

Rites of Spring 2023 Tentative Schedule

(See below the grid for presenter names and program descriptions.)

Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm

<i>Connecting with your Power</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>
<i>Get to Know the Mountain!</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
<i>Stay Sharp!</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>

Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm

<i>Newcomers Welcome Gathering</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
<i>Sacred Circle Dance</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>
<i>The Sun Turned Dark: Themes of Death in Heathenry</i>	<i>Nordvik</i>

Wednesday 9:00pm

<i>Firelighting Ritual</i>	<i>Beach</i>
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Wednesday 10:30pm

<i>Sacred Fire</i>	<i>Sacred Fire Circle</i>
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Thursday 8-9am

<i>Breakfast (Meal Plan)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
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Thursday 9:30-10:15am

<i>Dancing for the Maypole</i>	<i>Ritual Field</i>
<i>Finding Our Way Home: Connections and Nurturance for BIPOC Pagans</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
<i>The Awakened Heart -- Loving Kindness</i>	<i>Divine Abode of the Heart</i>
<i>Vulva Dialogues</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>

Thursday 10:30-12:00noon

<i>Maypole Ritual</i>	<i>Ritual Field</i>
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Thursday 12-1pm

<i>Lunch (Meal Plan)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
<i>Newcomers Welcome Lunches</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>

Thursday 2:15-3:45pm

<i>60+ Affinity Group</i>	<i>EarthSpirit Tent</i>
<i>Give Back to the Mountain</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
<i>Movement and Magick: For Self, Community, and Beyond</i>	<i>Bear Rock Dining Room</i>
<i>Mummer's Play Rehearsal</i>	<i>Tadpole</i>
<i>Queering the Circle</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>
<i>The Challenge</i>	<i>Beach</i>

Thursday 4:00-5:30pm

<i>A Queer (LGBTQIA) Call to Action: Our Sacred Role in the Evolution of Humanity (an introduction).</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>
<i>Ancestral Gifts</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>

<i>Celtic Bilé Tree Workshop and Ritual</i>	<i>Tadpole</i>
<i>Drumming with BrightHawk</i>	<i>Center Fire</i>
<i>Heroes and Magic From the Gods Through Time</i>	<i>Nordvik</i>
<i>Open to Nature: The Poetic Now</i>	<i>Woodlands 4</i>
Thursday 6:00-7:30pm	
<i>Dinner (Meal Plan)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Thursday 7:30-9:00pm	
<i>Burn on the Beach</i>	<i>Bear Rock Beach</i>
<i>Finding The Other Realms Under Suburbia</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>
<i>Grief Ritual</i>	<i>Bear Rock Living Room</i>
<i>Legacy, Resilience, and Community: Affirming Our Stories, Envisioning Our Future</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>
<i>Magic Sunset Storytime with Bright Hawk</i>	<i>Center Fire</i>
Thursday 10:30pm	
<i>DJ Meow Meow</i>	<i>Boathouse</i>
<i>The Poetry Jam</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>
Friday 7:30am	
<i>Coming of Age Welcome Ceremony</i>	<i>Center Fire</i>
Friday 8-9am	
<i>Breakfast (Meal Plan)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Friday 9:45-11:15	
<i>Everyday Acts of Magic, Part 1 -- Sourcing, Shifting & Shaping</i>	<i>Woodlands 4</i>
<i>Finding Our Way Home: Connections and Nurturance for BIPOC Pagans</i>	<i>Boathouse</i>
<i>In the Spirit of the Earth: Developing Pagan Culture and Community</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>
<i>Songs for the Seasons</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>
<i>The Quivering Heart -- Compassion</i>	<i>Divine Abode of the Heart</i>
<i>Vulva Dialogues</i>	<i>Bear Rock Living Room</i>
Friday 12-1pm	
<i>Lunch (Meal Plan)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Friday 1:15pm	
<i>Eldering Ceremony</i>	<i>Ritual Field</i>
Friday 2:15-3:45pm	
<i>60+ Affinity Group</i>	<i>EarthSpirit Tent</i>
<i>Make it Mean Something! Storytelling Workshop with Bright Hawk</i>	<i>Bear Rock Living Room</i>
<i>Movement and Magick: For Self, Community, and Beyond</i>	<i>Bear Rock Dining Room</i>
<i>Mummer's Play Rehearsal</i>	<i>Tadpole</i>

