



SEE BEYOND THE MISTS

CMA SAMHAIN 2006



Welcome to CMA Samhain 2006

Welcome to all of you who have chosen to join us at our Samhain 2006 Festival!

Scores of your friends and fellow members has worked long and hard to bring this festival to you.

For weeks, Matt's crews have mowed, painted, and prepared the site. Sky has spent days turning your registrations into lists of attendees. Susanne has worked hard at allocating your Community Service shifts to keep the event running smoothly. For the last week, many more people have cleaned, groomed, and worked at pitching tents and setting up the pieces that we need to make this work.

Now, we are gathered to mark the Turning of the Wheel and the change of the seasons. We have come to remember and celebrate those who have gone before us; to mark lives ended and those just beginning. We have come to dance, sing, and worship the Gods as we choose, and to mark the year as we try to See Beyond the Mist.

Blessed Be!

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Trash – Leave No Trace!

You are responsible for dealing with your own trash. Should you choose to burn paper, do so safely. Plastic, metal, and glass must be disposed of offsite – either take it home to recycle, or arrange to drop them off at a recycling center in Smithville, or elsewhere

We have been recommending that you reduce the volume of trash you produce at festivals, and this takes it further.

Some easy things you can do to dramatically reduce the amount of waste you produce are:

- Remove any new camping gear from its original packaging at home.
- Bring 2.5-gallon drinking water jugs and refill small bottles or durable cups.
- Buy food in large packages instead of single-serving packages, and pack what you need in reusable containers, like Tupperware.
- Bring reusable dishes and flatware, or paper plates (not Styrofoam) that can be burned.

Do make sure you bring sturdy trash bags, and double bag the recyclables and trash that you will be carting out. If you brought it in with you, you will have room to take it out with you – just plan for it, and keep your trash to a minimum. You'll be surprised at how easy it is!

We encourage cooperative efforts to recycle metal, glass and plastics and will assist in any such ventures. We also recognize that because some of you must come by air, this may cause some difficulty. If your campmates are unable to assist you, please contact a Board member so that we can make arrangements.

Front Gate Hours:	Day	Open	Close
	Wednesday – Set Up Crew and Vendors Only! Wednesday Paid Early Arrivals	9:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
	Friday	Noon	7:30 p.m.
	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
		9:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.

☾ Late Night Arrivals! Please park in the first parking lot just off the road. You'll be able to move your car in the morning.

✱ Early Birds! To leave the event before 8:00 a.m. any morning, be sure to park in the front parking lot before the gate closes the night before.

The picture on the cover, of our own Dancer Mike, was taken by the Director of Communications, Bruce Denney.

Special Performances

We are proud to announce two bands we all know and love are on hand to perform for us!

Cut Time – on stage Friday night – 7:00 p.m.

Cut Time has a wonderful blend of folk, blues, torch, bluegrass and just plain funny stuff! Come listen to Ted, Shannon, and Stephanie entertain us as only they can. CD's available.

DreamTrybe – on stage Saturday night – 7:00 p.m.

CMA and DreamTrybe have a fabulous history – and everyone loves to welcome them back whenever they can come to play for us. Come enjoy their “ritual in song” and enjoy their amazing beat to dance and hoop to, and to drum and sing along with them!

CMA Festival Rules

We are excited to have you attend this event. For your safety and the safety of our community, all laws, regulations, and ordinances of the State of Texas and Fayette County shall be observed during the festival. Council of the Magickal Arts, Inc. assumes no liability for anyone in attendance. Parents & Legal Guardians are solely responsible for the safety & well being of all minors in their charge.

CMA attempts to create the least restrictive environment possible, while maintaining a reasonable level of safety and security for all. The Council of the Magickal Arts asks that you please respect these few rules for everyone's safety and comfort:

Leave all pets at home.

Firearms, illegal substances, violence or any illegal activity will result in immediate ejection from the event

No electronic music (cd's, radios, etc.) is allowed after sunset anywhere on site.

