

## Samhain 2016

October 28 - 30, 2016  
at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve  
near Barneveld, Wisconsin  
*Coordinated by Ana and Jenn*

An old year dies and a new one is born from the ashes! Samhain is a time of tears and joy, of spooks and giggles, of looking to the past and embracing the future. Come help us turn the wheel with revelry and reflection. Circle Sanctuary's Samhain festival is a can't-miss celebration, with annual favorites like the Witches Ball featuring the music of Water Street Bridge, Circle Sanctuary's important Annual Meeting, and the powerful Samhain Ritual. This festival includes workshops and activities for adults and for families.



Space is limited for this popular festival, so reserve your spot today!

### 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.*

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

## More about Samhain:

[Celebrating the Seasons: Samhain](#)

## Previous Samhain Events:

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## SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*:** Due to lack of youth in attendance, there will be no youth programming offered.

### Friday, October 28th

11 am	<p><b>Gate opens for Arrivals</b></p> <p>Donations for Raffle and Silent Auction accepted at Raffle Tent next to the barn</p>
1 pm	<p><b>Shrine Walk</b> with Nicholas Sea, meeting at the Barn</p> <p><i>The Ritual Mound shrine walk starts gently and proceeds around the mound to an uphill climb. To reach the Stone Circle and Circle Cemetery there are moderately steep hiking paths uphill. Next, the Shrine Trail down is steep and rocky. During the Autumn the trail down has leaves and can be slippery. Sensible walking shoes are required along with stamina and balance. This will be a guided historical tour with a chance for discussion, prayers and meditation at each featured shrine. Participants who only wish to complete the first half of the tour can walk back down the road to the barn. The second part of the tour is down the steep Shrine Trail.</i></p>
2:30 pm	<p><b>Being and Creating Legacies of Ourselves and for Others</b> with Rev. Jerrie Hildebrand in the Temple Room</p> <p><i>When each of us were born, we became a dream, an inspiration and a promise for future generations. Sometimes we are clear about what we want to create for our lives that will make a difference for others that we will be remembered by. Sometimes the way we will make that difference unfolds over time. What do you dream of creating for your life? For your children, communities, work, or the planet? How big are you willing to create and be? Have you created a plan to bring it to fruition? In this workshop we will look at what the legacy is that we want to leave behind, inspire others with and/or how we want to be known when we pass through the veil by others. Bring a notebook and pencil to begin your plans!</i></p>

4 pm	<b>Opening Ritual</b> with Selena, Chante, Colleen and Ana at the Sweat Lodge area near the Fire Circle
5:45 pm	<b>Dinner</b> behind the Farmhouse
7:30 pm	<b>Arrivals begin for Witches' Ball</b>
8 pm - Midnight	<b>The Annual Witches' Ball!</b> <i>Back by popular demand is the band <b>Water Street Bridge!</b> Come in costume and be part of a merry evening of dancing, fun, refreshments, and friends!</i>

### Saturday, October 29th

7 - 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b> in the Summer Kitchen
8:30 am	<b>Understanding Tarot with Regina Stovall</b> in the Temple Room <i>Using numerology and other approaches to interpret cards, across different decks.</i>
9 am	<b>Newcomers' Meeting</b> with Jim at the picnic tables <i>Come meet new folks and learn the ins and outs of the festival and about Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve as well! Bring your questions!</i>
10 am	<b>Circle Sanctuary Annual Meeting</b> in the Temple Room <i>Selena, Bob, Circle Staff and others will give an overview of Circle Sanctuary's accomplishments over the last year, and the Annual Report will be presented.</i>
Noon	<b>Lunch</b> behind the Farmhouse
1:30 pm	<b>Deities of the Dead: Cosmology of the Mesoamerican Afterlife</b> with Laura Gonzalez in the Temple Room <i>Are you ready to go beyond the sugar skulls? In this workshop Laura will take us into a deep journey exploring 'Mictlan' (A.K.A. the Aztec underworld). We'll learn who the underworld deities are and how important they are to our daily lives.</i>
3 pm	<b>Samhain Traditions Panel</b> with Rev. Selena Fox and others <i>Circle Sanctuary Ministers &amp; others share personal ways of celebrating Samhain in this panel &amp; community sharing circle facilitated by Selena Fox.</i>
5 pm	<b>Raffle and Silent Auction results</b>
6 pm	<b>Dinner</b> behind the Farmhouse
8:30 pm	<b>Samhain Ritual</b> with Rev. Selena, Rev. Bo and others -- meeting at the Temple Room
After Ritual	<b>Spiral Labyrinth</b> facilitated by Kristol

### Sunday, October 30th

7 - 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b> in the Summer Kitchen
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7 am	<b>Samhain Sunrise Lodge of Healing and Renewal</b> with Chante, assisted by Colleen & others <i>Space is limited in this multicultural ceremony. Those interested need to sign up in advance with Colleen on Friday following the Opening Ritual, or, if space is still available, on Saturday.</i>
8:30 am	<b>Crystal Grids</b> with Rev. Tiffany Andes
10 am	<b>Supporting the Griever</b> with Rev. Moonfeather <i>Healing from grief is not easy. Whether it's death, divorce, sickness, injury, or destruction the list of tragedies where people find themselves needing support in their grief is long and varied. Grief is often a long, sometimes quite painful process experienced in so many ways; emotional, physical and spiritual and unique to each person. Experts agree that the single most important factor in healing from tragedies is the support of other people. Providing comfort through words isn't nearly as helpful as providing support by being willing to offer concrete ways that you can help. As a friend, family member or just a compassionate person you have the skills you need to support a griever, come see how.</i>
11:30 am	<b>Circle Cemetery Ritual</b> <i>This outdoor Samhain rite at Circle Cemetery includes presentation of Spirit Plate offerings, honoring of the Dead &amp; ritual sweeping of gravestones. All welcome.</i>
1 pm	<b>Lunch</b> behind the Farmhouse
2:30 pm	<b>Festival Closing Ritual</b> with Rev. Ana
3:30 pm	<b>Final Departures</b>

## VENDORS:

Owing to limited space on the Green, there will be no vending at this event.

## REGISTRATION

<b>Adults (each):</b>	<b>AT GATE</b>
3 Days	\$135
2 Days	\$115
Sat. Only	\$80
Witches' Ball Only	\$35
<b>Children 5+ (each)</b>	<b>AT GATE</b>
3 Days	\$50
2 Days	\$45
Sat. Only	\$35

Witches' Ball Only

\$20

Children under 5 are free.

Cancellations received before October 25th will be refunded minus 50% processing fee. Cancellations received on October 25th or later will not be refunded. Please refer to [Circle's cancellation policy](#) if you should need to cancel your event registration.

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

## QUESTIONS?

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