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Photo: Stone Circle, Oak Savannah Park, Elk River, MN

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News of the Groves

News from Carleton Grove (Minnesota) by Edward

Slow Seattlish Spring

The first rains came in the month of snow, glum and frigid showers scattered by gusts. March carried on the fierce campaign of chilly winds that smoothed yet preserved the Long Ice. By April, rain came again early and stayed long, a guest with no plan to depart from a bed of soaked snow. The sun never came to declare an end to winter, so in its absence, there was lingering rain under steely bowers of cloud. Rain dripped from slick, dark branches; rain bored into banks of soggy snow; rain trickled in channels under the ice. Rain whispered the heavens' gossip by night and snatched away warmth from shuddering shoulders. Indeed, only rain cut into the long ice and eroded away piled snow to reveal the lawn's limp leftovers and earthen filth of winter's trodden tracks. This ice-sculpture April languished sunless, carven from ice and cloud.

The wait for spring felt long for its groundhog doom. One fair flash of summer heat convinced all the land that spring had come, but it belied a long abiding promise of coming growth. Impatient as a bride with dress in hand, the trees started buds that failed to unfurl for weeks. The frost flowers sprouted leaves that waited almost their frail lifetime to bud into bloom through timid lawns, and bulbs waited to burst out into light until new seeds opened their first roots. Weeks of winter-bleached brush and bare branches shocked me with unprecedented spectacles of empty air and hollow ground throughout the Grove. Chastened leaves and reluctant flowers stayed static in rains' susurrations.

But bounding for spring was the bumper-crop of animal activity! Within a snowfall's shimmering eye of winking heavens, I first met my new fox neighbor. Our paths, like that of another swift fox, cross monthly now in the stillness of midnight stirrings. Eagerly chasing the final frosts have flown fleets of herons, more than any time since the Summer of Stoic Herons. And amid the frenetic furred fetes of squirrel and rabbit, the frosty walls of my morning walks echo with birdsong. At a certain tree each day, a cardinal, then a jay, then a finch, then a robin – each tenant keeps its own address as well as schedule. What a blessing it is to greet individual, recognized families and know with confidence they know me too. Of them, the best neighbors are the blue jays, for they are not discouraged by my own songs, but sometimes join with the enthusiastic, off-tune amateurism of a children's choir.

My annual search for the scent of mud and pine was interrupted personally by many cares and worries. The shift toward summer eluded me, as did the time for planting. As sunlight grew, it flavored smoke-tinted scenes as if ready-made antique photographs, and by night, the moon wore a crown of hazy glory. Our few late storms brought but one taste of hail to the Grove, but one vista of terrible cloud tower passing at enormous distance. This season ended in afternoons of drifting dust and cottonwood down – its promise of growth and pledge for renewal in the season of life.

*Many thanks to those who gathered for the 60th Anniversary Beltane! Taranis bellowed and blessed us with rain and initiates, yet bravely the faithful gathered gratifyingly, with aged seers and frolicking novices alike. Special thanks to those who pledged the Tenets and their service to the Earth. May you shine the light of Belenos on all who happen across the path you walk.

News from Tucson Grove (Arizona)

I am pleased to announce that the members of Tucson Protogrove have ratified a constitution, and have elected the 3 required officers to become a full grove in the Reformed Druids of North America. Tucson Protogrove will henceforth be known as Tucson Grove, Reformed Druids of North America. Any inquiries regarding Tucson Grove should be directed to: druidmeirneal@gmail.com.

Yours in the Earth Mother,

Meirneal, ODAL
Archdruid, Tucson Grove

News from Oakdale Grove (Minnesota)

It's been hot in Minnesota. Much of July was dry. And the smoky air from the wildfires made breathing feel like you have a roll of malfunctioning cigarette filters stuck in your throat. That means there's been a lot of time for inner workings. We created a new ritual segment for helping serendipity and synchronicity make itself apparent to prospective druids. It is basically a rite for fostering Awareness in others (specifically *good natured* people) to come to discover druidry on their own terms. We can't write a "Recruiting Ritual," that would be un-Reformed. But we can make druidry discoverable, and let the seekers decide whether or not to seek. Check out the ritual script in the *Right Rites* segment of this newsletter!

