



The Journey...

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



Church of the Spiral Tree News

CST's first community ritual for 2014, Imbolc, was held on February 1, and went really well! Skippy and Ricarda did a great job with the ritual, and there were about 25 people in attendance. The potluck that followed was awesome, too.

The Ostara ritual planned for March 22 was cancelled, but we plan to hold Beltane as scheduled on May 3.

If you've tried going to our membership form to renew, you may have noticed an error. Spambots had found the form, and kept filling up our in-box, so we have taken it off-line until a workable



solution can be found. If you need to renew in the meantime, just email us at churchofthespiraltree@gmail.com.

The Atlanta Pagan Marketplace is taking place April 5, and CST hopes to be represented there. If you attend, keep an eye out for us!

We have set a date for this year's Auburn Pagan Day - September 13. It will be held in the same place as the past two years, the Arboretum on the Auburn University Campus, in Auburn, Alabama.

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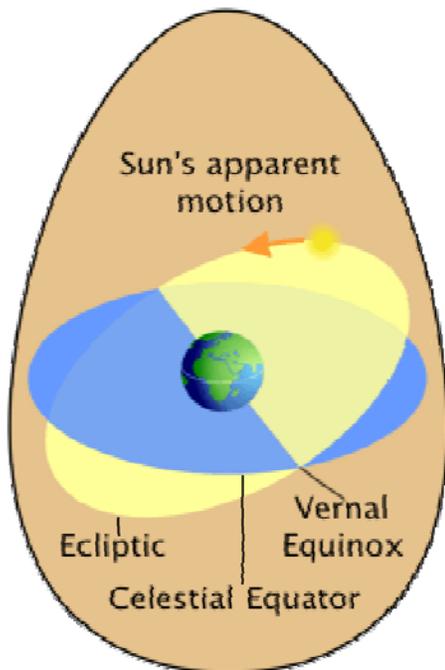
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Spring Goddess

<http://www.goddess-guide.com/spring-goddess.html>

The Spring Goddess celebrates the turning of the wheel of the year as the death and decay of winter gives way to a time of renewal and rebirth. Spring begins with the first green shoots and explodes into a multitude of beautiful blossoms and promise of good harvest. In ancient times many festivals were held to celebrate the Spring Goddesses who were associated with flowering, growth and fertility of the land. Below is an exploration of the many faces of this Goddess taken from myths from around the world.

Anna Perenna (Roman) she was associated with the cycles of the year and renewal. Her main festival was celebrated on Ides of March.

Artio (Swiss) The bear Goddess who hibernates during the Winter her return heralds the beginning of Spring.

Beive (Finnish) A Saami Goddess associated with the fertility of plants and reindeer. Together with her daughter Beive-Neia, they turned the hills green so the reindeer could feed.

Blodewedd (Celtic) This Spring Goddess was created by

magic from nine spring flowers to be the wife of Llew Llaw. This got around the curse Arianhod had placed upon her son preventing him from taking a human wife.

Brigit (Celtic) In her maiden aspect this Goddess is honored at the festival of Imbolc which celebrates the first stirrings of Spring.

Dziewanna (Eastern European) Goddess of Spring and Agriculture. She was especially honored by local farmers.

Flora (Roman) The Goddess of flowering plants, especially those that bore fruit. Her festival, the Floralia, took place in April or early May and was marked with dancing, drinking, and flowers.

Freya (Nordic) This Nordic fertility Goddess is linked with spring growth and flowers.

Gefn (Norse) This is another name for the Nordic Goddess Freya.

Hare Ke (West African) Goddess of the sweet waters fed by the spring rains that brought fertility back to the land.

Hebe (Greek) The Goddess of eternal youth and Spring.

Ostara (Celtic) Painted eggs and white rabbits are sacred to Ostara, the Celtic Goddess of Spring, fertility and rebirth. Her symbols have been incorporated into the Christian celebration of Easter.

Kono-Hana-Sakuya-Hime (Japanese) She is associated with the Springtime and cherry blossom as her name means "Lady who makes the trees bloom." She is also Goddess of the sacred site Mount Fuji.

