



The Journey...



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

President's Point

Yule, 2008

Blessed Winter Solstice and Happy New Year! CST has continued to grow, evolve and change. I would like to announce the following changes in the Board of Directors. Siryn Dolphinsong has resigned her position as Vice President but has agreed to continue as a Member-at-Large and newsletter editor. Siryn and her husband, Stephen, have had a very rough year with the loss of several cherished family members. May their New Year bring them joy, peace and healing.

Paul Syck Jr. has agreed to accept the position of Vice President, pro-tem. Paul served as Vice President for Green Gate Grove until he accepted his current position on the CST board. As part of his duties as VP, Paul will supervise the Pagan Prisoner Committee. Thank you so much Paul for your commitment.

David Michael had to resign as Member-at-Large due to an overwhelming increase in his workload as an elementary school teacher this year. Linda Kerr, CST founder and advisor, agreed to return to the board in the vacant position. Linda has worked diligently with the President and Secretary-Treasurer to get the CST databases organized and up to date. This has been no small task. Linda has awesome organizational skills and has done a magnificent job. Many, many thanks to Linda for many hours of hard work.

LeePhether Mikovitz had to resign her position as Member-at-Large due to a huge increase in family responsibilities with the care of her grandchildren. Jasmine Ard has accepted the appointment as

pro-tem for this vacant position. Jasmine has the distinction of being CST's youngest board member. Her primary job on the board will be as a support person for the President and Vice President. Jasmine has been very active in CST and Green Gate Grove activities. Jasmine will bring a fresh, young perspective to the board. Thank you, Jasmine, for making this commitment.

Paul Syck, Jr. resigned his position as Vice President of Green Gate Grove to avoid a conflict of interest in accepting the CST Vice President position. Marcus Rice has accepted the Vice President position for Green Gate Grove. Marcus has been invaluable in his position as member at large and as Chairperson for the Military Affairs Committee. Thank you, Marcus, for stepping up to the plate.

Each and every one of the CST Board of Directors and staff are volunteers who dedicate unbelievable amounts of time and amazing talents to helping CST grow and evolve as a community for pagans of all paths. Their dedication and hard work benefits the entire pagan community but especially our members. Please wish each and every one of them, past and present, a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

- Cathy Rankin, President, CST

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CST Directors & Staff:

- President Cathy Rankin
- Vice President Paul Syck Jr.
- Secretary/Treasurer
..... Stephen Bradford
- Member-at-Large Don Mikovitz
- Member-at-Large Jasmine Ard
- Member-at-Large Siryn Dolphinsong
- Member-at-Large/Founder/Advisor
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- Sacred Grove Adacemy Director ...
..... Patricia Greer-Middleton
- Military Affairs Marcus P. Rice
- Pagan Prisoner Committee
..... Paul Syck Jr.
- Newsletter Editor Siryn Dolphinsong
- Webmaster, CST & Sacred Grove ...
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Happenings

☞ Current plans are for our on-line metaphysical store, Spiral Tree Treasures, to become active on January 15, 2009. Please feel free to Google us any time after that date. CST is also accepting handmade crafts for sale on consignment. Donations and consignments will be accepted by any board member at any CST event or ritual. Also, they can be mailed to CST, PO Box 8596 Columbus, GA 31908. If at all possible, you can also arrange for pick up or to send by FedEx or UPS by calling (706) 570-1017. All proceeds from this fundraising effort will go to our building and land fund. The on-line store will be managed by the CST secretary-treasurer, Stephen Bradford. Look for more details on our website at www.spiraltree.org. CST is a tax-exempt 501(c) organization so receipts will be issued for donations upon request.

☞ Plans for a Pagan literary magazine are in the works. If you would like to contribute original poems, short stories, essays, novellas, comic strips, cartoons or any other form of literature to be published in our first edition, please mail your submissions to Jasmine Ard, Church of the Spiral Tree, P.O. Box 3338, Phenix City, AL 36868. We hope to have our first issue for sale in June 2009. For updates on our progress, please check our website at www.spiraltree.org.

☞ Green Gate Grove (GGG) sponsored a Reiki class on November 29, 2008. The class was very successful and we had five people who received attunements. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by GGG went to CST. It was a wonderfully fun and inspirational day. The class was followed by a pot-luck dinner and a birthday celebration for three of the class attendees.

