



Brigid, You of many names,
 We become Your living flames!
 Light the candles, sing Her praise.
 As was done in elder days,
 Light the candles, Sing Her Praise!
 (by Pat Devin)

What's stirring in the GSG Cauldron?

Merry Meet,

Many ingredients got stirred into our cauldron this season and are being sprinkled into next Sabbats pot to serve a most delicious festival and upcoming GSG Sabbats. The most important ingredient that goes in is each and every one of you. We all add to the greatness and flavor of our community.

I hope you had a joyous Yule season. GSG's Winter Solstice Sabbat was a wonderful event attended by almost 100 people. Circle of One presented a wonderful Ritual, and the Oak King rules! The children created Yule logs and were delighted to have them be a part of the ritual fire. What a wonderful idea and project for the little ones. Crow was so well prepared with yellow chalk, twine, branches, pinecones and various woods to make up the logs, thank you for the great project.

GSG's newest 101 students began class December 5. If you want to join a future class please email or call us and leave a message with your name, contact information and your best dates to start a new class.

Volunteers have offered to present all of the rituals for 2007. This is a first for GreenSong Grove, to have the entire year requested before the previous one is complete. The spirit of community and volunteerism is alive and well in the Grove.

We are in need of two site assistants; if you are interested please email us Council@greensonggrove.org for a job description and offer your services. The lovely wicker basket filled with everything on the dear Santa list went to Sharon. Umm, Sharon wanna share the Godiva cherries with all of us??

We are working on great plans for our upcoming Beltane festival and there will be more news online and at our Imbolc Sabbat. Well I have to fly, hugs to you and yours for and during this upcoming season of growing light and flowing milk.

Ann Marie, GSG secretary

To submit an article or event to the newsletter, please contact Terrie McGowan / council@greensonggrove.org with "GSG Newsletter" in the subject line.

GreenSong Grove Membership Form

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Membership includes: \$1 discount to Sabbats, ***Under 18 years old must have parent or legal guardians notarized permission to join.* At no time will GreenSong Grove, Inc. give your name, personal information or email address to anyone without your prior express permission.

Goddess Myth

Lakshmi rises

After being crowned king, Indra, the leader of the devas retired to the pleasure gardens. There, he drank wine, enjoyed song and dance and neglected his royal duties. The earth, left ungoverned was plundered. Bhoodevi's lamentation fell on deaf ears. This made Shreedevi very angry. She turned away from Indra. The goddess's disappearance caused panic in the three worlds. We must bring her back, said the gods. But how? wondered the demons. By churning the ocean of milk, said Vishnu. With Mandara, king of mountains, as the spindle and Akupara, king of turtles as the base, the devas and the asuras created the cosmic churn. Using Vasuki, the king of the serpents as the churning rope, they began churning the ocean of milk.

The churn twisted and turned, the ocean frothed and fumed, waves roared and spewed foam in every direction. Eons passed. Nothing emerged. But the gods and demons were determined to bring the goddess back and continued to churn the great ocean. Pleased by their efforts, the goddess finally emerged as a Lakshmi, the desirable one, in all her splendor. Seated on a dew drenched Lotus, dressed in red silk, bedecked in gold, she was the very embodiment of affluence, abundance and auspiciousness. As she rose, rasa, life giving sap, began flowing in every direction. The earth palpated with life. Joy

filled the air.

The gods saluted her; the demons sang songs to her glory.

Sacred elephants who hold up the sky came from the eight quarters of the universe raised their trunks and consecrated her with life sustaining water.

By: Ann Marie

Kids Crafting



Pagan Wheel of the Year.

Milk is a sacred food of the Goddess, it sustains life and is a symbol of purity and her nourishment. This is the time of year that young lambs were being born in the fields of our Northern European ancestors and milk was available again as a food substance for the families who had gotten through the lean times of winter. So it stands to reason that milk and milk products were part of the Sabbat celebration.

Churning the Milk

Pour heavy cream into a container with a tight lid. Shake until you hear "thud." This will take a while, and makes a great group activity-little arms tire quickly! :-). Pour off the liquid (it's buttermilk) and serve your butter at dinner.

Voices of the Grove

February, 2007

GSG IMBOLC

There are four greater and four lesser Sabbats. The seasonal cycles of the year are created by the tilt of the earth's axis as she leans toward the sun in the north or south at different points in her annual dance. Solstices are the extremes in the sun cycle when days and nights are either longest or shortest. At equinoxes days and nights are equal. The midpoints in between the solstices and equinoxes are the four cross-quarter Sabbats giving eight seasonal "holy days" based on the natural cycles.

this Sabbat actually explains the reasoning. Imbolc (or Imbolg) literally means "in the belly;" thus, though the land is still covered with snow and frost, within the belly of the Mother (earth), the first faint stirrings of the seeds of the new season are beginning. A festival celebrating light ion, dedication and initiation rites are frequently held at this time in the darkness, Imbolc is the traditional time for cleansing, purification. This is a time to rekindle the fire both within us and within the world.

