



The Journey...



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

President's Point

As the calendar year ends, I have been reflecting back on the progress of CST over the past year. This past year has been extremely difficult for CST and me. We lost a lot of CST officers and grove officers in management positions due to drastic changes in their life situations. They are all still members of CST but were unable to continue in their role as officers due to illnesses, military transfers, job demands, and other extenuating life situations. Then the calvary arrived. Linda Kerr, founder of CST, and honestly the most organized, efficient woman on the planet, agreed to accept the position of administrative assistant to the Board of Directors. Linda's contribution was vital to Stephen Bradford, our secretary treasurer, and me because we were literally buried under trying to manage everything with just the two of us. There just was not enough time in the day to do earn a living at our jobs and manage all the CST programs that needed our attention, not to mention family responsibilities as well.

Since then, some other very capable and appreciated members have agreed to fill our vacant positions. Joy Brown-Newsome has been elected as a member at large. Joy has managed events such as the full moon lodges and fundraisers. Jonathan Medley, our other new member at large, is reviving the Pagan Prisoner Ministry and is now acting chaplain over that program. Green Gate Grove has new leaders with Lynn Bishop and Taavi Kellet that have really stepped up to the plate and taken over the home grove responsibilities, thus relieving me

to finally be able to focus on my job to build CST as a national organization. I am finally able to start working on fundraisers for a building fund so CST can have a physical base of operation for which our rapid growth spurt has created a need. I, also, will now have the time and energy to explore the possibility that some of our programs may qualify for grant funds.

Our membership is increasing at a steady pace. We now have three operational groves with the welcome addition of our newest grove, Dragon Hills Grove. The Blue Water Grove in Michigan is working very hard to be able to apply for official grove status at the beginning of 2011 so let us all wish them luck and send them energy and encouragement to succeed. CST officers are networking with other organizations more than ever to help expand the unity of all pagan communities. There are still some areas that need some revitalization such as our Military Affairs program. The chaplain in charge has retired and moved to another state thus he has been busy getting his family settled, finding and working new employment and dealing with all that comes with such major life changes. My hope is that he will be able to resume his duties in the near future as he did an awesome job with establishing the entire program. CST still needs a liaison for Fort Benning, GA that can work with providing support for our wounded soldiers in the local WTB unit. As seems to have happened with all the other needed positions,

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Member-at-Large	<i>Jonathan Medley</i>

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President's Point (cont.)

Minutes of CST's Annual Membership Meeting, October 16, 2010

I honestly believe that the right person will show up at the right time. Meanwhile, I must express my eternal thanks to each and every one of you that have contributed either by accepting responsibility as an officer or by contributing to rituals and other CST events. Our officers may be our backbone but our members are our limbs that make getting things done possible. The changes over the past year have made CST stronger and more able to fulfill the mission of expanding an opportunity for pagans of all paths to find a home and connections to other like minded individuals, thereby contributing to the unity and stability of the entire pagan community.

CST has lots of plans for expansion and growth into the new year, 2011. CST will be hosting a Pagan Pride Day and our first ever pagan gathering, Earthdance, in honor of one of our elders, Stormy, whose life touched so many of us in so many wonderful ways. There are some other programs that are formulating on the back burner so be sure to tune into our next newsletter, our facebook page, our website (www.spiraltree.org) and our Yahoo Groups for updates and new information.

I am so honored to humbly serve Church of the Spiral Tree and all its members and affiliates.

Love and Light,

- **Cathy Rankin, President, CST**

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The meeting was held at FallFling, Dragon Hills, Georgia at 12:00 pm Eastern. Attending: Cathy Rankin, Stephen Bradford, Linda Kerr, Joy Brown-Newsome, Lana Sizemore, Lee Mikovitz, Don Mikovitz, Cynthia Jurkovic, Faron Brewer, Sandy Nicholls, Jamie Marcus, David Michael.

All officers listed on the ballot were unanimously voted in, by both mail-in and in-person votes. Cathy Rankin - president; Linda Kerr - vice-president; Stephen Bradford - secretary/treasurer; Joy Brown-Newsome - member-at-large (1); Jonathan Medley - member-at-large (2).

All proposed changes to the By-Laws were unanimously approved, by both mail-in and in-person votes.

There was a discussion of rules and policies of CST. All CST policies will be put on the website before the end of this year.

We have a grove forming in Michigan. Also getting new grove based at Dragon Hills. Green Gate Grove (GGG) in Columbus now has Lynn Bishop as president pro-tem, Mona Crawford as treasurer, and vice president and secretary/treasurer positions both still open.

The CST Samhain ritual sponsored by GGG will be held Sunday, October 31, rather than Saturday.