Kore (Greek) Kore is an alternative name for the Greek Goddess Persephone.

Kostroma (Russian) A fertility Goddess and personification of Spring. In Russian mythology she dies at the end of each Spring, only to arise once more at the end of the following winter.

Lada (Eastern European) As Goddess of Spring and Love she was worshipped throughout Lithuania, Poland and Russia.

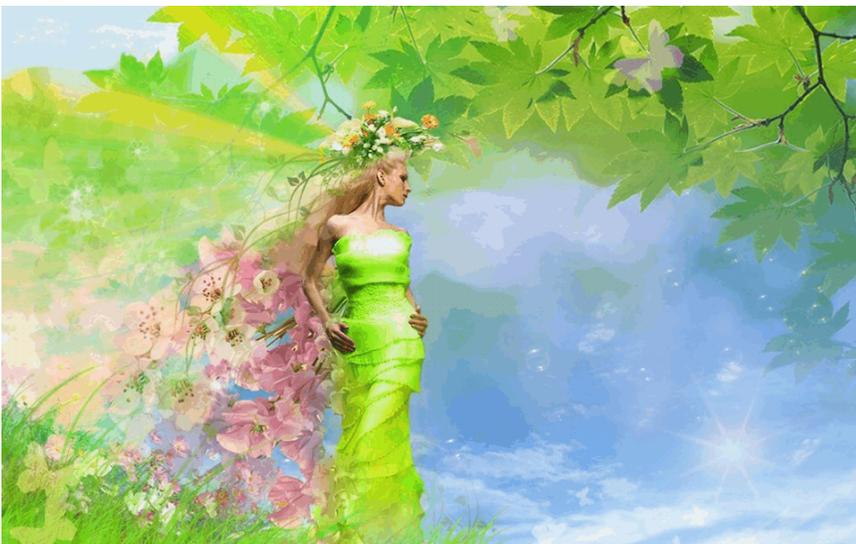
Libera (Roman) Together with Ceres and Liber she formed part of a triad of ancient Roman Gods and Goddesses responsible for bringing fertility back to the land.

Maia (Greek) This Goddess of Spring represented the forces of growth and the return of the warm rays of the sun.

Olwen (Celtic) Goddess of sunlight she reappeared every Spring, leaving behind her a trail of white clover where ever she walked.

Persephone (Greek) Her mother Demeter mourned her daughter as left for the underworld each Autumn

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How to Honor the Sacred Feminine With a Goddess Ritual

by Patti Wigington

<http://paganwiccan.about.com/od/beltanemayday/ht/SacredFemRitual.htm>

When Margaret Murray wrote her ground-breaking God of the Witches, in 1931, scholars quickly dismissed her theory of a universal, pre-Christian cult of witches who worshipped a singular mother goddess. However, Murray wasn't completely off-base; a number of individual cults existed in pre-Christian Europe which honored mother goddesses of their own. In Rome, the cult of Cybele was huge, and the mystery traditions of Isis soon took on a mother-goddess status. Take advantage of the blooming of spring, and use this time to celebrate the archetype of the mother goddess, and honor your own female ancestors and friends.

This simple ritual can be performed by both men and women, and is designed to honor the feminine aspects of the universe as well as our female ancestors. If you have a particular deity you call upon, feel free to change names or attributes around where needed. Otherwise, you can use the all-encompassing name of "Goddess" in the rite.

Decorate your altar with symbols of femininity: cups, chalices, flowers, lunar objects, fish, and doves or swans. You'll also need the following items for this ritual:

- A white candle
- An offering of something that is important to you
- A bowl of water
- A handful of small pebbles or stones

If your tradition calls for you to cast a circle, do so now. Begin by standing in the goddess position, and saying:

*"I am (your name), and I stand before you,
goddesses of the sky and earth and sea,
I honor you, for your blood runs through my veins,
one woman, standing on the edge of the universe.
Tonight, I make an offering in Your names,
As my thanks for all you have given me."*

Light the candle, and place your offering before it on the altar. The offering may be something tangible, such as bread or wine or flowers. It can also be something symbolic, such as a gift of your time or dedication. Whatever it is, it should be something from your heart. You may want to read up on Offerings to the Gods for some ideas.

