



The Journey...



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

President's Point

Worldwide recession has hit each of us hard in very different ways. Not only has the financial situation in the world hurt many of us monetarily, but also mentally and emotionally. However, no matter what the mainstream believes, money is not life or power. Life is what you live, the lessons that you learn, whether you have money or not. The concept of money as the path to life and the source of power is now an endangered idea. True power is personal power, that which comes from within, as those of us who work with energy well know. During this time when the world is in constant and rapid flux, we must remember who and what we are. We are not defined by our social status or our financial riches. We are defined by how we use our personal power to make a difference in a world gone crazy with wars, financial disasters, poverty, suffering, and even genuine evil. You can make that difference in every life you touch in many subtle ways that you may not have even thought of. I know there have been days when I have been stressed and frustrated when all of a sudden a smile from a child or a happy hello from stranger has suddenly made me realize that life is about living, giving, celebrating, and rejoicing in spite of the painful lessons that come with it. Remember that for every destructive act, somewhere there are thousands of acts of random kindness and caring that maintain the balance. We are the ones responsible for continuing those random acts of kindness, for holding the line against the darkness with the light of our

higher selves. Arrogance makes mistakes and inevitably fails. Humbleness takes its time, remains quiet, and gets the job done. Let's get the job done and make a difference in a world that seems to be crazier everyday. Stand firm even when the crap of everyday life pelts you over and over again. You are a child of the Universe with energy beyond the power of the physical world. Use it to stand strong for yourself, for your friends, family, and all of life as we know it. Use it to stand strong for Mother Earth as she too endures the assaults of everyday life, mostly caused by humans with no vision, completely out of touch with their own higher selves. We are the line. We will hold it... together. From the song "Invincible" by Muse:

"During the struggle,
They will pull us down,
But please, please,
Let's use this chance to
Turn things around
And tonight we can truly say
Together we're invincible."

I listen to this song almost every day to remind me that I am not alone, that there are thousands upon thousands of us making a difference with random acts of kindness and love every minute of every day. So when the crap of everyday life starts to get to you, know you are not alone ...and look for that smile from someone that is meant just for you.

Love and Light,
- **Cathy Rankin, President, CST**

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Circle of Life

🌿 Birthdays for July-August-September! Happy Birthday to the following special people:

Sue Berleue (July 1)
James Buckley (July 2)
Patrick Hobbs (July 3)
Kevin Ginn (July 10)
Austin Gregory (July 15)
Rob Von Allmen (July 16)
Joshua Rice (July 18)
Elizabeth Farris (July 20)
Alicia Ginn (July 25)
Patrick Arocha (July 27)
Rowan Kerr (August 2)
Kim Rice (August 6)
Elizabeth Riley (August 7)
Matthew Padgett (August 9)
Ashley Berleue (August 11)
Aidan Ginn (August 13)
Angela Sellers (August 15)
Jennifer Gregory (August 22)
Christine Wheeler (September 5)
Aiden Gregory (September 7)
Neil Hajba (September 8)
Michael Syck (September 16)
Raivyn Ivy (September 18)
Tyler Rice (September 21)
Ethan Farris (September 23)
Timothy Alroth (September 25)
Liam Farmer-Alroth (September 27)

Newsletter Deadlines

Our newsletter, "The Journey," is an important outreach tool to our members; as such, we plan to get back on track with this quarterly newsletter. Publication dates and deadlines are as follows:

March 21 (deadline: March 1)
June 21 deadline: June 1)
September 21 (deadline: Sep 1)
December 21 (deadline: Dec 1)

Please note that these deadlines are **firm!** Any submissions received after these dates will be published in the following newsletter.

Our Board of Directors meetings are held around the cross-quarter days (Imbolc, Beltane, Lammas, Samhain), to allow updates and news from these meetings to be published in the next newsletter.

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 Ministry, which provides outreach to incarcerated members (on hold temporarily until funding improves), 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 Fall 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 September 1, 2010.

