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Midsummer Solstice



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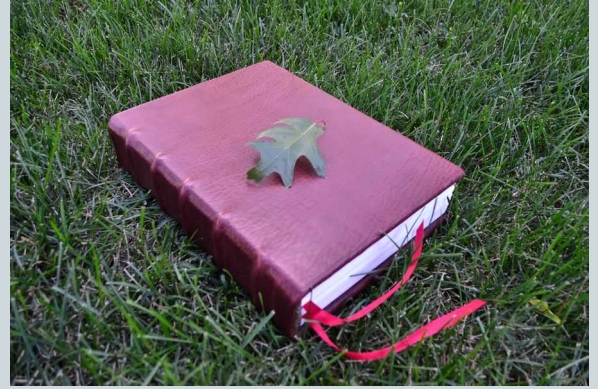
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News of the Groves

News from Oakdale Grove (Minnesota)

The compendium of RDNA literature known as [*A Reformed Druid Anthology \(2nd ed\)*](#) has really only been in PDF form over the last 17 years, only being put to print on a limited run. In 2017 I printed off my own copy of ARDA-2 (over 800 pages) and bound it in leather myself. It's an unwieldy beast and I broke a drill bit making the pilot holes to stitch it all together through the spine. Many have asked if there's a way to get ARDA-2 in print over the years. It's understandable that the PDF is also a bit intimidating; a proper eBook format would even be better. Well that's all in the process of changing right now!

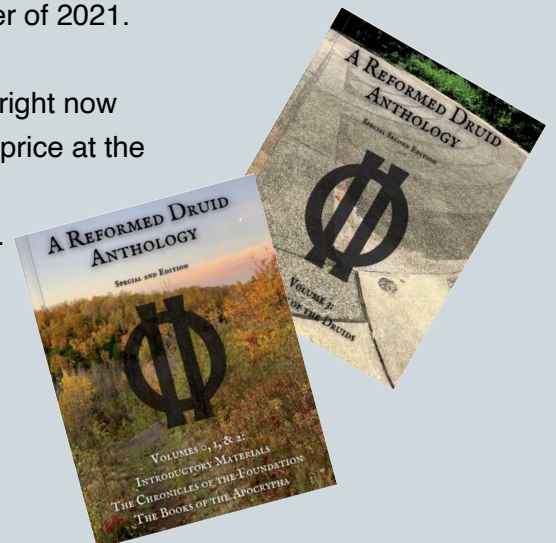


I took on the monumental task of editing copies of the original Word Docs of ARDA-2. They're riddled with typos, wrong word homophones, and formatting inconsistencies, and I'm reading through them with spell check and cross-referencing some neologisms online to get a crowdsourced consensus. New words like "druidness" or `_druid_` with any combination of prefix and suffix you can imagine had to be given a free pass. *The Books of the Apocrypha* were particularly challenging because people wrote the way they spoke and frequently created or used neologisms that still aren't in the dictionary. And then there are all the Gaelic words... I just had to click "Ignore All" through them hoping that they were spelled correctly.

I've had a few various written works printed through Lulu Printing before. Unfortunately their machines can only create a book up to 800 pages, and I think ARDA-2 is 848 pages long. The other issue is that the page numbering in the PDF is not always sequential, as I found the numbering falls back a few pages sometimes. There are actually more than 900 pages in the lofty tomes once the enumeration is corrected. The compromise is that ARDA-2 is becoming available in print, and so far exists in two books. Volumes 0, 1, and 2 (*Intro, Chronicles of the Foundation, and Apocrypha*) are in the first book, while the second book is just volume 3 or *Liturgy of the Druids*. The remaining volumes have yet to be proofread and edited, but that's a goal for the remainder of summer of 2021.

The first two sections are available for print-on-demand from Lulu right now though. Lulu is the only one that profits from this as I have set the price at the absolute cost of printing. Once the remainder of the documents have been edited they will also be converted into an eBook option.

For now you can click the books to view them on Lulu.



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News from Shrine of the Irish Oak (Arkansas)

I am late to this and haven't reported on my protogrove in years (now called "Shrine of the Irish Oak inc"). I think it was way back around 2004 or so I handwrote a constitution and sent it to Mike, before I did the waters of life vigil with Croman in 2005. But my small group is still kicking and recently our projects have been commissioning 7 day candle labels for our deities, we also do weekly services in person and live on Facebook.



Bardic Column

Upon A Summer's Day, by Johayan Sycamore Bear

The warbling robin outside our window
awakens us early in the day.

Stumble awake in the growing light,
off to start our daily routine.

Coffee's on, breakfast is cooking.
Do you dare to look at the news of the day?

Stop where you are at this point:
Look outside, listen to nature.

Even in the core of the city,
the songs of birds can still be heard.

