



The Journey...



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President's Point

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With the arrival of Spring in all her glory bringing the Sun God's warmth and light to the lands, this is a good time to think about what each of us can do to bring light into the world. We all know that the world, from individuals to entire countries, is facing some tough times right with the economic crisis, the wars in Afganistan and Iraq, and the looming threat of terrorist acts. Sometimes something as simple as a smile can make a difference in the day of an individual struggling not only to live, but to survive. Random acts of kindness put that Light energy out into the world to counter some of the darkness. Love shared between families and friends is a powerful source of Light. Sending healing energies and thoughts to others whether they be individuals, groups, or the entire planet in general is an energizing way to spread Light throughout the world, When we are stressed, it is sometimes difficult to reach out with ourselves, our healing energies, but always remember that what you send out comes back to you threefold. Pagans have so many special skills that enable them to send and share their Light with others. Look for a way that suits you and your life, then follow the example of Spring and use that way to energize and nourish others. Your gift will make a difference.

- **Cathy Rankin, President, CST**



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CST Military Affairs

Our Mission: Bridging the gap between the local Pagan community and the military community, assisting military Pagans in obtaining religious services by sponsoring Distinctive Faith Group Leaders.

Letter from the Military Affairs Chairman, Rev. Marcus P. Rice:

Dear Readers,

Where should I begin describing what we have accomplished? It seems like the Military Affairs committee for CST was just started yesterday. In reality it was conceived about two years ago. Sometimes I feel as if we haven't accomplished much, but upon reflection and consideration for the time it actually takes to accomplish the things we have done, we have accomplished a lot.

One of the first things we accomplished was to get CST approved through the Army to sponsor Open Circles in Iraq. This was finalized around August 2007. We have since sponsored two circles in Iraq. Then around May 2008 we sponsored our first stateside circle in Fort Carson, Colorado.

Next with the help of the Military Pagan Network and quite a few emails to the Army Chief of Chaplains Office we got CST added to the Army Personnel Data Base in July 2008 so that now soldiers can put CST as their religious institution on their official military records, making CST the third Pagan religious organization to do so.

In January 2009 we started talking with the Soldier and Family Assistant Center (SFAC) on Fort Benning, Georgia, to see what we could do to help the wounded soldiers in the area. From that we have set some short-term and long-term goals as to what we can do to help. Currently we are setting up a program to loan soldiers and their families furniture. Some of the wounded soldiers are temporarily assigned to Fort Benning and are given housing but the housing is unfurnished. This is a financial strain on a family, especially if they are just going to be here for six months to a year. So to help take some of the burden off them, we plan on loaning them furniture. Thanks to Weathers Self Storage located right off I-185 and St. Marys Rd. in Columbus, Georgia, we have a place to store the furniture until a family needs it. Now the only problem is getting some furniture. We have already started collecting some but as word gets out I'm sure we will need more. If anyone wishes to donate some gently used furniture please contact me on our TreeTalk Yahoo group. If anyone wishes to make a financial donation towards our effort you can mail a check to the Church of the Spiral Tree, P.O. Box 8396, Columbus GA 31908. Just put Wounded Warriors in memo section in the bottom left hand corner of the check.

We are also accepting donations of books and other reading material for the SFAC's library, as well as any homemade goodies (soldiers love homemade cookies and treats!!!) for the single wounded warriors.

We are currently working on getting an Open Circle started on Fort Benning. One would think that a Circle on Fort Benning would have been the first one seeing how we are right on their doorstep, but that was not the case. One always seems to miss those things right in front of their faces when they are trying to see everything at the same time, until it is pointed out to them.

One of our long-term goals is set up transient/temporary housing for the families of wounded soldiers until the Army can get them some place to stay.

It may not look like a lot on paper here, but if you were see all the work and negotiations that it takes to accomplish these things you will realize that we have actually accomplished a lot in a relatively short amount of time. We will continue chipping away at this mountain until the path is cleared for those who come behind us.

**Rev. Marcus P. Rice
Chairman, Military Affairs
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Happenings

♄ The next GGG meeting will be held near the end of April. Please watch emails for date and time.

♄ The next Board of Directors' meeting will be held on Sunday, May 24, 2009 at Moondance near Carrollton, GA at 1:00 pm EDT. 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. To register for Moondance, please visit <http://www.faeriefaith.net/MDregister.form.html>. The current price is \$40 till May 1, and \$50 at the gate; however, a *limited number* of special discounts are available to CST members who will be showing up *just* for the meeting on Sunday for about a two-hour period. For more information on discounts, please email Linda at murgen@faeriefaith.net.