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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News Updates

PAGAN PRISON MINISTRY

In the last 12-18 months, our requests for membership from incarcerated Pagans has increased from less than 20 to 200+. As a result, changes have had to be made to the program. Unfortunately, it has taken time to get the program reorganized and functioning again. Some of the changes that have been made are listed below:

1. CST can no longer connect inmates with pen pals. With over 200 inmates on our mailing list, this is just impossible to do. Also, though we at CST realize that most of the inmates contacting us are sincere about their interest in the pagan paths and their personal spirituality, there could be legal ramifications that could occur between pen pals sponsored by CST and our inmate members.
2. Many of the correctional centers do not allow inmates to have membership cards. Also due to the fact that CST has also been affected by the recession, postage has become an issue. Therefore, we are unable to mail membership cards at this time. We were trying to mail a postcard letting each inmate know that he has been added to the mailing list but that too has become a problem since the program does not have clerical staff to keep up with the mailing.
3. CST cannot provide pagan books, CDs, or DVDs to individual inmates. There are no funds for this project right now. However, upon request by the prison chaplain, we will do the best we can to provide materials that are donated for this ministry. Several publishers and CD/DVD producers have been contacted requesting donations for this ministry but we have not yet had any responses. Since this has been started rather recently, there may not have been adequate time to expect an answer but rest assured that we will persist in trying to find appropriate pagan material to provide to the prison libraries as much as possible.
4. The only person that has been maintaining the ministry for the past year has been the CST president who also works full time along with other CST responsibilities and family responsibilities. This has caused long delays in being able to reply to the huge volume of letters that we have been receiving. As the PPM chaplain, Rev. Cathy Rankin is working very hard to keep this program going. Your letters of appreciation for the items we have been able to send have been an inspiration to continue the Pagan Prison Ministry.
5. CST now has a volunteer to submit rituals that do not require tools for each of our quarterly newsletters since many institutions do not allow the standard tools that are used for pagan rituals. We hope that you find them helpful.
6. CST has also added the chaplains that have contacted us on behalf of their inmates to our mailing list so they too will have an idea of what CST is about and how we may be of service to our

incarcerated members. We hope to eventually have all the chaplains for each of the institutions on our mailing list but again, gathering and organizing information takes time. Hopefully, we will get a reliable volunteer to help manage the clerical aspect of the PPM.

7. Reverend Cathy Rankin plans to look for and apply for grants to fund this ministry but applying for grants is very time consuming as every T must be crossed and every requirement met. Wish us luck because if we can do this, then we will be in a much better position to provide books to the prison libraries and send Sabbat and possibly even birthday cards to our inmate members.

CST does apologize for the delays and inconveniences over the past year but please understand that we do consider this program very important and we are doing everything we can to keep it going. Some of the letters from inmates have been very touching in thanking us for what little we have been able to do. Hopefully, we will get more funding and someone to help manage the clerical portion of the program in the future. Until then, please bear with us and know that CST has not forgotten you.

MILITARY AFFAIRS MINISTRY

Our CST Military Affairs Chaplain, Reverend Marcus Rice has spent most of the past year processing out of the U.S. Army on a medical retirement then moving his family to their home state of Arkansas. If you are interested in becoming a DFGL and starting a DFG, there are instructions how to do so on our website www.spiraltree.org. If you have any questions or problems, please contact CST by telephone (706) 570-1017 or email cst@spiraltree.org or at PO Box 8396, Columbus, GA 31908.

Also, our local liaison for Fort Benning was recently transferred to Fort Bliss on very short notice so we are still looking for someone to assume his responsibilities. We try to focus on providing support for our Wounded Warriors Battalion at Ft. Benning. Due to not having a liaison, CST has not been able to do nearly as much as we want with this program. Hopefully, by the next newsletter, this problem will be resolved.

GROVES

Green Gate Grove: Based in Columbus, GA, GGG is the home grove for CST. GGG has sponsored all the sabbat rituals and several full moon rituals so far this year. Patricia Middleton resigned as president due to overwhelming responsibilities with family and managing Sacred Grove Academy. Alicia Ginn, former Vice President has now accepted the responsibilities of being President and doing a great job. The office of Vice President remains open for the time being. There is currently \$317 in their budget.

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News Updates (continued)

Sacred Tribe of Ancient Roots: Based in Camilla, GA, S.T.A.R. is hosting the Pagan Family Reunion (PFR) in November. Silyn Dolphinson is the president; Stephen Bradford is the vice-president; and Niki Cross is the secretary/treasurer.

FUNDRAISERS

CST is currently sponsoring a fundraiser for our building fund. A handmade Zen coffee table will be raffled off with the drawing being held at Moondance 2011. The table will be on display variously at Bio-Buzz in Albany, GA, at DreamScapes in Auburn, AL, and Cosmic ConneXion in Kennesaw, GA. The table is hand-carved by Hans Brandt. It comes with a handmade rake and spade, five rocks with each representing one of the five Chinese elements, and sand to be added once it finds a home. Pictures of the table and details of how to purchase raffle tickets are posted on our website www.spiraltree.org. If you win and are not present at Moondance 2011, you will need to plan to pick up your table at BioBuzz, Dreamscapes, or Moondance unless you make other arrangements with one of the Board of Directors officers. Tickets are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. If you purchase a ticket by check or money order, please note on it that it is for table raffle. You can also purchase tickets online through Paypal and at Bio-Buzz, DreamScapes, or Cosmic ConneXions, and at any CST event including at the CST booth at the festivals Fall Fling, Pagan Family Reunion, and Moondance.