Give thanks to the birds who sing!
Nay do they sing for us, they sing for a mate!

The birds fly from tree to tree, bush to bush
Looking for food, shelter, and a mate.

We, humans, have the same three basic needs.

But what do many of us do?

Get up, eat breakfast, battle traffic, work
battle traffic, eat dinner, watch mindless TV...

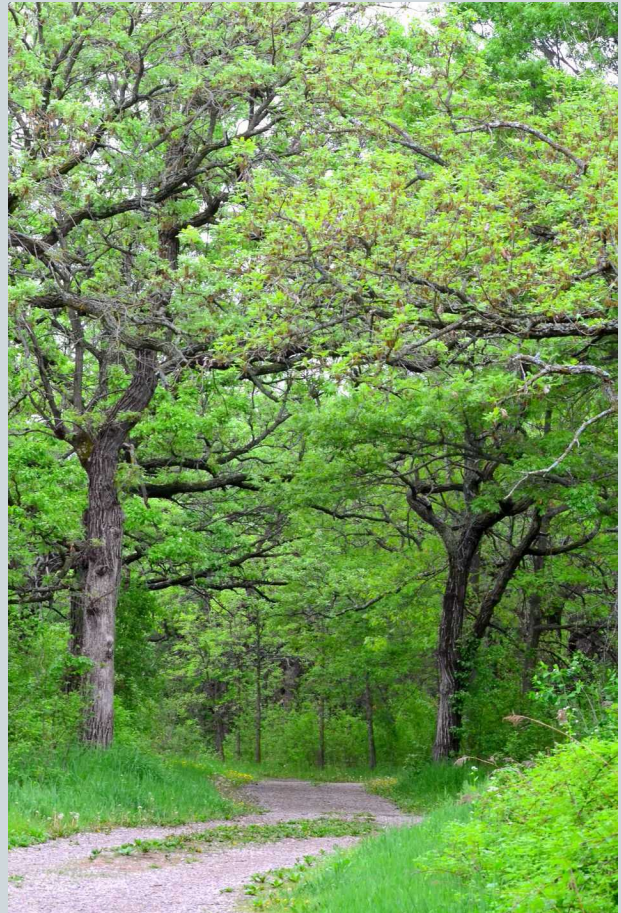
Notice what's missing there?

Joy. Peace. Nature.
The Earth Mother.

Remember how I said to stop your day at breakfast.

Do that on your next day off.

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Anoka Nature Preserve by John the Verbose

Get up with the robins,
take a lazy bike ride around your town
pack up the car for a day trip
find a state park to explore
visit a new to you part of your state/province

Explore. Enjoy Nature. Listen to the birds.
The rustle of the leaves. The buzz of insects.

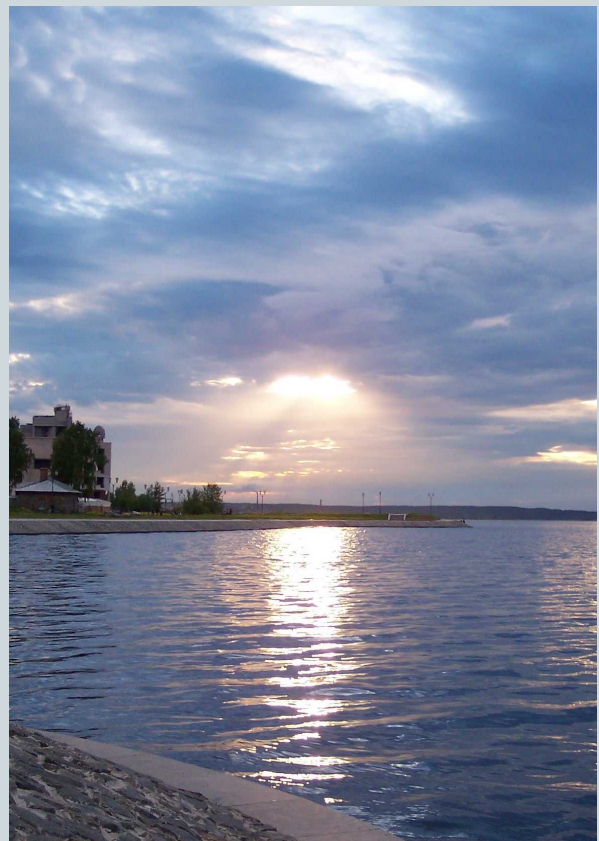
As evening falls, the frogs and fireflies provide natural fireworks and a great soundtrack.
Best of all, we're honoring the Earth Mother and strengthening our bond with Her.

—*Johayan Sycamore Bear*

Untiled Haiku

Polar solstices,
endless day or endless night,
not good for vigils.

