

# The Journey...



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an Ecumenical Pagan church

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## NEWS

**From The CST President, Cathy Rankin:** The annual membership drive for CST is nearing an end. I started thinking about why I am a member of CST and why, as president, I have become so invested in our church. I decided that the most important reason was the Bill of Rights which guarantees freedom of religion. Working as your president of your church is my small way of doing what I can to ensure that this right will survive the current trend toward conservatism, and at times downright totalitarianism, with its incumbent lack of tolerance that has infested our country at this time. CST does not dictate dogma or doctrine. CST encourages its members and associates to explore and share many paths and many personal beliefs systems in an atmosphere of acceptance and respect. CST provides an opportunity for pagans to be an active, positive force in their communities through our home school, our outreach programs, our assistance to individuals and families, pagans and non-pagans alike, and our donations to our chosen charity, The Red Cross. I am so proud to be even a small part of such a group of people who spread light and love in the world touching other lives and making those lives better. CST is not about religion and most certainly has absolutely nothing to do with organized religion. CST is about people who are proud of who and what they are, people whose hearts shine the kind of light that maintains the balance in the universe. Bless each and everyone one of you as you are blessings to so many others.

**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. The application is on page 3. Plus, if you have online access and a checking account, you can now pay your membership with PayPal! Just go to the Spiraltree.Org website and click on the PayPal Membership Form. Tell your friends!

**Raffles:** Coming up at Fallfling 2005, we will again have an silent auction with great items to be sold for the Church of the Spiral Tree Community Relief Fund and a 50/50 raffle for the Pagan Prisoner Committee.

**New for CST:** We are honored to bring you these fantastic works of art, which will be on display at Fallfling. Pictured on page 4, these are originals by CST Member, Guy Wayne Carter. Guy would love to have some feedback so please feel free to contact him at his address listed in the back. He has donated the proceeds for the sale of these paintings to CST, so take a look! They are colorful, original, and ready for a home.

-Siryn

### Who to Write To:

- General questions, info regarding ordination, CST groves, etc, write to.....Cathy, CST President
- Pagan Prisoner Committee, or to things related to inmates in general, write to.....Tim, Pagan Prisoner Chair
- Memberships, renewals, and donations write to.....Kristi, CST Secretary/Treasurer
- CST Library list, to check out books, guidelines, write to..... Densho, CST Librarian
- CST fundraisers, events, info and ideas, write to.....Danielle, CST Public Relations Chair
- Newsletter, *new* book requests or reviews, write to.....Siryn, CST Newsletter Editor/Publisher
- Sacred Grove Academy, information, and questions, write to.....Linda, Sacred Grove Academy Director

## 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 who respect themselves and others, 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 home schooling families in Alabama (Sacred Grove Academy). CST also has a Community Relief Fund, so we can collectively donate money in the name of an established Pagan church to individuals in need and to disaster relief efforts, including the American Red Cross.

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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."

# It's time for CST's 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 table below for prices.

By filling out the following form, I certify that I am of legal age (18), (under 18 fill out section below) 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.

PLEASE PRINT OUT THE FOLLOWING PAGES, FILL OUT AND MAIL IN WITH YOUR CHECK

Legal Name:

Legal Name Member #2 (if Family membership):

Legal Name Member #3 (if Family membership):

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. (Youth membership only \$15.00)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(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 are not responsible to errors due to "chicken scratch."