☞ The next Board of Directors' meeting will be held on Sunday,

February 15, 2009 at Paul's house in Smiths Station, AL at 2:00 pm EST (1:00pm CST). All board members please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The meetings are open meetings so all members are encouraged to attend as well.

Circle of Life

☞ Dorothy C. Johnson (Nannie), Stephen Bradford's grandmother, crossed over on November 15, 2008. She was born on January 25, 1926. "She will always be remembered fondly and with great honor and respect. In my humble and honest opinion...and somewhat biased too, there has not been a better, more kind, loving, caring, honest, happy and lively person and spirit ever walked this earth. I learned everything I know about how to treat people and how to live life to its fullest through and because of her. She is and has always been my hero, my mentor and the person I strive to be more like every day."

☞ On the winter solstice, December 21, 2008, Jasmine Ard confirms her Commitment to the Lord and Lady by going through a small initiation ritual that she wrote herself. Rev. Marcus Rice is presiding over the ritual acting as the Priest and Kimberly Rice acting as the Priestess, with a few other fellow Pagans participating/observing.

☞ On December 19, 2008, Marsha Sillery (Willow) will receive her 5th Solar Degree (final passage) from HPS Linda Kerr, and will be recognized as a High Priestess of the Faerie Faith. Congratulations, Marsha!

☞ Happy anniversary to Christopher and Patricia Middleton who will be celebrating their 6th year together on January 10, 2009. Wishing you a blessed and happy 7th year together.

☞ Birthdays for November-February! Happy Birthday to the following special people:
Paul Syck (November 2)
Linda Kerr (November 10)
Nion Mikovitz (November 17)
Wednesday Carroll (November 24)
Elizabeth Weems (November 29)
Mona Crawford (December 1)
Stephen Bradford (December 1)
Destiney Berleue (December 1)
Jasmine Ard (December 2)
Marsha Sillery (December 3)
Mike Berleue (December 4)
Marcus Rice (December 13)
Benny Cooper (December 18)
Dalton Cooper (December 31)
Danielle Carroll (February 2)
Jacob Carroll (February 2)
Jesse Greer-Norman (February 5)
Wayne Guy Carter (February 7)
Heidi Syck (February 10)
William Syck (February 20)

☞ Cathy Rankin's niece, Carly, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in Animal Science from Berry College on December 13, 2008. Carly was nominated by one of her professors for a candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship. She was not awarded the candidacy from Berry College but it was a real honor just to be nominated. Carly will start vet school in the Fall of 2009.

If you have important news that you would like to share in Happenings or Circle of Life in the Spring Equinox edition of "The Journey," please email your info to Cathy Rankin at president@spiraltree.org, mail to CST, P.O. Box 8396, Columbus, GA, 31908, or text to (706) 570-1017, no later than March 1, 2009.

Minutes, Board of Directors' Meeting, December 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Rankin at 2:30 pm EST, at Paul & Heidi's house in Smith's Station, Alabama, with the following Directors and members present:

Cathy Rankin, President; Patricia Greer-Middleton, Director of Sacred Grove Academy; Paul Syck, Webmaster; Marcus Rice, Chairperson of Military Affairs Committee; and Jasmine Ard.

1. Directors/Staff: Staff changes were announced for CST. Paul Syck is now the VP, Siryn is a Member-at-Large and newsletter editor (although Linda is still working on it at present), and Jasmine is a Member-at-Large replacing Lee Phether. Jasmine will provide administrative support for CST.

2. Reports:

Stephen - Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes of last BoD Meeting held in September: It was unanimously agreed to pass on reading the minutes of the last BoD Meeting. Hard copies are available to those who want to read them.

Cathy read the report for Stephen who was unable to be here. A check was issued to the Sacred Grove Director. CST expenses included several donations related to family losses by our members. Note: Everyone please submit all office supplies to Cathy or Stephen. They can get it on a discount usually or have a coupon for savings.

Patricia - Sacred Grove Academy

Currently there are 129 students enrolled as of this date. A total of \$935.00 has been received since September 10, 2008. The biggest expense is still postage but no other supplies are currently needed. There are no major problems. Two legal issues cropped up, but so far nothing we haven't been able to handle.