We pooled some ideas together for it when I presented a draft for the rite at our July casual hangout. There are also two additional higher orders in development: the Order of Belisama and the Order of Arvalus. Tentatively Belisama might actually be a side-order or a short-order: not necessarily requiring the candidate to be in the RDNA priesthood. One thing I'd like to do as well is explore developing additional Orders *not tied to any particular deity* to show support for Agnostic or Atheist druids in our communities who might not want the baggage (or perception thereof) of *theology* or *theolatr*y.

We had six attendees at our Lughnasadh ritual at the beautiful Oakdale Nature Preserve, where the day was cool, clear, and the air was clean. We tried out our *Rite of Seeker Summoning* ritual segment. It flowed really well. At the sacrifice, the winds really spoke up with a resounding response. At the end we went on a pilgrimage to the old nemeton which is being overgrown by some sort of invasive cherry and Virginia Stickseed. Then we ended with a visit to the altar stone which the park moved in 2021.

A Father's Day Devotional by Kynan of Maryland

*Hail to one human father, progenitor,
my nearest ancestor
whom I knew and loved for an entire mortal life;
Light-house whose beacon remains visible
to my sailing ship on the sea of Life.*

*Hail to the Sky Father, light of sacred Earth,
Enabler of all who live, move, and breathe.
Hail to the everlasting relationship
of Sun, Earth, and Moon,
Triad of Spheres Who form our experiential world.
May we together channel imbas
That flows into reality from the Source of all.*

*Today I honour my first teacher, benefactor,
Supporter and guidance counselor
To whom I owe a debt I could not repay.
May the contour of my life choices
Honour your legacy and spirit
As these words pay homage to the person
You once were and always are.*

*You are the node that connects me
To all ancestors of your bloodline
Stretching into the ancient past of India.
My body shaped from your genes,
mind guided by your thoughts and experiences,
souls joined in family relationship
in this life and beyond its bounds.*

*The classical music you played and hearkened to
Flows still in this land
And in your place in the Otherworld.
May its harmony and melody
Gladden the spirits of our grandfathers.*

*Blessed on the hinge of the year
near the time of longest day-light
I will transform echoes of grief,
sorrow, and loneliness
Into strength of heart,
compassion for those who mourn,
and unity with the network of Life.*

*Let us rejoice in peace and in company
of the ancestors, Earth-Mother, and Holy Ones
of this living world and the Otherworld.
For we are forever joined to one another
by bonds of love, care, and mutual respect.
So may it be!*

Hail to Cyhyraeth by Neil James Rhind

*To Cymru comes the Cyhyraeth,
To mourn, and warn of coming death.
By sight unseen, and seeming sound alone,
It moans like Annwn's hounds.*

*Like Annwn's hounds, the more its calls come close,
The lower they become.
Three moans it makes, and by the third
It's like a last breath, barely heard.*

Tripart prefigurement of death,

*From sudden scream to final breath.
Along the Tewi river it's most known,
And on Glamorgan's coast.*

*A coastal corpse-light sometimes glows
To show by sight where this sound goes,
And where will go the ship that will be next
To wreck in the sea's swell.*

Each Uisge

*Who sees a sleek and handsome horse
Stood by the sea, and so, unbidden,
Mounts on her back to see her ridden
May soon know brief, but real, remorse
From hidden dangers on their course.*

*Hooves innocent of iron shoes,
The Each Uisge stands and waits
For some damn fool to choose their fate.
Their skin first sticks to them, like glue,
And then they dive, and drown them, too.*

*Few forms of horse are carnivores
But these drowned are a dish delivered.
They'll eat them up, but leave the liver.
An organ, it seems, they ignore,
And let wash up upon the shore.*