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual: \$12.50 (reg. \$20)

\_\_\_\_\_ 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): \$20.00 (reg. \$35) 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 if requested, as well as our undying thanks)

Make checks out to: The Church of the Spiral Tree, Inc., and mail to:

**Spiral Tree Memberships**  
**PO Box #859, Carrollton, GA 30112**

# The Art of Guy Wayne Carter

Proceeds go to CST



“Stoney Pachaderm”  
\$50



“Hawaiian Hummingbird”  
\$50



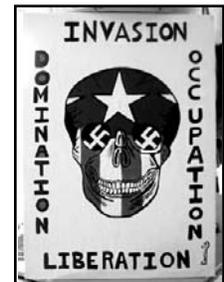
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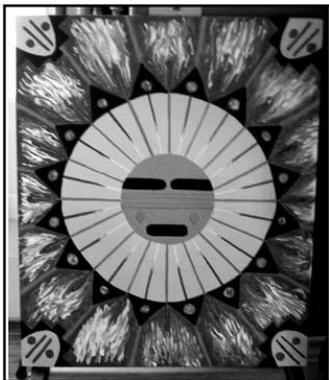
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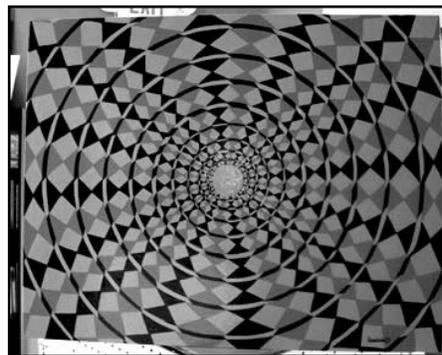
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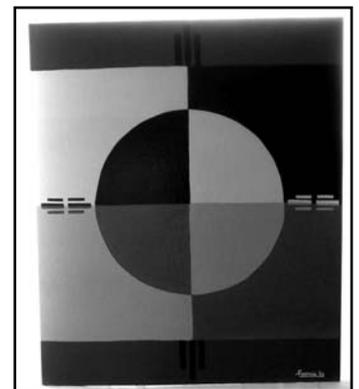
“Dept. of Defense”  
\$35



“Zuni Surface”  
\$100



“Optical Illusion”  
\$100



“Circle of the Elders, Sioux”  
\$100

To Give Wayne Feedback on his paintings:

Wayne Guy Carter #116636

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# MINUTES

## CHURCH OF THE SPIRAL TREE

### Board of Directors

### August 20, 2005

The meeting was called to order at by Cathy Rankin at 2:15 pm, in Carrollton, GA, with the following Directors and members present:

Cathy Rankin, President; Don Mikovitz, Vice President; Kristi Weldon, Secretary/Treasurer; Linda Kerr, Member-at-Large; Siryn Dolphinson, News Letter Editor; Tim Hornsby, Pagan Prisoner Committee; Danielle Carroll, Public Relations Coordinator; and Lee Mikovitz.

#### **New Business**

Discussion of new checking account and credit cards took place. Kristi would set up online banking and a Paypal account. It was decided that Linda would keep the credit card that she already has, Cathy and Siryn would get the new credit cards and Kristi would get a debit card. All receipts should be mailed to Kristi.

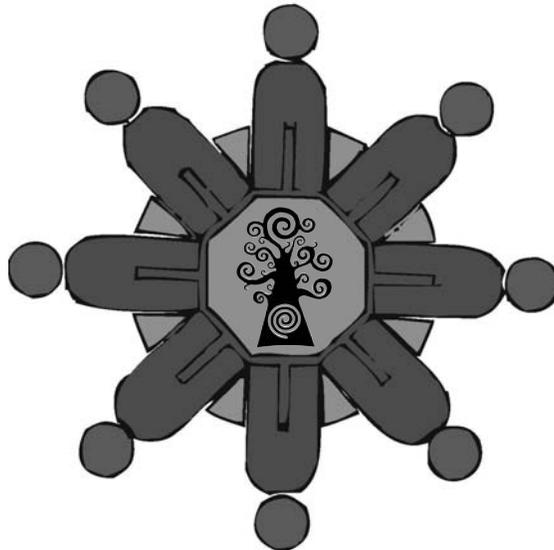
Our membership drive is August 1 thru October 31. You can renew your membership for the discounted prices even if your membership is not due yet.

