

## Beltane 2018

May 4 - 6, 2018

at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve  
near Barneveld, Wisconsin

Frolicking with Spirits of Spring

*Coordinated by Sharon, Judith, and Jake*



Welcome in the May with lots of fun frolicking with the faeries, elves, mermaids, trolls, gnomes, pixies, nymphs, brownies, and other spring spirits, and bring your finest festival frocks and gnomealicious garb for this magical spring weekend celebration.

### FEATURING:

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

### FEATURED PRESENTERS:

- [Byron Ballard](#)
- [Rev. Selena Fox](#)
- [Oak Apple Morris Dancers](#)

### About Beltane:

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## 2018 BELTANE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

## Friday, May 4

11 am	<b>Merchant Arrivals</b>
Noon	<b>Open for General Arrivals</b>
Noon - 7 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Merchant Faire on the Green</li><li>• Silent Auction &amp; Raffle Donations accepted in the Raffle Tent</li></ul>
2 pm	<b>Wishing Tree &amp; Blessing</b> <i>at the Faerie Shrine with Judith, Selena and Byron</i> Wishing Trees or Rag Trees are common throughout Ireland, England and Scotland. Pieces of cloth decorated by you will be tied to the trees at the Faerie Shrine to ask for an answer to a prayer or a wish to be fulfilled. In this form of sympathetic magic, the thought is that as the rag decays, the wishes will come true or the prayers will be answered. Join us making your own "cloutie" to tie to the tree or bring your own offerings of coins, jewelry, rings, prayer cards and trinkets as offerings to the Fae. Rags will be at the Faerie Shrine for everyone to use during the weekend.
3 pm	<b>Workshops:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Into the Woods, Courting the Fae <i>with Byron Ballard</i> in the Temple Room It sounds easy enough to meet the Other Crowd, but have you? This class is about the folkloric and practical protocols for walking between the worlds of the Seen and Unseen.</li><li>• Family Programming: Mask Making &amp; Story Time <i>in the Summer Kitchen</i></li><li>• Sweat Lodge Tear Down <i>with Colleen</i> All are welcome to join in sacredly taking down and burning the previous sweat lodge. Once that is done, we will clear &amp; clean the space to prepare for the new Sweat Lodge.</li></ul>
4:30 pm	<b>Unwrapping of the Maypole</b>
5:30 pm	<b>Dinner</b> behind the Farmhouse
7 pm	<b>Opening Ritual</b> <i>with Selena, Sharon, Judith and Jake</i> at the Maypole Ceremony of Welcome
8:00 pm	<b>Faerie Masque Ball - Music, Magic &amp; Mischief</b> Come in your best Faerie finery to dance, to laugh, to play games, and to mingle and play nice with other elves, mermaids, trolls, gnomes, pixies, nymphs, faeries, brownies and other spring spirits in a magickal setting! There will be drinks and snacks, mischief, making new friends, more mischief, music, and more! The Frolicking Faeries are sure to stir up their own type of mischief! The entire family is welcome!

## Saturday, May 5

7 - 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b> in the Summer Kitchen
8 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Gate Opens</b> for general arrivals</li><li>• Silent Auction &amp; Raffle Items accepted in the Raffle Tent until 5 pm</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merchant Faire on the Green until 7 pm</li> </ul>
8:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Newcomers' Meet &amp; Greet</b> in the Temple Room <i>with Jim, Rev. Ana, Jake, and Messina</i> First time to Circle land or festival? Come and be welcomed by long-time community members and learn everything you need and want to know to make your weekend magickal!</li> </ul>
9 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Morris Dancers? What's a Morris Dancer?</b><i>with Colleen</i> <i>Morris Dancing is a type of folk dance from England that has survived for centuries. It's said that the dance is so ancient its origins have been lost in the mists of time and that this tradition has been greatly misunderstood. Come learn why we celebrate and honor the Morris Dancers at Beltane!</i></li> <li>• <b>Family Programming: Parents and Children Meet and Greet</b> Meet other families and discuss what Beltane is all about. Dress in your faerie finest during this hands-on family activity we'll get your little Faeries ready for the Faerie Parade.</li> </ul>
9:45 am	<b>Adult Maypole Practice on the Green</b> Must be 16 years old to participate!
10 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Handfasting of Tristan &amp; Andromeda</b> All are invited to this Pagan wedding conducted by Selena Fox at the Maypole</li> <li>• <b>Family Programming: TBA</b></li> </ul>
11 am	<p><b>Bringing in the Merry, Merry Month of May!</b> on the Green</p> <p>Bring your chairs or blankets and stroll on down to the Maypole and join in the fun as we bring in the May! They'll be bubbles, face painting, snacks, mischief and more and even a children's Faerie Parade. The selection and crowning of the May Court will be held. We'll enjoy the entertainment of the Oak Apple Morris Dancers. And be sure the Frolicking Faeries will be in attendance to surprise and delight you with their mischief and acts of kindness! Smiles and fun will be had by all!</p>
12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b> behind the farmhouse
2 pm	<p><b>Workshops:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical Magic: Working with Spirits of Place to Transform the Multiverse <i>with Byron Ballard</i> After forming an alliance with the Unseen Folk, it's time to have some agency in the world. And you can't do that without these simple and effective magical techniques. Concepts range from deep grounding to nabbing "free" energy.</li> <li>• Family Programming: TBA</li> <li>• Sweat Lodge Building <i>with Colleen &amp; Zephyr</i> Come and lend your hands, hearts and energy to the erecting &amp; tying of the willows to create a new Sweat Lodge.</li> </ul>
3:30 pm	<p>Workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powers of Beltane <i>with Rev. Selena Fox</i> Explore and experience the magic of the Sun and Belfire, of Land and the Green, of</li> </ul>

