

Samhain 2014

Celebrating Circle Sanctuary's 40th Anniversary

October 31 - November 2, 2014
at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve
near Barneveld, Wisconsin
Coordinated by Bob & Georgette Paxton



The year draws to a close and the time of renewal is upon us. Come linger with loved ones and friends in *A Place Between Worlds*, as we bid farewell to that which has passed and open ourselves to the possibilities of the future. Samhain reminds us that all endings are beginnings; as we descend into the dark time of the year and prepare to say goodbye to 2014, we celebrate the promise of rebirth.

Registration for our whole Samhain Festival weekend is now **CLOSED** due to reaching capacity.

For Waiting List & Partial Registration, please email circle@circlesanctuary.org right away for more info.

Activities at this year's Samhain include:

- Friday night's Witches' Ball, featuring Water Street Bridge!

These veterans of stage and studio blend Celtic, blues, old timey, Americana, sea shanty, pseudo-Slavic, jazz, Creole, art rock, reggae, comedy and original songs into something that can only be described as "eclectic acoustic." Brandishing an impressive arsenal of musical



instruments they bring new life to tales of old, old sounds to tales of today, and twisted takes on tales never meant to be told. Holding true to its original vision, Water Street Bridge remains a creative collective, thriving off the input and participation of a variety of musicians, artists, dancers and poets. Steam powered, funk'd out... this AIN'T your momma's folk music.

- Workshops
- Samhain Ritual
- Circle Sanctuary Annual Meeting on **Saturday Morning**
- And much more!

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More about Samhain:

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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Friday, October 31st	
12 pm	Open for Arrivals
Noon - 3PM	Owl's Nest Open for Shopping
1 pm	<p>Opening Ritual / Festival Blessing with Selena, Bob and Georgette, in the Temple Room.</p> <p><i>A brief circle to wake up the magical space for the weekend, followed by a caravan to the Fire Circle for a Sweatlodge Site Blessing ceremony.</i></p>
2 - 3:15 pm	<p>Margot Adler Memorial Circle with Selena Fox, in the Temple Room</p> <p><i>Community sharing of memories & appreciations of Margot, her life, her work.</i></p>
3:30 pm	<p>Pagan Perspectives on Honoring Our Dead with David & Jeanet Ewing, in the Temple Room</p> <p><i>Join us for a discussion on the various ways our ancestors and modern cultures have honored our beloved dead. We'll discuss traditional practices from various cultures and how they have influenced modern customs with honoring our beloved dead. Among the cultures we'll include in the discussion are the Day of the Dead practices from Mexico, ancient Celts, Norse and more. This workshop will also include discussion on how we</i></p>

	<i>work with and honor our ancestors. Feel free to bring stories and input from how your cultural and spiritual ancestors have honored our beloved dead.</i>
5:30 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Arrivals Begin for Witches' Ball
8 pm	Witches' Ball featuring Water Street Bridge <i>A Samhain Ceilidh that is open to Wiccans, Good Witches, Goddess Folk, Druids, and other Pagans of many paths.</i>
Saturday, November 1st	
8 am	Breakfast
9:30 am	Circle Sanctuary Annual Meeting in the Temple Room. <i>Join us for a review of Circle's activities in the past year, the annual report, Community 40th Anniversary Reflections, and what you can look forward to from Circle Sanctuary in the year ahead.</i>
Noon	Potluck Lunch behind the farmhouse. For more info: Potluck Contribution Guidelines
1:30 pm	Workshop: Magic at the Crossroads with Selena Fox in the Temple Room <i>Learn about Crossroads as sacred sites and as decision making symbols. Explore Crossroads lore, symbolism, and associations with sacred forces. Experience a Samhain Crossroads meditation. Bring pen & journal.</i>
3:30 pm	Workshop: Being a Sower and Reaper of Change with Jerrie Hildebrand in the Temple Room
5:15 pm	Raffle & Silent Auction Results
6:00 pm	Dinner
8 pm	Ancestor / Memento Reflection in the Temple Room
8:30 pm	Samhain Ritual with Georgette Paxton & others, in the Tent on the Green
10:30 pm	Spiral Labyrinth with David & Jeanet Ewing <i>Meditatively walk the candlelit Spiral Labyrinth for personal insights, inner peace & transformation.</i>
Sunday, November 2nd	
8 am	Breakfast
9 am	The Gift of Grace with Joey Bunbury and others, in the Temple Room <i>A facilitated conversation about living and dying, and how to approach the difficult topics surrounding end-of-life decisions.</i>

10 am	Circle Cemetery Ritual with Selena Fox at Circle Cemetery <i>This outdoor Samhain rite at Circle Cemetery includes presentation of offerings for the Dead, ritual sweeping of gravestones, and interment of ashes of Bruner Soderberg (Sparky T. Rabbit) & Michael Gleason, plus installation of Margot Adler memorial marker. Facilitated by Selena Fox and others.</i>
Noon	Festival Closing Ritual with Selena Fox and Bob & Georgette Paxton, on the Green
12:30 pm	Lunch
2 pm	Final Departures

VENDORS:

There will be no vending at this event, owing to space constraints.

REGISTRATION:

Due to overwhelming interest, registration for this year's Samhain festival is **NOW CLOSED**.

For more information contact events@circlesanctuary.org or call the Circle office at (608) 924-2216.

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