We have new paintings from Guy Carter. There are three framed that we will sell at \$125, three large unframed for \$100, four medium unframed for \$50 and one small unframed for \$35. They will be on display at Bio-Buzz in Carrollton, GA.

Our fund raisers will be held at Fall Fling and will include a 50/50 drawing on Friday night and a Silent Auction on Saturday morning.

We will be getting CST tee shirts, they will be dark green with gold writing.

With no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm. 🐾



# Help Victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita!

NOTE: Several companies are now matching and some are even doubling their employees' donations to major national charities. To get more "bang for your buck," please consider donating through one of these. Kevin, a friend of the church and an old (and very good) friend of ours, in Florida, works for Intuit, who is doubling all contributions made by employees.

If you'd like your donation to be funneled to a charity of your choice in this manner, please send your money to CST's Community Relief Fund, and then CST will send it on to be doubled by Intuit. By donating in this manner, you get the tax-deductible benefit of donating to CST (we'll send you a receipt), and all risk of sending donations through Intuit is assumed by CST, and not by you. \*\*Charities that you can donate to through Intuit: America's Second Harvest; American Red Cross; Americares Inc.; Canadian Red Cross; Church World Service Inc.; Direct Relief International; Habitat for Humanity International Inc.; Hearts With Hands Inc.; Humane Society of the United States; The Salvation Army.\*\*

Donate to CST's Community Relief Fund via PayPal (be sure to specify WHICH charity it goes to!)  
[cst@spiraltree.org](mailto:cst@spiraltree.org)

To mail your donation, send it to Spiral Tree Headquarters, P.O. Box 8396, Columbus, GA 31908. Be sure to note that your donation is for the Intuit Donation, and specify WHICH charity it is to go to.

Donate Blood!! In addition to donating money to the Red Cross or other charity of your choice. Go to your local Red Cross chapter and donate blood. Blood supplies typically run very low during disasters such as this.

The American Red Cross is Church of the Spiral Tree's "charity of choice," and we donate to them on a regular basis and whenever disasters such as Katrina occur. In addition to providing much-needed blood supplies, the Red Cross is on the scene at disasters, ranging from huge events such as Katrina to individual house fires, providing shelter, food, clothing, and other necessities, \*directly\* to the affected people, and they always need cash to purchase these items. Please help their (and our) efforts.

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## CST's Inmate Member Guidelines

Any and all pagan inmates are welcome to join Church of the Spiral Tree (CST). CST offers free membership to pagan inmates who are otherwise unable to pay their membership dues. This free membership is good as long as the inmate is interested and is in prison, plus one year after release from prison, to allow time for the former inmate a chance to settle in, make contacts, and get in shape financially. After this one year period after release, the former inmate may apply for discounted membership to CST if he/she is still unable to pay the full amount for membership.

All pagan inmates who are CST members are eligible to be listed on the web page under "Incarcerated Members Mailing List" at , in the Yahooogroup "PaganPrisoners" database, and in the Contacts section of CST's newsletter, "The Journey." CST's free inmate members receive the same benefits as regular paid members: a subscription to "The Journey" which comes out four times a year, and the right to vote once a year by absentee ballot in CST's board of directors elections, and in any other votes.

Once an inmate has joined CST, his/her name will be placed in the database for the Pagan Prisoner Committee (PPC). Please note that joining CST does not guarantee that an inmate member will get a "pen-pal," but we will make every effort to have each inmate member written to. Also note that in order to be listed on the PPC database for letters, an inmate must become a CST member by filling out the membership form.

# 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.

## 2005:

### **Samhain:**

November 5, Waverly, AL. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards. Weekend of Board of Director's meeting.

### **Yule:**

December 17 OR 18, 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.

## 2006:

### **Imbolc:**

January 28, Waverly, AL. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards. Weekend of Board of Director's meeting.

### **Spring Equinox:**

March 18, Waverly, AL. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards.

