



Shining Lakes News

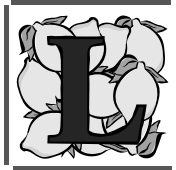
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What ADF Can Do for You



Lately it feels like my articles have been a little too . . . well, maybe “whiny” isn’t the word I’m looking for—or maybe it is? Like any clergyperson, I want the members of my congregation to be active participants in our community, and I do my best to make sure my readers know every opportunity that we have to be active. And like most clergypersons, I suspect that you’re all getting a little tired what must come across as my constant pestering.

Or you’re getting a *lot* tired of it.

As an antidote to my usual “whining,” then, I thought this time I’d flip things around. Instead of talking about what you can do for us, I’ll talk about the things we can do for you: specifically, the various resources ADF provides to everyone, whether they are ADF members or not. (Obviously most of these are online resources, since I’m focusing on the ones that everyone can get for free. Non-members can subscribe to *Oak Leaves*, ADF’s official magazine, but not for free. Visit <http://www.adf.org/publications/periodicals/oak-leaves/> for details if you’re interested.)

Our oldest online resource is ADF’s website, which has lots of ritual scripts, articles about ancient practices, and info about our Groves, guilds, and other subgroups. Obviously it can be a little overwhelming at first, but it does have a decent search engine built in. My advice is to read it in small doses.

We have online discussion lists as well, but like most online mailing lists, the level of discussion for our public lists is usually—um, not great. But they are available to folks who aren’t members, so I have to include them here in the spirit of completeness. The problem with any public list is that the public has access to it (sounds like something Oscar Wilde would have posted if the Internet had been around in his day), and the discussion often goes well outside the boundaries of anything to do with ADF, or even with neo-Paganism in general. But if you can wade through the low signal-to-noise ratio, they’re worth checking out. (For those of you who are ADF members, our private lists are actually very good, with lots of interesting

discussions about our practices and our research.)

A much better free resource that everyone can check out is *Tribeways*, our new audio podcast. New episodes are released every High Day, and include articles, songs and chants, and even guided meditations. For folks who prefer getting their information through sound rather than text, this is a great way to get a sense of what ADF’s practices are really like.

And if you have enough bandwidth and want to *see* some of our practices instead of just listen to them, YouTube provides several ADF videos, including Archdruid Emeritus Ian Corrigan demonstrating a solitary household devotional rite, a few demonstrations of group rituals, and an interview with Archdruid Skip Ellison. Over the years, lots of solitary practitioners have said that they’d be a lot more comfortable doing their own rites at home if they had some clue how other people did them, and now the Internet has given them the chance.

This brings us to the last resource I want to mention here, which is perhaps the most obvious thing that ADF provides to non-members: our Groves! All ADF Groves provide public rituals, and most provide other public events as well. If there’s a Grove in your area and you haven’t paid them a visit, well, why the heck haven’t you? No matter how hard we try (and we do try), nothing we put online can match being at an actual ritual. But for those of you who can’t come to an event (and given the price of gas lately, I can understand that), I hope that these resources will prove helpful.

Yours in service to the Kindreds and the Grove,
Rev. Rob Henderson, Senior Druid

Online Resources

ADF Web site: <http://www.adf.org/>

Tribeways, the ADF Podcast:
<http://adfpodcast.libsyn.com/>

Subscribe to ADF’s public mailing lists:
<http://www.adf.org/forums/subscribe.html>

Ian’s Solo Druid Ritual on YouTube:
<http://youtube.com/watch?v=uvjfwmh--3M>

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

It's time to think about elections for new Grove officers. Please consider your nominations carefully, the person you nominate (and this could be you) should be willing and able to devote the time necessary to fulfill the duties of the office. Nominees must also be full current members of both Shining Lakes Grove and ADF when they take office at Samhain.

The names of those nominated must be received in writing by the Election Committee on or before August 15, 2008.

Election Committee:

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Nominations may also be sent to:

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Following is a description of the offices that are up for election this year.

Senior Druid - The Senior Druid (SD) is responsible for the spiritual welfare and unity of the Grove. The SD shall have the right to be a member of all committees and may choose to attend any meeting or event of the Grove or its subgroups. The SD is responsible for reviewing all of the officer Grove reports as forwarded by the Grove Administrator and for submitting them to the ADF Archdruid and Scribe. The SD is responsible for public relations and community networking activities of the Grove, or for the delegation of those activities as needed. The Senior Druid is responsible for the supervision of all liturgical activities within the Grove. The SD is responsible for supervision of any Grove cosmological, historical, or theological educational endeavors that are sponsored by the Leadership Council. The SD is responsible for training a successor to this position. The Senior Druid is answerable to the Leadership Council. The term of the office of Senior Druid shall be three years.

Grove Administrator - The Grove Administrator (GA) shall be responsible for leading and supervising the business activities of the Grove. S/he shall run the business meetings, have the right to be a member of any committee of the Leadership Council. S/he shall be responsible for maintaining a reasonable level of service (including but not limited to making sure there are high day rites, grove newsletters, and regular business meetings) to the membership of Shining Lakes Grove by the Leadership Council, or for delegating that service in the absence of elected officers. S/he shall have the fiduciary and fundraising responsibility for the Grove, subject to guidance of the Leadership Council. The Grove Administrator shall be responsible for compiling a quarterly Grove report to be sent to the Senior Druid for the ADF Archdruid and Scribe and is responsible for collecting, reviewing, and forwarding to the SD all other officer's quarterly reports. The Grove Administrator is answerable to the Leadership Council. The term of the office of Grove Administrator shall be one year.