Circle of Life

♄ **Birthdays for March-May!**
Happy Birthday to the following special people:

Keith Allen Bracket (March 2)
Caitlin Cummings (March 3)
Joanie Thrasher (March 3)
John Kitchko (March 4)
Cliff Landis (March 11)
Steve Madden (March 15)
Patricia Greer-Middleton (March 22)
James Posey McDonald (March 22)
Siryn Dolphinson (March 22)
Bobby O'Neal Glover (March 29)
Timothy O'Brien (April 2)
Sig James Bryant (April 5)
James Leland Griffin Jr. (April 7)
Ronnie Antoine Hayes (April 29)
Marco Antonio Garcia (April 29)
Cathy Rankin (May 11)
Dirk Lee Davenport (May 14)
Kirsten Rice (May 14)
Thomas Marc Hoy (May 15)
Christopher John Spence (May 17)

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.

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.

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."



Minutes, Board of Directors' Meeting, February 15, 2009

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

Cathy Rankin, President; Stephen Bradford, Secretary/Treasurer; Paul Syck, Webmaster; Linda Kerr, Founder/Member at Large, and David Michael, CST member.

Minutes of last BoD Meeting held in December: It was unanimously agreed to waive reading the minutes of the last BoD Meeting, and accepted them as they were. Hard copies are available to those who want to read them.

1. New Business:

BOD Issues – Member at Large position will remain unfilled at this time. We are limiting this position to just a few for purposes that will be spelled out in our Policy and Procedures Manual.

Policies and Procedures – Cathy passed around a document that introduced the beginnings of our new policies and procedures manual with its table of contents. We discussed the Bylaws being changed to better show what our organization is doing and working with now. There is or will be copy of this listed on the Google docs very soon. We signed and approved CST's alcohol policy into effect.

Moondance Plans – We discussed Moondance plans and decided on having a booth on vendors' row and selling a few items and accepting membership applications. CST will setup their booth in the corner near "Satan" (the main outhouse) to help accommodate all those who wish to camp near there. We will be having a 50/50 Raffle for an Altar Box that we have on hand that was donated to us last year. Our BoD Meeting at Moondance will be a 1pm Sunday. This will be our general membership meeting. Cathy will be getting and bringing the food for the meeting. Stephen is to check with James and Rita about a 2 hour pass for BoD members to attend the meeting only on Sunday.

Base of Operations – We are looking at locations to start an office space or meeting area for CST to headquarter from. There a few places in the works.

PPC – There was talk of our membership issues with this group and nothing was decided. There was talk of the Yahoo group and how that was working out. We need to have a PPC chair because Paul doesn't have as much time as he did and Linda wants to move away from this project.

Military Affairs – We are now listed on Fort Benning's List of Chaplains handout. There has been a meeting for CST to start working with the Warrior Transition Unit to assist the Wounded Warriors on Ft. Benning such as furniture lending, temporary housing, and other needs. Supplies were sent to Rustamiyah in December 2008. Both Circles (Anaconda and Rustamiyah) are now defunct.

Ritual Announcements – Rituals need to be advertised to everyone possible by all means possible. These should be emailed and a Yahoo group formed just for announcements.

Website – Website page work will be handled by each group individually as they meet.

Grant Proposal – Cathy and Paul and Marcus are working on a few grants to submit to help wounded warriors stationed at Ft. Benning, and maybe even paying for a headquarters for CST.

2. Reports:

Stephen - Secretary-Treasurer

Budget – We have about \$1,300.00 in the account to last us until Sacred Grove tuition starts coming in during the summer. We decided that Stephen would get the tent in Valdosta and bring it to somewhere in Columbus area. This is to be done by Beltaine.

Online Store – This project has been postponed til later in the year due to the economy as it is now.

Membership – We are holding steady on our paying members. Our PPC members are growing exponentially. All paperwork and membership information should be forwarded to Stephen every *two* weeks so we are keeping up with our membership packages and all other information and work necessary for things to run smoothly in CST.

Inventory – Everyone is to make a list of what is where and send it to Stephen and post it on Google docs.

Office Supplies – Was going to make a list and order in bulk. Since the meeting it has been decided that it is not feasible to do so just yet.

Petty cash was dispersed and accounted for with receipts.

Paul - Pagan Prisoner Committee (PPC)

Sarah B. has volunteered to assist with the secretarial duties involved with the PPC. She has been doing a wonderful job. Her support has been invaluable and we are blessed to have her on the team.