Marcus - Military Affairs Committee

A report was given on the circles in Iraq. Due to the fluid nature of being in theater, contact has been lost with some people. One circle is possibly defunct in Iraq but may be set up in Afganistan. He expects to be in contact with the Rustamiyah circle soon. We are sending supplies to help them in their rituals. Green Gate Grove (GGG) gave Marcus \$30.00 to help with shipping and handling of the boxes. Marcus also brought information on some military community outreach programs that we may be interested in getting involved with. He also provided some information on Patriot Packs as a possible fund-raiser for Military Affairs. We will check further into this.

Paul - Pagan Prisoner Committee (PPC)

We discussed how many letters were mailed and contacts made. Holiday cards were mailed to all inmates. We will try to make minister visitations as we get a little more organized. Jasmine Ard will serve as Paul's backup on the PPC. Paul submitted an office supply request to Cathy.

Cathy - Ministers: Discussed briefly were setting requirements for minister ordinations as we grow.

Paul - Website: CST Website Team meetings will resume after the first of the year.

Cathy - Newsletter

Linda Kerr is still doing the newsletter at the present time. The next deadline for newsletter submissions will be March 1, 2009.

3. Quarterly Report from Groves:

Green Gate Grove

Activities of the grove were reported for the last quarter to include Mabon ritual on September 20, Halloween party on October 31, Samhain ritual on November 1, Reiki share and attunement on November 29, and movie & divination night on December 13.

Donations were received for GGG's Yule Food Basket and a withdrawal of \$50.00 from the GGG account was made to purchase additional items for the food basket. Delivery will be made December 21, 2008. Donations will be accepted through December 20, 2008.

The budget report for GGG was made; they started with a balance of \$253.31 at their last meeting and ended on December 13, 2008 with a balance of \$228.31. The report is available to see. A copy will be sent to Stephen. Patricia gave Cathy \$25.00 (25% of proceeds) from GGG's recent Reiki Share and Attunement.

Marcus Rice has accepted the position of VP of GGG.

The new library at Paul & Heidi's home for GGG members was discussed. Paul has procedures set up for check-out of books.

The approximate total of GGG members is 15.

A date was set for January 17, 2009 at 3 pm at Paul & Heidi's house for a planning meeting for GGG to discuss children's learning circles, rituals and activities.

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Contacts:

Remember, you get a free listing with your 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! #1013584, BC Unit, 9601 Spur 591, Amarillo, TX 79107-9606.

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. #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! #1101823, TDCJ Lynaugh Unit, 1098 S. Highway 2037, Fort Stockton, TX 79735.

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

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. #049547, Okaloosa Corr. Institution, 3189 Little Silver Rd., Crestview, FL 32539.

Jay Lynch:

dragonwolf@ancientmerchants.com.

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! #191999, CWC, P.O. Box 500, Mitchells,

VA 22729.

Kevin McKinley: Incarcerated male pagan, 34, looking for pen pal to share knowledge and information. #1253257, Robertson Unit, 12071 FM 3522, Abilene, TX 79601.

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.

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 Rd. #934, Auburn, AL 36862, <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! #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. #1209446, Rt. 2 Box 500, Teague, TX 75860.

Shadowhawk: billyshadowhawk@yahoo.com, <http://www.billyshadowhawk.inf>

o/index2.html, Ozark, AL, (334) 445-0647.

Shane Smith: Looking for like-minded people to correspond with. ##M07-Ad40, Duchesne County Jail, P.O. Box 10, Duchesne, UT 84021.

Siryndolphinsong: An intuitive reader who does Chiromnomy and is a Chiromantist. She is also a healer who uses natural stone heat therapy, crystal healing, pendulum centering, grounding and 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, Siryndolphinsong 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@yahoogroups.com to receive updates. Siryndolphinsong is a member of S.T.A.R. (Sacred Tribe of Ancient Roots) and resides in Camilla, GA. Siryndolphinsong, 612 N. Slapney Blvd., Albany, GA 31701, (229) 438-5878, email: bretonwitch@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, and requiems (passing on rites). At the store and across the US, Stephen and his partner Siryndolphinsong 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. #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. #10406, Dodge State Prison, A2, P.O. Box 276, Chester, GA 31012.

Willowoak: liddeje@auburn.edu.

