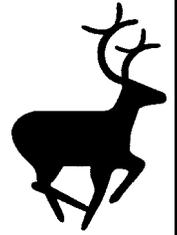




The Journey...



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

Summary of CST's Board of Directors' Meeting

The first 2013 quarter meeting of the Church of the Spiral Tree Board of Directors was held in Auburn, Alabama on Feb. 24.

Our membership is holding steady at about 50 members, and Patricia currently has 124 students enrolled in Sacred Grove Academy.

Angela Farmer has offered to help out with training for potential CST ministers, utilizing her online seminary, Open Path Seminary. Tuition is \$12/credit hour for non-degree classes. There was discussion about what we will require from a member as far as training prior to ordination. We want to make sure that potential ministers learn about officiating and weddings, handfastings, wiccanings, funerals, and so forth, but we also want the training to be affordable to the average person. Cathy motioned to make Angela a co-director of ministerial program. The motion was seconded, and carried.

Our Military Affairs Committee is still lacking a chairperson. We haven't found anyone willing or able to take over. Most soldiers are just passing through, and we need someone stable who will live in the area for a while.

In our community service area, we've had no reported deaths, births, etc. lately. We'd like our members know that CST can offer a small token of financial assistance if a CST member or an immediate family member is ill or passes away.

We have two new groves - Nine Worlds Kindred, formerly known as Celestial Earth Sanctuary, in Auburn, AL; and

Gaia's Children, in Columbus, GA.

Elections will be held in September, tentatively Sept. 21. The date will depend on other things, such as Pagan Pride Day. Nominations need to be in by August 1. Nominees need to have been a paid member for at least a year. All the guidelines and dates will be published in the newsletter as we know them.

We discussed having a general membership meeting for the elections, but there is a concern that so many of our members live too far away to drive to a meeting, so maybe some can Skype in.

CST is planning to hold two Pagan Pride Day events this year, one in Columbus and one in Auburn, with tentative dates of Sept. 21 for Columbus, and Sept. 28 for Auburn. We will do these instead of holding Earthdance.

CST will be represented at the Atlanta Pagan Marketplace of Ideas on March 23, at Moondance in May at Roxanna, and at Atlanta Pagan Pride Day in October.

On March 10, 2013, Cathy Rankin is speaking at the Columbus Unitarian Universalist Church about springtime rituals. The Columbus UU church is always looking for speakers, and they pay a fee to speakers. We'd like to encourage our CST members to contact the UU church about speaking to the congregation.

Cathy plans to do a yard sale in Columbus soon as a fundraiser for CST, and is accepting donations at Spiral Star.

The next meeting will be held in May 2013.

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Circle of Life

Patricia Greer-Middleton's son, Jesse Greer-Norman, shipped to Fort Sill, OK for basic training on March 5. He is being assigned to his unit and will be there for the next 15 or 16 weeks for basic training and AIT. His job is going to be a Fire Control Forward Observer. He is very proud to be serving his country and would love for people to keep him in their thoughts and prayers as he progresses forward. If anyone would like to write to him, his address is:

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Birthdays for April-May-June! Happy Birthday to the following CST members:

Lisa Roswell M. (April 2)
Katharyn P. (April 4)
James B. (April 5)
Colin K. (May 1)
Mary Ann M. (May 27)
Matt F. (June 14)
Todd D. (June 28)

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 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, 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 Litha 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 June 1, 2013.

Info About Our Services:

Ministers: CST, being a church, may ordain any member age 18 and over as a minister. We are currently re-vamping our program to better serve our membership and community.

NEWS: The Board members of CST have passed a new policy, that any CST member who is made an ordained minister, must maintain their paid CST membership in order for their ordination status to remain valid. All ordinations will be good for a period of three years (we no longer ordain for life), during which the membership must be maintained. After this three-year period, you may apply to renew your ordination. There will be a small fee for renewal (still to be determined).

If the paid membership is not maintained during this three-year period or at any time thereafter, the ordination will lapse 30 days after the membership lapses.

This policy has been put in place to ensure that CST and our ordained ministers remain committed and connected to each other, and is effective for all ministers ordained in the year 2012 and on.

Subordinate Organizations:

The main form of a local CST group is a Grove. We feel the church will have a better chance of successfully meeting members' needs if it is easily and locally accessible to them; therefore, we encourage CST members of legal age, **after having been paid members for at least one year**, to begin their own local chapter of CST. 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."