We hope that you will have worship and ritual with your campmates and covenmates, teach each other, and learn from each other. However, we must insist that if you are doing anything for the general population, whether it is a ritual or a workshop, it must be officially sanctioned and scheduled.

Pax Templi

SpiritHaven is a sacred place. Please leave your troubles, personal issues, and grudges at the gate. We ask all members to treat each other with respect and dignity. Let's have Peace in our Temple. We are all responsible adults and understand right from wrong. If you choose to disregard this responsibility, you will be asked to leave the event and may have your membership suspended for a year and a day. In case of emergency, you may contact any CMA Officer or Guardian.

Proxies

Mary Wolf, the Director of Records, will be registering proxies on Friday from 9 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Clothing Optional

CMA events are clothing optional. Please be prepared for extremely variable weather with both warm and cool clothes. Please wear heavy shoes at all times, as the site is still wild, and there are mesquite thorns, cacti, and critters. Remember, too, to always respect your fellow festivalgoers by not assuming that any state of dress or undress is intended as an invitation to violate personal space. Remember that no means no.

Vehicles & Parking

You will be issued a window tag for your vehicle when you check in at the gate. Remember that no one likes to camp in a parking lot, so please move your vehicle to the upper parking lot after you unload your gear. Remember that no driving is allowed on the property after dark. Want to park next to your camp? Parking permits are available for \$20.00 at the Radmin Desk.*

RVs must park in the designated RV parking area in addition to buying a parking permit. Unfortunately, electrical & sewage hook-ups are NOT yet available, but generators may be run between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

*Note: If you have a medical condition that requires you to have quick access to your vehicle, you will be issued a permit free of charge. You must camp in your vehicle to qualify for a permit if not required for medical reasons.

Merchant's Row

Shop for unique hand made crafts, jewelry, art, massages, clothing and other magical items offered by CMA members for your enjoyment and convenience. A guide to the Merchants and their wares is included in this guide for your convenience.

CMA One

Bubbling Cauldron, ice sales, The Ellens' Café, all under one roof! Find out about schedule changes, view maps of the site, get emergency assistance, visit with your friends, and much more under the big tents.

First Aid

To summon help for yourself or someone who is sick or injured, notify a worker stationed at the Med Tent or grab a patrolling Guardian.

The Ellens' Cafe

Welcome! Come in and receive a cup of good cheer along with your steaming hot cup of coffee, hot chocolate, tea, or apple cider. We will have two brand-new restaurant-style coffee pots for Samhain 2006. Our hours of operation are from 7 AM to 10 PM Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and from 7 AM to noon on Sunday. Forgot your cup? No worries, mate – you can purchase your very own CMA/Ellen's Café travel mug for only \$3.00 (available in green and blue). And, as always, there are lots of free cheer and hugs available at the counter from Nancy Ellen and Mary Ellen.

Revel Fire

Drum and dance the night away. This event, each night's fire has a specific theme –

Thursday – “Forged Anew” about 8:00 p.m.

Friday – “Fires of Renewal” after ritual.

Saturday – “The Fires that Light the Way” after ritual.

Spirit Fire

Enjoy the meditative, alcohol-free Spirit Fire for a change of pace. Located in Phoenix Meadow.

Tween Zone

For kids 7 through 12. Check at the Radmin Desk for information.

Fairy Mound

This is our activity center & babysitting co-op for tykes 2 to 6 and their parents. Parents are required to work a 2-hour shift if they use this co-op.

Bath House & Toilets

We have hot showers available 24 hours a day in two co-ed community shower rooms. Hours for segregated shower times are posted on the shower house doors. There are port-a-potties located around the grounds for your convenience.

Bubbling Cauldron Café

The Bubbling Cauldron Café, located in CMA One, will be serving meals beginning Thursday at noon through 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Breakfasts and lunches are available ala Carte, dinners are by pre-purchase only. Pre-purchased meal cards cover all meals Friday through Sunday.

