



The Journey...



Official Newsletter of Church of the Spiral Tree - an Ecumenical Pagan church

President's Point

Fall Equinox, 2008

I have been thinking about tolerance a lot lately. I came to realize that the Church of the Spiral Tree is truly a rare and unique organization, especially for a religious organization. We have members from so many different lifestyles that trying to list them all would take a whole page and probably then some. The fact that so many different people can come together in one organization and participate so well together sets a wonderful example of tolerance. It is an honor to serve the very special members of the Church of the Spiral Tree. Our members are a shining example to the world that people of very different minds and beliefs can work together to make the world a better place. As our membership grows, CST will be a model for other organizations, and possibly even for the world, that differences in culture, lifestyle, and religion should be celebrated rather than fought over. Thank each and every one of you for adding your individuality to the Church of the Spiral Tree thus making it a symbol of tolerance and religious freedom. CST could only thrive in a democratic society that allows for tolerance and individuality. These are precious rights that many people in other parts of the world are denied. We must accept the responsibility to protect these rights by going to the polls and voting on November 4, 2008.

- Cathy Rankin, President, CST Board of Directors

Many of our inmate members are asking for information on different pagan paths, especially Wicca. If you have any books or magazines that you would like to donate, please give them to one of the BoD or staff members at the upcoming rituals or at FallFling (see booth at Bio-Buzz). We will sort the

materials and distribute them fairly to the inmates. These inmates are desperate for study materials as they have very limited access them. The inmates are much more likely to be allowed to have the materials if they are sent by a church. Any and all suggestions for how to acquire materials for these inmates would be appreciated. Many are asking for study courses, which of course we do not have, since we are a fellowship organization rather than a teaching one, and for teachers, priests, and priestesses to correspond with them so they can learn directly. This is a wonderful opportunity to touch someone's life and make a difference. If you decide to be a contact for one or more inmates, please join our PPC Yahoo group where you can read the guidelines (www.yahogroups.com/PaganPrisoners). If you decide to mentor an inmate on your path, please make certain that inmate knows this is your personal path and not a specific path endorsed or promoted by CST. It is very important that we maintain our ecumenical status. Please go to our PPC Yahoo group and sign up now to be a pen pal correspondent even if you do not want to mentor. We need pen pals badly. CST received 5 letters from different inmates all over the US this week. Multiply that by 52 and that is a lot of letters that need answering!

- Cathy Rankin, President, CST Board of Directors

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Happenings

🧛 Linda Kerr will be hosting FallFling, a pagan gathering, at Dragon Hills near Carrollton, GA, on October 9-12, 2008. Please check out her website for more information (www.faeriefaith.net/FallFling.html). CST will have an information booth at the gathering. Marcus Rice, chairman of Military Affairs Committee, is donating a handmade portable alter table for raffle as a fundraiser for ritual supplies for our deployed soldiers.

🧛 Marcus and Kimberly Rice will be having a Halloween Party Friday, October 31, 2008 at their house, starting at 6 p.m (EDT). Costumes are highly recommended. They will have a costume contest for adults and one for children. The children will go on a supervised trick-or-treat by hayride. BYOB but remember that there will be children present so please drink responsibly. (For directions, email Marcus at <TSK_sword@yahoo.com>, or contact Cathy at (706) 570-1017 or <president@spiraltree.org>).

🧛 Green Gate Grove will be hosting the CST Samhain ritual on November 1, 2008 at 7:00 pm EDT/6:00 pm CDT. Please be there no later than 6:30 EDT. Also, please RSVP at www.spiraltree.org or call (706) 570-1017 so we will know how many to expect. The ritual will be held at Marcus and Kimberly Rice's home in Columbus, GA. (For directions, email Marcus at <TSK_sword@yahoo.com>, or contact Cathy at (706) 570-1017 or <president@spiraltree.org>).

🧛 The Green Gate Grove, the Columbus, Georgia-area CST Grove, will be providing a food basket for Yule for a needy Pagan family. If you know of someone who could use a little help at that time of year, please submit their name and address to Green Gate Grove. You can send it the main CST Yahoo group, "TreeTalk," or send it directly to me (Patricia Greer-Middleton) at <pgreermiddleton@yahoo.com>. If more than one family is submitted, we will bring the names before the Grove to vote which family will receive the basket. If no Pagan families are found in the Columbus area to be in need of this assistance, then we will look outside our area to a local charity. Please provide your names no later than Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2008, so there is plenty of time to get the donations collected and to the family by Yule.