A Year of Changes for Celestial Earth Sanctuary/ Nine Worlds Kindred, Auburn, AL

By Ehsha Apple

It's been a year of great change for Celestial Earth Sanctuary in Auburn, Alabama!

Beginning with the most recent of these changes is a change in our name from Celestial Earth Seminary to Nine Worlds Kindred. Nine Worlds is an open American heathen kindred and community organized by har-gyðia, Angela Farmer (Ehsha Apple). Our practice is based in heathen ethics and aesthetics but our membership is eclectic: members from all paths are always welcome. As an American kindred, we welcome members of all backgrounds; we have a zero tolerance for non-tolerance policy and are LGBTIQ safe. Nine Worlds is affiliated with Open Path Sanctuary and its ministries such as Open Path Training (our initiatory training program) and Open Path Pagan Seminary. We also conduct classes and other activities such as oracular seiðr with the new group, Ulfvolk. Above all, we honor the land and its spirits, our kindred community, and our ancestors.

What's more, in early 2013, we became an incipient grove of Church of the Spiral Tree! We see this as the beginning of an era of cooperation with the broader Pagan community in the Southeast, growth, and healing. Already, we see signs of transformation.

Just after Samhain/New Year, Open Path Training welcomed four new Seekers to the program; three of whom recently elevated to Neophyte level and have begun more intense study. On Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 4:00 PM, we will have an "open house" to welcome a new batch of potential Seekers (looks like we will have another full cohort this term) and to run a Q&A about Open Path Pagan Seminary which had its Beta semester this Spring. Open Path offers religious degrees including A.A., B.A.R., M.Div., Th.D., and D.Min. and legal ordination. For more information, visit OpenPathSeminary.webs.com.

So far this year we have held private rites for Samhain, joined Hallowed Oaks Grove in Pinson, AL for Imbolc, are planning a private rite for Ostara, and have a joint rite in the works for Beltane. Info is TBA. We have also had a number of educational workshops including a Book of Shadows workshop/craft circle (followed by a feast and Sumb) and a stav making craft circle followed by a "Yggdrasil Alignment" pathworking workshop. This was the introductory workshop for our new seiðr group, Ulfvolk. (For more information, visit Ulfarnir.webs.com.) Ulfvolk now has eight members training toward becoming seiðrkona and seiðrmänner and practitioners of oracular seiðr. Our goal is to be able to offer a public seiðhjallr (aka "high seat") rite at the end of the year (October 2013). This past weekend, we extended our pathwork training and added a "Runic Galdr and

Vordlokkur" workshop. In addition to the events below, we hope to have a supervised utisetta ("sitting out") in May.

We are revamping our media outlets such as our flyers, web pages, and Facebook presence. Look for alterations soon.

All of our events include a ritual and a potluck feast. Everyone is welcome! If you are interested in any of our programs, ministries, or events, contact OPSTemplumGnostica@yahoo.com for a full schedule or for more information.

We are always adding events; for now, the remainder of our schedule for this quarter is:

March—Seeker Welcome, Elevation and Initiation Ritual for Open Path

March 15, 2013—Ostara Celebration / Dísrbliót—Auburn

March 19, 2013—Caravan to Kari Tauring's "Mind/Body/Spirit: Norse Perspectives" and Ostara on the Bayou

March 23, 2013—Caravan to the Atlanta Marketplace of Ideas

March 30—Drumming Clinic and Sumb—Auburn

April 1—Unveiling of New Ministerial Certification Program at OPS (Online)

April 27/28, 2013—Beltane / Walpurgisnacht Celebration—Location TBD



Event Announcement:

May 18, 2013

11:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Rites of Spring by the Dogwood Local Council of Covenant of the Goddess
Glenlake Park, Decatur, GA**

Come join us! There will be tons of activities and family friendly fun things to do, including food, a plant sale, wonderful unique crafts, and music all day long!! A spring blessing!

Raffle: Have donations? Contact our Raffle Coordinator at ladycharissa@ngsolitaries.com.

Divinations: Tarot, Runes and Ogham, Enochian Mirror Scrying/Reiki and more to come! Interested in reading? Contact our Membership Officer at eibhlean@gryphonsongclan.com.