—*John the Verbose*



11 PM and not yet sunset,
Summer Solstice, 2004,
Petrozavodsk, Karelia, Russia
by John the Verbose

Bonfire Banter

Overview

This section is an open forum for opinion pieces, letters to the editor, druidic gossip, philosophical exposition, news of solo druids, relevant product reviews, tutorials, and other discourse.

Contribution from Johayan Sycamore Bear

Hail Belenos! And so the summer arrives across Minnesota, not with a whimper, but with a blazing scorcher. We've been able to worship Belenos and play in his long glorious light as we quickly approach the solstice.

As a Minnesotan, I'm aware of how we spend four months (at least) begging for summer during winter and vice versa. So far this June, we've been breaking all kinds of temperature records and have been praying to Taranis for desperately needed rainfall. Across the state, lawns have turned vibrant lush green in the spring, then turning to pale green, to yellow, and now, a crunchy off-white. Farmers are watching their corn crops intently as leaves have curled up and the plants are starting to wilt in some places. Bean fields are in no better shape, plants turning yellow and shriveling up.

Yesterday, the 15th was our first "reasonable" day since the beginning of the month here, our high only reaching 83F (28C). We're back in the heat today (88F/31C) and for another week before cooler weather and hopefully rain!

This searing heat has had many effects on me:

As a person, I have Multiple Sclerosis. Warm to hot temperatures bring on what are called pseudo-exacerbations. What's that, you ask? It's all the symptoms of having an MS attack (called a flare or exacerbation) but without the nerve damage that is the hallmark of MS. Two weeks of highs in the upper 80s to 100F (31-38C), there's just not enough AC in the world right now! I'm doing my best to keep going, trying to keep myself busy in the house with the AC but life doesn't stop for a heat wave. Grocery runs have to happen, pharmacy trips, and all the other things in life.



Photo by Johayan Sycamore Bear

As a meteorologist, I watch the computer models every day, do a lot of my own forecasting, and I had really seen no signs of relief until, finally, this coming weekend, the Solstice! Our severe weather season has been non-existent here in 2021. Our "peak" of severe weather is 17 June. So far, we've had one day of severe weather which is very good for our highly stressed commodity crops, homeowners, and many others. It makes for a dull storm chasing season for those of us so inclined!

As a Druid, I'm torn in many directions. Any doubts I had about Climate Change, Anthropocentric Global Warming, call it what you want but we have so completely destroyed our home that our home is now turning against us. There is an old chestnut, "Life finds a way." and every time I hear that, I think, "Why yes, the Earth Mother does find a way."

Lawn watering, car washing, and other activities are restricted in many cities as the demand on the water system is too much.

Lawn watering? Oh, you mean, showing off that you are more about your little patch of green space that you own? That same small patch devoid of any of the plants native to our region? Ah yes, that green space that uses gallon after gallon of water each and every day.

Between the ever expanding urban sprawl, the ever expanding factory farms, and the loss of knowledge from the farmers who are off their land now and that the Native Americans had of our land: is it even a question, how we got to where we are today?



Photo by Johayan Sycamore Bear

– Johayan Sycamore Bear,
2nd Order RDNA, Bard of Oakdale Grove

The Seeker's Corkboard

Overview

This is the place where you can state that you are seeking other druids to form a protogrove. Long has it been said, something to the tune of *in the proper way, at the proper time, at the proper place, may another druid cross your path*. Well, here is a little nudge to help this happen sooner! These bulletins will be cumulative on each issue of C.O.R.D. until you send a stop request. They will be arranged alphabetically by country, then by state/province/region, then by town name.

To submit a Seeker's Corkboard request, email the editor and **provide your preferred name, location, and an email address** that you check consistently at least once per month. Just remember that any contact information you submit to this section does become public. Your email address in the newsletter will be split apart and will use different characters (& and /) instead of @ and '.' to prevent or mitigate random harvester bots from scanning them for spam.

Example Bulletin

USA: **Kansas**: Hutchinson: Dorian seeking others for starting RDNA protogrove. Email dorian_the_druid (at) gmail (dot) com.

Standard Disclaimer

I advise Googling *safety tips for meeting people from the Internet* or something to that effect. Furthermore, this is not intended as a section for personals ads or soliciting hookups.

Bulletins

USA: District of Columbia: Tyler Vanice seeking others for starting RDNA protogrove in D.C.. Monument Grove that previously met in the capital has been inactive and I would like to meet others in the area and start something back up. Also looking to be ordained if anyone is traveling to the capital region this year or next! If interested, please reach out. Email tyler.vanice&gmail/com.