<i>Queering the Circle</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>
<i>The Challenge</i>	<i>Beach</i>
Friday 4:00-5:30pm	
<i>Art Salon</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>
<i>Greeting What's Within: Guided Meditation for Beginning Internal Parts Work</i>	<i>Tadpole</i>
<i>Heathen Sumbel Ritual</i>	<i>Nordvik</i>
<i>Spiritual Practices for Turbulent Times</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>
<i>The Arrow Break</i>	<i>Merchants Circle</i>
<i>The Hummingbird Path to Stillness</i>	<i>Boathouse</i>
Friday 6:00-7:30pm	
<i>Dinner (Meal Plan)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Friday 7:30-9:30pm	
<i>Goblin Market</i>	<i>Merchants Circle</i>
Friday 9:30 pm	
<i>Heartwood Trio Concert</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Friday 10:30pm	
<i>Sacred Fire</i>	<i>Sacred Fire Circle</i>
Saturday 8-9am	
<i>Breakfast (Meal Plan)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Saturday 9:45-11:15am	
<i>Embodied Animism Intensive 1: Reconnect to the Earth</i>	<i>Bear Rock Dining Room</i>
<i>Everyday Acts of Magic, Part 1 -- Sourcing, Shifting & Shaping</i>	<i>Woodlands 4</i>
<i>Finding Our Way Home: Connections and Nurturance for BIPOC Pagans</i>	<i>Boathouse</i>
<i>In the Spirit of the Earth: Developing Pagan Culture and Community</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>
<i>Reaching for More -- the give and take of working our path</i>	<i>Tadpole</i>
<i>Songs for the Elements</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>
<i>The Radiant Heart -- Appreciative Joy</i>	<i>Divine Abode of the Heart</i>
<i>Vulva Dialogues</i>	<i>Bear Rock Living Room</i>
Saturday 12-1pm	
<i>Lunch (Meal Plan)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
<i>Newcomers Welcome Lunches</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Saturday 2:00-3:45pm	
<i>Heathen Blót Ritual</i>	<i>Nordvik</i>
Saturday 2:15-3:45pm	
<i>Movement and Magick: For Self, Community, and Beyond</i>	<i>Bear Rock Dining Room</i>
<i>Mummer's Play Rehearsal</i>	<i>Tadpole</i>

<i>Queering the Circle</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>
<i>Restorative Justice in the EarthSpirit Community</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
<i>The Challenge</i>	<i>Beach</i>
<i>The Power of Fear, the Fear of Power: an Anamanta workshop</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>
Saturday 4:00-5:30pm	
<i>Web Weaving Ritual</i>	<i>Ritual Field</i>
Saturday 6:00-7:30pm	
<i>Dinner (Meal Plan)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Saturday 7:30-9:00pm	
<i>Art, Science, and the Web of Life</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>
<i>Burn on the Beach</i>	<i>Beach</i>
<i>Magic Sunset Storytime with Bright Hawk</i>	<i>Center Fire</i>
<i>The Power of Naming</i>	<i>Tadpole</i>
Saturday 8:00-8:30pm	
<i>Opening to the Web</i>	<i>Ritual Field</i>
Saturday 9:30pm	
<i>Contra Dance (Calling by Lynn Rowan with music by The Sweet Williams)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Saturday 10:30pm	
<i>Sacred Fire</i>	<i>Sacred Fire Circle</i>
Sunday 8-9am	
<i>Breakfast (Meal Plan)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Sunday 9:45-11:15am	
<i>Embodied Animism Intensive 2: Reconnect to the Earth</i>	<i>Bear Rock Dining Room</i>
<i>Everyday Acts of Magic, Part 1 -- Sourcing, Shifting & Shaping</i>	<i>Woodlands 4</i>
<i>Finding Our Way Home: Connections and Nurturance for BIPOC Pagans</i>	<i>Boathouse</i>
<i>In the Spirit of the Earth: Developing Pagan Culture and Community</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>
<i>Living Beneath the Falling Tower</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>
<i>The Heart in Equipoise -- Equanimity</i>	<i>Divine Abode of the Heart</i>
<i>Vulva Dialogues</i>	<i>Bear Rock Living Room</i>
Sunday 12-1pm	
<i>Lunch (Meal Plan)</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
<i>Newcomers Welcome Lunches</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Sunday 2:15-3:45	
<i>60+ Affinity Group</i>	<i>Parker Seeley Back Porch</i>
<i>A conversation on race: The ups and downs of DEI work in</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>

<i>your community</i>	
<i>Coil Basket Weaving</i>	<i>Merchants Circle</i>
<i>Mandragora and Other Roots of Sorcery</i>	<i>Bear Rock Dining Room</i>
<i>Queering the Circle</i>	<i>Sara Cooper</i>
<i>The Challenge</i>	<i>Beach</i>
<i>The Fool meets the Empress</i>	<i>Divine Abode of the Heart</i>
Sunday 4:00pm	
<i>Kids Club Talent Show</i>	<i>Merchants Circle</i>
Sunday 4:30pm	
<i>EarthSpirit Fundraising Auction</i>	<i>Merchants Circle</i>
Sunday 5:00pm-6:00pm	
<i>Family Picnic</i>	<i>Beach</i>
Sunday 7:30pm	
<i>Feast</i>	<i>Dining Hall Tent</i>
Sunday 9:30pm	
<i>Bardic Circle</i>	<i>Parker Seeley</i>
Sunday 10:00pm	
<i>Mother Fungus Concert</i>	<i>Boathouse</i>
Sunday 11:00-12midnight	
<i>Smoothing the Fire Ritual</i>	<i>Sacred Fire Circle</i>

60+ Affinity Group

Miriam Klamkin

EarthSpirit Pavilion Thu-Sat 2:15-3:45

Parker Seeley Back Porch Sunday 2:15-3:45

"Getting old is like climbing a mountain; you get a little out of breath, but the view is much better!", according to Ingrid Bergman. Today many more of us are living well into our 90s. *This longevity is a gift, a luxury.* While age has always offered perspective, now we are the point of the plow, creating a new paradigm for life over 60. How do you want to share that gift? Can you imagine something entirely new to do in your life or will you reawaken an old dream? Can you find humor, even joy, in some of the changes that come with aging, rather than just reciting a litany of ailments and losses? Where do we fit in the community? Join us for a fun, informative, and occasionally serious time as we compare notes on life as an older Pagan and co-create that new reality. 60+

A conversation on race: The ups and downs of DEI work in your community

Jimi Two Feathers

Parker Seeley Sunday 2:15-3:45

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) - Right now there is a war on in local governments around DEI issues with local school boards and libraries. Books that speak about gender issues are being banned and or tagged as pornography. Librarians are being being hassled or threatened just because of books in their libraries! Extreme right culture is working to suppress and deny rights and services to gay and trans people. They would rewrite history. Lets explore the ups/downs of DEI work in your area. 14+

A Queer (LGBTQIA) Call to Action: Our Sacred Role in the Evolution of Humanity (an introduction).