Workshops: Sacred Dance, Hammering in Sacred Space, Pagan Social Media, Craft Work - Candle Work, CoG - DLC and the Pagan Community.

Vendors - Interested in vending? Contact our PIO at glwages@bellsouth.net.

Beltane Ritual

By Josquin

From the website, "The Practical Pagan, A no-nonsense resource for the sensible Wiccan"
<http://home.earthlink.net/~josquin88/beltane.html>

A ritual for Beltane (for the junior high youth group of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka...truly a magical place)

Beltane takes place on April 30th. In the agricultural cycle, this marks the point between the worries of planting and the beginnings of the harvest. In short, it is a time to celebrate; to enjoy the bounty of the earth and leave worries for another day. It is also a celebration of fertility, and as such, there is a strong sexual element to many Beltane rites. I've chosen not to focus on this aspect here, but rather on fertility and the renewal of life. I've also included some simple candle magic to symbolically tie in the notion of reincarnation.

Supplies: One candle for each of the quarters, a red taper for the candle ritual, and one small slip of paper for each of the participants, fortune cookie-sized, or thereabout. You'll also need a small cauldron, or something suitably fireproof.

Blessing: According to group custom

Casting the circle: All should stand, facing each direction in turn.

Covener: (I'm a great fan of passing these around, but one person can certainly do them if you'd rather.) As each is read, the candle for the corresponding quarter may be lit.

Spirits of the east, spirits of air
Open our minds to the promise of summer
Fill our lungs, carry our thoughts
Help us to understand our place in the great
circle
Even as we offer to you a place in our circle here

Spirits of the west, spirits of water
Guide our roots to the source of life
Nurture our compassion, bathe our wounds
Help us to heal the world by our love
As we ask you here to share in the healing of our
hearts

Spirits of the south, spirits of fire
Inspire us to seek out our own rebirth
Warm our blood, excite us to action
Help us to experience the passion of living
As we invite you here to remind us of your place
in our lives

Spirits of the north, spirits of earth
Keep us safe in the arms of our Mother
Be firm in our youth, and gentle in our aging
Help us to find the wisdom in nature
As we welcome you here to guide our steps on the
path of the wise

Candles for God and Goddess may now be lit as each is invoked

Covener:

Goddess of the flowering earth
With you we feel the blooming within us
As the world once more is wrapped in warmth
and light
We thank you for new birth
For a world awash in fertility and creation
Come into our circle, as we celebrate you
And greet you in all that lives.

God of the summer sun
With you we feel the light within us
As the world once more explodes with life
We thank you for your passion
For the glory of the lengthening day
Come into our circle, as we celebrate you
And greet you in all that lives.

Covener:

The circle is cast, the ritual begun
May the power of the Ancient One
Source of all creation
May the powers of the Goddess, bright Lady of the moon
And the God, horned hunter of the sun
May the powers of the Guardian Spirits
Rulers of the elemental realms
May the powers of the stars above and the Earth below
Bless this time, this place, and all who gather here.

Beltane is a time of creation, and rebirth. It is a fine time to get rid of baggage that you know is unhealthy in your life. That is the point of the candle ritual. Each person present is given a small slip of paper, and something to write with. What goes on the slip is whatever you know you can (and should) do without. Use one thing if there's an obvious one. Write a couple if you can't decide.

The celebrant should then proceed around the circle (counter-clockwise is best). Each person should light her or his paper in the flame of a red candle while saying, "That was then. This is now." Drop the lit slips into the cauldron to burn out. Each person should imagine life beginning anew from that moment, without the undesired aspects. Picture them evaporating, and picture yourself stronger without them.

Celebrant:

Goddess of re-creation
You who accept us as we are
We offer you our vision and our goal
Be with us in our struggles
As you are with us in our joy
Share in the strength that we draw from each other
And be near us when we are apart

All: Blessed be!

The Simple Feast: Whatever you're used to. Eat, drink, be merry.

Enjoy your time together. This too is sacred. When you're ready, the opening of the circle can proceed according to custom.