Vivid Visions Gallery

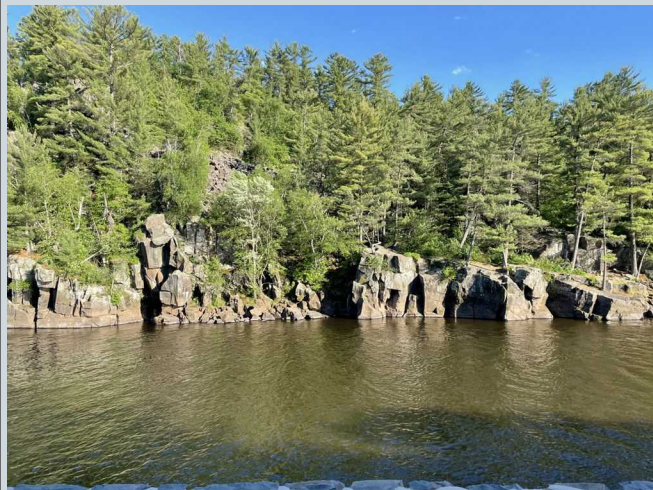
Overview

It's a druidic photo gallery. Enjoy!

Contributions from Johayan Sycamore Bear



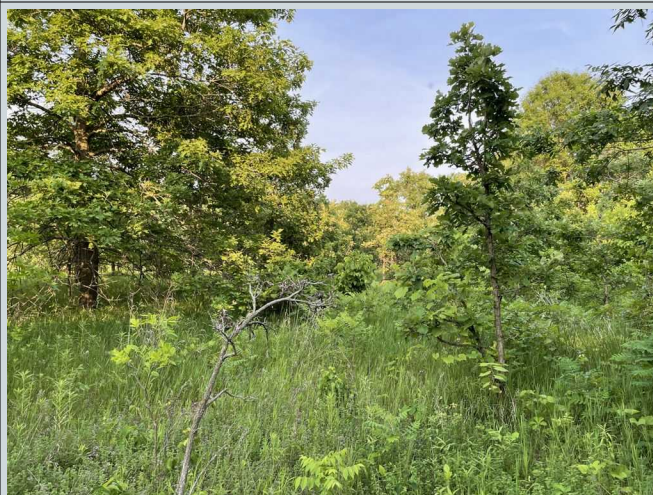
Morton Outcrops Scientific Natural Area
3.8 billion year old gneiss, Morton, MN



Interstate State Park, Taylor's Falls, MN
1.1 billion year old basaltic lava flows



Minnehaha Creek
Minnetonka, Minnesota



Carleton College Arboretum,
Northfield, Minnesota

Contributions from John the Verbose



Plumb blossoms, Sunfish Lake Park
Lake Elmo, MN



Female cardinal
Oakdale, MN



Restored prairie, Lake Elmo, MN



Anoka Nature Preserve, Anoka, MN



Stone circle, Oak Savannah Park,
Elk River, MN



Stone circle, Oak Savannah Park,
Elk River, MN

Videos of Interest

Overview

This section is reserved for videos relevant to druidry. Enjoy!

Intelligent Trees Official Trailer



Top 5 Biggest Trees on Earth



Memes of the Month

Overview

This section is reserved for memes or fun creations that were meant to be shared *ad nauseam*. These days it seems so many druid groups and social media just share memes 90% of the time, but I think that takes away from deeper conversations that end up buried. Here is a place designated to the celebration of all those catchy kitschy memes. However, I'm limiting those to two per article.

Not a meme, but a Tweet:



Rebecca Herbert
[@RebeccaH2030](#)

The thinner tree was cut years ago and the big one has been holding and feeding it since then. They "wake up" together in the spring and "go to sleep" together in the autumn. [#Tiredearth](#) [#biodiversity](#)



The Right Rites For Rampant Ritualists

Overview

This section is for sharing rituals, devotionals, or other liturgical contributions.

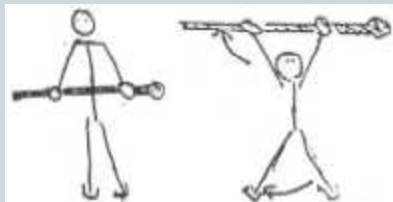
A Moving Meditation with a staff:

Excerpt from Emmon Bodfish's *The Four Salutations of the Day*

Stand, waiting for the first bit of the sun's disk to appear over the horizon. Hold your staff in front of you, your hands in front of your breast bone. Your left hand is above your right hand and the staff is not touching the ground.



When the first bit of the sun's disk clears the horizon, turn your staff horizontal and raise it over your head in one motion. Breathe in a full breath as you raise the staff, and at the same time step to the right with your right foot. Hold the breath; silence your mind. Your arms and your legs now form two triangles and you are looking at the first sun through a "trilithon" formed by your arms and staff.

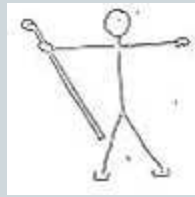


Holding the breath, turn your staff back vertical, and, holding it at arm's length, exhale slowly as you lower the staff between your gaze and the morning sun, momentarily blocking it out, until it seems to rise again over the top of the staff.