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. CST is also pleased to offer a Pagan Prisoner Committee, which provides outreach to incarcerated members, and a Military Affairs Committee, which offers support to deployed Pagan military personnel.

Info About Our Services:

Ministers: CST, being a church, may ordain any member age 18 and over as 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."

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4. Other News and Notes:

- Paul will post the password to Google Docs on the staff list so everyone will have access who needs it.
- The on-line store should be up and running by mid-January 2009. Board members approved the name Spiral Tree Treasures as no one had any other recommendations concerning the name. Any items for sale from our members are to be submitted to Cathy or Paul for listing. Include an estimated value for tax receipt purposes. The proceeds from the online store will go to the CST building fund.
- It was suggested that Linda Kerr receive a payment for her services rendered with assisting with getting the newsletter going again and other assistance provided to Stephen and Cathy. More information was needed and this item was tabled until Cathy talks to Stephen.
- The item donated by Marcus for raffle at the Fall Fling Booth was deferred due to weather and economic

situation. It will be held and raffled at Moondance 2009.

- The next BOD meeting will be February 15, 2009 at Paul & Heidi's home.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm EST.

Book Reviews:

Pagan Spirituality: A Guide to Personal Transformation - by Joyce & River Higginbotham, Llewellyn Publications, 2006.

"This book explores how Pagan spiritual development relates to contemporary theories of cultural and spiritual evolution." "Theories" is the key word that defines what this book contains, pertaining to post-modern paganism. This is not some "beginners" guide book. That book would be the couples' previous work, Paganism: An Introduction to Earth-Centered Religions, which is often referred back to in this book (also published by Llewellyn).

The theories come from the minds of those such as Ken Wilber, James Fowler, Don Beck, Christopher Cowan, and Riane Eisler. As stated, this is not a beginners book, but I do find it to be an excellent guide book for those who are teaching or desire to teach a group about paganism. It includes an abundance of questions to ask and discuss for one to learn where they actually are on their spiritual path. There are also quite a few excellent exercises to work with, primarily in the form of guided visualizations.

This is a group book, for that is where its worth lies. So if you are a teacher, a leader, a guide for others, I recommend this book as a great tool to be used to help those who seek a spiritual path to travel.

Reviewed by Tony Curtis Jackson

Magic of the Celtic Gods and Goddesses: A Guide To Their Spiritual Power, Healing Energies, And Mystical Joy - by Carl McColan and Kathryn Hinds, New Page Books, 2005.

This book is an excellent read for anyone who is interested in the mythology of the Celtic gods and goddesses. The authors give an awesome and clear understanding of each individual god and goddess and the mythology behind them. They give excellent ideas for the reader to work the deities into their everyday life. What I especially liked about the book was Chapter 23, "Putting Devotion into Practice" and how the authors leave it up to the readers' heart and mind to take the journey. This is an excellent work by Carl McColman and Kathryn Hinds. If you're looking for a magical and spiritual ride into the Celtic world, I suggest you read this book. I am very impressed by this work.

Reviewed by Jerry L. Franks

Ecoshamanism - by James Endredy, Llewellyn Publications, 2005.

Bright blessings, fellow leaves of the Sacred Tree! Finally, some mercy bestowed upon me by being given a book to review whose subject matter I am familiar with.

I give Endredy's Ecoshamanism five eagle feathers. It's a book all should read, if to just motivate one to evaluate their life and lifestyle. This is not a book about the popular neo-shamanism movement, which tends to cater to one's ego and "modern" lifestyle... to offer cake with one's cookies. No, Ecoshamanism is not going to cater to your wants and desires. This is a book on classical shamanism—authentic shamanism—the only true shamanistic path.

Endredy will not have you going out to purchase drumming CDs. He will have you beating your own drum, perhaps one you made yourself. He will not have you seeking teachers in remote areas nor have you driving hours so to gather with those of "like mind." What he will do is teach you classical shamanism and have you exploring the energies found in your own backyard and just beyond. He will help you to become aware of your actions and decisions and their impact on our Mother.

His quotes resonate nothing but truth: "We are not born into the world, but out from it." "When we discover that our body is not the dwelling place of spirit, but is the physical manifestation of spirit, we move to a place of honoring and cherishing our own flesh, and also the flesh of the whole world and universe."

