



Welcome joyous Beltaine!  
 Let all the world delight,  
 for the Lord and Lady's union,  
 is the greatest of the rites!  
 Welcome glorious May Day!  
 Merry Meet and Merry Part,  
 until once again the cycle,  
 brings us to each others heart!

Kirsten Houseknecht



## Kids Crafting

Coffee Can Drum

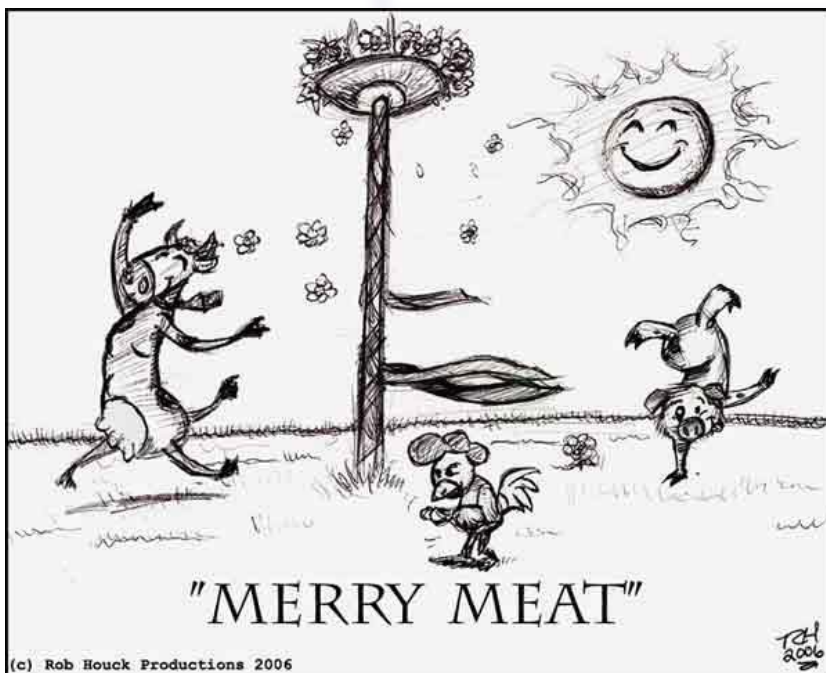
Drums are an important part of life and ceremony in many cultures. Here is a simple method for you and your kids to create a fun sounding drum as you celebrate the cultures of the world.

You will need...

- An empty coffee can with a plastic lid
- Construction paper, glue & scissors.
- Paint or markers.
- Paintbrushes & water.
- Dowels or sticks from trees in the park.
- String, leather, feathers, beads, etc...

Directions:

1. You have two options here. Either paint the coffee can with paint or cover the can with construction paper.
2. Leave the plastic lid on the coffee can ... this will be your drum head.
3. If you cover the coffee can with construction paper, you can paint or draw designs and creatures on the coffee can. Have a look at pictures of different kinds of drums and the images found on them. (Try covering the can with aluminum foil for a neat effect.)
4. After the paint is dry, you can glue all sorts of decorations to your drum.
5. Using wooden dowels or simply wooden sticks, drum away on your new coffee can drum.
6. You can even try pounding the bottom of the coffee can with a rubber mallet to make a Caribbean-style steel drum.