Fir Bolg

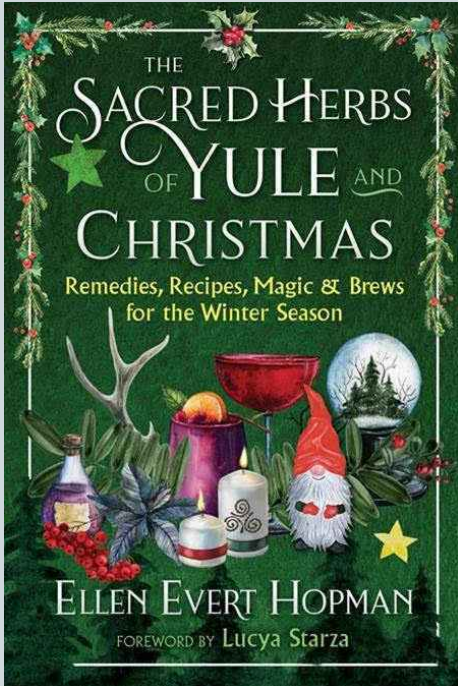
*The Fir Bolg, fourth of Ireland's waves,
Slave refugees returned from Greece,
Took one piece each for their five chiefs.*

*Five fiefs at peace under one throne
Undone by the Tuatha Dé Danann,
All Ireland now theirs to command.*

Campfire Colloquy

Overview

An open forum for news of solo druids, letters to the editor, druidic gossip, philosophical thoughts, etc.

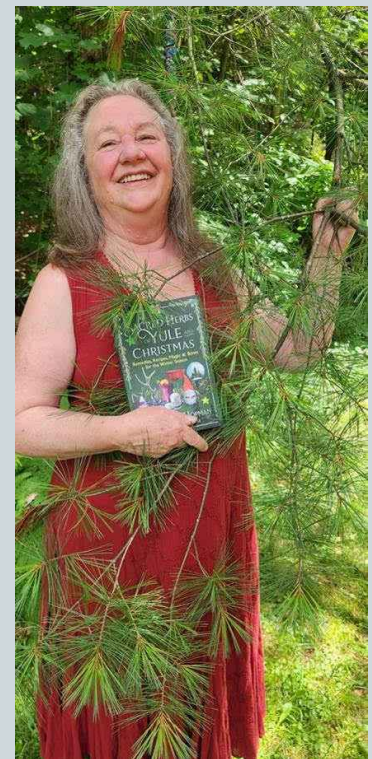


BOOK REVIEW: The Sacred Herbs of Yule and Christmas (Remedies, Recipes, and Magical Brews for the Winter Season) by Ellen Evert Hopman

Ellen Evert Hopman's latest release is the perfect reason to celebrate Christmas/Yule in July. As many of us are sweltering in a record-high heat wave, this book offers a timely escape into a wintry world of wonders. After a useful and wise introduction to the basics of herbal preparations and magical properties, the author leads us on an enchanting worldwide tour of Winter traditions, including beloved mythical figures, recipes, divinations, and a special Rite for the Goddess at Solstice. The second half of the book is devoted to the Magical and Medicinal Herbs of Winter with a seasonal recipe for each herb that is sure to bring warmth and joy to the festivities as well as enhancing health and well-being. "The Sacred Herbs of Yule and Christmas" would make a treasured keepsake that will become a Yuletide tradition in itself. (Paperback, 277 pages with delightful color

plates, \$29.99 from your favorite source for good books. Personally signed copies are available at ellen.evert.hopman.com)

—Melangell Green (Tribe of the Oak)



Ellen Evert Hopman

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 at least weekly. 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 we will use different characters (& and /) instead of @ and '.' to prevent or mitigate roving address harvester bots from scanning them for spam.

Standard Safety 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 on behalf of *Potomac Protogrove* in Washington DC. If interested, please reach out. Email tyler.vanice&gmail/com.

USA: Georgia: Savannah: Hey this is a PSA. There are druids in your area seeking other druids (like, at least three, and I don't think it's the same person), we just don't have names or contact info. I can't even remember where I've been seeing references to this (Probably somewhere on Discord), but hey, reach out to us if you wanna put in a bulletin here. Contact the newsletter editor!