Imbolc is one of the four greater Sabbats and a cross-quarter fire festival, halfway between Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox. Candlemas is the Christianized name for the Pagan celebration of Imbolc, the transformation of the Goddess to the Maiden of Spring. It is celebrated in old Ireland by the kindling of hillside bonfires and the lighting of candles. Also known as Brigit's Day, it is a Fire festival to honor the great Irish Goddess Brigit, the goddess of fire and the patroness of smith craft, poetry, and healing. The Maiden sweeps away the debris of the old, dead season with her new broom; thus, we sweep away worn out plans, and goals.

By: Ann Marie

This Rite of Imbolc marks the first stirrings of the new spring, a time to fill our lives and minds with new ideas and goals. It may seem strange to be celebrating spring while snow still covers the ground and the bitter winds of winter still whip around the Celtic world, the old name of



Seasonal Musing Imbolc 2007 - by Balinnor

Candlemas is the Christianized named for the Cross Quarter Holiday celebrated between Yule and Ostara. In the days since Yule the nights have grown perceptually shorter and although the land, in more Northern latitudes, may still be covered by a blanket of snow, there are signs that the grip of Winter will soon fade once more into Spring. The diligent observer will notice that the once barren trees are beginning to bud and that Sun climbs slightly higher above the horizon each day.

When early Germanic and Celtic settlers landed on North American shores, they brought with them a rich Candlemas heritage steeped in the traditions of their ancestors. One such tradition held that on Candlemas Day, February 2 by the modern calendar, the severity of the remaining months of Winter could be predicted according to the weather upon that day. If the day was overcast, then Winter would quickly fade and Spring would come early. If the day was bright and clear however, then Winter weather would last until Ostara. Another belief was that certain animals were able to discern the future on Candlemas and, by observing their responses, the timing of the coming Spring could be forecast. These two beliefs coalesced into our modern North American celebration of Groundhog Day. So the next time you hear the weather man commenting on whether on not this or that ground hog saw his shadow, you will know that it is a belief that descends from our ancestors of long ago.

You can get into the spirit of the day by making your own shadow observation. According to tradition if you see your own shadow then Winter will stick around for six more weeks in your area. If your shadow is a no show then the warmth of Spring is on its way. May the Goddess bless you and keep you safe and warm through whatever lies before you.

"Uniting our community through communication, spirituality and personal growth." We of Green-song 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.

Bright Blessings
 Balinnor

Are you a poet?

Submit a poem with a Beltane theme. If your poem is selected it will be featured in the Beltane newsletter. Poems must be submitted no later than March 5th, 2007. Email your entry to council@greensonggrove.org



Brigit Bath for inspiration

1 tbsp. Vitamin E oil
4 drops of Chamomile essential oil
1 tsp of honey
1 cup of powdered milk



Pour oils and honey into a small bowl and mix thoroughly. Stir in 1 cup of powdered milk. Add the mixture to your bath water; ring the tub with votive candles. Eat blackberries, or sip blackberry tea, or wine (Blackberries are sacred to Brigit), relax, allow your mind to conceive of projects you would like to accomplish, be inspired to write, draw, work with metals. Following your bath initiate your ideas by actually beginning a project.

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Sleeping Beauty

*The Earth is bright in
winter white; there sleeps a
Maiden fair.*

*A Virgin soon will come
to bloom and shake her
lovely hair.*

*The Lord, he lives and
soon He gives His love to
a Virgin Queen.*

*His loving light casts on
Her bright to wake Her
from winter's dream.*

January

3rd - ○

11th - ☾

18th - ●

25th - ☽

February

2nd - ○

10th - ☾

17th - ●

24th - ☽

March

4th - ○

12th - ☾

19th - ●

26th - ☽

BAILEY'S IRISH CREAM TRUFFLES

1/4 cup Bailey's Irish Cream
1 Tablespoon Butter
12 oz semisweet chocolate pieces
2 egg yolks
1/4 cup Heavy Cream



Melt chocolate pieces, Bailey's and heavy cream together over very low heat. Whisk in yolks, one at a time, mixture will thicken. Whisk in butter. Refrigerate several hours, or overnight until firm. Make small balls with a teaspoon. Roll in powdered sugar or cocoa.

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

Imbolc - January 27, 2007- Padma and Greybeard
Ostara - March 24, 2007- Grey GhostHawk and Becki
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

Imbolc

January 27 presented by Padma and Greybeard

Join us as we celebrate Imbolc. This sabbat we will celebrate Lakshmi and the festival of lights. This will be a blending of eclectic Wicca at it's best.

Where: 2900 31st Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida

When: Gates open at 7 PM

Donation: \$4 for members, \$5 for nonmembers
Phone: 727-804-9370

Email: council@greensonggrove.org

Web address: greensonggrove.org

Who doesn't love a roaring sacred fire?