Camp Sites

Camping is first-come, first served. Take only the space you need. Campsite decorations are encouraged! For those who want a more subdued camping experience, please camp in the quiet areas beyond Merchant's Row.

Essentials

It's Texas! The weather really does change in two hours and it's extreme. Pack for freezing as well as hot weather. Bring standard camping gear, sturdy shoes, rain gear, firewood, a 5-gallon bucket, and last but not least, WATER! If you are bringing tykes, tweens or teens, please pack all items they will need, especially cold weather clothing.

Water

Bring two gallons per day per person. NO potable water is available on-site. Drink plenty & drink often. Dehydration is no fun!

2 hours of Community Service is Mandatory for all Adults

Meet new people, feel more involved, have fun and help keep ticket prices reasonable. If you do not know what shift you are scheduled for, ask at the Radmin Desk 12:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Campfires & Fire Safety

Use the campfire rings provided. Keep tents and other items 10-13 feet away from fires, and propane lanterns. A 5-gal bucket of water must always be in sight of the fire. Buckets, donated by the CMA Fire Arts Service Society, are available on a first come-first serve basis at the bathhouse. Never leave a fire unattended, or it will be extinguished for you. Always make sure coals are cold before you leave. If you wish to add a fire ring to your campsite, you must have approval from Fire Marshal Bill (check at the Radmin desk.)

Camera Policy

No photographs may be taken during the event without the express permission of all individuals captured in the photograph! Special events such as handfastings must have signs posted warning participants that photography is in progress. Only photographers wearing the official CMA Pagan Paparazzi badge may take photographs in public areas. See the full policy at the Radmin Desk.

Guardians

Guardians keep us safe 24 hours a day.

If you need help of any kind, medical assistance or need to reach staff - grab a Guardian. In daylight, you'll see them carrying radios. At night, look for the green glowies moving about.

Critter Watch

Enjoy the non-human occupants of Spirit Haven. Bring your binoculars for bird watching, but keep an eye out also for snakes, scorpions, raccoons and stray dogs. Remember, nature isn't always friendly! If you come across any problems, contact a Guardian.

Newbee Meeting

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You need to meet Grandma Charlie, Queen Newbee, and have a Newbee get-together to find out what all goes on at CMA and where things are.

We will go over a brief history of CMA, tips for camping and safety, and your questions as well. Everyone who is new to CMA is strongly encouraged to come to one of the listed times for the Newbee meeting. Your reward for coming to the meeting? Oh yeah, we have the coveted "Newbee Badge", your first badge to show off. These Newbee badges will show others that you are new here and you will get smiles, hellos, and hugs wherever you go.

If you have been gone from CMA for more than three years, you are also welcome to come along, because many things may have changed. And your reward (you didn't think we would leave you out, would you?) is a Resurrected Newbee badge so we can give you those "missed you" hugs!

How you can help make Samhain Great!

Treat people with respect (be respectful of persons, property, privacy, sacred space, and rituals.)

Make a point to meet your camping neighbors. Get to know one another so you can help watch out for each other.

Include others in your activities and socializing, especially those who are new. Avoid exclusionary behavior. Encourage others to become involved if they don't seem to be. Share.

Parents, be responsible for your children's behavior.

Adults, be responsible for your own behavior.

Observe ritual etiquette and be respectful of ritual leaders and participants. Follow their lead in what they wish you to do. Ideally, they will let you know beforehand. Please be cautious when handling ritual tools brought to large rituals. Always ask before touching another person's ritual tools.

Sign up for volunteer activities and get involved in the event. It's a great way to join the community and learn about CMA.

Respect Guardian volunteers and cooperate with them. They're here to help and make sure everyone has a great time.

If you have any questions or are looking for a way to get involved, ask any officer or come by the Radmin desk and volunteer your time.