There was discussion of grove policies. One policy is that if groves have a fundraiser, they must donate 25% of the proceeds to CST. All groves must fill out reporting form and send them in quarterly. If groves do not adhere to report form policy and pay next year's dues by December 31, they will be considered inactive.

Our next BoD meeting is Sunday, November 7, at Linda's house in Auburn at 3:00 pm (Central time). All CST members are invited to attend in a non-voting capacity. Input is always welcome.

We can list notices of any grove events on the CST website, and also on our TreeTalk Yahoogroup. Send all info to Linda, and she will put it out to the proper channels.

Cathy wants to start a CST store, to help with the building fund. CST currently has a building fund and a community relief fund. We need money for each. Cynthia suggested a committee be formed for fundraising. Jonathan has some ideas for fundraising. We are also currently collecting printer cartridges; we get money for each of these. Stephen suggested we use any funds from grove fundraisers for community relief funds.

There was a discussion of sending newsletters to prisoners, and about the Pagan Prisoner Ministry. We are still trying to think of ways to either raise funds for this program, or send newsletters via email to save money.

CST currently has 77 members, not including minors.

We need to get some new CST t-shirts printed.

Next year CST is hosting Earthdance at Kolomoki Mounds State Park, in Blakely, Georgia. It will be the third weekend of September. Carol Lynn, Stormy's daughter (Stormy used to run Earthdance) has given us permission to use the name and format. Our annual membership meetings will be held there from then on.

CST plans to hold Pagan Pride Day in Columbus next year, possibly on or near Lammas.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm Eastern.

Circle of Life

🌿 Birthdays for January-February-March! Happy Birthday to the following special people:

Angela Ragsdale (January 1)
Debra Smith (January 10)
Charles Sizemore (January 19)
Donovan Alan Smith (January 19)
Jennifer Riley-Ivy (January 25)
Jacob Carroll (February 2)
Jenna Boxley (February 4)
Jesse Greer-Norman (February 5)
Danielle Carroll (February 8)
Michael Coffee (February 13)
Catherine Riley (February 25)
Johnna Arocha (February 25)
Rowan Coffee (February 27)
Joanie Thrasher (March 3)
Jeremy Farris (March 5)
Athena Rane Diverson (March 6)
Brian Smith (March 6)
Evelyn Farmer-Alroth (March 6)
Cliff Landis (March 11)
Cathy Rankin (March 11)
Carlos Hobbs (March 21)
Siryndolphinsong (March 22)
Pat Greer-Middleton (March 22)
Jacob Privett (March 25)

Newsletter Deadlines

Our newsletter, "The Journey," is an important outreach tool to our members; as such, CST is committed to publishing this newsletter on a regular quarterly basis. 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 Yule edition of "The Journey," please email your info to Linda Kerr at info@spiraltree.org, or mail to CST, P.O. Box 8396, Columbus, GA, 31908, no later than March 1, 2011.

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 \$50.00, and you must be a current paid member and must have been a paid member for at least one year prior to applying for ordination. 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."

Yule Thoughts

by Rev. Jonathan Medley, PPM Chaplain

Here we are again, time for the Holidays! We have so many packed into this short time. We have Channukah, Yule, winter solstice, Christmas, and New Years, but what is this time really about? Many of us get caught up with spending time with friends and family, and we neglect the meaning of it all.

The winter solstice is the longest night of the year. As I was pondering on what to write on, I spoke to a friend, whom reminded me of this fact. I began to think even harder, "Why is it that Yule and the winter solstice fall right there together?" I felt strongly that as we are awaiting the 'birthing' of something in our life, weather it be a job, a promotion, a car, that we need to do some introspection. What are we portraying to the world around us? Are we being good people? If we want good to come to us in our life, we need to put good into the universe.

During this time, we need to remember those who are less fortunate than us also. Maybe you would want to volunteer at a soup kitchen, or become a pen pal to a member of our Pagan Prisoner Ministry, maybe donate some candles or even money to CST. What do you want? If you want something good to come to you in life, you have to put it out in the universe. Like the little saying goes, "You reap what you sow!"

Until next time, Blessed Be!

Raffle

CST is sponsoring a fundraiser for our building fund by raffling off a handmade Zen coffee table, with the drawing to be 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. Photos and purchase details 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 one of the display locations 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 ConneXion, and in person at any CST ritual or event including at the CST booth at the festivals Pagan Family Reunion and Moondance.



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.

CST_PaganPrisonerMinistry is a moderated group for those who are interested in writing incarcerated Pagans as pen-pals. Members must be 21 years of age or older.