### **May Day:**

May 6, Waverly, AL, 10:00 am. CST is co-hosting with Pantheon. We will hold our traditional May Day celebration, which does not include a ritual in the usual sense, but will be a lot of fun! Plan to arrive at our place in

Waverly by 10:00 am, (morning!!) and bring some sort of fun costume to wear. There'll be a pot-luck and party that night at the same location. Please bring a tent to camp. Please RSVP, so we know how many ribbons to cut for the May pole. Cost: CST members are free; others \$2.00 to pay for ribbons. Most anybody is invited, but please ask first! We don't want spectators there this is one of our chances to get wild and crazy and go with the energies of the season. Weekend of Board of Director's meeting. Email Jamie for more info!

### **General Membership Meeting:**

Sunday, May 28, during Moondance, at Dragon Hills near Carrollton. Includes election of officers.

### **Summer Solstice:**

June 17, Waverly, AL. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards.

### **Lammas:**

August 5, Waverly, AL. 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 ??, Sunday, 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 4, Salem, AL. We will meet at 6:00 pm, with a pot-luck and party afterwards. Weekend of Board of Director's meeting.

### **Yule:**

December 16 OR 17, 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.

## **Upcoming Festivals (Not CST events):**

**FallFling**.....October 6-9, 2005  
Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA

**Dead of all Nations**.....October 20-23, 2005  
Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA

# 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!).

*Review guidelines: Please write whatever you think of the book; be honest. When sending in your review, please write neatly, and list the book title, author, publisher name, publisher location, and year of publication.*

- Candle Magic for Beginners - by Richard Webster
- The Everything Diving the Future Book - by Jenni Kosarin
- Music, Mysticism, and Magic - by Joscelyn Godwin
- Queen of the Night: Rediscovering the Celtic Moon Goddess - by Sharynne MacLeod NicMhacha
- One Nation Under God (Fiction): A Fresh Look at the Dangers of Theocracy & the Importance of a Secular Government - by Vincent M. Wales

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## Just a reminder...

Want to Review Books? Please keep in mind that CST has a policy regarding requested books. If we send you a book, we never ask for any monies, all we ask is to receive an honest review regarding your thoughts about the book you've read. Our policy states that if you do not send a review, your book request privilege will be suspended. We do keep records of who receives which books.

So far, we are still awaiting reviews on the following books that have been sent to members:

- *Witch on the Go: A Book of Spells to Take with You.* - Cal Garrison
- *Buckland's "30th Anniversary Edition" Book of Saxon Witchcraft* - Raymond Buckland
- *Star Signs at Work: Using Astrology for Success and Harmony in the Workplace* - Debbie Burns
- *Irish Witchcraft from an Irish Witch* - Lora O'Brien
- *The Beginner's Guide for the Recently Deceased* - David Staume
- *The Pocket Spell Creator: Magickal References at Your fingertips* - Kerri Connor

# Book Reviews:

## **The Magick Toolbox - by Carl Neal, Weiser Books**

**This book is approximately 310 pages in length.**

This book is an excellent reader for the beginner looking to make up the 'Magical Toolbox'. The author gives details of each tool with an explanation of it's usage. The materials that can be used and a suggestion of the material that is best used for each tool. What I especially liked about the book was the rituals and incantations for each ritual usage for these tools. I found a chapter on the Book of Shadows. This chapter covered, I feel what the Book of Shadows is about and a small history. At the end of this book there is a glossary with terms used that may not be understood by the reader. I failed to mention that the author explains the cardinal points while opening your magickal circle. This is an excellent work by Carl Neal and I suggest that if you are beginning in your magical journey or you have some knowledge already, that you read this book. I was, and I am very impressed by his work.

*Reviewed by John Empey*

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## **Asteroid Goddesses - by Demetra George and Douglas Bloch, Ibis Press**

**This book is approximately 310 pages in length.**

The content of this book is "The mythology, Psychology, and Astrology of the Re-Emerging Feminine...New Edition with updated Ephemerides of 16 Asteroids 1930 - 2050", and I can testify it contains it all and in great detail.