Guidelines for the Great Works Meeting

The Council of the Magickal Arts, as a corporation, as a village, must be guided and governed by certain guidelines of polite discourse for meetings. As such, for the benefit of all attendees, please adhere to the following guidelines at the Great Works meeting of Samhain 2006.

- A member must be granted the floor to bring up an item for discussion or to make a motion by coming to the microphone at the front of the assembled membership. Only those who come to the microphone to speak will be granted the floor.
- Once a motion is made, it must be restated by the Chair for all members in attendance.
- A motion must be supported by current by-laws and member rights to be discussed.
- A motion must then be seconded, as stated, to move forward.
- Once seconded, the Chair will set a time limit for discussion.
- Each member must be recognized by the Chair and granted the floor before speaking.
- As appropriate, the Chair may limit: the time period for comments; cumulative, irrelevant, or unduly repetitious comments; general comments that are vague, underdeveloped, or immaterial as to be impractical to ascertain the intent or purpose of the person making the comments.
- A member may not speak twice on the same point if there are members who have not yet spoken on that point and may only do so if time permits and they are called upon by the Chair for additional comments or clarification.
- Once the time limit is reached, the Chair has the discretion to extend the time limit or call the question to vote.
- All questions will be voted on by voice vote (“yea” or “nay”) unless otherwise stated.
- A motion to amend a motion under discussion must be debated separately and voted on prior to calling a vote on the original motion.
- A motion can be postponed by the Chair until the next event for further discussion and a vote.
- Some motions related to administrative issues will not be brought to vote but handled administratively by the Board of Directors.

Great Works Agenda

Samhain 2006

October 22, 2006, Noon, Spirit Haven

Agenda Topics

I. Old Business

- A. Board Action Item from Samhain 2005

II. New Business

- A. Director's Reports

- 1. Executive Director
- 2. Assistant Director
- 3. Director of Finance
- 4. Director of Communications
- 5. Director of Records

- B. Festival Reports

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| 1. CMA-1 | 2. Community Service |
| 3. Guardians/Medics | 4. Front Gate |
| 5. Ellen's Café | 6. Food Service |
| 7. Area Reports | |
| a. North-west Texas | b. Houston |
| c. Austin | d. San Antonio |
| e. Brazos Valley | f. Costal Bend |
| g. Outlands | |

- C. Bylaw Revision Proposals

- D. Designated Camping Proposal

- E. Area Break-Out Meetings

- F. Announcement of Election Results

(Policy 20060531-1: All Directors of the Council of the Magickal Arts, Inc. shall, upon election at Samhain Great Works meetings, read aloud their letter of commitment to the members present at said meeting and state, "I do swear", or other such phrase as to affirm that the letter is an oath to the corporation and membership. Such a reading will take place immediately before signing and notarizing of their letter of commitment.)

- G. Other New Business or Discussion

- 1. Planting Improvements (Natives and Complementary)
- 2. Member Bill of Rights
- 3. Member Clicks

III. Adjournment

Area Meetings

Check the schedule for the location of your Area Meeting, and then go! Your input is invaluable to CMA, and we want and need to know how things are going, what's working and what isn't, and your ideas on how to improve future festivals. Your Area Reps will be there, ready, willing, and able to help you to the best of their abilities, to make sure that your Samhain is the best ever. It is impossible to stress how important your participation in the running of this organization is. Get involved!

CMA Societies

Check the schedule for your CMA Society meetings. All societies are open to everyone, with only a few exceptions, and no one will run you out in any case. These societies serve CMA in a number of ways, and are a great way to get involved. If you are curious about one, just show up and ask about it!

Thursday's Offerings, Workshops, and Rituals

Opening Ritual

4:00, Magickal Meadow

The Board of Directors will lead the community in a ritual opening the site for magickal work, encasing the site in the circle for protection, healing, and wisdom, and blessing us all with their dedication and love of our Village.

Create your own Tent Flag!