Vivid Visions Gallery

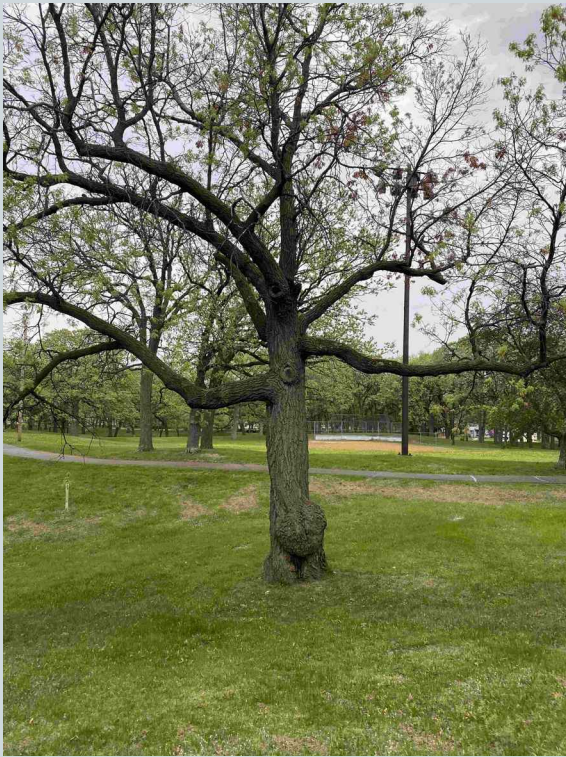
Contributions from Jax K.



Bur Oak Fronds, Newell Park, MN



Dryad's Saddle, Dean Lake Conservation Area

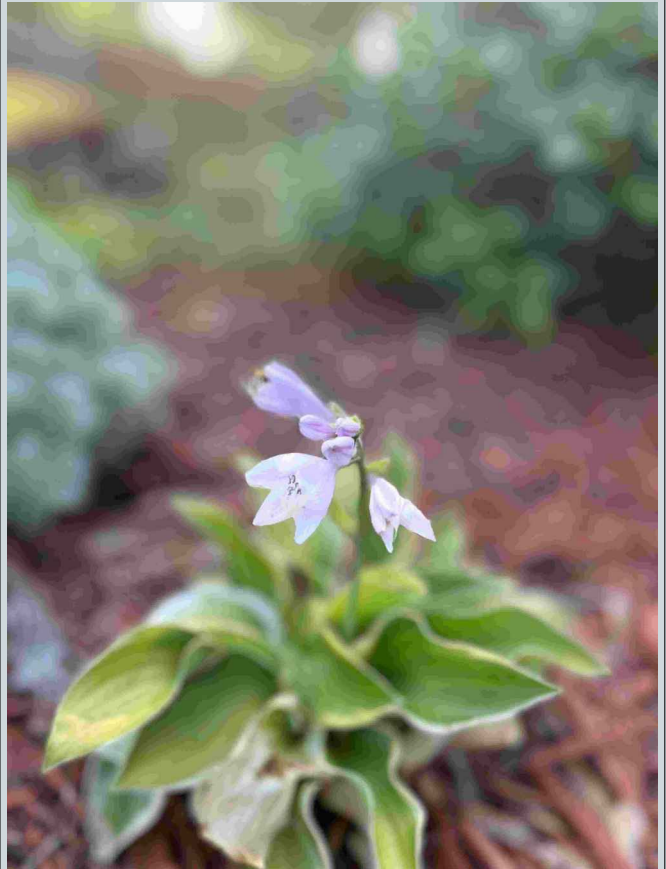


Left: Pin Oak Dryad, Newell Park, MN

Contributions from *I Talk To The Trees*

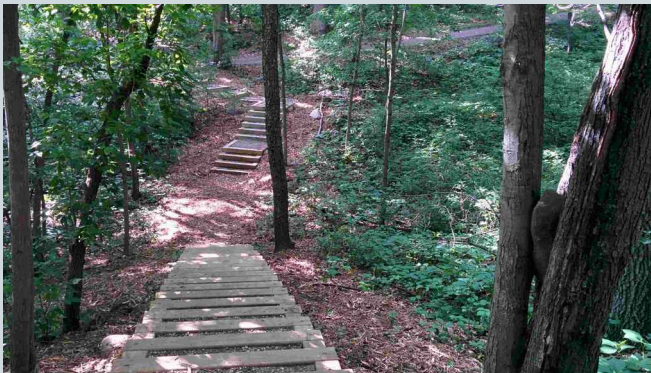


Siebold's Plantain Lily (aka Hosta)