Also, if you would like to contribute nonperishable food items, boxed food items, coupons, donations to help purchase items, etc. please bring them to the CST Samhain Ritual on November 1, 2008 in Columbus, GA (see info below). If you are unable to bring your items to the ritual, please call (706) 570-1017 and someone will arrange for them to be picked up. Thanks to everyone in advance. We hope to have great participation!

Submitted by Patricia Greer-Middleton, President, Green Gate Grove

🧛 The Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Columbus, GA is sponsoring a charitable effort for the people of Afghanistan. Winter is coming in Afghanistan, and the need is great for warm, modest winter clothing and sturdy shoes, preferably boots, such as hiking boots, for all sizes of feet. In addition, we are collecting personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, soap, and shampoo. Donations of any or all aforementioned items are most appreciated!! You can drop off your items before Sunday services from 9:15-10:30 am, or between 7:00-9:00 pm Wednesday nights during our discussion group. Also, you can drop them off during our yard sale on October 4 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Just BE SURE to tell either Gerda or Shirley that your items are for Afghanistan, and NOT for the yard sale! You can also bring your items to any CST rituals or events and Cathy Rankin will see that they are delivered to the UU.

The UU Fellowship is located at 1442 Double Churches Road in Columbus, directly across the road from Lee's Package Store...how many churches can claim **that?**! We at the UU-SAC thank you all very much for your support.

Submitted by Mona Crawford, Treasurer, Green Gate Grove

If you have important happenings that you would like to share in future editions of The Journey, please email your info to Cathy Rankin at president@spiraltree.org.

Circle of Life

🐾 Welcome to Ari Mordechai, grandson of Patricia and Christopher Middleton, born to Caitlin and Dominick on April 23, 2008 weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Ari is delighting his parents at their home in Pensacola, FL and is now a whopping 16 pounds and 26 inches long.

🐾 Welcome to Jasmine Ard's new baby sister, Katie-Clare, born August 11, 2008 weighing 9 pounds and measuring 21 inches. Jasmine shared her sister's picture with us at the Mabon ritual. Katie-Clare is adorable.

🐾 Welcome to Samantha Aran, grandson of Randy Medeiros and grandgodchild of Cathy Rankin, born August 28, 2008 to Jenna and Russell. Samantha weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches at birth. She looks like her daddy and has her mommy's personality.

🐾 Amon R. Johnson of Tusculumbia, AL, grandfather of Stephen Bradford, crossed over on September 1, 2008. Please send loving energy to Stephen and his family to help them through this difficult time. Blessed journey, Amon.

🐾 Annie Mae McDonald of Belfontaine, OH, mother of Siryn Dolphinsong-Bradford crossed over on September 3, 2008. Please send loving energy to Siryn and her family to help them through this difficult time. Blessed journey, Annie Mae.

🐾 Congratulations to Tristan Michael, David Michael's son, for graduating from boot camp at Fort Knox, KY on September 5, 2008. Tristan is currently at Fort Sill to complete his AIT training after which he will be an active member of the National Guard. Thank you, Tristan, for serving.

🐾 Georgeanne Barnes of Smiths Station, AL, mother of Randy Medeiros crossed over on September 22, 2008. Please send loving energy to Randy and his family to help them through this difficult time. Blessed journey, Georgeanne.

🐾 Congratulations to Paul Syck on his upcoming retirement after 22 years faithful service in the U.S. Army. Paul's retirement ceremony will be held on October 21, 2008 at Fort Benning, GA, and he is having a retirement party at his house on October 25. His last official day in the military will be January 31, 2009 so Paul will embrace civilian life on February 1, 2009. Thank you, Paul, for serving.

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 homeschooling 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.

Minutes of the Church of the Spiral Tree Board of Directors Meeting, September 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Rankin at 2:00 pm EDT, at Paul & Heidi's house in Smith's Station, Alabama with the following Directors and members present:

Cathy Rankin, President; Stephen Bradford, Secretary/Treasurer; Marcus Rice, Chairperson of Military Affairs Committee; Paul Syck, Webmaster; Patricia Greer-Middleton, Director of Sacred Grove Academy & President of Green Gate Grove; and Linda Kerr, member-at-large.

1. List of what is needed to get your job done from all BoD Members such as paper, pens, postage, envelopes etc.

Cathy – Nothing was listed as needed but gave \$20.00 for petty cash.

Siryn – Will get with Stephen later on needs.

Stephen – File folders, ledger book, pens, envelopes (standard long & 9x11s), postage stamps

Patricia – SASEs to use for mailing Stephen paperwork, #10 white envelopes, one box brown catalog envelopes, file folders, business cards, money for postage, gift card for \$10.00.

Paul – New 4-gb jump drive; got it and shipping it.

Marcus – Candles and incense to be sent to troops.