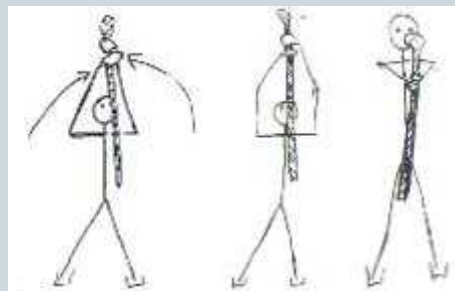


Let go your left hand from the staff and holding it in your right, sweep both of your arms up and outward, breathing in until you reach full extension. Your head, arms, and legs form a pentagram, your lungs are filled with the new air and you are fully open to the morning light. This is true even when there is rain falling in your face in the winter. Then you are open to that truth, that dawn and that

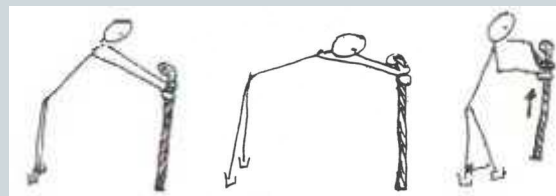
aspect of Nature. You hold mental silence here in the open position until the sun's disk clears the horizon.



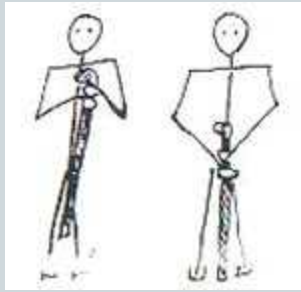
When it is free of the last horizon (trees, buildings, mountains, freeway on-ramps, whatever is between you and the setting or rising sun). Sweep your hands up and together over your right hand, as you inhale. Hold the breath for an instant, then begin slowly exhaling as you turn the staff back to vertical again and lower it again with your line of sight and the risen sun.



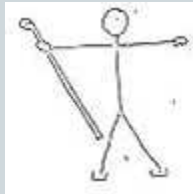
Continue on down, touching your staff to the ground, arms fully extended and your head bowed between them. Concentrate on the ground and your staff and feel the earth energy move up the staff, through your arms and to your lungs as you inhale another full breath. Raise your head and pull your staff in toward your heart as you straighten up and inhale fully.



Your hands on your staff, touch your breastbone. Hold silence. Perceive the dawning light all around you. Take several (three to nine) calm breaths. Then as you exhale, lower your staff and step right bringing your feet together and the staff to rest on the ground between your two big toes. Press it down. "Ground down" mentally; return to the mundane mental level and worldly functioning. The day has begun.



At NOON you face due South. At solar noon, as opposed to clock noon, the sun will be at the highest point in the sky that it will reach that day, and it will also be directly South. The movements and the breathing for the NOON Salutation are the same as for the DAWN, however do not look directly at the noon sun. Look at the southern horizon directly below it. Feel the rays and the warmth. Hold silence in the open position for twenty four breaths. Finish the Salutations as at DAWN.



Open Position

At evening, when the sun is about to set over whatever is your local western horizon, take your stance facing it. When the sun's disk touches tangent to the first bit of the horizon, inhale and raise your staff over your head in the first movement of the Salutation. Holding silence, draw it down between yourself and the setting sun until the sun reappears over the top of the staff. Breathe out as you do this. Move to the open position as before and hold it out as you do this. Move to the open position as before and hold it in silence until the last bit of the solar disk is about to sink below the horizon.

At that moment, inhaling, bring your arms up and together with the staff between you and the sun. Then as in the other Salutations, exhale as you bring the staff down to ground at arm's length in front of you, bowing forward as the last gleam disappears under the horizon. Feel yourself "bowing down the sun" in synchronization with it. When you feel the ground energy move up along the staff, through your arms, and body, inhale, mind silent, eyes totally perceiving. Hold your staff and hands at heart level as before. See the night begin around you. One day is over; a new day has begun. Press your staff down to the ground again at your feet. "Ground down" mentally. Come back to the mundane world, refreshed. Recall what has happened since NOON.

At celestial midnight, STARS, the sun is on the other side of the world directly below your feet. At this midnight or just before you go to sleep, do the Salutation to the STARS. Face the North Star. Calm your mind. Recall what you have been doing since the last Salutation. When you have achieved mental silence once more, then raise your staff over your head and inhale. View the North Star then

raise your staff over your head and inhale. View the North Star through the “trilithon” of your arms and staff. The rest of the Salutation proceeds like the NOON Salutation. Here you will draw your staff down until the North Star seems to rise over the tip of it. You hold silence in the open position for twenty four breaths, then complete the movements as at NOON. Ground down. Retire. Sleep.

