

Beltane 2013

May 3rd - May 5th, 2013
at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve
near Barneveld, Wisconsin

Coordinated by Bo & Jen Nelson

The Earth breathes forth life from every bud and leaf,
and we come alive with Her! We call out to Tribe now, to
join hands in Sacred Community to dance, sing, feast, make music and love, all in
Her praise.

Featuring Special Guests: Tuatha Dea!

Featured Presenters:



Tuatha Dea



Brad Allen



Diana Beck



Billy Crow



Selena Fox



Hillary Miller

* Kids' Programming * Maypole * Morris Dancing * Music * Magical Merchants Faire * Bonfires * Feasting * Workshops * Drumming Circles * May Court * and MORE!

About Beltane:

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[Frequently Asked Questions](#) about our 3-day festivals

2013 BELTANE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Friday, May 3rd

11 am	Merchant Arrivals
Noon	Open for General Arrivals
Noon - 7 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merchant Faire on the Green • Silent Auction & Raffle Donations accepted in the Temple Room
1 pm	Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rune Workshop <i>with Hillary</i> • Kids' Nature Walk <i>with Brooke</i>
2:30 pm	Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen Tips for Dandelion Cuisine <i>with Diana Beck</i> Learn almost everything you will need to know to enjoy and benefit from eating this common plant. The presentation will cover the nutritional aspects of dandelion, historical uses, how to harvest, prepare and cook in ways that reduce bitterness and maximize nutrition. We will also cover how to make dandelion syrup, tea and a nonalcoholic cordial. Handouts and some samples will be available for participants. Weather permitting, there will be an opportunity to examine dandelions blossoms closely with magnifying glasses. • Kids Workshop: Honoring the Fae

4 pm	Mead Making Workshop <i>with Brad</i>
5 pm	Dinner behind the Farmhouse
6:15 pm	Unwrapping of the Maypole
7 pm	Opening Ritual
8 pm	Tuatha Dea in Concert <i>featuring a community bellydance & fire spinning performance!</i>
Saturday, May 4th	
7 - 8:30 am	Breakfast in the Summer Kitchen
8 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gate Opens for general arrivals • Newcomers' Meet & Greet • Silent Auction & Raffle Items accepted in barn <i>until 6 pm</i> • Merchant Faire on the Green <i>until 7 pm</i>
8:30 am	Parents & Children Meet & Greet
9 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids' Maypole Practice up the hill • Adults' Maypole Practice on the Green • Handfasting of Christina & Tim of Ohio at Brigid's Spring
9:30 am	Nature Walk <i>with Reed</i>
10:30 am	May Court Selection & Crowning
11 am	Maypole Dancing
11:30 am	Oak Apple Morris Dancers
12:30 pm	Potluck Lunch
1:30 pm	Baby Blessing with Selena Fox
2 pm	Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beltane Fire Magic <i>with Selena Fox</i> Learn about Beltane as a Celtic Fire Festival and some ancient and contemporary Beltane Fire rituals for cleansing, creativity, fertility, and transformation. • Kids' Poi Spinning
3:30 pm	Basics of the Drum Circle workshop <i>with Tuatha Dea</i> Interactive rhythm event. The central purpose is to enhance individual creativity and foster community through the interlacing of rhythm and non-verbal communication methods. This workshop will include introduction to African drums, basic rhythm techniques and drum circle etiquette. Its aim is to culminate in a symphonic and

	<p>unifying rhythm event. This event encourages the participation of both novice and experienced drummers alike. This is a NON-TRADITIONAL workshop and is intended to elicit self expression and integration, as opposed to teaching traditional African rhythms. Heartbeats are the foundations of rhythm and know no gender, race or creed. All heartbeats are welcome, and no experience of any level is required. Portions of this workshop will relate to the relationship between drummers and dancers, dancers are encouraged to participate as well. All percussion instruments are provided, but please feel free to bring your own instruments if desired.</p>
3:30 pm	Kids' Maypole Dancing
5 pm	Dinner behind the Farmhouse
6:30 pm	Raffle Drawing in the Temple Room
7:15 pm	Gate Closes for arrivals
7:30 pm	Main Ritual followed by bonfire/drumming/dancing
10 pm - 1 am	Self-guided Labyrinth
Sunday, May 5th	
7 - 8:30 am	Breakfast in the Summer Kitchen
8 am	Gate Opens for Arrivals
9 am	Young Womens' Coming of Age Ceremony
10:30 am	<p>Kids "Play-Shop" with Tuatha Dea Interactive rhythm event structured around the use of rhythm as a developmental tool and also a fun children's activity. It's purpose is to foster creativity, assist in the development of motor skills and provide a catalysis for independent thought within a unified group, promote self esteem, help develop community in a safe and fun, non threatening environment. All percussion instruments are provided, but please feel free to bring your own instruments if desired.</p>
10:30 am	Pendulum Divination & Dowsing workshop with Billy Crow>
Noon	Lunch behind the Farmhouse
1:30 pm	Closing Ritual
3 pm	Final Departures

ITEMS TO BRING

- 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 and especially for the Beltane ritual Saturday evening.***(optional)*
- 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.
- One or more fresh flowers for the Flower Magic workshop and/or to leave at shrines & the cemetery *(optional)*
- An item for the Raffle and/or Silent Auction *(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)*

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