Stephen will get these items and send them to each of you this next week. Stephen will send a check for the items that need to be purchased by each person other than standard postage and office supplies - we can purchase these at a bulk price and divide the items up if we do it this way and everyone will get all that they need, promise.

2. Reports

Stephen – Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes of last BoD meeting held at Moondance

The meeting was held during Moondance in May 2008. This was the annual meeting of the BoD. We discussed the membership drives and decided that we weren't doing to be any new membership drives at this time. We also discussed that we would not have a fundraiser at Fallfling this year. We had a raffle and the proceeds were \$286.00 to the best of my recollection at this time. We discussed what all the different memberships we offer are and what the criteria of each one are, including poly (polyamorous) families and significant others. Also mentioned creating a few other categories for changing from one membership to another. We did not discuss finances or other issues as the weather was hot and inclement weather happenings. We had one new member sign up at the meeting. The website work was discussed and how it was to proceed. Some of the voting ballots were turned in for the election. Amended minutes reviewed, it was discerned that "Immediate Family, Same Household" was a criteria for family membership.

Budget Report – Income vs. Expenses

Because of the deaths and other trials and tribulations going on this past 45 days I don't have the exact figures for CST but we have approximately \$1,400.00 in the CST account and Sacred Grove has approximately \$4,250.00 collected before expenses are accounted for and tallied. We did just send \$100.00 to me and \$100.00 to Siryn for the deaths in our families. It really helped with gas and flowers. Thank You.

Sacred Grove will be complete for the 2008-2009 school year on October 1, 2008. All other tuition paid will go toward the 2009-2010 school year. We will pay Patricia for her services with 25% of the proceeds after expenditures on or about November 1, 2008.

Membership Report - # Paid Members, # PPC Members

We have 67 members on the books as of today. We are unsure of how many incarcerated members we have but we will know very soon. From our old records we have about 21, but just looking at the paperwork and letters coming in from all over the country, we will probably have an increase in this number to even possibly double this amount.

Discuss extended membership date - I think it's best if we offer everyone signing up from June 2008 through now to have their membership extended through October 31, 2009. Everyone else who has paid earlier this year will have their membership due on their sign-up date. For those for whom we don't have an accurate record of their membership due date but know that they are a member, we should set their renewal date to October 31, 2008 also so that everyone is due on this date except those we have an accurate record of, which by the way, is up to date and working as it did in the past, thanks to Linda guiding me through the process of how it works. So yay!

Membership Cards to All Current Members

We are currently sending out membership cards to all current members just to renew the cards they may have, to give them a card with the new logo on it and to help generate new enthusiasm in CST and its membership. This should promote membership sales too!

Online Store Progress/Article for Newsletter

The Online Store will go live on October 1, 2008. I will give more updates on this as things are finalized and uploaded. I give the details of how it all works at the next meeting. An article for next newsletter will be submitted within the next two weeks. Was given info from Marcus on cybermoon emporium for supplies.

Other

Will change official CST address to Paul's address for Alabama. Make change in the official CST documents that David Michael is resigning from the Member-at-Large position and Linda Kerr is resuming this position for now.

Marcus – Military Affairs

Marcus's report included:

Official announcement of approval for DOA database & what this means.

Number of groups sponsored and their locations.

DFBGL for each group.

Number in group vs number of CST members in group.

Needs for FBGs.

Official addresses for groups.

Cards, supplies, etc for Sabbats?

Article for newsletter.

We have not been approved in Baghdad yet. We are the 3rd Pagan group in the U.S.A. to obtain recognized Church status in the Army database, which allows the military to have the Pagan symbol on tombstones and have Pagan among other listings used on dog tags.

Put note in newsletter about donating supplies for overseas.

There is a website, www.milpagan.org.

It was discussed that military personnel stationed at Fort Benning would rather come off post to meetings and rituals for the time being.

We need addresses of DFGL members.

Deployed soldiers who wish to join CST while out of the country will have a one-year deferred membership while deployed. When they return they will then join and pay membership as usual.

Siryn – Pagan Prisoner Committee

We need to review materials sent to each inmate for initial contact. Committee members will help with tasks such as being pen pals. Discussed minister visitations to prisons in Georgia and Alabama. Discussed practice of sending books, magazines, newsletters, etc. to inmates. Perhaps we could write a grant to satisfy some of the needs for PPC.

Linda and Siryn are to get the PPC Yahoo group up and running and get new people to sign up, and get the ones that are members now to start writing more PPC members.