This review can not give this book it's honest due since Astrology has not been part of my studies...and, I apologize to the Authors and to you, potential readers. However, over 15 printings and being a 2nd edition should speak well of it's worth to many astrologists.

Omitting the ephemerides, the book is left with 212 pages of insightful reading. If one is interested in Greek/Roman Goddesses and their stories, you will enjoy this book.

Once finishing this book, my initial opinion was this is a great book for anyone homeschooling a teenager (or active in their child's education).

Demetra does an excellent job of linking Astronomy with Astrology and ancient myth with present life. To use this text as one educational hub would create numerous spokes to investigate and teach on. This book contains many answers but it also creates curiosity-- a motivation to explore further into the realms of our Goddess.

As Demetra put it, "Asteroid Goddesses was one of the first books to describe the astrological counterpart to the re-emergence of the feminine in society and the rebirth of the Goddess in women's spirituality."

That's enough reason for it to have a place on any Magickal Library shelf.

*Reviewed by Tony C. Jackson*

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# On the Back Porch With Nion

## Now Where Did I Put That Sunblock?

*(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 21, Lammas 1996.)*

As I was reflecting on what a great time I had at Moondance 96 and all the other festivals that I've been to, I thought I would pass on what you may be missing if you ain't been to one yet.

As for myself, first and foremost, it's a great way to escape from this mundane reality for a short time, to just relax and take it easy for awhile. So, just what can you do at a pagan festival? Well, you can git nekked, go to interesting classes on just about anything, git nekked, meet new interesting people (some of whom are even nekked), git nekked, be exposed to other traditions and spiritual paths and rituals, git nekked (either there are a lot of naked people running around, or nekked Nion all over the place!), go to drumming and fire circles with music, dancing, and storytelling, git nekked, buy crafts, jewelry, books, and other neat stuff from the merchants, git nekked, network with other pagans and like minded individuals, and of course, git nekked. You realize the ONLY reason I git nekked is to show off my latest tattoo additions (if you believe that, I got an extra bridge somewhere to sell to you cheap).

If you decide to go to a festival, you need to do some homework and prepare. Get basic information as to where, when, how much, what limitations or restrictions there are, anticipated weather, and what sort of site it's going to be held at. Is it at a prepared site, a state park, private land, etc.; because that may dictate what necessities you have to bring with you. As most of the pagans that I know aren't exactly well-to-do, early planning for the cost of the festival is a must. A word of advice: send your money as early on as you can, for in most instances, it can be a lot cheaper than waiting around till the last minute. And if you're just dirt poor broke, don't despair; most organizers will work with you on payments, grants, or trading services for attendance. Talk to the organizers early and see what can be worked out.

If the festival is at a prepared site such as a state park, there are usually cabins, bathrooms, and sometimes cooking facilities available. If it's at a primitive site, then

usually you have to bring EVERYTHING in with you and take EVERYTHING, such as trash, out with you. Bottom line on trash is that we ALWAYS leave a site cleaner than we found it. Don't be afraid to pick up what someone else has left.

Behavior at these events is very simple. No infractions of mundane law such as stealing, guns or weapons, or endangering anyone, etc., and respecting and being open-minded to other people's beliefs, lifestyles, paths, and dress/costume (or lack of). In other words, simple manners such as the old Golden Rule thing, treating others as you want to be treated, or even more basic, "An ye harm none, do as ye will." Sound familiar, huh? That's all there is to good behavior and manners.

I know I do talk (and practice quite a bit) of gitting nekked, but on a serious vein, you DO have to know the site, and what you can get away with. At most non-private sites such as state parks, you gotta be somewhat discrete, particularly during the daytime around the lakes or pools, where being nekked usually is the rule rather than the exception amongst pagans. We don't want to shock poor granny or the young'uns of the mundane straight people enjoying themselves on public lands, which they have as much right to as we do. However, at most private sites, it's usually openly clothing optional, and most pagans are very tolerant (or should be), but if you don't want to expose your own young'uns or yourself to optional nudity, you may want to leave them home. Oh, by the way, if you do practice gitting nekked, don't forget the sunblock: don't want any dangling or normally unexposed parts getting roasted!

