

Beltane 2006

May 5th - 7th, 2006
 at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve
 near Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin

Beltane Festival 2006

FRIDAY, May 5

10 am	Magical Merchant Arrivals and setup begins
Noon	Registration opens and arrivals begin. Magical Merchant Faire opens in Meadowvale: Visit booths with a variety of Pagan goods, including books, clothing and jewelry
1 pm	Welcome to Circle Sanctuary: Opening Welcome Circle - "What is Beltane?" Festival Introduction & Discussion. Unwrapping the Maypole.
2 - 4:30 pm	Cemetery Working & Memorial with Selena Fox
5 - 6 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Faerie Workshop with Orion Foxwood
8 pm	Opening Ritual & Beltane Festival Blessings with Selena Fox. Faerie Meditation with Orion Foxwood: lighting of Faerie flames and petition for the blessings of the Good People, the Trooping Faeries who are on the move this Beltane Eve. Bring a votive candle in a glass jar or a candle lantern for traveling across the land, honoring the Nature Spirits & communing with the Fey. Wear ritual garb if you like.
9:30 pm	"Tavern on the Green": Revel with friends old and new in a setting of bygone days. Enjoy refreshments, open mike entertainment, and karaoke after open mike entries. Be taunted and teased by lusty bar wenches and strapping beer boys. A fabulous fund raiser for the Circle Sanctuary driveway and road project.

SATURDAY, May 6

7 am	Nature walk with Reed - Enjoy the early morning bird music and forage for wild foods.
8 am	Open for Arrivals
8 - 9 am	Breakfast
9 am - 5 pm	Magical Merchant Faire on the Green
9 - 9:30 am	Newcomers Meeting with Shel - Introduction to Circle and its Land. Open to those new to Circle and old-timers alike.
10 am	Beltane Court - Selection and crowning of the May Queen, May King, and Beltane Couple.
10:15 am	Presentation on Morris Dance Traditions by Drake
10:30 am	Oak Apple Morris Dancers - Performances of English traditional dance by the Oak Apple Morris Dancers.
12:30 pm	Potluck Lunch
2 pm	Workshop from the Faerie Teachings, with Orion Foxwood.
2 pm	Childrens' Head Wreath and Ritual Toga workshop with Karen. Children: Bring a pillowcase to cut up & transform into a toga.
4 - 4:30 pm	Ribbon Dancing Workshop by Penny Goody: Dance in the Spring with Grace and Color!
4 - 5 pm	Children's Circle - Children of all ages are invited to take part in this Children's Circle that includes drumming with breeze, snacks, and play.
5 - 6 pm	Maypole Dancers' Practice - for those who have signed up for Maypole dancing in the Beltane Ritual.
6:30 - 11 pm	Beltane Ritual with Angie, Drake, Bob, Georgette, Tessa, Orion, Selena and others that will begin around the Maypole. This main festival ritual includes drumming, chanting, invocations, Beltane Baby Blessing, Maypole dancing, and Community celebration. This rite will be followed by a procession to Festival Circle, passing through the fires of purification and leaping the Beltane Balefire for fertility, prosperity and good fortune. Includes Beltane Feast - Join us for a very special feast in Meadowvale and Drumming Circle with breeze and others
SUNDAY, May 7	
8:30 - 9:30 am	Breakfast
9 am	Gate opens for arrivals
9 am - 2 pm	Magical Merchant Faire
10 am	"Bringing it Home: Taking Beltane out into the World" workshop with Angie, Drake, Tessa, Bob and Georgette. A roundtable discussion about the journey

	you've just gone through, and taking the spirit of Beltane into the rest of the season.
1:30 pm	Festival Closing Ritual: Thanks and blessings to festival participants for your journey home.
2 pm	Lunch
3 pm	Cleanup & Departures

Items to Bring

- Songs, poetry and creative works for Friday's open mike (under 15 minutes, please!)
- 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. **Faerie, elven, pixie and fantasy garb are encouraged throughout the weekend.** (optional)
- A votive candle in a glass jar for the Opening Ritual.
- Big bouquet of flowers to decorate our sacred space for Saturday's Main Ritual.
- Contribution for potluck feast to feed at least two dozen, for Saturday lunch. For details, please see our [Potluck Guidelines](#).
- 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.
- A lawn chair, mat, or blanket for outdoor seating. Many activities will be outside.
- Drum, rattle, or other rhythm instrument. (optional)
- A stone to give away to the Stone Circle. (optional)

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