Orion Foxwood

Sara Cooper Thursday 4:00-5:30pm

We stand in a powerful crossroads where evolution, potential extinction, technology, and wisdom intersect. Its future and perhaps the Earth's is predicated on how humanity heals its "illusion of isolation." The evolution of our queer community is a major part of growing the awakened, co-creative, and fluidic consciousness of humanity that is our destiny. Orion will introduce new concepts that may change your life forever. 14+

Ancestral Gifts

Serena Torrey

Parker Seeley Thursday 4:00-5:30pm

We often hold an awareness of the burdens we may carry from past generations. In this workshop, we will focus on the other side: the gifts that we brought with us into this world, passed down from those who have gone before. Participants will be guided through a process using drawing and visualization, focused on identifying a legacy gift, and connecting to its source. We will have time afterwards to process this experience using journaling and discussion. _BYO journal if you use one!_ 14+

Art Salon

Parker Seeley Friday 4:00-5:30pm

Join us for an exciting session as members of our community display and talk about works of art that are inspired by our spiritual lives and practices. Artists will share how the process of creation relates to their personal exploration and contemplation as well as how they can be an active part of ritual and magical practice. Come, listen and discuss, as part of what is always an inspiring session!

Art, Science, and the Web of Life

Steve Trombulak, Martin Bridge, Andras Corban-Arthen

Parker Seeley Saturday 7:30-9:00pm

The noise of the world we live in can often distract us from our core values. Revisiting words and images that are reflections of the things we hold dear help re-center and reorient us. In this time we will touch on the collaboration and evolution of _The Way of Gaia_ that is very much a reflection and outgrowth of the EarthSpirit Community's aim of celebrating the sacred Earth. *Everyone*

Bardic Circle

EarthSpirit

Parker Seeley Sunday 9:30pm

A Bardic Circle is an opportunity to share music, poetry, stories and other performances in an informal and supportive setting. This year's Rites of Spring Bardic circle will feature a wide range of performers from well-seasoned professionals to those just learning to pick up a new instrument! We so look forward to hearing all the voices and sounds of those who signed up to share a little part of themselves in song or story, whether humorous or heartfelt.

Burn on the Beach

Eosswith Joy

Bear Rock Beach Thursday 7:30-9:00pm

Beach Saturday 7:30-9:00pm

Do you spin fire? Would you like to spin fire with your friends at Rites of Spring? Come to burn on the beach to enjoy the Twilight of the day spinning fire. This year's burn on the beach will meet at Twilight each day to create a space of learning, practice, and community with fire. As well as a great time to practice fire spinning, this is also a great time to talk about techniques and process. If you have never spun fire before, you are welcome as well! *14+*

Celtic Bilé Tree Workshop and Ritual

Juniper Talbot

Tadpole Thursday 4:00-5:30pm

Bilé derives from a Celtic root word meaning "Sacred Tree" and is often referred to and honored as the "First Ancestor" in ancient Celtic traditions. To begin with, the history, power, and function of the Bilé Tree will be discussed. We will then follow up with a short walk to a special tree where we will perform a brief ritual of reverence and connection, drawing on the traditions, magic, and power of the Sacred Tree. Please note: the walk is short, but steep and a bit rocky. Wear good shoes. *14+*

Coil Basket Weaving

Talia Lefton

Merchants Circle Sunday 2:15-3:45

Learn how to use cord and yarn to create a functional and intentional basket. As we prepare to send our energy outwards in the coming months, this basket making technique reflects this by its structure of an outward spiral. You can imbue intention into this project through color and pattern choices, and including strands from past Rites of Spring web weavings. *14+*

Coming of Age Welcome Ceremony

EarthSpirit

Center Fire Friday 7:30am

Everyone is encouraged to come to the Center Fire Circle in the center of camp at 7:30am, just before breakfast on Friday morning to greet and sing to the young people who have made their Coming of Age ritual this year.

Connecting with your Power

Sharon Gadonniex

Parker Seeley Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm

An experiential workshop for those who struggle with being seen or heard, or with meeting their goals. We will use a guided meditation to seek the source of our power, and then will work with essential oils and create a small vial of oil or spray that we can use whenever we need to connect with our Power. 14+

Contra Dance (Calling by Lynn Rowan with music by The Sweet Williams)

Heartwood Trio

Dining Hall Tent Saturday 9:30pm

Balance and Swing! Contra dancing is a living, evolving tradition with strong roots in New England. Different from but related to square dancing and English country dancing, Contra Dancing is energetic, informal, and fun (dances involve occasionally holding the other dancers by the hand). All experience levels welcome, all dances will be taught and called with gender-free language. Dance Calling by Lynn Rowan with music by The Sweet Williams (Willy Clemetson & Will Rowan).