Once you have made your offering, it is time to call upon the goddesses by name. Say:

*"I am (your name), and I stand before you,
Isis, Ishtar, Tiamat, Inanna,
Shakti, Cybele.
Mothers of the ancient people,
guardians of those who walked the earth thousands of years ago,
I offer you this as a way of showing my gratitude.
Your strength has flowed within me,
your wisdom has given me knowledge,
your inspiration has given birth to harmony in my soul."*

Now it is time to honor the women who have touched your life. For each one, place a pebble into the bowl of water. As you do

so, say her name and how she has impacted you. You might say something like this:

*"I am (your name), and I stand before you,
to honor the sacred feminine that has touched my heart.
I honor Susan, who gave birth to me and raised me to be strong;
I honor Maggie, my grandmother, whose strength took her to the hospitals of war-torn France;
I honor Cathleen, my aunt, who lost her courageous battle with cancer;
I honor Jennifer, my sister, who has raised three children alone..."*

Continue until you have placed a pebble in the water for each of these women. Reserve one pebble for yourself. Finish by saying:

*"I am (your name), and I honor myself,
for my strength, my creativity, my knowledge, my inspiration,
and for all the other remarkable things that make me a woman."*

Take a few minutes and reflect on the sacred feminine. What is it about being a woman that gives you joy? If you're a man performing this ritual, what causing the land to become cold

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Circle of Life

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

Megan S. (April 4)
Katharyn P. (April 4)
James B. (Sig) (April 5)
Keairra R. (April 16)
Teairra R. (April 16)
Steven A. (April 17)
Colin K. (May 1)
Michael H. (May 12)
Kirsten R. (May 14)
LeePhether M. (June 8)
Craig K. (June 8)
Ricarda M. (June 12)
Matt F. (June 14)
Todd D. (June 28)



Goddess Ritual: Continued from page 3

is it about the women in your life that makes you love them? Meditate on the feminine energy of the universe for a while, and when you are ready, end the ritual.

Tips:

This ritual can be adapted for a group easily; with a little planning it can become a beautiful ceremony for a number of people. Consider doing it as part of a womens' circle, in which each member honors the others as part of the rite.

Ministers

CST, being a church, may ordain any member age 18 and over as a minister, as long as they have been a paid member for at least one year. We are currently re-vamping our program to better serve our membership and community.

It is now our the 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.

Local Groups

The local CST group is called 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. In addition, as part of the public face and outreach of CST, all Groves are required to hold regular sabbat and/or lunar rituals that are open to the community. The application and first year's fee is \$35.00.

About CST

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 ministries is Sacred Grove Academy, a Pagan church cover school program for homeschooling families in Alabama. 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.

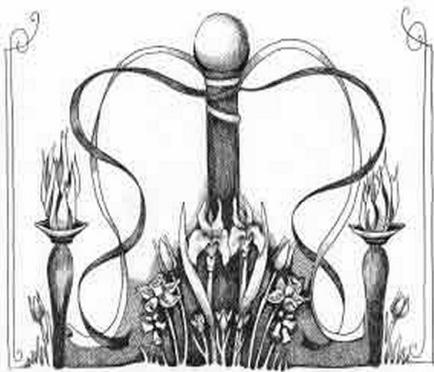
Church of the Spiral Tree is classified as a 509(a)(1) & 170(b)(1)(A)(i) organization. We are tax-exempt under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Solitary Beltane Ritual

by Divine Spirits

http://www.spellsofmagic.com/coven_ritual.html?ritual=521&coven=108

A simple, fun and colorful ritual to enjoy on May 1st.



