

Welcome Spring 2007

Saturday, March 24, 2007

At Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve
near Barneveld, Wisconsin

Program Schedule

10:00 am	Open for arrivals. Resource shop opens.
10:15 am	Welcome To Circle Sanctuary Brief orientation for those new to Circle and/or Paganism. Includes a meet and greet among festival participants.
10:30 am - noon	Springtime Activities <i>Spring Craft Workshop with Moonfeather & Karen (indoors)</i> Welcome the Spring by joining MoonFeather in a Springtime craft! Be prepared to get your hands dirty as we create your own spring Ostara tree. We'll even make string eggs to hang on it! Then you'll be able to take your beautiful Ostara tree home, nurture it, and have the buds of spring come alive in your homes! Karen will be helping our youth in making bead bunnies that will look great sitting in the grass under your Ostara tree! <i>Springtime Nature Walk with Reed Cockrell (outdoors)</i> Learn about creatures and plants at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve on this walk to the Wetlands, Stream, & Spring.
12:15 pm-1:15pm	Home Blessings in Springtime with Selena Fox Explore ways of working with the renewal powers of Spring in blessing your home. Learn about ancient and contemporary spiritual approaches to "Spring Cleaning."
1:30 pm-3 pm	Ostara Egg Hunt Join the fun in searching for eggs and signs of Spring. If you have one, bring a basket or bag to carry the eggs you find.

3 pm-3:30pm	Break
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Egg Hunt Prizes & Announcements Prizes will be awarded in adult and child categories in the Temple Room.
4:00 pm	Spring Equinox Ritual This ritual will be a Welcome of Spring and celebration of renewal. Wear something green to represent the rebirth of vegetation as Winter fades away. The ritual will be held outdoors at Stone Circle, weather permitting. Bring a hard-boiled egg for the rolling egg divination that follows the rite.
After Ritual	Potluck Feast and Celebration
7 pm	Clean-up & Departures

Items To Bring

- A contribution for [potluck](#) feast to feed at least two dozen people. If your contribution is to be served hot, it should be in a microwave or oven reheatable dish and not require more than 10-15 minutes of reheating, otherwise, bring it in a crock pot. Contributions that do not need reheating should be ready to serve. Fruit should be pre-washed and cheese pre-sliced. There is no kitchen space to prepare or cook contributions on site, but refrigeration space is available for storage. Please label contributions with ingredients and serving instructions.
- A hard boiled egg or egg shaped object prepared for ritual divination as instructed on the [Egg Divination](#) page.
- A symbol or ritual tool associated with one of the Elements (Earth, Aire, Fire, Water) to use in the Cemetery blessing part of the ritual.
- Wear something green to celebrate the Spring.
- Fresh flowers to decorate the Temple Room (we have some vases) or to leave as offerings on the land (optional)
- A shoulder bag or knapsack for carrying items in the ritual. (optional)
- Chants, charms, lore, experiences, perspectives for the Spring Magic Sharing Circle. (optional)
- Veggies, dip, crackers, other treats for snack table and/or a personal sack lunch for mid-day nourishment (optional)
- A stone to donate to the Stone Circle. (optional)
- A drum or rattle (optional)
- A basket for gathering eggs during the egg hunt (optional)
- Seeds for Spring planting to be blessed during the ritual. Bundle seed packets together and mark them with your name. (optional)

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