Ongoing all weekend

If you enjoy creating beautiful things, don't mind the possibility of getting your hands dirty, and want something new and unique to decorate your camp with, come by the big tie-dye vendor's shop and join Loretta in making one-of-a-kind tent flags! For \$5, (cost of material only) you can create your own unique work of art. This one-on-one workshop is ongoing all weekend, whenever the vendors are open.

Newbee Meeting

6:00, Brigid's Crossing

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Day of the Dead Altar & Building of the Ancestral Web

7:00, Phoenix Meadow

We will open the portals at the Day of the Dead altar, giving honor to our loved ones and ancestors, and leaving them trinkets and messages. Then we will build the Ancestral Web together calling out to those on the other side. The portals will remain open all weekend, so if you are unable to be there when it is open please stop by to walk under the web and leave messages at the altar. Led by Rain Riversong and Robyn

Revel Fire – Forged Anew

After ritual

The revel fire will begin after the ritual has ended, and the theme for this fire is "Forged Anew" – come shed your mundane cares, put on your festival duds, and dance the night away with the rest of us!

Friday's Offerings, Workshops, and Rituals

Meet the Candidates

10:00, Brigid's Crossing

Come speak to the people running for Director positions in this year's election. Find out their thoughts on the organization, and ask them questions before you make your final choices on Friday afternoon. Get involved by meeting your elected leaders and finding out what their hopes and dreams are for our organization.

Superhero Evolution

10:00, CMA One

A fun, insightful, group discussion about "superpowers", mythology, and our evolution in to multidimensional beings. Facilitated by Charla.

The Pagan Rosary

10:00, Council Oak

The rosary is a form of meditation, a means of shifting gears, to get into "sacred head space" - a means to shut off the voices inside your head and connect to and engage the "Higher Self" - a direct connection to the God/dess. Fashioned after the Catholic Rosary, the Pagan rosary is a necklace of beads with "prayer stations" used in the same fashion. Guidance will be given on how to create your own rosary and adapt this form of meditation to your own belief system. Facilitated by Lorna.

Dance of the Sensual Dark Goddess:

Embracing and Seducing Your Inner Dark Goddess

10:00, Temple of the Dancers

18 and up ONLY. If there is any doubt, I will ask for ID with a pic. This workshop explores using belly dance and exotic dance styles to express the sensuality of your inner dark goddess. There is no death without life and no life without death; the dark goddess embraces both. Bring water to drink and a long veil, scarf or about three yards of a silky or sheer material. Presented by Zariel.

Guardian 101 Meeting

10:00, Guardian Station

First time guardian? Thinking of volunteering as a guardian? This workshop will answer your questions and prepare you for the requirements and fun of being a CMA Guardian.

Cutting Karmic Ties

10:00, Herne's Hollow

Is there something or someone in your life that is negative, causing emotional, spiritual, or physical harm? This meditation will help you to cut karmic ties with this harmful energy in your life to be rid of it forever. Bring a blanket or pillow to sit comfortably on. Please do not bring small children. Facilitated by Erin Forestwoman.

Fire Arts Safety

10:30, Temple of the Dragon's Breath

Learn the basics of handling fire safely with the experts in the Temple of the Dragon's Breath. Children must be accompanied by their parents.

Let's Wrap!

11:00, Temple of the Dancers

Learn to wrap a Sari, sarong, or Goddess robes. Bring Sari fabric or sarongs and safety pins or brooches. Presented by Valna.

Empaths in the Medical Field

11:00, Council Oak

An open forum for those who identify themselves as empaths and work in any branch of the medical field. Discussion topics will include coping mechanisms, how to handle overload, shielding techniques, and supporting each other. Facilitated by Liz.

Newbee Meeting

11:00 & 5:00, Brigid's Crossing

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Basic Fire Spinning

11:00, Temple of the Dragon's Breath

Come learn the basics of spinning fire! This beautiful skill takes practice and poise, and these folks can teach you how to do it! Presented by the experts at the Temple of the Dragon's Breath.