Dancing for the Maypole

Trey Wentworth

Christopher Croucher

Ritual Field Thursday 9:30-10:15am

Come manifest the springtime sensuality of the greater-than-human world through dance! Whether flamboyant, feral, or fae, beings of all shapes and genders are invited to join in and practice simple dance movements, explore improvisation, and learn how we can aid in shaping ritual through movement, pattern, and presence. We will then offer these skills to help support the community Maypole Ritual that follows. 14+

DJ Meow Meow

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Boathouse Thursday 10:30pm

Hey, all you late-night folks! Looking for a way to let loose after a long day or just wanna get down with some cool cats and kittens? Well, DJ Meow Meow's 11th annual dance party is the spot for you! Join us for ALL NEW 2022-2023 beats: House, DnB, Dubstep, and more! See you there!

Drumming with BrightHawk

BrightHawk

Center Fire Thursday 4:00-5:30pm

Join the fun and bring your drum! Learn the joy of connecting in rhythm, build confidence by knowing your place inside the rhythm, gain tools and proper technique for playing hand drums all while having fun connecting with your community. Bright Hawk brings 25+years of drumming and supporting sacred fire circle transformational experiences and study with African teachers, who are honored every time she teaches. All levels are welcome. Focus will be on hand drumming and African rhythms. 8+

EarthSpirit Fundraising Auction

Merchants Circle Sunday 4:30pm

Embodied Animism Intensive 1: Reconnect to the Earth

Eliza Dimitra

Bear Rock Dining Room Saturday 9:45-11:15am

In these dark and complex times we have found ourselves disconnected with each other and often our spiritual practices. How do we make sense of the madness in the mundane world and connect to the natural world and our more-than-human beings kin? We will assess energetic blockages utilizing movement and breathwork with tools of movement, drum vibration, and song through contemporary trance practices. In part 1 we will lay the groundwork to explore these concepts. 18+

Embodied Animism Intensive 2: Reconnect to the Earth

Eliza Dimitra

Bear Rock Dining Room Sunday 9:45-11:15am

Expanding on part 1 of this intensive series, participants in part 2 will put to work the techniques and practical concepts of contemporary trance through _Radical Animism_. Breathwork, movement, song, and drum will guide participants to challenge and release themselves to connect to the natural world while supporting the group in interactive work. An ending circle will give time for all to share experiences and give supportive feedback with discussion. 18+

Everyday Acts of Magic, Part 1, 2 & 3 -- Sourcing, Shifting & Shaping

Tess Archer

Woodlands 4 Friday – Sunday 9:45-11:15am

Everyday Acts of Magic, Part 2 -- Sensing, Spirit, and Spellwork Everyday Acts of Magic, Part 3 -- Making Magic Manifest

Our everyday actions have meaning. It takes a million small steps to create a home, plant a garden, or build a business. At Rites of Spring, we seek out the magic in community. But what happens when we return home, still craving a magical life lived with authenticity, intention, and joy? Let's explore simple, heartfelt practices, spells, and rituals you can easily weave into your daily routine that cultivate wonder, and invoke mindfulness, ease and purpose in our lives. Join us daily, or drop in mindfully. *open to those who are making, or have made their Rite of Passage*

Finding Our Way Home: Connections and Nurturance for BIPOC Pagans

Rev. Diane Johnson, Ph.D. aka Cayenne

Dining Hall Tent Thursday 9:30-10:15am

Boathouse Friday – Sunday 9:45-11:15

This group is specifically designed to provide a celebratory, nurturing, healing, and supportive space for BIPOC pagans attending RoS. During our time we will meet and connect, laugh and share, reflect and delight in one another's company. Being part of various communities (pagan and otherwise) we often find ourselves searching for courageous and nurturing spaces where we can bring 100% of who we are, showing up in our full brilliant selves, allowing us to *see* one another. BIPOC only space :) This Affinity Group is specifically for RoS participants whose ancestry, heritage or identity are African-American/African Diaspora, Bi-racial, Latinx, and People of Color. **This Affinity Group is for RoS participants whose ancestry, heritage or identity are African-American/African Diaspora, Bi-racial*

Finding The Other Realms Under Suburbia

H. Byron Ballard

Parker Seeley Thursday 7:30-9:00pm

We all dream of misty woods and meadows of fireflies but many of us live in the concrete forests of urban America. How can we access the wildwood from a third floor apartment? Do land spirits visit window boxes on fire escapes? Does a manicured city park contain any real magic? The answer is a joyful "yes!" Come and learn the secrets of crossing the borders in a world with asphalt pathways and springs of recycled water. *Everyone*

Firelighting Ritual

Beach Wednesday 9:00pm

Get to Know the Mountain!

EarthSpirit

Dining Hall Tent Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm

If you are a first-time attendee, or if you just feel that you'd like to get a better sense of the site, join Minta on a tour of our camp, and check out the main places where workshops, rituals, and more will take place and to learn where to go if you have questions, are looking for help, or need to contact event staff. The walking will be easy, and will focus on the center of the camp and toward the waterfront.