Linda Kerr has been managing the PPC Yahoo Group for us. She too has been an amazing attribute to the team. Thank you, Linda and Sarah.

The PPC penpal program seems to be attracting more penpals which is wonderful because new letters from inmates are arriving weekly. Being a PPC penpal is an opportunity to touch someone's life and make it a little better. If you think you might have a few minutes now and then to write, please consider becoming a penpal. You can join the group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PaganPrisoners/>.

Patricia - Sacred Grove Academy

There are approximately 142 students enrolled as of March 31, 2009. (I have a few in my bag that I just got and have not processed yet). A total of \$525.00 has been received since December 14, 2008. No major problems other than my phone broke and the chip won't fit the replacement. Will get that back to Stephen and corrected. I have everything forwarded to my personal cell at the moment which is ok for right now.

Sacred Grove Academy is planning an End of the Year Potluck and Graduation Picnic for May 30, 2009 at Lagoon Park in Montgomery, AL. We have the shelter for all day and CST members are welcome to join us! If you would like to attend, please call me at (706) 393-6451 or email me at pgreermiddleton@yahoo.com homeschool@sacredgroveacademy.org. I just need to know how many people to expect. If anyone has any games they could donate, it would be appreciated (frisbees, connect four, trivia type games, taboo, boogle, pictionary, etc.)

Cathy - Ministers – Counseled need to have criteria for ministers; i.e., a credentialed organization maybe.

3. Quarterly Report from Groves:

Green Gate Grove

Activities for the last quarter included Imbolc Ritual held on January 31, 2009, Stitch-n-Bitch group met on February 8, 2009 to start work on Project Linus projects. All are invited to attend for crocheting or knitting fun or come and learn! A Valentines Day Party/Harry Potter Movie Nite was held on February 14, 2009 at Kim & Marcus' home. The Ostara Ritual was held on March 21 at Paul & Heidi's home. An Ostara egg hunt was held after the ritual and the very many children all seemed to have lots of noisy fun! We had a few new people at the Ostara Ritual and we would like to say welcome to our group and we hope you will join us again soon.

As of February 15, 2009, GGG has a budget balance of \$263.31. We had a balance of \$228.31 as of December 13, 2008 and a donation of \$35.00 was made in January. Donations were received in the amount of \$18.00 at the Ostara Ritual so we should have approximately \$281.31 although there may have been a few receipts turned in that I'm not aware of yet. Mona has the reports available to see.

Marcus is working hard to help establish an Open Circle on Fort Benning. He is a very valuable and active member of Green Gate Grove and I appreciate him very much!

Approximate total members of GGG is still 15.

Upcoming Events are a Ladies Only Adult Toy Party on April 3 at 6pm at April Blackburn's home. Contact me for address if you are interested in attending.

Merry We Meet Group is having a Potluck Picnic on April 19 at Cooper Creek. I am planning on attending and I am hoping some of our other members will attend also so we can meet new people and groups in our area.

I am still trying to get enough recipes together to make a recipe book worthwhile. If you have any you'd like to include please email them to me.

4. Other News and Notes:

- The next BOD meeting will be May 24, 2009 at Moondance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm EST.



“Altar Stone” by Ken Gatewood

What is the Faerie Faith?

by Linda Kerr

A lot of people have expressed curiosity about the Faerie Faith: what is it; is it the same as the Fairy Tradition of Starhawk; is it similar to the teachings of Victor Anderson and Francesca Dubie; is it what we've read about in the current crop of books on fairy wicca?

To all of the above, no, the Faerie Faith is not the same as any of these. There are many similarities, especially with Victor Anderson's tradition, but so far the southern brand of the Faerie Faith seems to be unique.

About the Faerie Faith

The Faerie Faith is both a belief system and a tradition. In its most basic form, it is a belief in, and almost a symbiotic relationship with, the Faerie Folk or Little People. This belief does not conflict with the following of other religions or traditions, any more than a child's belief in Santa Claus or the Tooth Fairy prevents that child from going to church each week and learning bible stories. Being thus a belief system, the Faerie Faith does not demand or need followers, or leaders, or rituals. It also does not have a pantheon of deities, such as Norse or Egyptian traditions do. The Celtic gods you may be familiar with, including Bridget, the Dagda, and Lugh, are actually Faerie Folk themselves, who have been elevated to the status of gods over the centuries by the Celtic peoples. These gods can be looked on as archetypes more than actual deities, but they are no more and no less real than the other Little People, the spirits of the earth, the nature spirits.