	<p>May and Maypole, of Flowers and Fertility, and of Sacred Union and Mysteries of Life, Death, and Rebirth. Workshop includes guided imagery experiences and Nature communion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Programming: TBA</li> <li>• Sweat Lodge Building Continued <i>with Colleen &amp; Zephyr</i></li> </ul>
4:30 pm	<b>Raffle Drawing and Silent Auction</b>
5 pm	<b>Dinner</b> behind the Farmhouse
6:30 pm	<b>Gate Closes for Main Ritual</b> (reopens for departure after ritual)
7:00 pm	<b>Beltane Ritual</b> <i>with Rev. Sharon and others</i>
Until Midnight	<p><b>Beltane Spiral Labyrinth</b> <i>with Tereesa and Jason</i></p> <p>Come walk the labyrinth and feel the presence of the Spirits of Spring &amp; Nature. Interact with those you may meet along the way. Re-ignite your creativity, your passion for life, expand on personal and community possibilities.....the magick of the labyrinth awaits you.</p>
<b>Sunday, May 6</b>	
7 - 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b> in the Summer Kitchen
8 am	<p><b>Spring Nature Walk</b> <i>with Rev. Bob Paxton</i></p> <p>Join in on a slow-paced walk to see, hear and smell the sights and sounds of Spring as the land is awakening. Birds, butterflies, bees, flowers and more!</p>
9 am	<p><b>Workshops:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finding the Other Realms Under Suburbia <i>with Byron Ballard</i></li> </ul> <p>We all dream of misty woods and meadows of fireflies but many of us live in the concrete forests of urban America. How can we access the wildwood from a third-floor apartment? Do land spirits visit window boxes on fire escapes? Does a manicured city park contain any real magic? The answer is a joyful "yes!" Come and learn the secrets of crossing the borders in a world with asphalt pathways and springs of recycled water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Programming: TBA</li> </ul>
10:30 am	<b>Brunch</b> behind the Farmhouse
Noon	<p><b>Wrapping it All Up</b> <i>with Rev. Selena, Rev. Sharon, Jake, and Judith</i></p> <p>The event is over, but our work is not. We'll spend some time talking about how things went and what you take home. Distilling the lessons we learned this weekend... or have yet to learn. Focusing on the gifts and knowledge we gained over the weekend. Of sharing conversations and smiles with new friends old and new. How we keep the fire burning in us until we meet again.</p>
1 pm	<b>Closing Ritual and Farewells</b> <i>with Rev. Selena, Rev. Sharon, Jake, and Judith</i>
3 pm	<b>Final Departures</b>

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## 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. (*optional*)
- Offering of small crystals, fresh flowers, other items for Fairy Shrine (*optional*)
- Offering of small stones, crystals, rocks, flowers for the Stone Circle (*optional*)
- 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.
- 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*)

## VENDORS:

If interested in vending, please register as usual, [read the FAQ](#), and contact the Circle office: [events@circlesanctuary.org](mailto:events@circlesanctuary.org)

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## REGISTRATION

<b>Adults (each):</b>	<b>Through 5/2</b>	<b>At Gate</b>
3 Days	\$130	\$135
2 Days	\$110	\$115
Sat. Only	\$70	\$75
<b>Children 5+ (each)</b>	<b>Through 5/2</b>	<b>At Gate</b>
3 Days	\$45	\$50
2 Days	\$40	\$45
Sat. Only	\$30	\$35

Children under 5 are free.

Register **ONLINE**

Cancellations received before April 24th will be refunded minus 50% processing fee. Cancellations received on April 24th or later will not be refunded. Please refer to [Circle's cancellation policy](#) if you should need to cancel your event registration.

## QUESTIONS?

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

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