For this ritual one should dress brightly and strikingly, wearing flowers and greenery according to taste. A low altar should be built partially or entirely of stones at the middle of the ritual area. What you will need: Two candles should be placed on the altar, and the altar itself arranged as usual. (if the ritual is performed outdoors, the candles may be replaced by torches. These may be stuck in the ground on either side of the altar.) Four candles or torches are placed before the altar to be lit later. A vertical pole about 3 feet in height is usually erected on the far side of the altar: it should be decked with fruits, flowers, and bright ribbons. A half full cup of wine should be placed before the image of the Goddess. Before dressing for the ceremony, take a ritual cleansing bath. When ready to go on with the rite, meditate for a while before going into the ritual area, thinking strongly on the old pagan ways and trying to imagine the rituals which took place on this night in ages passed.

Go alone to the ritual place. Kneeling before the altar, light the candles or torches on the altar, and the incense. Set alight the four candles before the altar and place

them 3 or 5 feet from the altar at the North, then going deosil, saying: "Here at this spot do I create a place sacred to the Gods of old. For a while, here and now, shall the ancient ways live again."

Take the wand and hold it out and salute toward the East, saying: "Oh winds of the East, blow sweet and pure, for the Lady reigns again!"

Hold the wand out and salute toward the South, saying: "Oh warmth of the South, bring forth life from the earth, for the Lady reigns again!"

Hold the wand out and salute toward the West, saying: "Oh waters of the West, glisten clear and fresh, for the Lady reigns again!"

Hold the wand out and salute toward the North, saying: "Oh lands of the North, grow rich and bounteous, for the Lady reigns again!"

Replace the wand and, holding the arms out over the altar, saying: "Gracious and lovely Lady of the moon, of joy and love, protectress of forests and wild things, this place is consecrated to thee."

Take up the wine cup, holding it out at arm's length, and pour out a few drops, saying: "To the Great Ones of old and to the joyous times to come!" Drink some of the wine (or if you cannot drink alcohol, use an appropriate substitute).

After a brief pause, rap three times on the altar with the wand saying: "As woods and meadows flower forth, I celebrate the ancient rite as the ancients did before me. I cast the words into the mists of time and space and elsewhere: Where one stays now, in years to come, may scores of others revel there. So may it be!" Rap once

upon the altar. (More incense should be added now. Ad-lib additions are appropriate at this time...meditations, poetry, and the like.) (If a source of proper music is available, a solitary Dance of the Winds may be improvised.)

Draw the Fertility talisman on the parchment, suffumigate it thrice, then, recite the supplication written on the back, bow humbly and say: "Friends of the nether worlds now, come and assist us in our humble workings. Follow us to another sacred place of ours, and join your forces with ours, on this Fertilization Day." Bury the talisman into the ground under an oak tree (if available), saying an ad-lib statement on the meaning of the talisman and its correspondences. Go back to the circle.

When all is done, close by rapping four times with the wand, saying: "Friends of the nether worlds who have been about me for a while, you may, with thanks, return from whence you came." Hold out arms and say: "Blessed Lady of joy and laughter, I thank thee for thy presence. May some of your love and power remain with me. Blessed Be!" Put out the lights about the altar. As the two on the altar itself are darkened, say: "This rite is ended."

Note: Alter this ritual as needed to fit your circumstance. Note that many Beltane celebrations extend roughly one week past the May 1st date, so any time in early May is appropriate to celebrate, in case you miss celebrating it on the May 1st date.



The Summer Solstice

By Cassandra Eason

http://www.cassandraeason.com/wheel_of_the_year/june.htm

Alban Heruin, Litha, Midsummer or Summer Solstice, around June 20-22 each year. Consult your local time zone calendars for the precise moment. However it is the sunrise that is generally the point of celebration of the Summer Solstice.

In the Southern hemisphere the Midwinter Solstice celebration falls on the same date though

for happiness, strength, energy, self-confidence, identity, health, wealth and career; also for maximising opportunities, seizing chances and enjoying the present.