Over time, however, the Faerie Faith evolved from simply a belief system to a pagan tradition, complete with its own rituals, training, and initiatory system. It is still a very simple system, and can be practiced hand-in-hand with other traditions, if one so desires, or can be followed entirely by itself.

Our tenets:

There should be a sensitivity, a belief, of the spiritual reality behind what we refer to as "Nature."

There should be a sincere love of Earth Herself and a desire to communicate with Her other children.

There should be a belief in the individual life of this planet and a certainty that it permeates the whole world.

What Are the Lunar Tree Energies?

The main component of, and most unique thing about the Faerie Faith as a tradition are the energies of the year, and how these energies affect us. These energies can be correlated to the 13 lunar months of the Celtic Lunar Tree Calendar. These lunar months begin shortly after the Winter Solstice, and continue until the next Winter Solstice. Each of these lunations, the period from new moon to new moon, has a different energy, personality, or mood, and each of them have effects on us, whether we believe in them or not, whether we are Faerie Faith, Gardnerian, or

Christian. It doesn't matter what path we're on; the effects are real.

I cannot explain why there are energies to the different lunations of the year. There seems to be no physical reason for it that I can see. But they do exist, and their effects on us are quite real. We find validation for this system of energies in the Bach Flower remedies. In this system of healing, the 38 remedies are made from trees or other plants. Each remedy heals certain emotional states, such as despondency, resentment, jealousy, etc. What is most interesting about this system of healing is how many of the tree remedies correspond to the trees of the Celtic Lunar Tree Calendar and their energies. For instance, the Willow Bach Flower Remedy cures resentment, and during the Willow lunation, we tend to feel resentful. The Oak Remedy is for strength and endurance, for feeling tired, but still carrying on in spite of it all. The energies of Oak moon are strength and endurance. The Bach Flower Remedies thus contain the essence, or spirit, of the tree, and heal our negative emotional states.

Dr. Bach discovered his remedies by first feeling the negative emotional state, then going out to the plants and listening to them. His sensitivity was so highly attuned he could tell the energy of a plant and what it would cure simply by placing a leaf or flower petal of it on his tongue. Dr. Bach didn't invent these remedies; he simply discovered them and made use of them. He tapped into a system that already existed, and has probably existed since the earth was formed. We don't know why this system exists, only that it does.

We of the Faerie Faith study the different properties of these energies, and have developed an understanding of them and how they affect us in real life. We speak of the "mysteries" of the trees, and truly, they are mysteries, for they are not easily explained. There is no written information on them at all; the closest I have found are the books on the Bach Flower Remedies, and of course these only cover the 38 Remedies, and leave out several of the 13 lunar trees. Apart from this article that you are reading now, if you wanted to research the energies of the 13 lunar trees, you'd pretty much be out of luck. In the book on the Faerie Faith that I am writing, I've covered each of the 13 lunar trees from several angles, including physical description, food uses, medicinal properties, and folklore, Bach Flowers that correspond to the trees, the glyphs of the trees, and of course the energies of the trees. But you can only learn so much about the energies of the trees from reading about them. To fully understand them, they must be lived and experienced yearly. Each new cycle brings about a deeper understanding of the energies, and there is no substitute for personal training as a student under a High Priest or High Priestess of the Faerie Faith.

Other Aspects of the Faerie Faith

If the belief in the Little People can be looked on as one leg of a 3-legged stool, and the energies of the 13 lunar trees as another leg, then the Huna system would be the third leg. This is so important to a student's training in the Faerie Faith that we often require these be the first books read. Once you gain an understanding of this rather simple and very logical system, it can be applied to almost every aspect of your life. As there is currently a good bit of written information on this system, I won't cover it here, but rather will leave it to you to discover.

Other topics essential to a well-rounded education in the Faerie Faith include Jungian psychology, particularly the anima and animus, and bringing the two into balance in ourselves; dowsing and divining; earth energies and ley lines; Native American spirituality; women's mysteries and spirituality. We also place a strong emphasis on ethics and morality, as well as (or especially) personal transformation.

Origins of the Faerie Faith

Quite frankly, we're still trying to figure out the exact origins of our tradition. The version of our history, as told to Epona by Mark Roberts, was that he was given the mysteries of the Faerie Faith by Margaret Lumley Brown, and returned to the States to spread these teachings. Much of what Mark claimed has now been cast in doubt. Below is what we had been told by Mark, and below that is what we have been able to research and figure out on our own.