Stephen will send the letters that have come in to this point out to those interested in responding to them. Cathy will send the letters she gets from this point on to those who are writing to the inmates. Stephen will send out membership packets to all of those of who have written lately and are not already CST members so that they can join if they want. Cathy will keep a list of the letters that are sent out and a list of those who are letters from new prisoners. Cathy will send a membership package out to them right away. When the information comes back, it will

be forwarded to Stephen for entry into the database. Stephen is to send a list of what is to go into the membership package for PPC membership.

Cathy – Ministers

There is an updated list of ministers and their addresses. Cathy put forward a proposal that replacement or updated credentials be free or reduced with membership renewal. The renewal cost for an updated card and information and replacement of credentials will be \$10.00. If it is a current or renewing member of CST the cost will be \$5.00. We now require a copy of picture ID with all minister applications. A copy of minister application will be sent to Stephen, and applications kept on file by Cathy. The website should be updated with minister information soon.

All new lists and other information not uploaded to the Google Docs files and shared should be done so right away. We will be looking at realistic Green Man graphics to use as our second mascot for CST. Linda will look into how to list CST on Witchvox in Georgia as well as in Alabama.

Siryn – Newsletter

Articles to be published include reports from other BoD members. Have a list of supporting businesses in newsletter: Paul should have this list because it will also be posted on the website. Discussed issue deadline and article deadline. Linda is to put together the next newsletter. The BoD meetings will be held on the cross-quarters, and then 45 days later the newsletter will come out, on the equinoxes and solstices.

Patricia – Sacred Grove Academy

Registration:

23 new enrollments (28 Students)	\$1,310.00
4 Siblings added to families already enrolled	\$ 100.00
Check Cleared Fee	\$ 5.00
1 Bounced Check Uncleared	(\$ 75.00)
2 Bounced Checks uncleared from Enrollments prior to Nov 07	<u>(\$ 150.00)</u>

Totals: \$1,190.00

From June 08 thru 9 Sept 08:

14 New enrollments (16 Students)	\$1,100.00
66 Re-Enrollments (87 Students)	\$3,300.00
2 Re-enrollments adding a sibling (4 students)	<u>\$ 150.00</u>

Totals: \$4,550.00

Total Income: \$5,740.00

Expenses: \$ 116.85

Expenses: \$ 673.00

Petty Cash: \$ 50.00

Total Expenses: \$ 839.85

Grand Total: \$4,900.15

Gross Income vs. Expenses completed above

Paul – Website

We need to set the date for the next web team meeting - to be set soon.

Paul is creating symbols incorporating the CST Logo for following groups: PPC, Military Affairs, Sacred Grove, Ministers, Groves, Newsletter. The CST colors are green, white, and gold; these are to be incorporated into the website. The web pages should be consistent in appearance. Add supporting businesses list. Green Pages for Pagan-friendly businesses listed by state and city. Updates must be reviewed by Patricia, Cathy, or Linda for typos and errors.

3. Quarterly Report from Groves

Green Gate Grove:

Number of CST Members	Not Reported
Total Number of Members	Not Reported
Budget Reports: Income vs. Expenses	
Beginning Balance:	\$141.60
Income:	
Proceeds from yard sale	\$165.15
Donations Mona Crawford	\$ 11.65
Donations Marcus & Kim Rice	\$ 10.00
Mystery Donation	<u>\$ 1.20</u>
Total Income:	\$188.00
Balance:	\$329.60
Expenses:	
Initial Annual Dues to CST	\$ 35.00
25% yard sale proceeds to CST	<u>\$ 41.29</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 76.29
Balance:	\$253.31
Net Profit:	\$111.71 from sales and donations

Activities and events to include rituals for the quarter (July-Sept)

July 4 - Social event, 4th of July get-together, and meeting of GGG

Aug 2 - Lammas ritual

Sep 14 - Board of Directors meeting, CST

Sep 20 - Mabon ritual & short meeting of GGG

Looking at working with the Homes for Heroes Group that repairs homes and other things for military. Sponsor food basket for family at holiday (Pagan).

Sacred Tribe of Ancient Roots (S.T.A.R. Tribe)

Number of CST Members	3 and recruiting 3 more at this time
Total Number of Members	3 and recruiting 3 more at this time
Budget Reports: Income vs. Expenses	\$0.00 (PFR festival was the yearly fund raiser but was cancelled this year)

Activities and events to include rituals for the quarter (July-Sept)

PFR cancelled. Sponsor food basket for family at holiday (Pagan).

