welcoming our family. We have made such great friends and have had wonderful times at every event.

I know you work hard and don't envy your job at all.

Wish I was closer to the local part of this to help Linda out.. but am willing to do whatever if anything I can here close to me.

# The Church of the Spiral Tree

## An Ecumenical Pagan Church

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!!

*Between Lammas and Samhain (August 1 and November 1), CST is having a membership drive! Individual and Family memberships are available at a discounted rate if you join during this time, and memberships are good for one year. See membership form for prices.*

The 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.

CST offers regular rituals on the sabbats, and occasional full moon rituals. Membership in Church of the Spiral Tree is not required to participate in our rituals; however, if you like us enough to come to several rituals and gatherings, we encourage you to join as a paid member of CST. Your membership fee helps pay for the ritual supplies, supplies for the gatherings, postage for mailouts, and helps support the web page. You also get that warm fuzzy feeling that comes from knowing you're supporting a worthwhile group that you yourself like, appreciate, and patronize!

Membership in Church of the Spiral Tree is open to everyone (under 18 may join the Church as Youth Members upon filing a Youth Membership Form which includes a signature of parent or guardian granting permission and approval), regardless of ethnic group, previous religious affiliation, gender or sexual orientation. Anyone may attend its public rituals and larger festivals. We are not a large organization, so there is ample opportunity for everyone to get to know one another and be an active participant in circles and other functions.

#### **Membership benefits include:**

- ✧ Newsletter for members only
- ✧ Networking with other members
- ✧ Regular meetings and rituals
- ✧ Access to the CST Library
- ✧ Discount on enrollment in Sacred Grove Academy, our pagan cover school for Alabama homeschoolers
- ✧ Discount on Moondance and FallFling
- ✧ Ministerial credentials (extra fee)
- ✧ Option to begin a local chapter of CST
- ✧ Referrals to both licensed (legal) and lay pagan clergy and counselors

#### **Some of our planned and upcoming projects and goals include (but are not limited to):**

- ✧ Purchase property for church use, rituals, festivals, camping, etc.
- ✧ Offer group health insurance or HMO to members
- ✧ Provide education/information on paganism for both the general public and for other pagans
- ✧ Protect the civil rights of pagans by educating law enforcement officials
- ✧ Meeting needs of wiccan/pagan prisoners

If you would like to help with any of the above, have any further ideas for the church, or have any resources which would be of benefit, please contact us.

NOTE: We feel the church will have a better chance of successfully meeting members' needs if it is easily and locally accessible to them; therefore, we are encouraging members to begin their own chapter of CST. More information about forming chapters is available at our website, [www.spiraltree.org](http://www.spiraltree.org).



# The Church of the Spiral Tree

## Membership Form

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name Member #2 (if Family membership):

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Legal Name Member #3 (if Family membership):

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Legal Name Member #4 (if Family membership):

\_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name Member #5 (if Family membership):

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**For minors under age 18 only:**

By filling out the following form with my parent's or guardian's signature, I certify that I am not yet of legal age (18), and that I will adhere to the tenets of the Wiccan Rede ("An it harm none, do as you will"); and that I will respect myself and others, especially when at official Church functions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Parent or Guardian) By signing this form you certify that your child has your permission and approval to join Church of the Spiral Tree.

Do you wish to be listed in the **Contacts** section of the newsletter? If so, please use the space below to write your listing exactly the way you want it published. Be sure to include a way for people to contact you. **WRITE LEGIBLY!**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**We have several different types of memberships available to suit your needs. All include full membership benefits, and run for one year, with a renewal notice sent to remind you next year.**

_____	Individual	<b>\$12.50</b>	<i>(Reg. \$20)</i>
_____	Student/Poor Person:	\$15.00	(please attach a short note demonstrating financial need)
_____	Youth (under 18)	\$15.00	(be sure parent or guardian signs above)
_____	Family (includes kids):	<b>\$20.00</b>	<i>(Reg \$35)</i> (must be in immediate family only, same address) NOTE: Please tell us which family members you want to consider CST members, so we can create membership cards for everyone!
_____	Sustaining Member:	\$50.00	(receives all benefits plus our undying thanks)
_____	Contributing Member:	\$100.00	(receives all benefits, our eternal thanks, and a listing in the newsletter once a year)
_____	Patron(ess) Member:	\$200.00	(receives all benefits, our everlasting gratitude, a yearly listing in the newsletter, and a certificate)
_____	Lifetime Member:	\$500.00	(receives all benefits for a lifetime (this life only, sorry!), our everlasting, undying gratitude, a yearly listing in the newsletter (if desired), and a certificate)

**OTHER:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation to CST \$5 & up (all donations are tax deductible; you will be sent a receipt for your records, as well as our undying thanks)

Make checks out to: The Church of the Spiral Tree, Inc., and mail to:  
**Spiral Tree**, P.O. Box 186, Auburn, AL 36831-0186    cst@spiraltree.org    <<http://www.spiraltree.org>>

# Important Dates

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

November 2, 2003, Auburn, Alabama; February 1, 2004, Auburn, AL

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

December 20, 2003, Yule Ritual, Waverly, AL

May 30, 2004, Moondance, Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA (includes election of officers)

## **Dates of Sabbats for 2004 (not ritual dates):**

Imbolc	February 1
Ostara	March 20
May Day	May 1
Summer Solstice	June 21
Lammas	August 1
Mabon	September 22
Samhain	November 1
Yule	December 19

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