CST has been given the honor of continuing the tradition of Earthdance, a spiritual gathering for pagans of all paths in the tradition of its founder and pagan elder Stormy. Plans are currently to hold the gathering for Mabon in the fall of 2011. Linda Kerr is the coordinator for this event. More information will be posted on our website www.spiraltree.org as plans for the event are confirmed. Hope to see you all there.

Cathy Rankin is also offering attunements in Usui Reiki and Lightarian Reiki for a donation to CST. She also will officiate weddings and handfastings for a donation to CST. 100% of donations goes to the CST building fund. Cathy hopes to have a Reiki Workshop in the near future. Details will be announced on the CST website www.spiraltree.org. You can also contact Cathy about attunements at 706-570-1017. Please understand that Cathy also works full time so if she is unable to answer your call, please leave a message and she will return your call at her first opportunity.

At all CST events, we are collecting aluminum cans to recycle as a fundraiser and to honor Mother Earth as a way of protecting the environment. If you also collect cans and wish to donate to CST, then bring your cans to any CST event for recycling. We also welcome any monetary contributions that you may want to send by selling the cans in your area and forwarding the proceeds to CST. If you do so, please note if you are requesting a tax exempt form for your contribution.

SACRED GROVE ACADEMY

Sacred Grove Academy is a cover school in Alabama sponsored by CST for those parents in that state who wish to home school their children in through an open minded religious organization. You can contact Patricia Middleton, our home school director, on Sacred Grove's website, www.sacredgroveacademy.org, or by phone at (229) 669-5991. Patricia also works full time so if you call her during the day, please leave a message and she will return your call as soon as possible.

Social Networking!

In addition to CST's website, www.spiraltree.org, you can also keep up with CST happenings in several places on the Internet.

Yahoogroups:

CSTevents is a moderated, announcement-only group where we post notices about upcoming rituals and other special events.

TreeTalk is an un-moderated chat group for CST and community members to talk and share wisdom and knowledge.

CSTministers is a moderated group strictly for those who are ordained ministers through CST, to help with address changes, and provide a forum for ministers to post questions or information related to their ministry

Facebook:

We also post notices of upcoming rituals and other events on our Facebook page.

<www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/Columbus-GA/Church-of-the-Spiral-Tree/81596562207>

Twitter:

The Facebook page is linked to Twitter, so if this is your preferred medium, you can keep up with our activity here!

<<https://twitter.com/SpiralTreeCST>>

MySpace:

Finally, we have our MySpace page. We don't post information about upcoming rituals or events here, but we do have current information about CST here, as well as providing a way for people who are interested in CST to connect with each other.

<<http://www.myspace.com/churchofthespiraltree>>

CST Calendar:

Church of the Spiral Tree welcomes church members, beginners, newcomers, solitaries, and anyone else interested in participating in rituals honoring the Sabbats and new & full moons. You need no experience or knowledge to participate, but we do request you come with an open mind and heart, and show respect for your fellow participants. Email us for directions. We share a potluck dinner after each ritual, so those who come are asked to bring some type of food to share.

Please wear something comfortable and appropriate for outdoors. Ritual robes are welcome but not necessary. Children of all ages are welcome. Donations to the Church are entirely optional but appreciated.

Note: the schedule below is subject to change! Firmer times and locations of all rituals will be available closer to the date of the ritual.

2010

Full Moon: July 24, Cathy & David's house, Manchester, GA, 7:00 pm Eastern. You may show up as early as 2:00 pm for swimming; potluck will be at 5:00 pm. The emphasis for this ritual will be on healing.

Lammas: August 7 Cathy & David's house, Manchester, GA, 7:00 pm Eastern. You may show up as early as 2:00 pm for swimming; potluck will be at 5:00 pm.

Full Moon: August 21 - Location & time TBA.

Mabon: September 18 - Location & time TBA.

Full Moon: September 25 - Location & time TBA.

Full Moon: October 23 - Location & time TBA.

Samhain: October 30 - Location & time TBA.

Full Moon: November 20 - Location & time TBA.

Yule & Full Moon: December 18 - Location & time TBA.

New Year's Eve Party & Ritual: December 31 - Location & time TBA.