Well, I guess I'll mosey along for now; got to get ready for EarthDance. Besides, I still gotta rest up from all that resting I did at Moondance! So, if you haven't been to a festival yet, you don't know what you're missing. Get out there and enjoy yourself, and don't forget to say howdy to me sometime (can't miss me; I'm the middle-aged nekked plump guy wearing glasses with a Green Man tattooed on my chest). See ya'll around, and may the Lord and Lady keep smiling on you all the time. Blessed Be.

Blessed Be. ☸

## Contacts:

**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 directly to CST, and we will forward them to your intended recipient.**

- **Alice Lynch:** skyhy@charter.net.
- **Carla Ann Nelson:** P.O. Box 155, Cottonton, AL 36851, email: <herblore@bellsouth.net>.
- **Ceirdre Branwen:** I have been a practicing Scottish witch since 1997, my life studies include Scottish witchcraft and Native American practices. I study and observe the Fire Feasts and solstices with a wonderful group of people in Albany, GA. Slan beo. I can be contacted at <scottish.witch@earthlink.net>.
- **Charles Nile Mixon:** Incarcerated male Pagan, age 29, looking for pen-pal to share friendship and smiles with. Many blessings! Charles Nile Mixon #1013584, Lynaugh Unit, 1098 S. Highway 2037, Fort Stockton, TX 79735.
- **Densho:** From Montgomery and all points thereof. Email: <densho@knology.net>.
- **Firedancer:** I am a practicing Native American which is very close to the Wiccan ways. I wish to share my beliefs and ceremonies and am writing a book called "The Vision Quest Phenomenon." Ronald F. White (Firedancer), 3230 Forrester Dr., Pearland TX 77584-6684.
- **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 G. Harvey:** Merry meet! 30 year old intelligent SWM incarcerated eclectic Pagan looking for fellow followers of a magical tradition for an exchange of ideas/knowledge as well as friendship. I have a lot to offer anybody willing to give me the chance. James G. Harvey #222760, P.O. Box 500 #5B-26T, Mitchells, VA 22729. Blessed be!
- **Jay Lynch:** dragonwolf@ancientmerchants.com.
- **Jerry Lewis Franks Jr:** Incarcerated male Pagan, age 30, looking for pen-pal to share friendship and knowledge with. Blessed Be! Jerry L. Franks Jr. #1101823, TDCJ Lynaugh Unit, 1098 S. Highway 2037, Fort Stockton, TX 79735.
- **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.
- **John Empey:** Looking to connect with others who are seeking friendship. I am eager to learn more and to grow in the religion. Blessed Be! John Empey #22166, C.U.C.F., FIR C-03, P.O. Box 550, Gunnison, UT 84634-0550.
- **Ken Carnes:** Seeking friends who believe in open minds/open hearts, love nature, breezes, mountain views, salt air, computers and gadgets, rock-n-roll. My friends are my greatest treasure. To my brothers: Strength; to my sisters: Courage! Ken Carnes, # 191999, CWC, P.O. Box 500, Mitchells, VA 22729.
- **Lady Bridget:** Coven of Bridget Well; 517-541-1511; lady-bridget-82160@sbcglobal.net.
- **Michael "Lucian" Greer:** I'm a Wiccan inmate, first degree witch. I'm a member of the American Ring of Wisdom, Darkmoon Path tradition, the Coven of the Barbed Pentacle. I also study the Red Witch tradition. I'm looking for a pen pal to write me about Wicca or other traditions, or anything they would like to write about. I'm open to the wisdom of others. Michael Greer, #EK-6134, 301 Morea Rd., Frackville, PA 17932.