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# Voices of the Grove

April, 2007

## GSG BELTANE

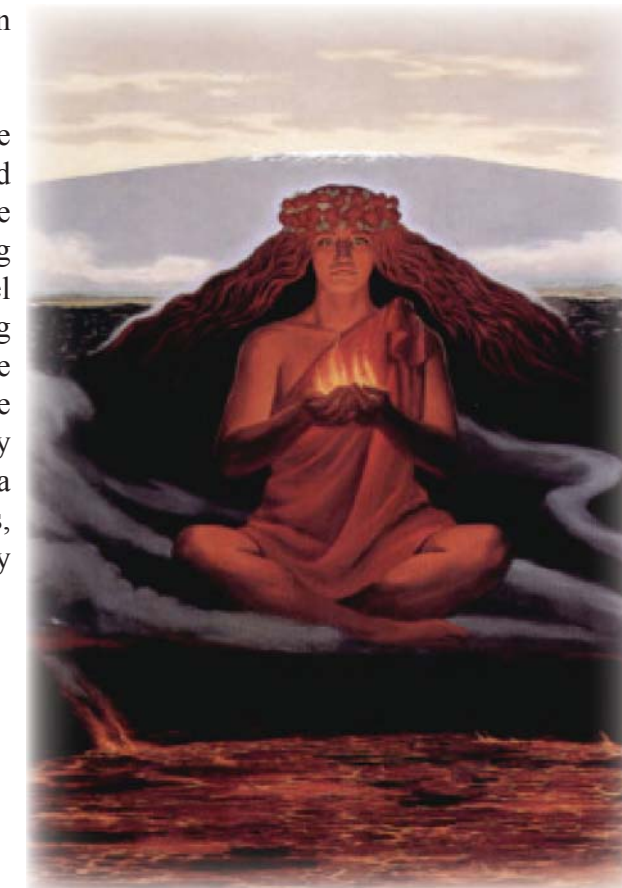
Seasonal Musing Beltaine day we speak of June brides, 2007 but Mother's Day is held in May.

In the center of the clearing stands a pole draped with ribbons. Surrounding the pole are the participants, comprised of a equal number of men and women. One half of the ribbons are picked up by the women, the remainder are retrieved by the men. As the chant and drums begin to sound, the participants will continue its never ending journey. Beltane is, therefore an excellent time to ask for the blessing of a child and many couples do just that. It is also a great time to start new projects, ribbons weave together, over or to start working towards any and under, in and out, above goals that you may have. and below. As the ribbons are wrapped around the pole, the potent energy of the God is merged with the energy of the Goddess, ensuring that the Cycle will continue.

Beltaine, which marks the beginning of the Celtic Summer, is the celebration of the union of the Goddess and the God. This event was seen with such reverence and importance by our European forefathers, they had an almost universal prohibition against marriages in May. That month was reserved for the Goddess and Her marriage. Even to this

### GreenSong Grove's 9th Annual Beltane Grand Sabbat April 27—29, 2007

Silver Rose and friends bring us a Hawaiian themed ritual. Join us in welcoming Pele, the Hawaiian Goddess of Fire. Everyone will get lei'd. This is a weekend of workshops, Guest Authors, Earth Drum Tribe circles, fun and friends. Check inside for more details or go to [www.greensonggrove.org](http://www.greensonggrove.org)



"Uniting our community through communication, spirituality and personal growth." We of Greensong Grove, come together from different circles and traditions, covens and solitary practices to create a Grove, just as the Oaks and Palms and Pines of the forest stand together, co-creating and being at peace with one another. We can stand together, and in doing so, build a strong foundation on which to build our own futures.



# Congratulations to Thomas W. Weston for being our Beltane poetry winner.

To view more of Thomas's  
poetry go to  
[www.lulu.com/tweston2](http://www.lulu.com/tweston2)



A simple yet decadent desert to add some Beltane cream  
to your Sabbat feast.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1/4 cup sugar (white)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 egg yolks
- 4 tbs sugar (white)
- pinch of salt



#### Wheels Turn Into the Sun

Cycling 'round the wheel turns  
As time's river flows and churns  
Bringing past the open door  
Living thoughts and nothing more.

Eyes are watching  
Minds observe  
Creatures hover  
Souls preserve.

Ever on  
The Path goes up  
To the brink of  
The All's bluff.

High we climb  
Far to fall  
Caution's needed  
With the call.

When the time  
Has finally run  
We'll disappear  
In the blinding Sun.

#### April

2<sup>nd</sup>-○

10<sup>th</sup>-☾

17<sup>th</sup>-●

24<sup>th</sup>-☽

#### May

2<sup>nd</sup>-○

10<sup>th</sup>-☾

16<sup>th</sup>-●

23<sup>th</sup>-☽

31<sup>st</sup>-○

#### June

8<sup>th</sup>-☾

14<sup>th</sup>-●

22<sup>nd</sup>-☽

30<sup>th</sup>-○

#### PREPARATION:

Preheat your oven to 300F, and place a dish towel in the bottom of a baking dish (one large enough to hold 4 ramekins, and an inch or two deep). Put a pot of water on to boil, exact measurement not necessary.