Letters from Members:

Dear CST:

To let you all know what has been going on with us here at Boyd Unit: The Pagan community here on October 29, 2012 performed a makeshift ritual that was thrown together in a few days, but I think went rather well. That was our first ritual and the first I have performed in a group setting in over nine years. The last one we performed was our Yule ritual on December 22. It was an old Gardnerian ritual that I converted to a more ecumenical state, and I fell it went very well also. Everyone left the room with a smile on their faces!

The only other issue here is we have no volunteer to sit in our group, so as of now the unit Chaplain has been kind enough to be sure we have our services and he personally sits in with us. I know he has plenty of work he needs to get done himself, so we are all in desperate need of help finding a volunteer in this area: Waco, Teague, Tyler, Palestine, and Corsicana, Texas, or any of the surrounding areas. If you all know or can locate info on a group that may come to the unit and one of the members are actually ordained, please try to get us their info and let them know we need them here, that all the guys would be willing to help with gas expenses if need be.

Thank you for sending the Journey newsletter; I really enjoy reading them and passing them on to other brothers here.

It was really good to hear from you all, and I am glad to hear that everyone's holidays have been a blessing so far, with many more to come!

May the Lord and Lady surround you with joy and love eternal!! Light, Life, Love, and Laughter, Blessed Be!

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Midsummer Ritual

By Josquin

From the website, "The Practical Pagan, A no-nonsense resource for the sensible Wiccan"
<http://home.earthlink.net/~josquin88/midsummer.html>

This is a Tarot-centric observance for Midsummer. New for me, but I like the symbolism very much. It's a good overview to share with friends or newbies.

A ritual for Midsummer

Midsummer is a major turning point on the Wheel of the Year. The days are now as long as they're going to get, and from here on in we start the slow and inevitable approach to winter. Ironically, here in Minnesota, summer's barely begun, much less passed the halfway point. Oh, well. Nothing we can do about the calendar, I suppose. The middle of summer seems a good point both for marking the passage of time, and for reevaluating its meaning in our lives. This is a good rite for sharing with people who might not be so familiar with what you do, since it lays out the major points in a yearly myth cycle, and gives you plenty of things to discuss.

Supplies: Eight candles for marking the wheel of the year, one each for Goddess and God, and one each for the quarters. If you don't use candles to mark the quarters, then just ten. One Tarot deck. Use whatever suits you, but the text I've written will work better if the cards at least have the traditional names. I've conceived this with the Universal Waite pack in mind, for two reasons. First, the symbolism and names are widely recognized, and second, the pictures are a lot prettier than the traditional Rider pack. Incense, something in which to hold salted water, and salted water for it to hold. Whatever food and drink you'd like for the Simple Feast.

A few notes about practice before we begin. These rituals are written, of necessity, based on my own practice and experience. Please adapt as necessary. If you find this useful, I'd love to hear about it, as well as what, if any, changes you made and how they worked. Also, you'll notice that there are no names for Deities included here. That is because I rarely use them. If you do, by all means change whatever you need to make this your own. Lastly, our group gathers as a sort of semi-structured anarchy. There are no particular priestesses or priests. That is why I make a habit of passing text around. Again, if this is not your style, a priestess could easily read the whole thing. Whatever works.

Ritual Cleansing:

Begin by passing the incense over each participant in turn, while repeating...

By air that is Her breath
And fire that is Her spirit
Be one with the Goddess
And one with us all

Repeat with the salt and water, sprinkling a few drops on each, saying...

By water that is Her blood
And earth that is her body
Be one with the Goddess
And one with us all

Casting the Circle: Candles should be placed to mark the four directions. Begin by standing and facing the east. Assign the texts however you'd like. After lighting each candle, turn deosil (clockwise) to the next quarter and repeat with the appropriate text.

Covener:

Spirits of the East, in air arrayed
Of wind and feather, breath and blade
Make still our minds, and join us here
To greet the turning of the year (light candle)

Covener:

Spirits of the West, with us abide
In healing love and ocean tide
Renew our hearts, and join us here
To greet the turning of the year (light candle)

Covener:

Spirits of the South, by summer storm
And fire may we be transformed
Lend us your insight, join us here
To greet the turning of the year (light candle)

Covener:

Spirits of the North, of Earth and tree
Of time and deepest memory
Lead us in wisdom, join us here
To greet the turning of the year (light candle)

Invocation of the Goddess and God

Covener:

Goddess of the world in bloom
In wonder, we feel you beneath our feet
In the light of the moon we shiver at your caress
In the green and the growing we know your love
Now, at the height of the summer, we thank you
For the bounty of the earth
Come into our circle, and join us
As we gather here to honor you

Covener:

God of the summer sun
In awe, we turn our faces to you
In the light of the day we warm to your touch
In the wild places of the Earth we sense your
passion
Now, at the height of the summer, we thank you
For the renewal of the land
Come into our circle, and join us
As we gather here to honor you

Covener:

We stand between worlds
Where earth and sky, night and day, life and death are one
The circle is cast, the ritual begun

For the next portion of this event, each participant should have one of the following blocks of text, along with the corresponding Major Arcana card from the Tarot deck. The text is in two parts. First is a short summary of the mythological significance of each holiday. The second is a short text on a particular card from the Major Arcana which can be seen to correspond to that holiday.

A series of eight candles should be arrayed around the altar. It may be easier to make a small circle in the middle of the altar, since this would help with problems likely to be caused by reaching over candles. If there are fewer than eight people, double up any way you'd like. If you have more than eight, you might see who's more or less comfortable with public speaking. Everyone might not choose to participate in this portion. Beginning with number one, the covener lights the first candle and reads the first bit of text. Then the Tarot card is presented and laid in front of the candle, and the second bit is read. Lastly, each covener should offer something personal, that helps to illustrate each card in the context of her or his life and experience. The sky's the limit on this. Be creative. If you want to talk of the harvest, you might bake bread. Write, sing, dance, paint, tell stories. The more variety, the more personal the evening will be. Explain as you go, or leave the group to interpret on their own.

The presentations should then proceed around the ring of candles, in the order of their occurrence within the year. I've begun with Yule, and imagine things running counterclockwise with Yule at the bottom, but whatever seems best to you is fine. The names of the Tarot cards are in bold, just in case they're unfamiliar.

- I We welcome at Yule the newborn God. Even as the Great Mother descends to winter's rest, the light begins to strengthen, and we look to the East for the coming of warmth and spring.
The Moon reminds us that so it has always been. Death gives way to new life, and the Earth is renewed.
- II At Imbolc, the young God begins to feel his power, and the Goddess wakes to the gentle pull of the growing light.
In **The Sun**, we see the exuberance of youth, and feel the restlessness of strength untested.
- III The Earth begins to bloom at Ostara. The young God reaches toward adulthood, and the Goddess, as Mother, watches over his progress and growth.
The Empress brings us the joy of motherhood, the nurturing of talents, the satisfaction of instruction, and the fulfillment of guiding another's uncertain steps.
- IV At Beltane, Goddess and God unite as lovers, and their passion is energy and life for all the Earth. Child becomes man. Mother becomes maiden.
In **The Lovers**, we are reminded of the sacred in the passionate, the spiritual union in the physical bond.
- V Tonight, at Midsummer, we mark the ascendancy of the God, and salute the sun at the height of his glory. But even now, as we celebrate, we turn again toward thoughts of harvest and shorter days. Physical power is only one aspect of **Strength**. To be truly healthy and whole, mind and spirit must be strong as well. It is in the balance of abilities that we find our courage.
- VI The harvest begins at Lughnasadh. The aging God has poured his energy into the fruits of the Earth, and now looks both back on his efforts, and forward, to the season of his death.
The Hermit teaches us the wisdom of age and experience. If we can back away from our worldly worries, we may gain perspective on the course and purpose of our lives.

- VII** At Mabon, we celebrate the end of the harvest, and honor the coming sacrifice of the God. The Goddess, as Crone, mourns the inevitable loss of her consort. **The Hanged Man** reminds us of the necessity of sacrifice. It is the work of the harvest that will see us through the dark winter. Adversity is met not with avoidance and fear, but with preparation.
- VIII** Samhain marks the loss of the God, as his light is extinguished, and he returns to the land of the dead. Without darkness, we would have no understanding of light. So in **Death** we receive the promise of rebirth. Sometimes we cannot reach that which may truly feed us, until we leave comfort and security behind.

To conclude, one person should place the **World** card in the center of the ring you've created. Text can be solo, or shared.