Give Back to the Mountain

Dining Hall Tent Thursday 2:15-3:45pm

Every year we make an effort to give back to the mountain that we call home for the week. We will gather under the Dining Canopy in front of the Dining Hall and split into teams to help the Nature Conservancy eradicate some of the invasive plants that have taken up residence over these last few years, and to pick up debris from some beautiful sites around the pond. There are some gentle and some more physical things to do for all to participate in both groups. Please join in and make a gift of time to this beautiful place that has held us for over 30 years. No gardening experience needed, all ages and abilities invited. If you have them, please bring gloves, trowels, shovels, and other tools. We have some tools and gloves to share.

Goblin Market

Merchants Circle Friday 7:30-9:30pm

Greeting What's Within: Guided Meditation for Beginning Internal Parts Work

Serena Torrey

Tadpole Friday 4:00-5:30pm

Human beings are so gloriously complicated inside! In this workshop we will explore the concept that within all of us there are numerous different emotions, reactions, and priorities, each with value and an underlying positive intention. We will use guided visualization to allow participants to greet and explore one internal part of themselves. Afterwards, participants will have a chance to process their individual experience through writing/drawing and discussion. _BYO journal if you use one!_ 14+

Grief Ritual

Bear Rock Living Room Thursday 7:30-9:00pm

During this ritual we gather in quiet space to share and remember the loved ones we have lost during the past year. There will be quiet time to write and reflect, as well as time to share with the larger group, as you feel moved. You are welcome to bring photos or objects for the altar. 14+

Heartwood Trio Concert

Heartwood Trio

Dining Hall Tent Friday 9:30 pm

Join Heartwood Trio on a journey into the cellular resonance of harmony singing, a chance to feel ourselves beautifully beholden to the whole. With boldness and subtlety they will invite the audience into a world of living songs -- music that grows out of the woods, the water, the rock, and the trees. With simple lyrics and rich vocal harmonies, Willy Clemetson, Sarina Partridge, and Heidi Wilson create music in collaboration with the natural world and weave songs that invite people to connect m

Heathen Blót Ritual

Ulf

Nordvik Saturday 2:00-3:45pm

Join Ulf, Trey, and members of Chase Hill Folk and the former Hammer Kindred as we conduct a procession for the goddess Nerthus to welcome spring, followed by a Blót offering to the Aesir and Vanir. *Everyone*

Heathen Sumbel Ritual

Ulf

Nordvik Friday 4:00-5:30pm

Join Ulf, Trey, and members of Chase Hill Folk and the former Hammer Kindred in a series of ritual toasts to gods, heroes, and ancestors. *Everyone*

Heroes and Magic From the Gods Through Time

Ulf

Nordvik Thursday 4:00-5:30pm

The tale of the Volsungs and the Niflung hoard is spread across Heathen legends, the Icelandic sagas, and the Eddas. Ulf will pull all of the various sources together to tell the full story of Sigurd the Volsung, his ancestors, and his descendants, from its beginnings in the time of the gods to the early Middle Ages--a tale that incorporates actual historical figures, the use of magic, and plenty of drama and intrigue. Grab a mug of something pleasant and enjoy this most epic of tales. *Everyone*

In the Spirit of the Earth: Developing Pagan Culture and Community

Andras Corban-Arthen

Parker Seeley Friday – Sunday 9:45-11:15am

Come engage in a 3-part conversation about EarthSpirit and pagan values. Learn about the original goals that were part of EarthSpirit's

creation, and envision how our community might evolve in the coming years. What can we do to further develop earth-centered culture and community while living in a mainstream capitalist and Christian society that prioritizes acquisition and the commodification of nature? Andras has offered this program as a brief workshop before, but having multiple sessions will allow real conversation among all the participants. This intensive is particularly suited to people who are new to EarthSpirit or Rites of Spring, but long-timers will also find some surprises and will be able to add to and enrich the conversation.

Kids Club Talent Show

Katie LaFond

Merchants Circle Sunday 4:00pm

Time to shine! Kids (ages 10 and under please), sign up at Kids Club by Saturday afternoon with the talent you're going to share (dragon taming, siren song, you name it), and we'd love for everyone to come cheer on their friends and family on the Merchants Circle. *Children*

Legacy, Resilience, and Community: Affirming Our Stories, Envisioning Our Future

Rev. Diane Johnson, Ph.D. aka Cayenne

Sara Cooper Thursday 7:30-9:00pm

We will celebrate, affirm, and reflect on the legacy, evolution, and future of our community. 45 years is a testament to what has been created, held, grown, and lost. This highly interactive session will include contemplative practice, movement, small group work, and large group dialogue. Our time together will provide opportunities to share what we have learned, contemplate our legacies, and envision what is possible for the future. We invite you to come ready to share, laugh, connect, and love. *Everyone*

Living Beneath the Falling Tower

H. Byron Ballard

Sara Cooper Sunday 9:45-11:15am

Environmental and cultural challenges surround us and it is tempting to fall into despair or apathy. In this time of destruction, we can choose to live bigger, noisier, and more engaged lives. Creating activities and putting protocols in place for and with our communities can lead to more resilience and stronger links in an increasingly isolated world. We'll brainstorm what is already working in our local groups and consider how we move into this deepening time of possibility. These "hearth gatherings" began in 2019 and have a general shape: we spend some time getting familiar with the idea of Tower Time, then come to a collective understanding of this collapse we are experiencing on all fronts. We go from there to visioning about where we go now/next steps, how we grab agency, how we work collectively and individually to "grieve globally and act locally." By relocalizing everything we can, we will build resilience as well as a kind of hope. *14+*