Mark Roberts' version:

Mark Roberts was in England in 1961, pursuing his interests in archaeology and studying with Thomas Maughan, Arch Druid of the Druid Order, when he met Margaret Lumley Brown at a 'social-metaphysical' gathering. Mark told Margaret that he had seminary training with the Methodists as a minister, been initiated in a New Orleans Coven, was in personal training with the Arch Druid, had married Valerie Melhuish, who was part of a Wiccan family trad in England. Margaret told Mark about the Faerie Faith, and he began visiting her at Chalice Hill Cottage, which had been Margaret and Dion Fortune's home. In 1963, he was given the Mysteries and the three prime lessons of the Faerie Faith, which were written by Margaret, and then taken through a ritual. Margaret then instructed Mark to take the Faerie Faith to the States. He returned to the U.S. and met Morgan McFarland, and initiated her into part of his background, but kept the Faerie Faith a secret until after he and Morgan separated.

The history as we have gotten it from other people:

In 1971, Morgan McFarland, in Dallas, TX, met Mark Roberts. He told Morgan that he had only practiced within a coven with his ex-wife, Valerie Melhuish, who had initiated him into her family tradition in England. Mark and Morgan began working together, and she became a very public Craft figure. They called their tradition Dianic, from a reference to "Dianic cults" in Margaret Murray's *The Witch Cult in Western Europe*. In the late summer of 1971, Morgan began for

the first time to write down her oral lessons, which she had gleaned from her years of solitary working prior to meeting Mark. Around 1976, Mark created a written, mail order series of lessons based on both Dianic lessons and Nature-oriented ideas, called "Footsteps on a Dianic Path." Mark Roberts served as High Priest for Morgan McFarland until early 1977, when Mark announced that he was moving on to another path called Hyperborea, which in turn begat Faerie Faith. Mark later claimed to have been learned about the Faerie Faith in 1963 in England from Margaret Lumley Brown. However, unlike the Melhuish Family Tradition, he had never mentioned the existence of this tradition to Morgan. (Morgan retired in the summer of 1979, but the Dianic Tradition she helped create is still in existence, having been re-named McFarland Dianic.)

Between 1977-1979, Mark had traveled to New York, and finally to Georgia, where in 1979, he met Epona in Atlanta. He initiated her into the path of Hyperborea, and gave her the teachings of the Faerie Faith (the three lessons supposedly written by Margaret Lumley Brown), the concept of Dianic witchcraft, and also the rituals that Morgan had written down starting in 1971 (Mark claimed to have practiced similar rituals when he was married to Valerie, but never showed any written Dianic or Melhuish rituals to Morgan). Mark and Epona worked together for two years, until their paths split over the vision of Hyperborea, but the teachings of the Faerie Faith fell on fertile ground with Epona. After Mark left Atlanta in 1981 to eventually move back to Dallas, Epona continued in her exploration of the Faerie Faith, developing greater insights into its mysteries.

The Garden Club

Epona stayed in Atlanta, and formed a coven called The Garden Club in 1987 (she had other students in the years between 1979 and 1987), whom she trained in the Faerie Faith tradition. With Epona as the High Priestess, the group had 6 other regular members for a period of about 5 years. After the Garden Club disbanded as a coven on Winter Solstice, 1992, the name The Garden Club became an umbrella/community name, encompassing both inner and outer court folks and other friends in Atlanta, GA and Auburn, AL.

Where Are We Now?

In 1991, I started teaching my own students, while still studying under Epona in The Garden Club in Atlanta. At Winter Solstice, 1992, I received my Fifth Solar; similar to other traditions' 3rd degree initiation; and became a Faerie Faith High Priestess. Over the years many students have come and gone. I have since "graduated," or given the Fifth Solar to, three of my students; the first at Summer Solstice 1999, who had students of his own long before he became a High Priest - we feel that there is no better way to learn than to teach, therefore it is our tradition that a senior student take on a student of his/her own when they feel ready, as I did in 1990. I gave the Fifth Solar to my most recent graduate at Winter Solstice 2008, and I expect to graduate my last student at Summer Solstice 2009.



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.

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 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.

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

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 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. 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, 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.



The Church of the Spiral Tree

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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: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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Board of Directors' Meetings:

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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	Manchester, GA (Rankin)
Lammas	August 1, 2009	GGG	Manchester, GA (Rankin)
Mabon	September 12 or 19, 2009	TBA	TBA
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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