This power can be harnessed for tackling seemingly insoluble problems, bringing light and life and hope; also for tackling major global problems such as global warming, famine, disease and

Goddess. In turn the God is now the God King and they enter into a formal sacred marriage in which he promises to lay down his life for the Goddess, the land and her people. The God reaches his height of power and God and Goddess are equal at their coronation.

But by the end of the day the God knows that henceforward he will grow weaker.

Energies: The high turning point as full power begins to wane from this day.

Symbols: Brightly-coloured flowers, oak boughs or tall broad indigenous trees, golden fern pollen that is said to reveal buried treasure wherever it falls, scarlet, orange and yellow ribbons, gold coloured coins and any gold jewelry that can be empowered at the festival, any golden fruit or vegetables.

Animal: Bear. **Tree:** Oak.

Incenses, flower and herbs: Chamomile, dill, elder, fennel, lavender, frankincense, orange, marigolds, rosemary, sage and sagebrush, St. John's Wort, lemon verbena and vervain, any golden, red or orange flowers.

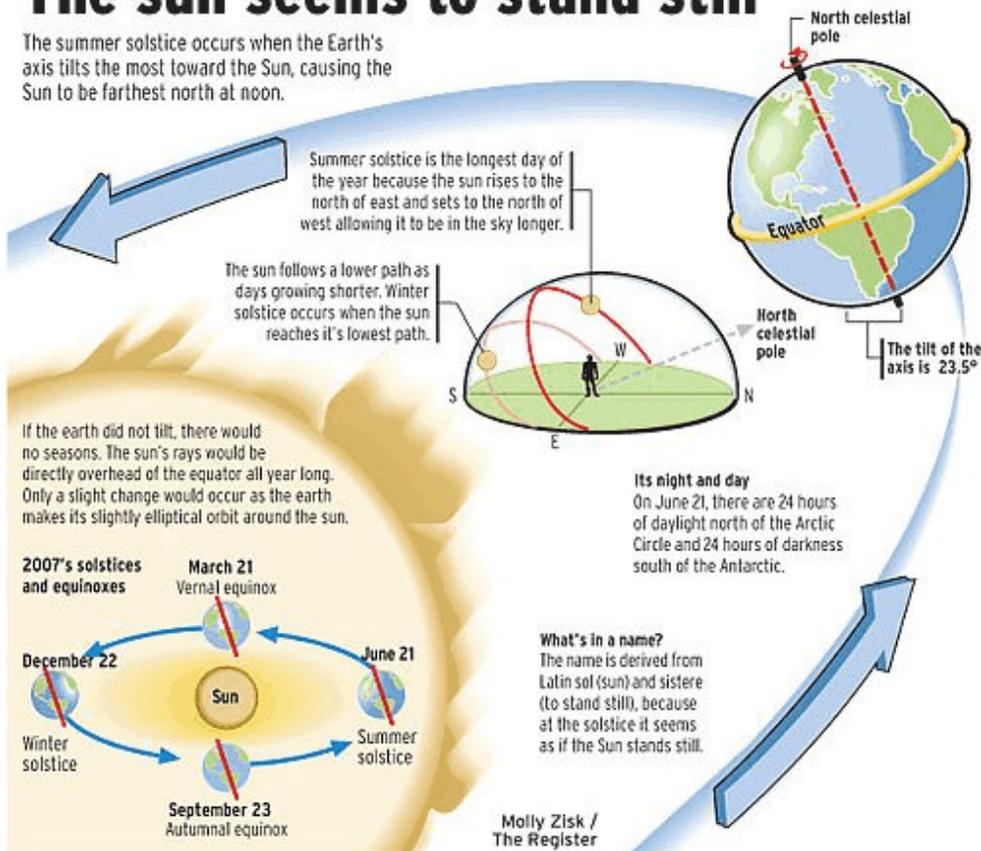
Candle colours: Red, orange, gold. **Crystals:** Amber, carnelian or red jasper, sun stone; also sparkling crystal quartz spheres.