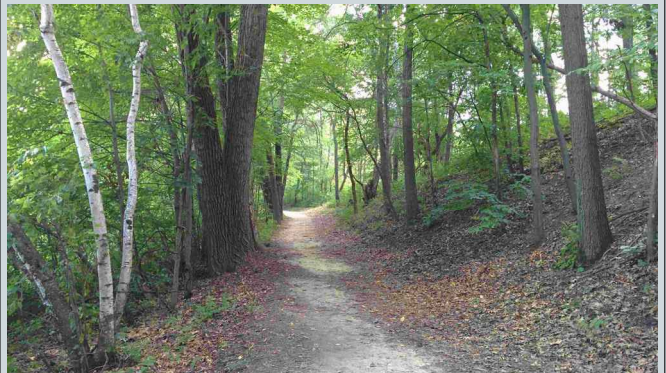


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Contributions from Anonymous



Steps to an open Nemeton



Forest Trail

Contributions from John the Verbose (update on my first attempt at a garden)



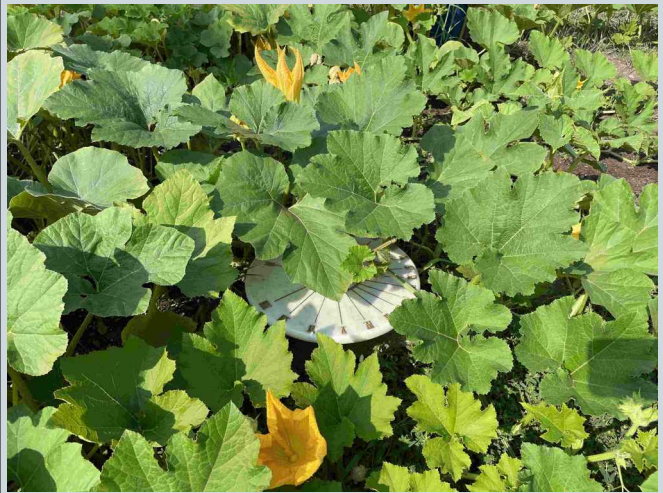
Garden in May drought after planting (repost)



Garden after we've had some respectable rain



Pumpkin flower with two bees



Sundial overshadowed by pumpkin vines



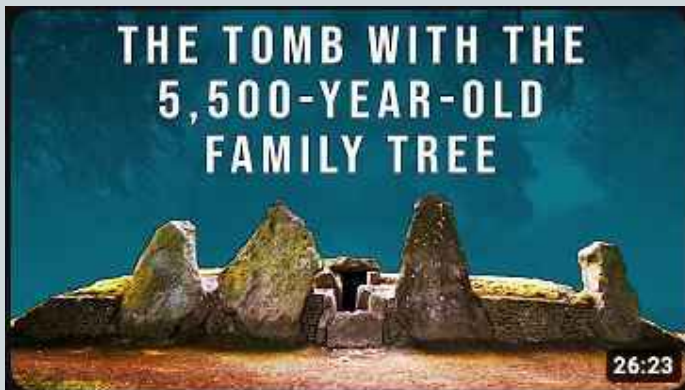
First pumpkin, just the size of a kiwi!



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Videos of Interest

The Oldest Family Tree in the World



This is the story of the mysterious Long Barrows of Neolithic Britain. What can the latest studies on ancient DNA tell us, about the family relationships of the people buried inside them and the societies that they lived in?

The Insane Biology of: The Dragonfly



If you didn't already think dragonflies were cool...

Solving the Ancient Mystery of Knossos and the Minotaur



The legend of the Minotaur and its labyrinth has captivated us for centuries, but is there any evidence of it really existing?

The Right Rites For Rampant Ritualists

Overview

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

Rite of Seeker Summoning

A ceremonial segment to aid like-minded individuals to discover druidry serendipitously through divine synchronicity. To be inserted into the Common Order of Worship before the offering. Use any three offerings to enact this scenario. Suggestions include: ivy, male fern root, elder (any part, including berries), thistle, holly, chamomile (invites the good and wards off the bad), or wormwood (boosts the gain on the signal). Instructions are in square brackets. AD = Arch-Druid, PR = Preceptor

By John the Verbose, Lughnasadh 2023

[Stand in a semicircle with a gap in the east, or direct the fellowship to form a gap in the east. This rite begins with excerpt of *The Mystery* from Customs 11:3]

AD: "Who is it who throws light into the meeting on the mountain?" Who is it who summons the seekers to stand among the gathered ones?