Then in a smaller saucepan, combine the heavy cream, 1/4 cup of sugar and salt. Heat through, but don't let cream mixture come to a boil. Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl, beat yolks and vanilla until smooth. Slowly add hot cream to egg mixture, stirring constantly. When all the cream is added, pour hot mixture into 4 6oz ramekins.

Set ramekins in baking dish, on towel. Pour hot water into the pan until the level is about half way up the ramekin dishes. Loosely cover the entire pan with foil. Bake for 25-30 minutes until custard sets. Then chill in the fridge for 4-6 hours. Before serving, sprinkle a tablespoon of sugar on each custard, and brown with a torch or broiler.

## GSG Calendar of Events

#### Council Meeting dates

All meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at the Pinellas Park Library @ 7:00 p.m. 7770 52nd St., Pinellas Park, FL

#### 2007 Sabbats

Beltane -April 27-29, 2007- Silver Rose and friends

Midsummer -June 23, 2007-Between Worlds Coven

Lughnasadh - August 4, 2007 - Avalon Rose

Mabon -September 22, 2007- Between Worlds Coven

Samhain - October 19-21, 2007 - Hearthfire Coven

Yule - December 15, 2007- Circle In The Woods CUUPS

#### GreenSong Grove's 9th Annual Beltane Grand Sabbat April 27-29, 2007

Time: Gates open at 2 PM on Friday April 27, 2007

Event Location: 2900 31st Street South in St. Petersburg

Vending: \$10 for a 10x10 space

Donation: \$17 for members \$20 non member per person per campsite

Ritual only: After 5 PM Saturday, (leaving by 2 AM) \$5 non member \$4 for members

Guest authors Raven and Stephanie Grimassi, Ann Moura, Drum circle facilitators Earth Drum Tribe

Friday night

Do you sing, dance, spin poi, recite poetry, or have some other amazing talent you want to share then email: [council@greensonggrove.org](mailto:council@greensonggrove.org) to register for the event.

Friday night at 8 PM, Talent Showcase, awards and drawing for all participants.

Drum Circle lead by Earth Drum Tribe

Saturday

Workshops with Raven and Stephanie Grimassi and community members

Beltane Ritual

Feasting - Everyone is asked to bring a dish or beverage to share for the feasting table for Saturday Night.

Drum Circle lead by Earth Drum Tribe immediately following the feasting.

Pre-registration is available: Go to [www.greensonggrove.org](http://www.greensonggrove.org)

## Community Events

#### Everything under the moon

April/May: Karen C. Myers - Detox Ion Generator, Gina Kennedy-Yoga, Jay-Walking

stick and rattle making, Tigerlilly- Women healing women, Book Signing "Puzzle Pieces of the Mind" Author Jeffrey Brian Land,

Sound, Lights & Touch w/ Keith Bernabei, LMT. Experience the Ultimate in Relaxation,

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514 1st Ave Sw Largo, FL 33770 Ph. 727-586-5707

### Beltane Pre-registration:

**Friday night only** after 5 PM until 2 AM, includes open mic, drum circle: \$10 \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday night only** after 5 PM until 2 AM- includes ritual, feast, drum circle (please bring a pot luck dish to share) :\$5 \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Friday- Sunday** per person includes primitive campsite, open mic, workshops, ritual, feast, drum circle Friday and : \$17 for members \$20 nonmembers. \$\_\_\_\_\_

**CABIN rental:** \$15 per cabin bunk per person for event. \$\_\_\_\_\_

Handicapped accessible cabin needed ( )

Cabins are rented on a per bunk rate and on a first fee paid basis. They rent quickly, if you wish to be with a specific group, send in all event fees and cabin reservations in one envelope. Due to the charges from the park, there will be no refunds after April 18, 2007

Name of group you wish to share cabin with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Merchant:** Per person admission which includes campsite, open mic, drum circles, ritual, workshops plus \$10 for each 10 by 10 space a donation for auction would be appreciated: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$**\_\_\_\_\_ **Make checks payable to:** "Green Song Grove"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Craft Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of minors attending with you: \_\_\_\_\_

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7132 49th St. N., Pinellas Park FL  
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