Augur's Intuition

Overview

This section is reserved for reader-submitted divinations, premonitions, soothsaying, prophesies, omens, maybe a Celtic horoscope for the range of a month.

Submission by Johayan Sycamore Bear

Methodology

Six Card Tarot

Meanings

8 of Wands: Movement, Fast paced change

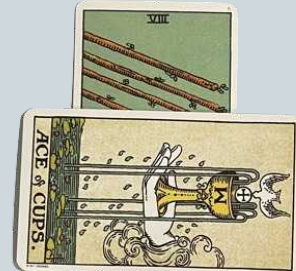
Ace of Cups: Compassion, New Relationships

Knight of Wands: Inspired Action, Energy

7 of Wands: Challenge, Competition

The Moon: Fear, Anxiety

3 of Pentacles: Teamwork, Collaboration



Interpretation

I dealt this spread with the question of “Can humanity find it in themselves to resolve the water wars?”

In the American Intermountain Region and the American Southwest, water supplies are hitting critically low levels due to decades of overuse and a severe decade long drought. In Australia, water supplies along the Murray-Darling river system are in much the same condition.

In both cases, and in many other cases around the world, water rights treaties were drawn up to heavily favor domestic (residential) uses along with hydroelectric power. Native people of the land were most often left out of the negotiations and agricultural users fought everyone and each other for water as well.

The Tarot tells me that we (humanity) wants to make the changes, new water rights deals must be made to balance out less water with growing populations and increased agriculture. But, and it's a big but, There is the competition for every drop, the fear and anxiety of being on the short end of the allocations.

What must happen: Teamwork and Collaboration. A willingness to recognize the rights and needs of all to water. Without water, we will be just dust in the wind.

Helping Healing Hearth

Overview

This section is for prayer, healing energy, and meditation requests. Standard disclaimer: C.O.R.D. Biquarterly always advises seeking conventional medical or other applicable assistance prior to supplemental healing energy requests.

Requests

From John the Verbose to Anonymous:

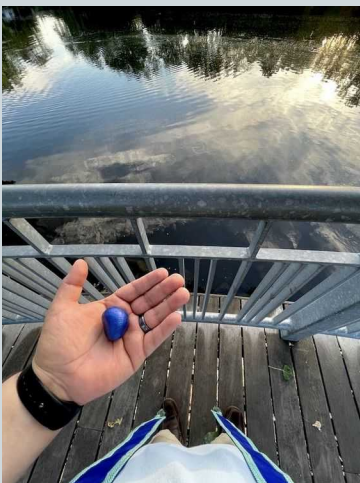
I went to one of my favorite places of power in Anoka, Minnesota. Anoka or *Onokay* in the Ojibwe language means "Working Waters," which I think is a convenient linguistic coincidence. The name is actually from the Lakota language, meaning "Water on Both Sides" referring to the peninsula of land between the Mississippi River and the Rum Rivers that part of Anoka sits on. It is a very liminal space. Mississippi is from the Ojibwe *Missa Zibi* meaning "Great River," and the "Rum" is a poor translation of the Lakota *Wakan Watpa* meaning "Spirit River" for its sacredness.



At this place of power in downtown Anoka, there's the *Anoka Kindness Rock Garden* under an old cottonwood tree, where people may leave and/or take a painted rock. I went there, but this time not to take or leave a stone in the rock garden; I wanted to select a stone from my own collection at home, and this one was going to go into the water.



The ancient Celtic custom was that people would make a votive offering to Sirona in exchange for healing. The votive was wood, metal, or a stone object, often made to resemble what needed healing, and cast into a sacred water source. I had a white quartz stone that I painted blue—the color for Sirona—and brought it to the Spirit River, to an overlook adjacent to the Kindness Rock Garden.



Wearing my *Order of Sirona* clerical ribbon, I recited my prayer of healing and cast the stone to the waters. This is a solemn place, also being right next to the town Veterans' Memorial. It was quiet and serene at this liminal place and time. May you find healing or peace of mind and comfort.



Calendar of Events

Overview

This section is for contributors to add their events, gatherings, any applicable online meetings, etc that they wish to announce publicly. This is also an almanac of full and new moon dates, the next Wheel of the Year high day, and any applicable minor holidays according to the Schismatic Druids of North America (SDNA).

High Days and Moon Phases

51 Samhradh (June 20) Midsummer Solstice

55 Samradh (June 24) Full Moon

71 Samradh (July 10) New Moon

85 Samradh (July 24) Full Moon

1 Foghamhar (August 1) Lughnasadh

Shared Open to Public events

Minnesota: Oakdale Grove Midsummer Solstice Ritual – Saturday June 19, 2021, 1:00 PM, Saint Croix Boom Site Park, [no street address] Hwy 95 north of Stillwater, MN. Ritual will be outdoors at fire ring next to the *large* parking lot (there are two lots). Bring your own chalice and your own sacramental liquid to put in it.