Celtic Tradition:

Litha means light and Alban Heruin the light of the shore as the sun floods over the land ripening the crops. But it is bittersweet for the Sun God and Goddess who want the day to last forever. Because she loved him, bonfires were lit and sun wheels made of flaming cart wheels were rolled down the

The sun seems to stand still

The summer solstice occurs when the Earth's axis tilts the most toward the Sun, causing the Sun to be farthest north at noon.



sunrise and the all important sunset times will vary, as will sunrise and sunset for the Summer celebrations in the Northern hemisphere in different regions.

Focus: Power, joy and courage, male potency, success, marriage, fertility of all kinds, especially for older women and for anyone approaching middle age;

preventing cruelty to people under oppressive regimes and intensive farming methods where livestock suffer.

Keywords: Power, leadership, authority. **Element:** Fire.

Direction: South.

Cycle of the Wheel: The Goddess gives birth to the Dark Twin and so becomes the Mother

hillsides to prolong the light on this longest of days.

The Goddess, or her representative, cast her bouquet of summer flowers on a hilltop fire to add her power to the sun.

The cauldron was the symbol of the goddess giving forth her bounty on the Solstice and may be filled with small golden coloured fruits and crystals as coven gifts.

The height of the festival has always been first light falling on Solstice morn, like a shaft of gold across standing stones and stone circles, linking the dimensions.

Stonehenge is oriented to mark the sunrise and moonrise at the Summer and Winter solstices, built long before the time of the Celts.

Druidic ceremonies based, it is believed on Celtic ones, are held at Dawn and Noon on the Summer Solstice at sacred circles such as Stonehenge and some groups and individuals still keep vigil from sunset on the previous evening.

At sunset of the Summer Solstice at Stonehenge, another significant ritual point the Heel (Sun) Stone outside the circles casts a shadow on the Altar Stone, thus marking the beginning of the dying of the year.

Norse and Anglo Saxon

Associations:

Overseas trading, raiding and fishing reached its height at this time.

As the longest day of the year, transferred to the Midsummer celebrations of modern Scandinavia, the ancient Midsummer tree, linked to the Green man, formed the centre of dancing and music.

In the ancient Germanic tradition mountain and cliff top fires were lit on the Eve before the Solstice and later on St John's Eve 23 June to give power to the sun.

The Norse god of light Baldur was slain by his blind brother Hodur.

In the traditional version of the legend, the young sun god was

doomed to remain in the Underworld until the last battle, Ragnarok. But one positive version tells that Hel, the guardian of the underworld, so moved by the tears of his mother that she allowed the Goddess of Spring, Ostara, to restore him each year to the world at Yule for half of the year.

Christian:

The Christian festival of Midsummer is very close to St John's Day on June 24th. John's own mother was long beyond childbearing years and thus regarded as a virgin birth. In the early Christian Celtic tradition, John was linked with the dark brother of the Solar deity who would in a variation of the Celtic myth cycle after the Longest Day rule the waning year.

The ancient maybe pre-Celtic myth of the Oak King who ruled from Midwinter to Midsummer and the Holly King who ruled from Midsummer to Midwinter became linked to the Christian tradition and oak fires were burned at Midsummer right until Victorian times.

Married women who wanted to get pregnant would walk naked in a garden at midnight and pick the golden herb of midsummer, St. John's Wort, on the Eve of St. John. Young girls would not eat anything all day and they would pick the same herb to put under their pillow to dream of their true love.

Mediterranean:

In the Basque region of Northern Spain, the Sun is still revered in folk custom as Grandmother Sun. Her worship has been transferred to the Virgin Mary who is associated with mother Mari, the Storm Goddess in whose wise bosom Grandmother Sun sleeps at night.

On Midsummer Eve sun vigils were held until recently to see the Sun Goddess touch the mountain tops and dance at Dawn. The watchers would then bathe in



streams in the magical Midsummer waters that are still believed to have healing and empowering properties.

Juno the Roman Mother Goddess was patron of marriage and of childbirth and she protected women from birth to the grave. June, her month, is considered to be the most fortunate for marriages.