Create your own Tent Flag!

Ongoing all weekend

If you enjoy creating beautiful things, don't mind the possibility of getting your hands dirty, and want something new and unique to decorate your camp with, come by the big tie-dye vendor's shop and join Loretta in making one-of-a-kind tent flags! For \$5, (cost of material only) you can create your own unique work of art. This one-on-one workshop is ongoing all weekend, whenever the vendors are open.

Pagans Create!

1:00, Brigid's Crossing

Come sit a while, and enjoy the company of your fellow stitchers, crocheters, knitters, tatters, and beaders! Take some time to sit and visit about our handwork, discuss why we feel it is important to keep handwork alive, and share our stories and our projects. You might just pick up another obsession! So bring your workbag, and let's create! Facilitated by Keyne.

Drumming for Dancers

1:00, Temple of the Dancers

An informal dialog with both drummers and dancers to work out basic rhythms, and communication for revel fire etc. I would like to see a solid, dare I say, organized group of dancers/drummers go to fire in the evening. Led by Dr. Rutabaga.

Color Your World/Arts and Crafts

2:00, Pan's Playhouse

Come and color! Open to anyone of any age who wants to relax and color or draw. Fun coloring pages, blank paper, crayons, markers, etc., will be supplied at no cost. Some additional crafty stuff may be available as well!

Chanting to Enchant – Using Chants in Ritual

3:00, Herne's Hollow

The use of sound to alter consciousness is probably as old as the human race. Virtually every religion makes use of sound to affect mood and entrance the participants and listeners. We will discuss the use of chants in private and circle worship, and practice what we have learned! Facilitated by Omorka Heartsinger and Keyne.

Reiki Basics and Attunements

3:00, Handfasting Grove

This workshop will be teaching the basics of Reiki and attunements and giving the community a fabulous gift in doing so. Reiki truly empowers the practitioners to heal as led by Spirit. Led by Johnny.

Pumpkin Carving Workshop

4:00, Council Oak

Have the coolest pumpkins in your neighborhood this year! Pumpkin decorating workshop for everyone. Age-appropriate decorating materials such as crayons, paints, feathers and fabric will be available within limits. Detailed information on stenciling, how to create a stencil from a photograph, and carving and etching will also be covered. Beginner's information on creating your own alternative lighting sources will be available. Depending on attendance, there may also be contests for best decorated and best carved pumpkins by age group. If you wish to decorate or carve a pumpkin, YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN, but you are welcome to attend the workshop for the other information if you do not have a pumpkin to decorate. Facilitated by Lady Diana.

Discovering Brigid and Brigid's Crossing Altar Dedication

6:00, Brigid's Crossing

We will be working on accentuating the sacredness of Brigid's Crossing while also getting to know Brigid better and learning some successful ways of working with her, including the Cauldron of Poesy - come to Brigid's Crossing and visit the Cauldron where you can receive inspiration to weave words into poems, prose, or messages for residents of the Otherworld. Paper and pencils will be provided for you to create; everything in the cauldron will be ritually burned at Brigid's Crossing on Saturday night; and the Prayer Tree - growing over both Brigid's Altar and the Standing Stone nearby is what has become a sacred tree at Spirit Haven. A prayer tree is a sacred tree that has cloth, ribbon, and other items tied on its branches for communicating with the deity associated with it. Ask Brigid for inspiration for yourself, for others, or thank and honor her for inspiration she has already given. The more we honor both this tree and Brigid with our prayers and desires, the more sacred it becomes.

L'hadlik ner shel Shabbat

Council Oak, 6:15 p.m.

We will start with the lighting of the candles to welcome in the Sabbath, and follow it with the blessing over the wine and the bread. This traditional Jewish ceremony is offered in the spirit of tradition sharing so dear to CMA. Come watch, learn, and listen as our Jewish Pagans perform the Shabbat rituals. Facilitated by Cheryl.