Upcoming minor holidays of the SDNA (non-canonical) calendar

- 62 Samradh (July 2) **Feast of Expectant Mothers** – Meditate upon the mysteries of conception and pregnancy. Bring some pickle and ice cream to a friend.
- 83 Samhradh (July 22) **Summer Festival of Wine and Pleasure** – Time to hold a hedonistic outdoor feast.

Long-term notice for the 60th anniversary of the RDNA

6 Samradh, 61 Y.R. (Saturday, May 6, 2023) is the day of the 60th anniversary reunion of the foundation of the Reformed Druids of North America at Carleton College! More details to follow as the event approaches.

Blogs & Social Media Links

Blogs Curated By Druids (accumulative each issue)

- Courtney's blog [Corey Adventures](#)
- Ellen Evert Hopman's blog [A Druid's Blog](#)
- John the Verbose's [Tumblr](#)
- TheMageiboLine's [Tumblr](#)

Social Media

- C.O.R.D. Biweekly's [Facebook page](#)
- "Official" Reformed Druids of North America (RDNA) [Facebook group](#)
- [*Editor's note: if you request to join there are four vetting questions. Please answer all four; they're really easy.*]
- New Reformed Druids of North America (NRDNA) [Facebook group](#)
- Ron Stonemage's [Instagram](#)
- Oakdale Grove's [Twitter](#)
- Oakdale Grove's [Facebook page](#)
- Oakdale Grove's RDNA Druid Training Program Development [Facebook page](#)
- Tribe of the Oak Celtic Reconstructionist (non-RDNA) Druid Grove [website](#)

Artisan Promo Page

Overview

Each article of *C.O.R.D.* will contain up to two pages of featured artists, craftspersons, or small online storefronts that may be of interest to the druid community in some way. There is no cost involved; anyone can request that their content be promoted here on a first-come-first-served basis.

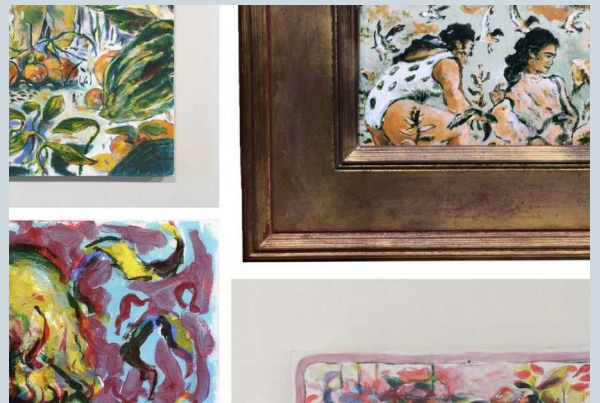
Reannag Teine Pottery

Historically Inspired Pottery: Islamic, Greek, or Italian Renaissance... skulls, squashed fairies, or Viking kitties, we are devoted to creating unique pieces of historically inspired ceramic art--a touch of the unique you can use all the time. Hand-thrown and hand-painted yet safe for food, dishwasher, microwave, and oven. Reannag Teine, Gaelic for "star fire," is a mother-daughter team with six degrees and a myriad of art awards between them... and a healthy amount of humor to bring it all together. Find us on Facebook, YouTube, Twitch, Instagram—and of course at www.ReannagTeine.com!



Jeremiah Soup's [art gallery](#)

All he wanted to do was subscribe to the newsletter but I was stunned by the art gallery when I clicked through the link in his email signature out of curiosity. I actually asked if I could share this here on his behalf, and I'm glad he agreed to it.



Ron Stonemage's [wire art and wrapped stones](#)

I think we originally discovered each other's Tumblr blogs about a year and a half ago. Not only is the wearable artwork intricate and beautiful, but Ron often has a lot of thought provoking



Reformed Druid Resources

Overview

The Reformed Druids of North America is probably one of the few major druid orders that provides all resources for learning about our style of druidism at no cost. We might not have all the answers, and unfortunately we don't have a mentorship or official training program, however there is something major in the works on an unofficial capacity. For now, here is a list of resources we *do* have.

A Reformed Druid Anthology – ARDA (2nd edition)

[ARDA II](#) is an 848 page PDF of RDNA history, customs, meditations, debates, rituals, advice, and other information. If the massive PDF file is too big, it is also broken down into its individual sections which makes for easier scrolling [here](#). There you will also find part of an ARDA study course and other documents. The books in hardcover version are rare and out of print, but the PDFs are free.

Grove Finder

Everyone wants to know: is there an RDNA or NRDNA Grove in _____? Well, the most current source of truth is the [Grove Finder spreadsheet](#). It's been updated *en masse* the last two Januaries during the Grove censuses, and if there are any interim changes I usually get to them within two days. It tracks Reformed Druid, New Reformed Druid, and Reformed Druidic Wicca (MOCC) Groves & Protogroves.