PR: We are the summoners! But it is Awareness and serendipity that we summon. The seekers must still come of their own accord. Let us make the first offering. [A volunteer burns or scatters first offering.]

AD: We call upon the Druids of the past, the ancient Druids who contemplated the mysteries of the Earth-Mother thousands of years ago. It is they who were there when druidism was new. And we call to the Revival Druids who began contemplating the divine three centuries ago. And to the modern Druids who sculpted our paths that evolved into what we have today. Join this rite and attend us now in our mission of fostering Awareness.

We call upon the Druids of the present, to those who stand among us in common fellowship. You... are... here. We are united in this moment. We are taking part in something greater than our own self-interests in this mission of fostering Awareness.

We call upon the Druids of the future. To those who do not yet realize that they already walk the path of druidry. To those who have not yet begun down that path. To those yet to be born. And to those Druids who shall make their life on other worlds and among the stars in the great celestial sea. Join this rite and attend us now in our mission of fostering Awareness.

PR: Countless times, those on the path of Druidry have lamented that they did not discover it sooner in life. Here is the appointed place, and now is the appointed time when we call upon all druids, past,

present, and future. Let us make the second offering. [A volunteer burns or scatters second offering.]

AD: Together, we hereby summon the benevolent powers of synchronicity and serendipity, to bless those of good nature who would sincerely seek the path of Druidry in good faith. May they come unto Druidry not by us calling to them, but because they begin to seek it of their own accord, led by small discoveries that present themselves.

We call for these blessings upon the kind hearted, whether they have yet to discover druidry, whether they have yet to discover our Grove, or whether it is those who know of us and wish to attend but cannot. May the blessings of opportunity come into their Awareness, so that one day they too may stand among us...

PR: There is a gap in our circle: an opening in the East – the realm of new beginnings. Nature abhors a vacuum. Thus, together we stand to invite good natured seekers on their journey of self-discovery. Sometimes these discoveries happen in threes before we finally pay attention. Therefore, let us make a third offering. Then soon they too may stand here, closing the gap. [A volunteer burns or scatters second offering.]

AD: May our offerings find acceptance, and may serendipity and synchronicity descend upon the blessed. May they discover druidism not because we summon them; but rather because we summon serendipity. So be it!

Augur's Intuition

Overview

Reader-submitted divinations, premonitions, soothsaying, prophecies, omens, etc.