Funeral Procession and Burning the Coffin Ritual, led by MaryEllen Rainwater

After music ends, Phoenix Meadow

Come one – come all – and see “Beyond the Mist” as we celebrate the passing of the old year and welcome the New Year with open heart/open minds. There will be a coffin on display by the Ellen's Café for you to place any tokens, which you would like to “pass over the veil”. These can include notes, poems, or songs written to those who have gone before; a list of those things in your life you have finished with and would like to have passed through the veil; a promise; drawings, etc. At 8 p.m., the coffin will be moved to Phoenix Meadow. At 8:30 p.m., (after the musical entertainment ends) everyone who wishes to participate in the ritual needs to gather in Phoenix Meadow. At 8:50 p.m., we begin the procession to the main ritual fire. At 9 p.m., we will begin the ritual at the main ritual fire.

Ceili

After ritual, Brigid's Crossing

Come celebrate your muse! Join us in circle as we sing, tell stories and jokes, and play music. For wandering minstrels, we have a special guest seat. Simply sit, wait for the round robin to come to you, share what you will, and then go or stay as you please. For this Ceili, we are proud to present our very own Michiel Dillon, well known Austin stand-up comedian, to start of the circle right! Michiel's material is for mature ears only (age is left to the discretion of the parents.)

Revel Fire – Fires of Renewal

After ritual

The revel fire will begin after the ritual has ended, and the theme for this fire is “Fires of Renewal” – enjoy the exchange of renewing energy that comes from the fire. Renew acquaintances, meet new friends, and fill up your spiritual tanks with the power that the fire shares with us.

Spirit Fire – tended by Amethyst Camp

After ritual, Phoenix Meadow

Enjoy the quieter side of fire at the Spirit Fire. Please respect that this fire is an alcohol-free zone.

Saturday's Offerings, Workshops, and Rituals

Newbee Workshop

9:00 and 2:00, Brigid's Crossing

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Soul Retrieval

11:00, Handfasting Grove

This is a class explaining, teaching, and practicing the shamanic art of soul retrieval. Participants will practice on themselves and other participants. Intense. Led by Johnny.

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The Nature of Deity

1:00, CMA One

Congratulations! You have taken a very BIG step in your life – you have chosen to step away from organized religion and seek your own personal path to God/Goddess. What/Who/Where does your path lead? What is the nature of God/Goddess, Tao, Allah, Buddha, the Source, etc.? Come join us and let's learn from one another. Facilitated by MaryEllen Rainwater.

Asatru Ritual Basics

1:00, Pan's Playhouse

Is it true that the barbaric Heathen practitioners of Asatru are sophisticated enough to have rituals? Come and find out how we set up our circles and sacred spaces! Led by Vithar.

Energy Workers in the Medical Field

1:00, Council Oak

This is an open forum discussion for those who work in any branch of the medical field, and consider themselves energy workers (i.e. Reiki, Healing Touch, Cranio-Sacral, etc.). Discussion topics will include such things as gaining acceptance, coping mechanisms, energy overload, and supporting each other. Facilitated by Liz.

Conflict Resolution for Communities

1:00, Herne's Hollow

A brief introduction to conflict resolution, mediation, communication strategies and other tactics to avoid, diffuse and prevent drama. With specific focus on online communication and community-oriented strategies, this workshop should give you the basic tools and resources to prevent and resolve conflicts in our communities. Led by Merideth.

Create your own Tent Flag!

Ongoing all weekend

If you enjoy creating beautiful things, don't mind the possibility of getting your hands dirty, and want something new and unique to decorate your camp with, come by the big tie-dye vendor's shop and join Loretta in making one-of-a-kind tent flags! For \$5, (cost of material only) you can create your own unique work of art. This one-on-one workshop is ongoing all weekend, whenever the vendors are open.