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>>



A Children's Yule Story

Story and Illustrations by Malia Farris

In my family, we celebrate Yule.
Yule is the Winter solstice.
That is when night time is longest.

Celtic stories say that on this day, the Oak King and the Holly King fight.



The Holly King Looks a lot like Santa Clause.
He is the King of the winter time.

The Oak King looks like the Green Man.
He is the King of the summer time.



The Oak King wins the fight.



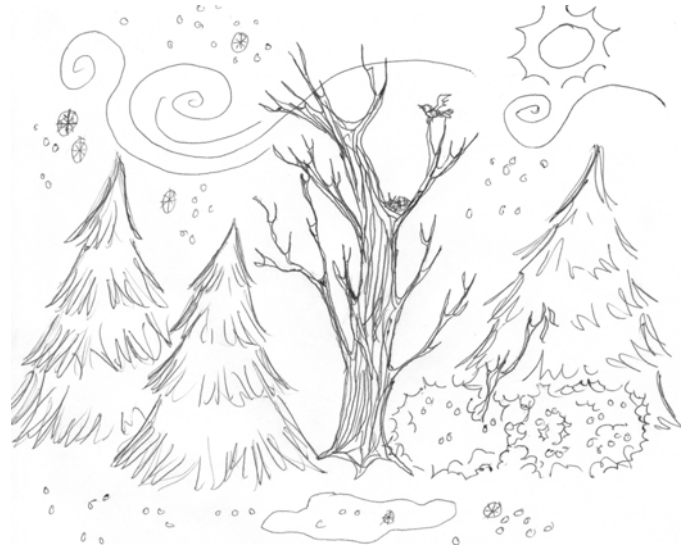
Now, night time gets shorter and day time gets longer.



It is an old Celtic tradition to decorate our houses with branches of Holly and other evergreens during this time of year.

This is supposed to keep out evil and bring luck.

Evergreens are lucky, because they are still green when the leaves have fallen off all of the other trees.



Yule is a time of celebration and feasting, because the sun is coming back.

We like to decorate evergreen trees and give each other gifts too.

It is just like Christmas at our house.

We just do it on a different day.



CST Calendar:

Church of the Spiral Tree welcomes church members, beginners, newcomers, solitaires, 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 Lodge: December 18 - Hosted by People of the Sacred Earth, Salem, AL., 2:00 pm Eastern. For more info or directions, call Joy at (706) 333-9920, or Jerry at (706) 254-1084.

2011

BoD Meeting: January 16 - Auburn, AL. 2:00 pm Central time, Linda's house, Auburn, AL. All members are invited to attend in a non-voting capacity.

January 19 - Full moon ritual, 7:00 pm Eastern, at Dragon Hills. Hosted by Dragon Hills Grove. Potluck afterwards.

February 5 - Imbolc ritual & Cathy Rankin's croning ceremony, class on saging. Hosted by Green Gate Grove. Time & location TBA.

February 18 - Full moon ritual, 7:00 pm Eastern, at Dragon Hills. Hosted by Dragon Hills Grove. Potluck afterwards.

March 19 - Ostara ritual. Hosted by Green Gate Grove. Time, class & location TBA.

March 19 - Full moon ritual, 7:00 pm Eastern, at Dragon Hills. Hosted by Dragon Hills Grove. Potluck afterwards.

April 18 - Full moon ritual, 7:00 pm Eastern, at Dragon Hills. Hosted by Dragon Hills Grove. Potluck afterwards.

May 1 - Beltane ritual. Hosted by Green Gate Grove. Time, class & location TBA.

Earthdance: September 9-11 - Kolomoki Mounds, Blakely, GA. Official CST festival.

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

Upcoming Festivals (Not CST events):

PFR - April 29-May 1, S.T.A.R. Retreat, Camilla, GA, <http://www.bio-buzz.com/PFR>

Old Earth Gather Beltaine - May 5-8, Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA, <http://www.oldearthgather.com/>

Moondance - May 26-30, Dragon Hills, Carrollton, GA, <http://www.faeriefaith.net/Moondance.html>

For a full listing of Pagan festivals, please visit: <http://www.faeriefaith.net/festival.list.html>

Perfecting the Japanese Tea Ceremony by Jenna Boxley

When initially researching the subject, all of the writings from ancient tea masters said that it takes years to perfect even the most basic form of tea ceremony. After having the privilege of being the teishu, or host, for one outdoor and one indoor ceremony now, I both agree and disagree with that philosophy.

The performance of a tea ceremony reminds me of what I would imagine a kata in martial arts to be, a specific form where each movement is precise, each phrase calculated and uttered at just the right time to enhance rather than distract from the peaceful atmosphere. While I would by no means call my first two performances perfect, there is a certain peace in the knowledge that each was significant and not quite the same as the other.