For info on any of the above, email Cathy at <cathycst@yahoo.com>.

Upcoming Festivals (Not CST events):

- FallFling Oct 14-17, 2010 Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA
<http://www.faeriefaith.net/FallFling.html>
- PFR Nov 19-21, 2010 S.T.A.R. Retreat, Camilla, GA
<http://www.bio-buzz.com/PFR>
- Moondance May 26-30, 2011 Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA
<http://www.faeriefaith.net/Moondance.html>
- Earthdance Sep 9-11, 2011 Kolomoki Mounds, Blakely, GA

For info on any of the above, email Linda Kerr at <murgen@faeriefaith.net>

Forever, But Never Again

by Jenna Boxley

Ichigo, ichi-e is a Japanese phrase that translates to "one time, one meeting." It's a concept linked with Zen Buddhism transience and martial arts as well as Japanese tea ceremonies. It is often used to remind students of each that each meeting is different and never happens the same way twice; Westerners know this concept as "once in a lifetime."

This is a concept that should play an important role in our daily lives, to value each moment we experience, even the things that we might take for granted. We never know how things will change in our lives, or when our individual paths in life may end so we should respect one another and ourselves and honor each moment as if it were a once-in-a-lifetime meeting, because it is. The elements may be familiar, but not exactly the same.

Even performing an action that has become routine, we should strive to be completely present in every situation. For example: buying toilet paper at your local department store. Most of us are attached to a particular brand and buy it at the same store. In between purchases, you have changed in some way. We are never the same from one day to the next; we may perform the same motions, but we age, ever so subtly, and therefore we change.

As a friend to someone who recently found out she was faced with the news that she will eventually lose her hearing in one, possibly both ears, I was forced to face the realization that I had, yet again, been taking too much for granted. Treasure everything you do because it will never happen the same way twice. You will have the memory forever, but never have that moment again.



No-Tools Lammass Ritual

by FaerieDragon

This is the beginning of the harvest season, a “start” of the end, which will lead to a new beginning. Cast your circle, call the elements, and evoke the Gods and Goddesses, then begin the ritual.

“The wheel of the Year forever turns.
As each day passes, shorter than the last,
May I be reminded of the seasons that have passed
Dark to light, light to dark.
Each season passes with lessons learned.”

“We plant with love, tend with respect.
And at Harvest time our fields reflect
The bounty of our Mother Earth,
Ripened by our Father Sun.”

“On this day we honor the beginning of the harvest, the first fruits of the grain. It is time to be thankful for the gifts of life we are receiving. The grain that is being harvested now will nourish our bodies and help us to sustain life over the long winter ahead.”

“It is a basic part of life that some things must die so that others may live. The taking of life, even that of the grain, is a sacrificial act that should be surrounded with much awe, thanks, and praise. Life is never to be taken lightly. Life and death form an endless cycle. This time of the year is the beginning of the end of this year’s cycle. This is a time of transformation.”

On a sheet of paper write down changes you want to make in your life, what negatives you want to get rid of.

On another sheet write what positives you want to bring into your life.

“I must open myself to change.
To do so,
I must abandon my faults,
Refresh and vitalize the body and spirit,
And embrace growth as I prepare for what is to become;
For what the future holds,
Yet for me to grow it is necessary for a part of me to die.”

The sheet of paper that you write the stuff on you want to get rid of, dispose of this and in your mind see all that you want to get rid of leaving you so the new can come in.

“Even as the baker takes the grain and transforms it through her work and the heat of her hearth, so must we take the harvest of our year and transform it by our work and our energy into that which will carry us through the coming winter.”

“We are upon the first harvest. A time when the fruits of our hard work are around us. Nature sacrifices its fruits so we may survive. It is also the time when the sun God prepares for his death, I ask that his sacrifice helps me to understand and accept the sacrifices I must make in my own life.”

“Rising early, setting late;
Now that He has supplied the warmth and light
For the good of the Earth
He knows that His death is drawing near.
But this secret He understands,
That with the turning of the wheel,
His rebirth has been planned.”

“Now as the Moon goddess power grows, I ask that she whispers her secrets and magick on the night winds, so that I can hear and use her wisdom wisely.”

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No-Tools Lammas Ritual (continued)

“All things have their season.
Again the wheel has turned and brought us
To the season of the first Harvest.
A time to think about sacrifices and hope reborn,
A time to reflect on what we have sown,
A time to gather our memories,
And from those lessons that we have learned,
We plan for the future.”

