

Green Spirit 2021

Celebrating Our Harvests

July 30 - August 1, 2021

held **IN PERSON** at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve

Lammas represents a time for honoring what you have planted and now begin to harvest. What have you planted this year? What can be birthed coming out of the pandemic in our personal lives and in our communities?

What are you seeing come to fruition? What can you still plant so you can harvest it later in the year? How can we tend, water, and nourish our work with friends, family, community, clients and co-workers? Let's come together to celebrate what we have harvested!



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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday, July 30th

3 - 8 PM	Gate opens for arrival. Welcome back!
6 PM	Dinner behind the farmhouse
8 PM	Opening Ritual with Rev. Sharon and Others <i>Celebrating the beauty and bounty of gathering with community!</i>
9 PM	D.J. Jake's Dance Party with Rev. Jake <i>It's been so long since we could party together in one place, so we're about to make up for lost time! Get ready to "shake your groove thang", "get outcha seat and jump around", and "Blitzkrieg Bop" the night away! BYOB! This party will be appropriate for all ages, identities and abilities! Give your request songs to DJ Jake.</i>

Saturday, July 31st

8 - 9 AM	Breakfast in the Summer Kitchen
9 AM	Gate Opens for New Arrivals Raffle / Silent Auction Tent Opens Merchanting on the Green Opens
10 AM	Prairie Meditation Walk - with Dr. Dennis Carpenter <i>Join Dennis in front of the main entrance to the barn for a leisurely meditative walk to the Prairie. Focus will be upon deepening our sense of presence and connection with the beauty and wonder of Nature at Circle Sanctuary. We will briefly explore walking and nature appreciation from a mindfulness perspective before embarking on our journey together. Be prepared for standing and walking in any weather conditions.</i>
10 AM	Family Programming: Signs and Symbols of Lammas with Rev. Florence, Mandie, and Emily <i>Learn some of the ways we can celebrate Lammas through your own creativity. Activities will include creating nature crowns, salt-dough bread loaves, and a community wreath that will be used in the main ritual Saturday evening.</i>

11:30 AM	<p>Newcomers' Meet & Greet with Rev. Jake and Others</p> <p><i>New to Circle land? Come meet some of the “old-timers” and learn your way around!</i></p>
Noon	<p>Lunch behind the Farmhouse</p>
1 PM	<p>Plant Walk & Talk, Making Friends with the Locals with Meredith Beckman</p> <p><i>Let's take a walk around Circle Sanctuary and identify some of the wild plants and herbs that grow on this sacred land. We'll positively ID what they look like, pick up a few facts about them, and learn how each plant can help with common ailments. Want to know what plant can immediately stop the itch from a bug bite? Which plant reduces the effects of poison ivy? Suffer from seasonal allergies? This late summer plant is often accused of being the cause not the cure. I'll teach you how to harvest it and make a tincture that will ease those runny nose blues. Want to make your own cough medicine? Most of the ingredients can be harvested from nature. I'll teach you how! Yarrow, plantain, jewelweed, goldenrod, echinacea, dandelion, burdock and mullein are just a few of the plant allies that call Circle Sanctuary home. Let's go visit them, talk to them, and learn from them. You just might make a few new friends! Meredith Beckman received an Herbalist certificate in 2017 from Wildwood Institute and Herbs. She has been casually educating friends and family and anyone within ear shot about the medicinal uses of wild plants and herbs ever since.</i></p>
2 - 3:30 PM	<p>Lughnasadh Eve Magic with Rev. Selena Fox</p> <p><i>Making magic with charms, foods, beverages, meditations and rites for Celtic Fire Festival and Sacred Harvest time of Lughnasadh and Lammastide. Exploring some lore and traditions connected with Lughnasadh Eve, also known as August Eve and Lammastide. This workshop will also be livestreamed; those who wish to watch online may register here.</i></p>
2 PM	<p>Family Programming: Bug Bingo! with Rev. Florence, Mandie, and Emily</p> <p><i>Join us as we connect with the Green-man during a nature hike and game of Bug Bingo. The hike will take us through several different habitats to explore bugs and plants and discuss how these creatures are adapted to their habitat.</i></p>
4 PM	<p>Raffle & Silent Auction Ends</p>
6 PM	<p>Dinner behind the Farmhouse</p>
8 PM	<p>Main Ritual with Revs. Jake, Jewels, Minerva, and others</p> <p><i>Let's celebrate our survival and resilience, and the chance to finally connect with one another in sacred circle once more! We will take a break from the trials and stressors of</i></p>

	<i>the last 18 months, give gratitude for the resources and supports that have helped us make it through, and enjoy being together on this sacred land once again!</i>
9:30 PM	Indoor Board Game Night with Robbi & Others
	Spiral Labyrinth with Tereesa & Dan
Sunday, August 1st	
8 AM	Welcome in the Morning with Judith <i>Judith will share her morning practice with you. Welcoming in the directions, tuning into the chakras, some gentle yoga stretches and sun salutations, and a few minutes of quiet contemplation to get our day started. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket.</i>
9:30 AM	Lughnasadh Morning at Stone Circle with Rev. Selena Fox <i>Join in a guided Nature Communion experience at our microlithic Stone Circle atop Ritual Mound. Learn about its history as a beloved Circle Sanctuary Community sacred site and join in a Lughnasadh working for Planetary Healing. If possible, bring a small rock, crystal, or stone to use in meditation and leave as an offering in the stone ring. If desired, bring a mat or camp chair for seating.</i>
10:30 AM	Brunch
Noon	Wrap-up / New Volunteer Program, Future Events, Family Events etc. with Raven, Rev. Sharon, and Others
1 PM	Closing Ritual with Rev. Sharon and Others <i>Giving thanks for the abundance of happiness harvested by our community!</i>
3 PM	Final Departures

Items to Bring

- **Please help us conserve paper:** bring your own 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, sungear, raingear, cold weather gear, insect and tick repellent.
- Items to donate to the raffle and silent auction
- Sufficient face masks to wear for all indoor or confined space activities per [Circle's COVID Guidelines](#).
- Offerings of fairy images, crystals, fresh flowers, dried or fresh herbs for Fairy Shrine at Opening Ritual & other times (optional)
- A lawn chair, mat, or blanket for outdoor seating. Many activities will be outside.

- Herbs or grains as an offering for main ritual
- Green Crown, Foliage Mask, and/or other ritual garb (optional)
- Drum, rattle, or other rhythm instrument. (optional)
- Chants, songs, or rhythms for late night drumming/dancing (optional)
- A stone to give away to the Stone Circle. (optional)

VENDORS

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

REGISTRATION

Registration is **CLOSED** for this event.

QUESTIONS?

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