Scribe - Shall record minutes of all general and Leadership Council meetings and keep records of the proceedings of all committees (to be submitted by each committee head); and may perform other duties that would otherwise be performed by a Corporate Secretary. Candidates for the office of the Scribe shall have the ability to take minutes and have computing skills. The Scribe is responsible for compiling a quarterly report of grove events to be sent to the Mother Grove after being reviewed by the Grove Administrator and Senior Druid. The term of the office of Scribe shall be one year.

Chronicler - Shall be responsible for the production of all Grove literature including, but not limited to, grove announcements and the grove newsletter. All publications will be subject to the approval of the Leadership Council. Candidates for the office of Chronicler shall have demonstrated skills in writing and desktop publishing and access to the necessary equipment to complete the requirements of this office. The term of the office of Chronicler shall be one year.

Public Relations Coordinator - Shall be responsible for communication of grove activities through publication and advertising in non-grove publications and other media. The Public Relations Coordinator shall also be responsible for performance or delegation of customs and traditions of hospitality observed by the grove. The Public Relations Coordinator shall be responsible for general member services and respond to all membership inquiries and complaints as necessary. The term of the office of Public Relations Coordinator shall be one year.

Youth Activities Coordinator - Shall be responsible for the youth religious education program. Program materials will focus on daily practice as well as celebration of the High Day Rituals. The materials will be reviewed by the Liturgists to ensure that they are appropriate for the ritual as well as to coordinate the appropriate time(s) for children to participate in the High Day celebration. Program materials will also be reviewed by the Leadership Council. The YAC will ensure that materials are provided to all families with children to help them integrate religious practice into their daily lives as well as to celebrate our eight High Days. The YAC is not responsible for providing child-care services. The term of office for the Youth Activities Coordinator shall be one year.

Grove Calendar: Summer Solstice to Fall Equinox

Rituals

An Bruane: Rituals and advanced spiritual exploration for those who wish to go beyond the standard High Day rites. Members only, please. *6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/16, 7-9 pm at Rod/Liz's*

Liturgists' Roundtable—Ritual Planning: Help us plan our Lughnasadh and Fall Equinox rituals. All welcome. *7/15, 7/29, 9/2, 9/23, 7-9 pm at Rod/Liz's*

Fire Watch: We follow the traditions of our ancestors and keep the hearth fire burning the night before ritual. *9/26, Dusk at Botsford*

Fall Equinox Rite: Join us as we honor the Stag God and perform the Stag Dance. There will be a raffle and potluck after the rite. *9/27, 2-5 pm at Botsford (rain date: 9/28)*

Lughnasadh Festival: Our annual tradition! (*see below*)

Social Events

Coffee Hour: Join us for our monthly discussion of interesting topics. *6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/19, 7-9 pm at Borders*

Druidic Mini-Golf: No, it's not historically accurate, but it's fun!. *8/17, 2 pm at Putterz*

Meetings

SLG Business Meeting: Discussion of general business and setting of the calendar. *7/8, 8/12, 9/9, 7-9 at Borders*

Helping the Huron

River Roundup: Collect water and insect samples from streams in the rivershed. Sponsored by the Huron River Watershed Council. (You must register in advance for this! jmartin@hrwc.org or 734-769-5971) *9/20, 9 am-3pm or 11 am-5pm, meet at NEW Center*

Bug ID Day: Count the insect samples we collected from streams in the rivershed. Sponsored by the Huron River Watershed Council. (You must register in advance for this! jmartin@hrwc.org or 734-769-5971) *10/5, 12-3 pm or 2-5 pm, meet at NEW Center*

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Lughnasadh 2008

Botsford Recreational Preserve, 3015 Miller Rd., Ann Arbor
8 pm August 1 to 6 pm August 3, 2008

A three-day festival and *Ár nDraíocht Féin* Lughnasadh ritual combined. From opening to closing we will be celebrating and honoring our Gods in the sacred space of the festival with our Games, our Talents, and our Wits!

Just outside the city limits of Ann Arbor, Botsford Recreational Preserve is a small section of old growth forest with treehouses, trampolines, and the permanent nemeton of Shining Lakes Grove.

How much will it cost to attend? It's **free!** We will have a raffle to help cover our site rental costs, and of course donations are welcome.

We need volunteers! If you would like to lead a class, workshop, or ritual, or help organize the festival, please contact us.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 22	23	24 7-9 An Bruane Rod/Liz's	25	26	27 7-9 Coffee Hour Borders	28
29	30	July 1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
6	7	8 7-9 Business Mtg. Borders	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 7-9 Liturgist RT Rod/Liz's	16	17	18	19
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17 2 PM Druidic Min-Golf Putterz	18	19	20	21	22 7-9 Coffee Hour Borders	23
24	25	26 7-9 An Bruane Rod/Liz's	27	28	29	30
1	September 1 LABOR DAY	2 7-9 Liturgist RT Rod/Liz's	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 7-9 Business Mtg. Borders	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 7-9 An Bruane Rod/Liz's	17	18	19 7-9 Coffee Hour Borders	20 9-3 or 11-5 River Roundup NEW Center
21	22 AUTUMN BEGINS	23 7-9 Liturgist RT Rod/Liz's	24	25	26 Fire Watch Botsford	27 2-5 Fall Equinox Rite Botsford

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 NEW Center, 1100 N. Main, Ann Arbor

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