Covener:

This is the world
Our life and our home
From birth to death and birth again
The seasons turn, and we with them

Covener:

Let us mark their passing and so remember
That even in the midst of strife
The struggles of the everyday, the practical
When we become too occupied
To send our minds and hearts beyond ourselves
That still, the wheel turns

Covener:

Outer and inner worlds are one
And as much as we try, unknowingly
To exist apart, alone
We have a place to fill, together
In the great and unending spiral
Of life and time

All: Blessed be!

The Simple Feast: The details of this bit are pretty much up to you. Eat, drink, enjoy your time together. This is the part of the evening that reminds us that time within sacred space doesn't have to be so serious all the time. Here are the blessings we traditionally use over the food and drink. I normally begin with the cup. Read, then pass...

Covener:

Goddess of abundance
Bless these gifts as you bless us all
Help us to see, and to remember
The divine in all that we share

Continuing with the food...

God of the harvest
Bless these gifts as you bless us all
Help us to see, and to remember
The divine in all that we share

Opening the Circle (read each, then extinguish appropriate candle)

Covener:

Mother Goddess
We thank you for the season
And for the time that we share
And ask you to be near us
Until we gather again

Covener:

Father God
We thank you for the season
And for the time that we share
And ask you to be near us
Until we gather again

Then, beginning in the East, address each quarter (and extinguish each candle) in turn. (These are Starhawk's, but they're simple and beautiful and nothing I could improve on.)

Covener:

Spirits of the East (South, West, North...)
We thank you for your presence here
And ask for your blessing as you depart
May there be peace between us
Now and forever

All:

The circle is open
But yet unbroken
May the love of the Goddess
Be ever in your heart
Merry meet, and merry part
And merry meet again

All: Blessed be!
The End. (6/10/03)



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.

Lady Charissa: As an ordained minister, I offer Handfastings, Handpartings, Wiccanings and Crossings. As a Reiki Master and healer I offer healing in many ways. I offer a variety of workshops for groups or at festivals and co-own Star's Bazaar, an online metaphysical store with my husband, David. You can find more about the workshops and services I offer at www.starsbazaar.weebly.com. My group, North Georgia Solitaries, offers Sabbat celebrations, workshops and socials that are open to anyone that wishes to attend. Information on NGS can be found at www.ngsolitaries.com.

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Jayson Schertz #B50630: Pagan in prison. I am following a Druid/Celtic path. Can't get much to study/learn in here. Anyone willing to correspond with me or teach me, please do. Blessed be. Menard, M.C.C., P.O. Box 1000, Menard, IL 62259.



John Herman Cooper #191141: I am the teacher of the Pagan/Wiccan group at Staton C.F. I am interested in the growth of Paganism into a valid culture in its own right. F3-26B, P.O. Box 56, Elmore, AL, 36025.

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

Mary Ann Muller:
MarMulRN@aol.com.

Matt Farley #1446657: TDCJ is not geared towards rehabilitation anymore. To anyone who cares, please send information on correspondence courses to me at Smith Unit, 1313 CR 19, Lamesa, TX 79331. Blessed Be!

Michael Lee Harris #221321: Wiccan pagan, My path is Celtic. Interest in reading Wiccan pagan books, Circle magazine, Pagans and the Law by Dana D Eilers. Fox Lake Corr. Inst., Box 200 HU One, Fox Lake, WI 53933-0200.

Richard Peebles #523160: I will correspond with Wiccan gay or straight males and females alike; I only ask to write and make friends. Wheeler Correctional Facility, P.O. Box 466, Unit 100-M, Alamo, GA 30411.

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: "Skippy" Rob Von Allmen, 425 Webster Road #934, Auburn, AL 36832, <skippy_the_witch@yahoo.com>, 334-826-3953.



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 Dream-Scapes, 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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CST Calendar:

CST and its affiliate Groves welcome church and community 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. We usually 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. You do not have to be a member of CST to participate! 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. Please visit <www.spiraltree.org/upcoming.shtml> for up-to-date information, directions, and links to RSVP for each ritual.

EVENT DATE TIME LOCATION/HOST

GROVES, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR SCHEDULE OF RITUALS!

Board of Directors' Meetings: The next BoD meeting will be held in May 2013. BoD meetings are held four times a year; check website at <www.spiraltree.org/upcoming.shtml> for date and location of the next meeting.

Upcoming Festivals (Not CST events):

Moondance: May 23-27, 2013, Roxanna, Alabama

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