Hula Hooping Workshop

2:00, Temple of the Dancers

Learn to Hoop or take your Hooping to the next level! Find your center, ground in your own space, find the God or Goddess within. It's easy to learn in only a few minutes and it's fabulous exercise. As a Bonus, there will be a short performance by the hooping Goddess Anna! Presented by Jenni and Anna.

To Build a Fire with Purpose

2:00, Pan's Playhouse

This workshop will explain how to build a fire to meet your specific needs. We will build two completely different types of fire - a fire for light and a fire for heat. The methods of construction will determine airflow and duration of burn. The components of fire building will be shown, as well as methods of extinguishing a fire. Tinder, twigs and logs will be compared as sources of fuel. Those attending do not need to bring anything, but pencil and paper to write down notes might be a good idea. This workshop is open to adults and teens. Led by Howard Gerber.

How to Have a Bad Attitude!

2:00, Council Oak

This is a noisy, fun workshop dealing with setting emotional boundaries and how to not let others walk all over you. Crude, rude, and just fun. Led by Johnny.

Baby Shower for Gypsy Dee!

3:00, CMA One

Everyone come wish Dee, Patrick, and their baby (not here quite yet!) hearty congratulations. We love new babies, and this is our chance to show it!

Middle Eastern Drumming

3:00, Pan's Playhouse

Come learn the basics of Middle Eastern drumming! Free handouts provided, and a few loaner drums may be available. If you can bring drum(s), please do! Led by Craig.

History and Practice of Hoodoo

4:00, Brigid's Crossing

Hoodoo is a type of magick that has permeated almost all other practices – many bits and bobs of hoodoo will be familiar to you, and many will not. Come learn about the beginnings of this type of magic, and how you can use it in combination with the magick you already practice. Civil discussion is encouraged. Facilitated by Barbara.

Hafla Fund Raiser

5:00, CMA One

The dancers are back! This new but well loved tradition brings us beautiful dancers to enjoy while we eat our dinner, and also gives us a chance to give the pretty ladies tips, which is always fun! All monies raised go to CMA.

Havdalah

7:15, Council Oak

We will be celebrating the passing of the Shabbat. Lighting the Havdalah candle, blessing the wine and passing the spice box. This is the companion ritual to the Friday night L'hadlik ner shel Shabbat ritual, but you do not need to have been present on Friday night to attend this ritual.

Seeing Through the Mists – Third Eye Chakra Ritual

9:00, Magickal Meadow

The 6th Chakra is often referred to as the third eye or the mind center. It is our avenue to wisdom - learning from our experiences and putting them in perspective. Our ability to separate reality from fantasy or truth from falsehood is related to the state of this chakra. Achieving the art of detachment beyond small mindedness is accomplished through an open third eye chakra.

In this ritual, we will meditate on our collective third eye chakra – that one that belongs to the land, on the spiritual body of CMA – and meditate on our own third eye chakra, opening and balancing them all for clarity of vision and understanding. Join us in this important ritual that will put us one step closer to healing the energy of the land, and of our organization. Led by Lorilei, Bran, Omorka, and Keyne, with the help of many other priestesses.

Revel Fire – The Fires that Light the Way

After ritual

After the main ritual is over, stay and enjoy the fire! The energy placed in the fire during the ritual will continue until the fire is gone and the drums have stopped, whenever that might be. Take your share of the energy of the Fire that Lights the Way to keep the CMA fires burning bright in your mind, and your heart, until we return at Beltaine!

Sunday's Offerings, Workshops, and Rituals

Site Closing Ritual

3:00, Magickal Meadow

All good things must come to an end, they say, and so must Samhain 2006. Come help us ground the energies and say farewell to the spirits who helped us throughout the weekend.

Public Handfastings and Wiccanings

Public Handfasting

Joe Rose and Samantha Conklin

4:00 Saturday, Handfasting Grove

Public Wiccaning

Aidan Nikolas Hoffman-Leckson

1:00 p.m. in Grandmother's Grove. Open to the public, but be aware that photographs will be taken.

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