Ritual activity:

This works as well whether you are celebrating the festival alone or with others and is based on an old Scandinavian folk custom.

At dawn set a basket of seven different species of flowers or seven different colours where they will catch the first light of the Summer Solstice.

At noon each person should weave the seven kinds of flowers on to a small circle of wire, using threads in red, yellow, green and blue to attach them.

As you/they weave silently name for each flower over and over again in your mind or a whisper your/ their dearest secret wish for fulfilment in the next twelve months whether for lasting love, a child, the success of a creative venture, happiness, travel, success, health or spiritual wisdom.

When finished the circlet/s should be hung on a shady tree and you/the group should circle the tree nine times deosil or sun

wise, nine times in the opposite direction and then nine times deosil, clapping rhythm till the world spins, chanting 'Come to me as I dance the Midsummer Tree, come to me in my sleep, come to me in my waking, that when I next dance the Midsummer tree, I shall know the joy of the seven flowers sweet.'

If you are working alone you can adapt the chant to fit your desire, for example if for lasting love, 'that when next I dance the Midsummer tree, it shall be my wedding day.'

At sundown take your wreath from the tree and hang it over your bed. Go straight to bed when it is dark/ Picture yourself walking as you drift into sleep along a pathway of flowers into mist that slowly clears to reveal how and when you will attain your desire. This may continue in your dreams.

Leave the wreath on the wall of your bedroom till it fades and then release the petals to the wind or use the flowers in incense

Other activities:

Make sun water by leaving out still mineral water in a bowl covered with film or mesh from dawn till noon (or for up to eight hours on a darker day). Add clear quartz or citrine crystals to the water when you put it out (the previous evening if you prefer) and remove these at noon.

Use the water as an energiser in baths and drinks in the days ahead and to splash on the centre of your hairline to open your Crown chakra and clear your aura when you feel tired or doubt yourself.

Light a gold candle and set any small gold items of jewellery round it if the day is dark or cloudy until the candle burns though. If it is a sunny Solstice leave the jewellery in the sunlight after dawn for a few hours to transfer the power of the sun into your life as you wear the jewellery in the days ahead. Cast golden flowers or herbs into

the air from a hill or open place, a handful at a time, making empowerments for courage and achievement to the winds and naming for each handful a plan to begin or bring to fruition starting tomorrow.

Light sun oils, frankincense, juniper, rosemary, orange or benzoin or burn them as incense to bring the sun power into your home or workplace as darkness finally falls. Vow not to let the joy of the day fade from your life and relight one of the oils or incenses whenever you do feel sad or anxious.



Spring Goddess, continued from page 2

and barren. When she returned in the Spring the happy Demeter would bestow the land with growth and abundance.

Proseпина (Roman) She was the Roman counterpart to Persephone and daughter of the grain Goddess Ceres.

Rafu-Sen (Japanese) Goddess of plum blossoms.

Sita (Hindu) Spring Goddess and Goddess of agriculture and the earth.

In traditional societies Autumn/Fall was not considered to be a separate season, it was the harvest at the end of summer. The Winter Goddess and the Crone represent the attributes of the Goddess in the darkest and coldest months of the year.



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.

Board of Directors' Meetings

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.

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 3165, Auburn, AL 36831-3165, no later than June 1, 2014.

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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. Rituals without at least five attending will be cancelled.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION/HOST
Beltane Ritual & Potluck	5-3-14	Roxanna, Auburn, AL/CST
Litha Ritual & Potluck	6-21-14	Roxanna, Auburn, AL/CST
Lammas Ritual & Potluck	7-26-14	Roxanna, Auburn, AL/CST
Mabon Ritual & Potluck	9-20-14	Roxanna, Auburn, AL/CST
Samhain Ritual & Potluck	11-1-14	Roxanna, Auburn, AL/CST
Yule Ritual & Potluck	12-20-14	Roxanna, Auburn, AL/CST

Board of Directors' Meetings: The next BoD meeting will be held May 4, 2014. 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 22-26, 2014, Roxanna, Alabama

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