Magic Sunset Storytime with Bright Hawk

BrightHawk

Center Fire Thursday 7:30-9:00pm

Center Fire Saturday 7:30-9:00pm

Experience the magic of Bright Hawk telling original and creative stories from around the world! Be transported to other lands, get caught up in the singing and find yourself making animal noises! Bright Hawk plays a unique instrument called a Hang PanArt, and is the author of *_The Dancing Hippo_*. Available at BrightHawkProductions.com. Guaranteed to bring families and friends together for entertainment that inspires from the littlest baby dancer to the grandparents to everyone in between! *Everyone*

Make it Mean Something! Storytelling Workshop with Bright Hawk

BrightHawk

Bear Rock Living Room Friday 2:15-3:45pm

Suffering. Challenges. Success and Failure. We've all overcome something. A great story has us seeing ourselves in each other. You can inspire us and save us time when you share your experience, when shared brilliantly, it can touch all of us. Am I setting the bar too high? Some tell stories, some take hostages--learn the difference and be a meaning maker. Own your moment, step up in these times of change and be brave and tell a great story that could change the world. Learn tools that will help. 14+

Mandragora and Other Roots of Sorcery

Orion Foxwood

Bear Rock Dining Room Sunday 2:15-3:45

Plant lore and magic have long been held in high esteem for their magical potency. Some, however, are treasured houses for powerful spirits. These roots must be handled carefully and with respect to become a trusted familiar spirit to the witch. The most renowned of these is the legendary Mandrake (Mandragora). Orion will discuss a few of these, give lesser known lore, and share his compendium of Mandrake images. 14+

Maypole Ritual

Ritual Field Thursday 10:30-12:00noon

Mother Fungus Concert

Mother Fungus

Boathouse Sunday 10:00pm

Mother Fungus is a 5 piece Psychedelic rock-fusion band born out of the 2020 global pandemic. Their music takes notes from 70's Psychedelia and the modern psychedelic movement and blends them with metal and jazz elements. Their music delves into themes of consciousness, death, the human condition, the environment, and the looming threat of global warming. Kane Vocals/Guitar, Cory-Vocals/Keys, Isaac - Bass, Barak - Percussion, Bryan - Drums

Movement and Magick: For Self, Community, and Beyond

Christopher Croucher (Stormdancer)

Bear Rock Dining Room Thursday--Saturday 2:15-3:45pm

Movement is a powerful tool for the practice of magic, whether it's a personal practice, in community spaces, or for the world at large. In this intensive, we will dive deeply into movement as a magical and ritual skill to ground, raise energy, shift states of consciousness, and cast spells. The first two sessions will be cumulative and the third will be open to all, knowing that the first two will create a deeper connection to the work. No prior movement or magical knowledge is required. 14+

Mummer's Play Rehearsal

Lynn Rowan

Tadpole Thursday--Saturday 2:15-3:45pm

Mummer's Play Rehearsal: In come the mummers with our costumes bright! A ritual, with silliness, to bring warmth and light. Join us in this age-old tale, some merriment to bring, Some will fight and fall, but then to life again like spring. And now there is a part for you, ye actors brave and bold, Some speak lots and some much less -- according to their mold. So come and join us, one and all, the play's the thing, I

say! And if you'd rather not perform, just wait to see our play! 14+

Newcomers Welcome Gathering

EarthSpirit

Dining Hall Tent Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm

If this is your first time attending an EarthSpirit event, please come to a gathering Wednesday night (7:30pm just before the opening circle) to hear from some of the people who can help you connect to groups and programming at Rites of Spring! We want to say hello and share with you some of the traditions and norms that have grown strong within our community so that you can feel connected and "in the know" as you participate this week. Also check the schedule for Newcomer Welcome Lunches.

Newcomers Welcome Lunches

EarthSpirit

Dining Hall Tent Thursday-Sunday 12-1pm

A "Newcomers and Others" hosted lunch on Thursday and Saturday, with more casual lunch connection time Friday and Sunday (all in the same location). These lunches are good places to bring your questions. More experienced ROS participants are also invited to these lunches, for everyone's pleasure and conviviality! Look for the NEWCOMERS table in the Dining Hall Tent. (If you're not on the meal plan, bring your lunch!)

Open to Nature: The Poetic Now

Eric Arthen

Woodlands 4 Thursday 4:00-5:30pm

Opening to the natural world around us, we find beautiful, poignant, humorous, and magical moments every day. In this workshop we will capture the essence of these moments in concise descriptions and short "poems in one breath." Learn the basics of writing Haiku and how it contrasts two images to capture a great depth of feeling in few words. You do not need any experience with poetry to participate. 14+

Opening to the Web

Ritual Field Saturday 8:00-8:30pm

Queering the Circle

Thomas Kreek

Sara Lyn

Sara Cooper Thursday – Sunday 2:15-3:45

As LGBTQIA+ people, we have likely undertaken significant transitions in our lives: changes that have move us toward ourselves. At Queering the Circle, we will gather to celebrate our past growth, our capacity for change, and how our power can manifest as continued growth in our lives. We will create a group ritual to celebrate ourselves and each other and take joy in the power of our Queer community to support us. Queering the Circle is geared toward LGBTQIA+ self identified folks. 14+