In Endredy's world (and mine), there is no "Do what thy will yet harm none." All we do has an effect on the world we live in. He does what so few have the maturity to do... he defines "harm" in its deepest sense. There comes a time when we all should realize that doing what we want and doing what is right are seldom the same... that personal transformation isn't so much about changing, but rather eliminating. If you aren't afraid of developing awareness of "Self," read this book. You'll not regret it.

Reviewed by Tony Curtis Jackson

Hidden Passages: Tales to Honor the Crones - by Vila Spiderhawk, Vanilla Heart Publishing, 2008.

Vila Spiderhawk's use of first person in telling her stories allows the reader to know not only the thoughts of her characters but also to intensely feel their feelings and to share their spirit. Her vivid descriptions take the reader into a wonderful world of feminine magic and mystery. The eternal, intimate connection between maid, mother, and crone is intricately and beautifully explored in such a way that it speaks to directly to the souls of women. Spiderhawk truly demonstrates a thorough understanding of the inner workings of the female psyche as

it moves through the circle of life. Her stories are endearing and enchanting in a way unique only to her. A must-read for women who seek better understanding of their womanhood and for men who truly desire a glimpse of what it means to be female.

Reviewed by Reverend Cathy Rankin

The Church of the Spiral Tree

Membership Form

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 respect myself and others, especially when attending official Church of the Spiral Tree functions.

Today's Date: _____

Full Legal Name: _____ *DoB: _____

Legal Name Member #2 (if Family membership): _____ DoB: _____

Legal Name Member #3 (if Family membership): _____ DoB: _____

Legal Name Member #4 (if Family membership): _____ DoB: _____

Legal Name Member #5 (if Family membership): _____ DoB: _____

*Date of Birth (optional) is requested so we can send birthday greetings

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email (1): _____ Email (2): _____

For minors under age 18 only:

I certify that my minor child has my permission and approval to join as a member of the Church of the Spiral Tree. I understand that I am responsible for assuring that my child is respectful him/herself and of the beliefs of others and conducts him/herself in an honorable and respectful manner, especially when attending CST functions.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

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 1 year (except Lifetime & Incarcerated), with yearly renewal notice sent to remind you.

_____	Individual	\$20	
_____	Student/Poor Person/Youth (under 18)	\$15	(please attach a short note demonstrating financial need OR be sure parent or guardian signs above)
_____	Incarcerated Member	\$00	(runs till 1 year after release)
_____	Family (includes kids)	\$35	(must be in immediate family only, same address)
_____	Sustaining Member	\$50	(receives all benefits plus our undying thanks)
_____	Contributing Member	\$100	(receives all benefits, our eternal thanks, and a listing in the newsletter once/year)
_____	Patron(ess) Member	\$200	(receives all benefits, our everlasting gratitude, a yearly listing in the newsletter, and a certificate)
_____	Lifetime Individual	\$400	(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)
_____	Lifetime Family	\$500	(each family member receives all benefits for their lifetimes (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 8396, Columbus, GA 31908 cst@spiraltree.org <http://www.spiraltree.org>

For CST use only: Date received _____ by _____; Date entered into database _____ by _____;
Date sent "New Member Packet" _____ by _____

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 Meeting:

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

Important Dates for 2008-2009:

<i>RITUAL</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>SPONSOR</i>	<i>LOCATION (HOST)</i>
Imbolc	February 7, 2009	GGG	TBA
Ostara	March 21, 2009	GGG	Manchester, GA (Rankin)
Beltane	May 2, 2009	GGG	Manchester, GA (Rankin)
Litha	June 20, 2009	GGG	TBA
Lammas	August 1, 2009	GGG	TBA
Mabon	September 19, 2009	STAR	Camilla, GA (PFR, Bradford)
Samhain	October 31, 2009	GGG	TBA
Yule	December 19, 2009	GGG	TBA

GGG = Green Gate Grove (Columbus, GA); STAR = Sacred Tribe of Ancient Roots (Albany, GA); TBA = to be announced

A note on CST membership: For all new and renewing members, please remember that your membership dues go 100% to administrative costs for CST and our ministries such as the Pagan Prisoner Ministry, support for our pagan soldiers through the distinctive faith based groups that we sponsor and through our community relief fund. Your membership also makes a statement for your personal freedom of religion as well as helping to establish pagans as an integral and positive influence in the local communities and in the world in general.

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