Ostara

March 24 - GreenSong Grove's Ostara Sabbat - presented by Grey Ghosthawk and Becki
Where: 2900 31st Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida
When: Gates open at 7 PM
Donation: \$4 for members, \$5 for nonmembers
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Community Events

JANUARY

January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007, 4-6pm.- Saturdays- Introduction to Wicca, 4 classes, Joanne will teach this class that will give an overview of the fastest growing religion in the country. Wicca is an Earth-based spirituality that is centered on the phases of the sun with the seasons and harvests, as well as the phases of the moon.

Discuss the principles of this belief system while learning about the Goddess and Gods, the basics of ritual, Sabbats and Esbats, ritual tools that are used and much more. Under the Gypsy Moon 1500 N. Parson's Ave Brandon, FL 33510 Phone: 813-689-7595 Email: UndertheGypsyMoon@tampabay.rr.com

January 7, 14, 21, 28 - Sundays, 12-2 pm - Basic Tarot 6 Classes -Gina teaches this class. Learn the meanings and interpretations of the Major and Minor Arcana, as well as different layouts or spreads to use. Follow the Fool on his journey through life as shown in the Major and Lesser Arcana. Under the Gypsy Moon 1500 N. Parson's Ave Brandon, FL 33510 Phone: 813-689-7595 Email: UndertheGypsyMoon@tampabay.rr.com

January 21 OR 28; 6pm; Faerie Elaine Silver in concert- Bradenton, FL - Oneco First Baptist Church; Sunday, 1700 51st Avenue E; 941/750-0974 to confirm date.

FEBRUARY

February 3 - 7:30pm: Full Moon Celebration, CUUPS Sacred Oaks Circle Dedication, Sponsored by: Circles in the Woods CUUPS (cuups@...) (813/920-1488) Full Moon Celebrations on the Saturday closest to the Full Moon. Tampa UU Church 11400 Morris Bridge Road, Tampa. Cost is a donation Website: <http://WWW.uutampa.org> (CUUPS)

February 4, 11 - Sundays, 12-2 pm - Basic Tarot 6 Classes - Gina teaches this class. Learn the meanings and interpretations of the Major and Minor Arcana, as well as different layouts or spreads to use. Follow the Fool on his journey through life as shown in the Major and Lesser Arcana. Under the Gypsy Moon 1500 N. Parson's Ave Brandon, FL 33510 Phone: 813-689-7595 Email: UndertheGypsyMoon@tampabay.rr.com

February 7 - at 7:00 PM - GSG council meetings at the Pinellas Park Library, 7770 52nd St., Meetings begin at 7 PM. All interested parties are invited to attend and volunteer to create a magickal community, all meetings are in the large room to the left of the library entrance.

Crystal Healing Class

When: Thursday, February 22nd, 2007 Class runs for 9 weeks. 7-9ish pm.
Where: Healing Hands 7132 49th st. N Pinellas Park FL 33781 Ph 727-538-8969
Cost: \$12.00 per class plus a one time supply fee of \$10.00
Facilitator: Kathi Wahls
Come and learn about our allies in the stone

and crystal realm and the ancient art of crystal healing. Stones and crystals have been used since the beginning of time as tools to heal the body mind and spirit. This is a fun, informative class and discussions will include;

- >individual stones, properties and uses
- >choosing stones and crystals
- >caring for and cleaning your crystals
- >protection and grounding
- >remote healing
- >listening to your stones
- >laying on of stones and much more

This is a hands on class and we will be doing healings on each other. Please call to register for this class. Space is limited to 15 students.

MARCH

March 3- 7:30pm: FullMoon Celebrations, Presented by: Circles in the Woods CUUPS (cuups@...) (813/920-1488) Full Moon Celebrations on the Saturday closest to the Full Moon. Tampa UU Church 11400 Morris Bridge Road, Tampa. Cost is a donation Website: <http://WWW.uutampa.org> (CUUPS)

Smudge Fan Workshop

Smudging is the energetic cleansing of a person place or thing with smoke from sage or other herbs or incense resins.

In this workshop, you will learn about smudging and create your own beautiful feather smudge fan. All materials are included in the workshop fee but if you have something special you would like to add to your fan please bring it with you. This class is limited to 8 people so we may have a morning and afternoon session. 11:00 - 2:00 and 2:00 - 5:00. (Don't worry if you're not crafty, we'll help you create a fabulous magical tool!)

When: Sunday March 11th
Where: Healing Hands 7132 49th st N
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727-538-8969

Cost: \$25.00

Everything under the moon has to many classes and events going on these next few months to list, so please go to www.everythingunderthemoongallery.com and check out the events page. Everything from ChaCha Slide classes to Energy Healing. Everything under the moon 514 1st Ave Sw Largo, FL 33770
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