Reaching for More -- the give and take of working our path

Moira

Tadpole Saturday 9:45-11:15am

True seeing is about reshaping your awareness. We are magicians, witches, magic walkers, shapeshifters, edge walkers, Earth worshipers, etc. Because we choose to be this, we know there is more than we were taught, more than what makes us “safe.” More than what makes us “fit in.” Things you cannot buy with money. Walking that edge of society, where we strive to see outside the boxes we were taught, we create new patterns, healthier patterns for connection with this world. Let’s talk about that. *18+*

Restorative Justice in the EarthSpirit Community

Chris LaFond

Dining Hall Tent Saturday 2:15-3:45pm

In any community, conflicts inevitably arise. How does EarthSpirit handle those conflicts? For many years, we have taken an approach that aims to heal the Web of Community whenever possible. Recently, we formalized this approach as some core EarthSpirit volunteers participated in Restorative Justice facilitator training. What are Restorative Justice practices, and what do they look like in action? This workshop will explain the basic philosophy using some simple questions that anyone can use, as well as hypothetical scenarios to present this approach to the wider community and offer them to you for your own practice. *14+*

Sacred Circle Dance

Juniper Talbot

Sara Cooper Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm

Join us in the simple, joyful, spiritual dances of the circle. Founded by members of Findhorn Community in Scotland, Sacred Circle Dance draws on the spiritual and community-building traditional dances of many cultures. In this workshop, we will learn and dance Circle Dances designed to uplift the spirit and deepen our connection to the earth. Dances range from slow and meditative to energetic and lively. Each dance is taught just before it is done. No partners or dance experience needed. *14+*

Songs for the Elements

Heartwood Trio

Sara Cooper Saturday 9:45-11:15am

Come and sing songs for the churning fire in the heart of the Earth, the Air that fills our lungs, the salty and sweet Waters, and the generosity of the Earth. *Everyone*

Songs for the Seasons

Heartwood Trio

Sara Cooper Friday 9:45-11:15

Join us as we offer up songs for the long days of summer, the changing leaves of autumn, the deep dark of winter, and the wandering skunks of spring. *Everyone*

Spiritual Practices for Turbulent Times

Andras Corban Arthen

Orion Foxwood

Byron Ballard

Sara Cooper Friday 4:00-5:30pm

We live in a world in crisis: from the warming planet to horrific violence between humans at scales both large and small, we encounter harm and even brutality all too frequently and cannot help but feel its impact on our hearts and our world. In this panel, three deeply experienced

practitioners will share ways that their spiritual practices inform how they live with and seek to heal these wrongs. 14+

Stay Sharp!

Mark

Sara Cooper Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm

Humanity has relied on edged implements since recorded history. Beginning with flint objects up to the modern kitchen knife, the ability to hone and maintain a sharp cutting tool for work, food, or warfare was crucial. While we may not rely on these tools in the way our ancestors did, we still use knives daily. In this workshop, we will discuss how to sharpen and care for knives, axes, and other edged objects. Please bring a personal knife and sharpening stone if you have them. Thank you. 14+

The Arrow Break

Jewels

Merchants Circle Friday 4:00-5:30pm

We can find ourselves with something we would like to add to or do in our lives, and discover obstacles and fears that hinder this. This workshop can help us move forward, in community, with this process. We used it as a warm up for Firewalks. The arrow is an ancient and powerful image in our history and Mythos, it can give us an opportunity to recognize goals and move beyond obstacles and fears that hold us back and to do something impossible. On the simplest level: "What is this hollow spot below your throat for? Breaking arrows." 14+

The Awakened Heart -- Loving Kindness

Whispering Deer

Divine Abode of the Heart Thursday 9:30-10:15am

Loving-kindness supports the natural unfolding of the heart – a heart that is not afraid and one that does demand any particular result. The love that flows from an open heart is not simply an emotion. It allows the heart to remain at ease under all conditions. Loving-kindness encourages a sense of good heartedness toward ourselves which then radiates outward engendering good will to all beings. Come and join us in experiencing a love that has no preference and sets no limits. 14+

The Challenge

The Brotherhood of the Stag and Wolf

Beach Thursday—Sunday 2:15-3:45pm

Come together as a group of men to physically explore energy in situations of challenge and conflict. Knowing when to apply and redirect energy and how to act free of Fear, Anger, and Ego in situations of conflict are essential skills the sacred warrior must cultivate. We engage in exercises that are martial in nature and some that are more playful in concept, all of which will challenge our bodies and minds as we grow as men together. _While many of the activities are not recommended for those with health issues, those with differing abilities are invited to come as participatory witnesses._ This program is open to any men (male identifying people) who have gone through their Rites of Passage or are otherwise of age. *This program is open to any men (male identifying people) who have gone through their Rites of Passage or are otherwise of age.*

The Fool meets the Empress

Whispering Deer

Divine Abode of the Heart Sunday 2:15-3:45

We, as the Fool, meet the Empress at the river's edge, among the humming beehives, alive with springtime activity. Hers is a world of connection and relatedness. To be human is to be in relationship. The Fool learns to appreciate sensuality, savor the beauty of nature, and the joy of connection. The Empress maintains and nourishes the union of spirit and flesh. Join us as we open to sensuality, develop a healthy sense

of self, and build love and effective relationships in all dimensions of life. 18+