Rather than focus on what I thought I could improve upon during the performance of either ceremony, I allowed a calm sense of just being to envelop me while I enjoyed moving from one specific part of the ceremony to the next. And here is why I disagree with some of the ancient tea masters' writings: While I believe that we should, in all aspects of life, strive to do our best, I do not think that the tea ceremony is about achieving absolute perfection. I feel that it is about enjoying the atmosphere, the company, and the service or receiving thereof. I feel that it is about enjoying the calm, meditative atmosphere created by feeding off of one another's energies.

Tea ceremonies, like life, are not meant to be perfected or have their secrets laid bare—only enjoyed and lived to the fullest.



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:
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Dr. Katharyn Privett-Duren:
dr_privett@yahoo.com.

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.

Rev. Rowen Greenwolf: I am a 2nd Degree self-initiated Celtic Witch. I also serve as Ritual Priest and Grove Steward for the Bluewater Pagan Grove in Port Huron, MI. I am an active member and ordained with CST. (810) 689-7074.

Siryndolphinsong-Bradford:
Siryndolphinsong can be reached at her new store Cosmic ConneXion in Kennesaw, GA, where we have a vast array of metaphysical and root-working supplies. Also offering in-depth classes, workshops, and seminars, at some of which Siryndolphinsong shares different topics on the many paths she has traveled, and the specific tools she utilizes today. She is available as a speaker at other venues on request. Siryndolphinsong is an intuitive reader who offers Tarot, Aura, and Obi (shell) readings, and in-depth palmistry at the store, and has other readers available. She is a Usui Reiki Master/Teacher with Lightarian incorporating crystal healing, chakra cleansing, pendulum clearing/balancing, guided meditation, energy work, lfa based root work, and spiritual/healing advisement. Her work as a minister includes all rites, most rituals, and she is willing to travel. Siryndolphinsong is founder of the CST grove S.T.A.R. (Sacred Tribe of Ancient Roots), and creator of the Pagan Family Reunion (PFR). Siryndolphinsong can be reached at Cosmic ConneXion, located at 3600 Cherokee St. Suite #113, Kennesaw, GA 30144; (770) 919-9193, and has a Yahoo group, a Facebook page, and currently working on a website, www.Cosmic-ConneXion.net. The store is affiliated with Bio-Buzz and Dreamscapes, owned by her husband Stephen Bradford. Siryndolphinsong commutes but primarily resides in Cartersville, GA where she also offers classes. She can be reached at (229) 395-9718, la.siryndolphinsong@yahoo.com, or cosmicconnexion@yahoo.com.

Sacred Earth (Maka Wakan):
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Stephen Bradford, aka Tyernan WaterOak: An intuitive medium and natural healer. Within my Eclectic Witch and Yoruba Path, I do Tarot readings, rootwork, chakra balancing, crystal healing, energy work, and Reiki. I own Bio-Buzz Botanica, a metaphysical supply and service oriented business in Albany, GA. As an ordained minister, I offer legal communions, handfastings, handpartings, Wiccanings, and requiems (passing on rites). At the store and across the US, I 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. Slappey Blvd., Albany GA 31701, (229) 438-5878 or (229) 395-0963. Email: tyernan2003@yahoo.com.

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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!**

Our most popular memberships, with varying lengths:

Individual _____ \$20 1 Year; _____ \$35 2 Years; _____ \$45 3 Years

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

_____ \$35 1 Year; _____ \$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:

Next BoD meeting will be January 16, 2011 in Auburn, AL. BoD meetings are 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 Lodge	December 18, 2010	PSE	Salem, AL
Full Moon Ritual	January 19, 2011	DH	Dragon Hills
Imbolc Ritual	February 5, 2011	GGG	TBA
Full Moon Ritual	February 18, 2011	DH	Dragon Hills
Ostara Ritual	March 19, 2011	GGG	TBA
Full Moon Ritual	March 19, 2011	DH	Dragon Hills
Full Moon Ritual	April 18, 2011	DH	Dragon Hills
Beltane Ritual	May 1, 2011	GGG	TBA

DH = Dragon Hills Grove (Carrollton, GA); GGG = Green Gate Grove (Columbus, GA); PSE = People of the Sacred Earth (Salem, AL); 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, which provides support for our Pagan soldiers through the distinctive faith based groups that we sponsor; our Pagan Prisoner Ministry, which provides outreach and support to incarcerated Pagans; and through our community relief fund, which provides funds to CST and community members in need. 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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