I share in the fruits of the First Harvest, so that I might share the wisdom it offers. Goddess of the Moon, Mother of All, God of the Sun, Father to All, I thank you for that which you've given me. May I always remember 'harm none,' and may all that I do be in reverence of you.”

With the sheet that has the things you want in your life, put it where you can see it and read it every day as an affirmation. In doing this you are manifesting this into your life.

“Out of the death of this small part of me, life begins anew.”

Thank the elements and Gods and Goddesses for supporting you and close your circle.

The fruit can also represent goals or things we want in your life. I know Lammas is about the first harvest for the year but that harvest can also be goals and changes you set before. While reading this in your mind visualize the the harvest and goals you want, also seeing the negative you don't want leaving.



Raffle!

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Contacts:

You get a free contact 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.

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Revs. James & Rita Middleton: Known as Papa James & Mama Rita. James is ordained under the ULC, does all rites of passage and closed circles, is based out of Dragon Hills Retreat in Bowdon, GA, a spiritual place that offers a safe haven. No event is too small or too big. 770-258-0863 or drdjmjmid@aol.com.

Jeremy: I am a 2nd Degree self-initiated Celtic Witch. I am starting up The Blue Water Pagan Grove. If you are in the area of Sanilac County and St. Clair County in Michigan, call 810-937-7868.

Nora "Kat" Blansett: 4544 Hwy 1 RR # 2, Three Mile Plains, Windsor, Nova Scotia, Canada B0N 2T0.

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.

Sacred Earth (Maka Wakan):
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Siryndolphinsong: An intuitive reader who does Chirognomy 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@yahoo.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. Slappeg Blvd., Albany, GA 31701, (229) 438-5878, email: bretonwitch@yahoo.com.

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offer ongoing classes, workshops and various teachings. Bio-Buzz is also the home of Albany Pagans and the Magickal Mystery Tour, which is an ongoing discussion of anything metaphysical and spiritual related topics. I offer these services and classes with help from the community at my other store in Auburn, AL called DreamScapes, our second location of metaphysics and spiritual supplies galore. Look for me in the Panhandle of Florida and North Georgia quite often too! Stephen A. Bradford, 612 N. Slappeg Blvd., Albany GA 31701, (229) 438-5878 or (229) 395-0963. Email: tyernan2003@yahoo.com.

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Membership Drive

For the month of August, CST will hold a membership drive! Our one-year individual memberships, regularly \$20/year, will instead be \$12/year. Our one-year family memberships, normally \$35/year, will be just \$20/year. Our two- and three-year memberships, and other types of memberships, will remain the regular price. We've included a membership form in this issue for your convenience; don't let this chance pass you by!

The Church of the Spiral Tree

Membership Drive Form, good during August 2010 only!

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!**

Our most popular memberships, with varying lengths:

Individual _____ \$12 1Year; _____ \$35 2 Years; _____ \$45 3 Years

Family (includes kids; all family members must be immediate family only, living at same address)

_____ \$20 1Year; _____ \$60 2 Years; _____ \$80 3 Years

Other membership options, all one year long:

_____ \$15 Student/Poor Person/Youth (under 18) (please attach a short note demonstrating financial need OR be sure parent or guardian signs above)

_____ \$50 Sustaining Member (receives all benefits plus our undying thanks)

_____ \$100 Contributing Member (receives all benefits, our eternal thanks, and a listing in the newsletter once/year)

_____ \$200 Patron(ess) Member (receives all benefits, our everlasting gratitude, a yearly listing in the newsletter, and a certificate)

Lifetime memberships (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)

_____ \$400 Individual _____ \$500 Family

OTHER: _____ Donation to CST: (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:

Amount of payment: _____ Date payment received: _____ Received by: _____

Method of payment: _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Money Order _____ PayPal _____ Date Card/New Member Pkt issued: _____

Expiration: _____ Notes: _____

Board of Directors' Meetings:

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

Important Dates for 2010:

<i>RITUAL</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>SPONSOR</i>	<i>LOCATION (HOST)</i>
Full Moon	July 24, 2010	GGG	Manchester, GA (Rankin)
Lammas	August 7, 2010	GGG	Manchester, GA (Rankin)
Full Moon	August 21, 2010	TBA	TBA
Mabon	September 18, 2010	TBA	TBA
Full Moon	September 25, 2010	TBA	TBA
Full Moon	October 23, 2010	TBA	TBA
Samhain	October 30, 2010	TBA	TBA
Full Moon	November 20, 2010	TBA	TBA
Yule & Full Moon	December 18, 2010	TBA	TBA
New Year's Eve	December 31, 2010	TBA	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 Military Affairs Committee, providing 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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