4. Other News and Notes

- Festivals and Gatherings:
 - Pagan Family Reunion - Cancelled. There will one in 2009, taking registrations now.
 - Fall Fling - on time and ready to go in 3 weeks.
 - We will hold a raffle for the Military Affairs Division of CST at FallFling.
- Set short term goals
- Set long term goals
- Fundraiser ideas - staffing concession stands at local Civic Center and getting part of the profits, hot dog stand at Walmart or other places, checking in Albany for same things.
- Party at Marcus' house on Samhain.
- Start a building fund and put in a money market account or CD or high interest bank account. Twenty percent of general fundraisers and 10% of all other fundraisers will go toward it.
- Grant writing was discussed briefly.
- Will do a change of the Bylaws and have a referendum very soon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.



Contacts:

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

Alice Lynch: skyhy@charter.net.

Charles Nile Mixon: Incarcerated male Pagan, age 29, looking for pen-pal to share friendship and smiles with. Many blessings! Chalres Nile Mixon #1013584, Lynaugh Unit, 1098 S. Highway 2037, Fort Stockton, TX 79735.

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 wiling to give me the chance. James G. Harvey #222760, P.O. Box 1900, #A141-2, Pound, VA 24279. Blessed be!

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.

Jay Lynch:

dragonwolf@ancientmerchants.com

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, Okaloosa Correctional Institution, 3189 Little Silver Rd., Crestview, FL 32539.

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.

Kevin McKinley: Incarcerated male pagan, 34, looking for pen pal to share pagan knowledge and information. Write Kevin McKinley #1253257, 1098 S. Hwy 2037, Fort Stockton, TX 79735.

R. Butler: Male creater/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.

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: 425 Webster Road #934, 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.

Shadowhawk:

billyshadowhawk@yahoo.com,
<http://www.geocities.com/billyshadowhawk>,
 Ozark, AL,
 334-445-0647.

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.

Siryndolphinsong: An intuitive reader who does Chiromancy and is a Chiromantist. She is also a healer who uses natural stone heat therapy, crystal healing, pendulum centering, grounding & balancing along with some energy work. As a returning spirit, she also helps with Past life regression. Her work as a minister includes offering legal communions, Croning/Sagehood, handfastings, handpartings, wiccanings, and requiems (passing on rites). Born into a Witch family, Siryn does in-depth classes, workshops, and seminars at their store Bio-Buzz Botanica as well as traveling as guest speakers across the US along with her partner Stephen. Join albanypagans@yahoo.com to receive updates. Siryn is a member of S.T.A.R. (Sacred Tribe of Ancient Roots) and resides at the S.T.A.R. Ranch in Camilla, GA. Siryn Dolphinsong, 612 N. Slappey Blvd., Albany, GA 31701, 229-438-5878, email: bretowitch@yahoo.com.

Stephen "Tyernan WaterOak": An intuitive medium and natural healer. Within his eclectic Witch path, he does tarot reading, Rootwork, Chakra balancing, crystal healing, energy work, and

Reiki. Stephen owns Bio-Buzz Botanica, a metaphysical supply and service oriented business. In ordainment, he offers legal communions, handfastings, handpartings, wiccanings, & requiems (passing-on rites). At the store and across the US, Stephen and his partner Siryn offer ongoing classes, workshops, and various teachings. The store 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. Stephen is a member of S.T.A.R. (Sacred Tribe of Ancient Roots) and resides at the S.T.A.R. Ranch in Camilla, GA. Stephen A. Bradford a/k/a Tyernan WaterOak, 612 N. Slappey Blvd., Albany, GA 31701, 229-438-5878, email: tyernan2003@yahoo.com.

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, Amer-Indian, folk medicine, herbs, rituals, meditations. Tony Curtis Jackson #10406, Dodge State

Prison, A2, P.O. Box 276,
 Chester, GA 31012.

Willowoak: liddeje@auburn.edu.

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."

Important Dates

Board of Directors' Meetings:

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

Bi-Annual General Membership Meetings:

November 1, 2008, 5:00 pm EST, just before the Samhain ritual, Columbus, GA

May 24, 2009, Moondance, Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA

Important Dates for 2008-2009:

RITUAL	DATE	SPONSOR	LOCATION (HOST)
Samhain	11/1/08	GGG	Columbus, GA (Rice)
Yule	12/20/08	GGG	Smith's Station (Syck)
Imbolc	2/7/09	GGG	TBA
Ostara	3/21/09	GGG	Manchester, GA (Rankin)
Beltane	5/2/09	GGG	Manchester, GA (Rankin)
Litha	6/20/09	GGG	TBA
Lammas	8/1/09	GGG	TBA
Mabon	9/19/09	STAR	Camilla, GA (PFR, Bradford)
Samhain	10/31/09	GGG	TBA
Yule	12/19/09	GGG	TBA

GGG = Green Gate Grove, STAR = Sacred Tribe of Ancient Roots, TBA = To be announced

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