

## Beltane 2023

May 5 - 7, 2023

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at Circle  
Sanctuary Nature  
Preserve  
near Barneveld,  
WI

Coordinated by  
Rev. Grace

Ignition of Three  
Loves

Join us for  
Beltane 2023!  
Kindle a love of  
self, love of your  
life, and love of  
community  
through  
workshops,  
rituals, and  
activities  
designed to

revitalize and spark joy. Loving yourself means loving all of you - body, mind, and spirit. Loving your life includes love of family and ideas, the passion that gives you direction and purpose. Finally, loving community allows us to lean in to our people, and have them lean in to us, moving from a glow to a bonfire of community engagement.



**About Beltane:**

## SCHEDULE of EVENTS

### Friday, May 5th

1 PM	<b>Gate opens for VENDOR arrivals.</b>
3 PM	<b>Gate opens for arrivals.</b>
4 PM	<b>Beltane Mindful Walk</b> with Dr. Dennis Carpenter  <i>Join me on a mindful stroll through Circle Sanctuary as we enjoy the beauty of Spring, and appreciate the unique ecology of Circle Sanctuary. Our route will be dependent on land conditions and those participating. Techniques for enhancing embodiment and mindful awareness in Nature will be discussed. Open to adults and families with children.</i>
6 PM	<b>Dinner</b> served behind the farmhouse
7:30 PM	<b>Opening Ritual</b> with Rev. Grace  <i>Join us in finalizing the community building that has been occurring all day. Time for us to ignite the magic and call in the three loves. As a group we will set the foundations of the weekend as well as start the festival fun.</i>
8:15 PM	<b>Self-Love Full Moon Circle</b> in the Stone Circle  <i>Meet at the Barn wearing sturdy shoes and holding a flashlight for a gentle walk up the road to Stone Circle, planning for a 9:00 PM Full Moon Circle as the moon crests the ridge! Don't forget to dress for Mother Earth's potential challenges that may include but are not limited to dew, wind, brambles, ticks, rain, mud, sun, ankle-twisting rocks, and all manner of earthly challenges. Good idea to bring walking stick/poles if you have them.</i>

### Saturday, May 6th

8 - 9 AM	<b>Breakfast</b> behind the Farmhouse
9 AM	<b>Gate Opens for New Arrivals</b> <b>Raffle / Silent Auction Tent Opens</b> <b>Merchandising on the Green Opens</b>
9:30 AM	<b>Morris Dancers &amp; May Day Royalty Selection</b>  <i>This group of Morris dancers have been performing at Circle's Beltane celebration since the mid-90s. The English folk dance has been a part of the May Day celebrations for centuries and we are happy to continue the tradition. During this time, we will also</i>

	<p><i>announce and crown the May Day Royalty! This participatory performance will be just one of many opportunities to embrace the heritage of the holiday.</i></p>
10:30 AM	<p><b>Love Love, Lovers!</b> with Rev. Laura González</p> <p><i>Learning the deep meaning of a few Tarot cards, to help us know and love ourselves fully and unconditionally!</i></p> <p><b>Family Programming: Exploring Wetlands</b> with Emily &amp; McKenzie</p> <p><i>Here at Circle Sanctuary we have several types of wetlands. We will take a walk to learn about these important ecosystems and how they benefit plants and animals. We will also build our own water filter with natural materials to better understand how wetlands clean water.</i></p>
Noon	<p><b>Lunch</b> behind the Farmhouse</p>
1:30 PM	<p><b>May Queen Magic &amp; Mysteries</b> with Rev. Selena Fox, live-streamed from the Circle Temple Room</p> <p><i>Explore May Queen lore, customs, and traditions associated with May Eve, May Day, Beltane, and the Merry Month of May! Learn about Her connections with Faery Folk, Jack-in-the-Green, Germanic Spring Maiden, Roman Pagan Goddesses Flora and Maia and Roman Catholic Saint Mary. Discover ways of attuning to and working with the Queen of the May as part of personal, household, and community celebrations.</i></p> <p><i>To attend this workshop online, please <a href="#">register in advance</a>.</i></p> <p><b>Family Programming: Magic 101</b> with Mandie &amp; others</p> <p><i>What is magic? And where does it come from? Together we will build a basic vocabulary of magic and do a magical working of our own. This workshop is appropriate for children of all ages attending with a favorite adult(s).</i></p>
3 PM	<p><b>Childrens' Maypole and Ritual</b> with Rev. Florence and Community</p> <p><i>Join us as we frolic around the Maypole and perform a short ritual to bless the land and the beginning of summer with the joy and energy of childhood. All are welcome but children will be given priority for the Maypole dance.</i></p>
4 PM	<p><b>Raffle &amp; Silent Auction Ends</b></p> <p><i>Join in for what is always an entertaining conclusion to the auction and raffle. Don't miss out on adding to your treasure hoard!</i></p>
6 PM	<p><b>Dinner</b> behind the Farmhouse</p>
7:30 PM	<p><b>Main Ritual: Energizing the Three Loves</b> with Liz Rohret</p> <p><i>Beginning with an adult Maypole dance on the green, followed by a procession to bonfire</i></p>

	<i>circle for the main ritual.</i>
	<i>(Gate is closed and locked for ritual and then opened for departures/commuters after ritual and locked again for the night at 11:00pm)</i>
<b>Sunday, May 7th</b>	
8 AM	<b>Breakfast</b> in the summer kitchen
10 AM	<p><b>Art &amp; Creation</b> with Rev. Laura González</p> <p><i>Hobbies can serve many purposes, from combating boredom to stress relief. Let's explore the many ways in which art and creativity can also connect us with our Divine Self and Divine Source</i></p> <p><b>Family Programming: Gnome Craft</b> with McKenzie &amp; Others</p> <p><i>Gnomes are Earth Spirits, stories of which have roots in European folklore. In honor of these spirits of land we will craft our own gnome figures. If time, energy and weather allow, we can take a hike up to the Gnome Shrine atop the Sacred Mound.</i></p>
11:30 AM	<b>Lunch</b> served behind the Farmhouse
1 PM	<p><b>Closing Ritual</b> with Rev. Grace</p> <p><i>Come close out the weekend as a community, banking the magic as the circle opens but is never broken. Bring the magic home and into your lives!</i></p>
3 PM	<b>Final Departures</b>

## Items To Bring:

- An item or two to donate for the Raffle and/or Silent Auction
- Ritual garb and/or brightly colored clothes, as well as a crown of flowers or greens for your head or bells for your feet, to wear during the Beltane ritual.
- Flowers for various uses during the weekend
- Offering of small stones, crystals, rocks, flowers for the Stone Circle
- Your own refillable water bottle and coffee cup to use for drinks at meals and other times.
- Camping Gear: tent, sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress, flashlight, water jug, towel, biodegradable soap and shampoo, personal toiletries, sun gear, raingear, cold weather gear, insect and tick repellent.
- A lawn chair, mat, or blanket for outdoor seating. Many activities will be outside.
- Clothing for 3 seasons. Love Mother Earth, love all her weather choices.
- Long pants, hiking shoes/boots for Spirit Rock hike.
- Drum, rattle, or other rhythm instrument.

## VENDORS

Outdoor vending space is available -- please review [the FAQ](#) and the [Guidelines](#), and contact the Circle office with any questions.

## REGISTRATION

Registration for this event is now **CLOSED**, and registrations will not be accepted at the Gate.

## Questions?

If you have questions, please [contact the Circle Office](#).

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