## Contacts (con't.):

- **R. Butler:** Male creator/inventor enjoys science. At solemnity with Mother Earth. Desires natural alternative medicine and machines that are environmentally friendly. Ste. 280-344, Mitchells, VA 22729-0500.
- **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.
- **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: Rob Von Allmen, 1617 Lee Road 12, Lot 130, Auburn, AL 36832 , <skippy\_the\_witch@mindspring.com>, 334-826-3953.
- **Robert Batts:** Single male very interested in a new way of thinking in terms of revering Mother Earth and the Pagan community. I am very interested in meeting a male or female that would be a friend in assisting me in my learning process. Hope to hear from you soon! Robert Batts III #216382, P.O. Box 500, 6B 3TOP, Mitchells, VA 22729-0500.
- **Robert Beckeor:** I'm new at this. You are water and I'm a sponge. Fill me up with your knowledge. I'm thirsty. Robert Beckeor #1209446, Rt. 2 Box 500, Teague, TX 75860.
- **Samara:** <kvsmith@farmerstel.com>.
- **Scott Bingham:** 34 year old new member, very interested in learning. Scott Bingham, #26622, C.U.C.F., P.O. Box 550, Gunnison, UT, 84634.
- **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.
- **Siryn Dolphinson:** Started an in-person discussion group many moons ago ('95), has an online entity on Yahoo, to join go to albanypagans@yahoogroups.com to receive updates and to network. Co-proprietor of 'Bio-Buzz Botanica' and loves to meet and share with those of a like mind. Siryn Dolphinson, 612 N. Slappey Blvd., Albany, GA 31701, 229-438-5878, email: bretonwitch@yahoo.com.
- **Stephen “Tyernan WaterOak”:** Owns The store 'Bio-Buzz Botanica' is also the home of Albany Pagans bi-weekly discussion group and P.A.T.H.S. Center, a non-profit organization for those of non-mainstream belief systems, which has its own private temple and library. Always ready to meet new folks and network. Stephen A. Bradford a/k/a Tyernan WaterOak, 612 N. Slappey Blvd., Albany, GA 31701, 229-438-5878, email: tyernan2003@yahoo.com.
- **Timothy Hornsby:** Interested in all subjects: divination, Pagan philosophy, ecology, self-improvement, Irish and Welsh traditions. 392 Old Central Plank Rd., Wetumpka, AL 36092.
- **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
- **Tony Curtis Jackson:** Ole Pagan Seeker desiring to share and gain Path knowledge. Interests: Greencraft, Faerie Faith, AmerIndian, folk medicine, herbs, rituals, meditations. Tony Curtis Jackson #10406, Dodge State Prison, A2, P.O. Box 276, Chester, GA 31012.

# 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 and 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. 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

## **Millennial Kingdom:**

They publish a newsletter, Rays of Light, 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)

The Millennial Kingdom  
Rev. Paul Salem or Louise Salem  
681 North Second St.  
Pottsville, PA 17901

## **Wiccan Course:**

Gail Wood offers a Wiccan course that deals a lot with meditations. She also created The Coven of the Barbed Pentacle just for the incarcerated. (From Tony Curtis Jackson)

Gail "Blaze" Wood  
P.O. Box 15  
McLean, NY 13102-0015  
witchwood@mindspring.com

## **SYDA Foundation:**

For those interested in meditations. They offer a Siddha Yoga meditation course free to prisoners: a 12 year course, two lessons a month. (From Tony Curtis Jackson)

SYDA Foundation  
Prison Project  
P.O. Box 99140  
Emeryville, CA 94662

# Important Dates

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

Held four times a year, check the CST website <<http://www.spiraltree.org/officers.html>> for the date of the next meeting.

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

Held each year at Moondance in May.

## **Dates of Sabbats for 2005 (not ritual dates):**

Imbolc	February 1
Ostara	March 20
Beltaine	May 1
Litha	June 21
Lammas	August 1
Mabon	September 22
Samhain	November 1
Yule	December 21

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