RDNA Year Conversion Chart & Calendar

The RDNA Calendar was technically at year 0 during the pre-planning stages of the Reform, and year 1 began on Beltane (May 1) of 1963. It's unapologetically half a year off from the Celtic New Year. As of Beltane 2020, the 58th Year of the Reform (Y.R.) began. I often forget what Y.R. it is, so I refer to the [RDNA Year Conversion spreadsheet](#). There is also a [four-year RDNA calendar](#) to help you learn what day of the four seasons it is, because you'll see the RDNA calendar system is all over this publication.

Black Book of Liturgy

The original 1960s copies of Black Book of Liturgy (which were in three-ring binders) were only to be kept by ordained Third Order Druids, but mimeographed copies leaked out decades ago, and we think that's a good thing. Oakdale Grove has a new adaptation of [Black Book of Liturgy \(PDF\)](#) with a ton of rituals as well as minimum recommended readings from ARDA. Black Book of Liturgy is also available in [hardcover for \\$12.41](#) via Lulu print-on-demand, which is strictly *at cost* of having it printed and bound. Oakdale Grove uses these books in rituals.

Oakdale Grove's RDNA Druid Training Program

This is a work in progress. So far the draft is 114 pages long, and I'm only half way into adding the *basic* content I want to put in it. I am not an educator, so I'm concerned about its flow and efficacy. If anyone wants to help develop it with me, I would greatly appreciate the assistance.

Newsletter Info

About C.O.R.D.

Connexus of Reformed Druids – C.O.R.D. Biquarterly is a free and publicly available newsletter for the Reformed Druids of North America as well as for anyone else who might be interested. It follows in the footsteps of prior publications such as *A Druid Missal-Any* and *Druid Inquirer*. *Connexus* is an homage to the late Emmon Bodfish, who petitioned the Council of Dalon Ap Landu to update RDNA liturgical nomenclature to make it less churchlike and more unique. *Connexus* is Latin for *connection* (not exactly druidic, but I'm not complaining). Emmon's petition never gained traction (plus the Council had lost it's ability to gain a voting quorum and it had no chairperson at the time) but it seemed fitting to adopt this word for a publication that connects druids around the world.

Past Articles

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Meet the Editor

Greetings! I'm John "The Verbose." I've practiced generic forms of druidry since I spent a semester in Ireland in 2004. I began interacting with the RDNA in 2011, and in 2013 I was ordained as a priest of Dalon Ap Landu and formed Oakdale Grove in Minnesota with 5 other grovemates. In 2015 I had the rare opportunity to become a priest of Belenos and in 2017 the even rarer honor of becoming a priest of Sirona, as well as the new curator of her Order. In January 2020 I began work on developing an RDNA style druid training program, and as of now that is still a work in progress.



I am absolutely committed to my oath of Service and wish to help others explore Reformed Druidry by a diverse array of means. That includes assembling and issuing these newsletters. Anything in this publication that doesn't have an attribution and is written in the first person is pretty much me sharing my opinions and experiences. That's where your help with contributions is so helpful; we have a newsletter with crowd-sourced content to appeal to a broader druidic audience. I sincerely hope you find this periodical to be a worthwhile investment of your time. I always welcome constructive criticism and suggestions or other feedback

Peace, peace, peace! ☸

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Contribute Content to the Next Issue!

Submission Process

Issues will be released within a day or two of the RDNA Wheel of the Year high days. That's more or less the deadline if you wanted to submit any content for the forthcoming article. Anything received a bit late might end up on the draft of the next article thereafter. **Please ensure content is PG-13 or tamer.**

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Do you plan on contributing content from a Gmail account? We have a [convenient form](#) that allows you to enter text-based contribs as well as attach files or photos! A Google account is only required to send attachments through the form.

Non-Gmail Users Have Two Ways to Contribute

1. There is a [lite version of the same form](#) for those who don't have a Gmail account, which allows anyone to submit text-based contributions only.
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- News of the RDNA & NRDNA Groves & Protogroves
- News of the Solo Druids
- Poetry
- Short Stories
- Tutorials
- Druidic projects, arts, crafts you are making
- Personal milestones, editorials, druidic book or product reviews, critiques
- Seeker Bulletins like "Solo druid looking for other druids in _____"
- Your own photography
- Links to videos of druidic interest
- Links to your druid blogs or social media
- Divinations and their summaries
- Events you're willing to announce publicly

- Maybe a druidry-related meme (article will limit two)
- Healing Thoughts Requests
- Do you have a druid-oriented Etsy shop or similar online store? One page of the newsletter will be reserved for artisan promo space
- Propose a topic; you can help make this newsletter be a success