The Heart in Equipoise -- Equanimity

Whispering Deer

Divine Abode of the Heart Sunday 9:45-11:15am

Equanimity is the capacity of the heart to hold it all – the ten thousand joys and the ten thousand sorrows. It is the expression of the serene and balanced heart. It harbors no judgment, and can hold paradox, and all dualities. Equanimity brings poise, strength, malleability, and steadfastness to the mind/heart. It embraces a quality of kindness and ease that knows no limit. Come and join us and open to all our human experiences without resistance, and let these experiences just flow through. 14+

The Hummingbird Path to Stillness

Jo Weston

Sarah Lyn

Boathouse Friday 4:00-5:30pm

Meditation is the cornerstone of magical work. We must find stillness to sense energy, experience trance, or create magic. But for some, sitting quietly and watching your breath feels impossible. Does that mean that you have to give up? Of course not! You just need a different path. Join us as we explore a variety of techniques to court inner stillness. We will experiment with sound, movement, rhythm, breath, mantras and more. We can't guarantee chairs, but please feel free to bring your own. *Everyone*

The Poetry Jam

Lanna Lee Maheux

Parker Seeley Thursday 10:30pm

Join us as we celebrate our written word artists. Each year we bring together our very gifted poets and writers to share their work. Whether you are an old hand or brand new, this is a great place to try out your new material. You are not required to tell us in advance if you want to present your writing but we appreciate a heads up, and if you are interested in performing multiple works or a larger scale piece, please do contact us by May 14 to let us know. *Any age, with parents permission. Some poems might have adult themes*

The Power of Fear, the Fear of Power: an Anamanta workshop

Andras Corban-Arthen

Parker Seeley Saturday 2:15-3:45pm

We often do not realize what an insidious and extensive role fear plays in our lives. This is in large part because we live in a culture where we are taught that expressing fear is a weakness, a failure. Power, like fear, permeates every part of our lives and is often just as invisible. The search for power -- whether to perform simple daily actions, shape the course of our own lives, or preserve a forest for eternity -- is at the heart of the human experience in a way that we often do not acknowledge or even realize. Because we are not seeing the relationship between these two major forces within us, we can struggle with limitations and frustrations that need not be there. In this session we will look at the interplay between fear and power in our lives and identify ways in which we can see each more clearly, and live with more fluidity and integrity.

The Power of Naming

Yaro Muse

Tadpole Saturday 7:30-9:00pm

In this workshop we will talk about different naming traditions, their purpose, and the power of defining our shape through naming. We will explore being named as a pathway of being witnessed, and naming yourself as a pathway to greater self-awareness and commitment. What

role do you hold? What path do you walk? How do we speak power into our identities? The names we take on influence our internal landscape, as well as our wider communities. Join us in this exploration of self and identity. _This program is intended primarily for participants aged 14-25._ 14+

The Quivering Heart -- Compassion

Whispering Deer

Divine Abode of the Heart Friday 9:45-11:15

Compassion is the capacity to remain open in the presence of our own pain and suffering and that of others. It is the movement of the heart that wants to alleviate suffering. Can we let ourselves feel another's pain without getting pulled into sorrow, anger, or become gripped in the hold of despair or grief? Compassion is a natural arising of love when we are connected to life. Come and join us in experiencing the intense clarity of emotion and thought as we meet pain and suffering head on. 14+

The Radiant Heart -- Appreciative Joy

Whispering Deer

Divine Abode of the Heart Saturday 9:45-11:15am

The heart has a lightness and simplicity that allows it to just be, and to rejoice in the happiness and good fortune of others. Happiness doesn't diminish when we share it, but rather it multiplies. Can we let go of our protective armor and survival tactics? And watch the magic happen. Come and join us in breaking down the boundaries of separation that keep us isolated and alienated, and instead, experience a sense of wholeness, collectedness, and connection. 14+

The Sun Turned Dark: Themes of Death in Heathenry

Trey Wentworth

Nordvik Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm

Heathen stories are well known for their fatalism and predictions of death and destruction. How deep-seated is this sense of doom within Heathenry? In this workshop, we will talk about how death is present in Heathen rituals, the priestesses of sacrifices who became mythologized as valkyries, the origin of Woden/Oðinn as a death god, and how the Volcanic Winter of 536 CE reshaped the Germanic tribes of Northern Europe, giving rise to the Heathenry we know today. 14+

Vulva Dialogues

Keturah Thorpe

Ayla Battistoni

Michele Abazorius-Whitaker

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Dining Hall Tent Thursday 9:30-10:15am

Bear Rock Living Room Friday – Sunday 9:45-11:15am

The Vulva Dialogues creates a sacred and safe space for women to explore Goddess energy with love and laughter, to embrace the divine feminine, and to examine our relationship with that power and our lives. Through meaningful ritual, creative arts, and bawdy belly-laughing discussion, women can reclaim their regenerative selves and connect in a healthy, fun, uplifting way. This workshop is for adult women. 16+ may attend with parental permission. *Female Identifying adults, 16+ with parental permission*

Web Weaving Ritual

Ritual Field Saturday 4:00-5:30pm