Submission by John the Verbose

Methodology: "Druid Sticks" with a Geomantic Mound

Meanings

Tristitia – Sorrow

Amissio – Loss

Via – the Way

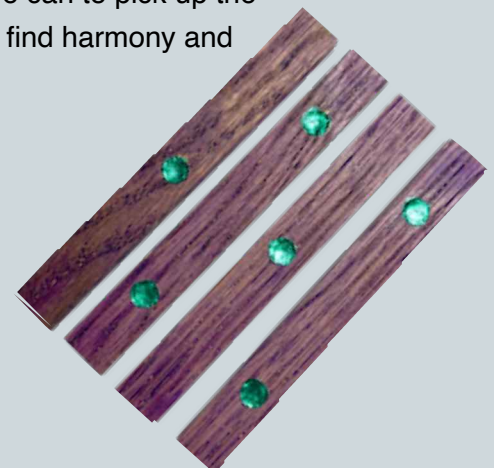
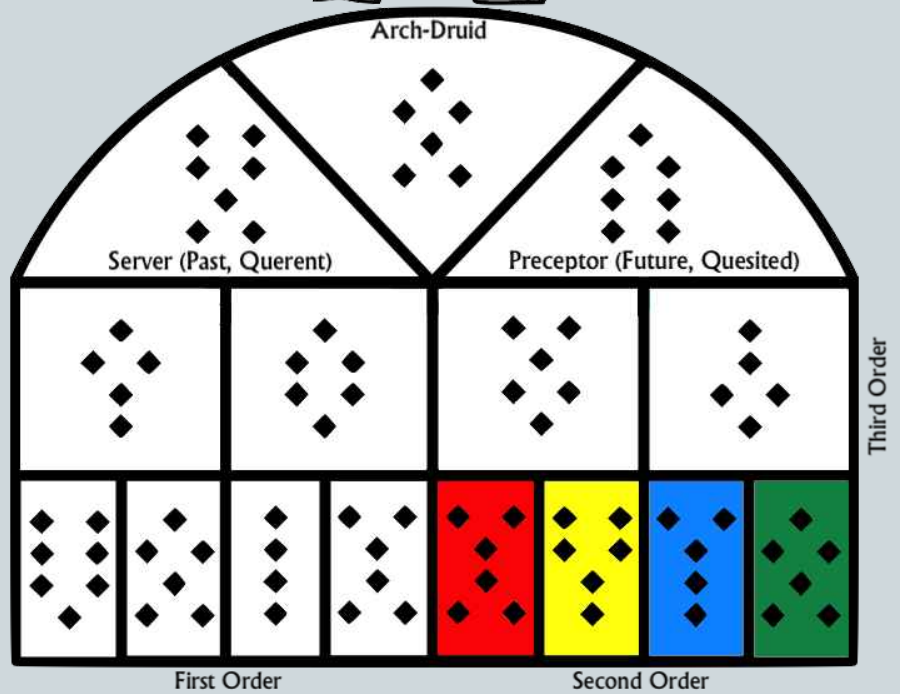
Conjunctio – Conjunction

Interpretation

We're opening up with a very down mood, possibly connected to pain, suffering, or mourning. This is a period of loss and change, but shared and felt by all. The experience will contribute to our Awareness, and the loss will initiate new beginnings.

We'll be in a holding pattern when this time calls for nurturing and leaning into a support network if you feel stuck in a rut, but the support is certainly there as long as we keep our impulsiveness in check.

We were at peace and in good company before, and in the long term there will be joy and happiness again. Broken hearts can mend. Wounds can heal. We can do the best we can to pick up the pieces and rebuild. There's no way around the loss, but ultimately we will find harmony and openness that gives us some peace of mind.



Calendar of Events

Overview

Contributors may add any gatherings 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 of the Schismatic Druids of North America (SDNA).

High Days & Moon Phases

- 1 Foghamhar (August 1) Lughnasadh AND Full Moon
- 16 Foghamhar (August 16) New Moon
- 31 Foghamhar (August 31) [Blue Moon](#)
- 46 Foghamhar (September 15) New Moon
- 54 Foghamhar (September 23) Autumnal Equinox

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

- 6 Foghamhar (August 6) **Feast of Lugh** – for some reason, Lugh gets two festivals in the SDNA.
- 15 Foghamhar (August 15) **Feast of Our Lady Queen of the Heavens** – Celebrate the star, moon, or mother goddesses. Take your Grove's high priestess to dinner.
- 23-25 Foghamhar (August 23-25) **Festival of the Heroes** – a memorial for historically pagan warriors. Meditate on their values and interpretation of honor.
- **39 Foghamhar (September 8) Feast of the Birth of the Mother – Celebration of the birthdays** of the physical incarnations of the goddess. Celebrate every mother in your Grove.

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](#)
- White Rabbit Grove's [Facebook page](#)
- Oakdale Grove's [Instagram](#)

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.

Hazel Oak and Yew Handcrafted Spiritual Goods

Hello and welcome to Hazel Oak and Yew, my space to share my love of witchcraft and my pagan practice with you all. Here I share my handcrafted goods for practicing along with sets of things for you to learn to practice on your own, in your own way. This Etsy shop offers altar supplies, handmade décor, divination tools, and grimoire materials. Custom orders are available!



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 questions that really invoke critical thinking in my responses that keeps me on my toes!



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!



Book Reviews for Works by Author Ellen Evert Hopman

Once Around the Sun at [The Hearth & Hedge](#) and at [Pagan Pages](#)

Priestess of the Forest at [Portland Jones](#)

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 (yet), however there is something major in the works on an unofficial capacity. For now, here is a list of resources we *do* have.

Grove Finder

Everyone wants to know: is there an RDNA or NRDNA Grove in _____? Well, the most current source of truth is the [Grove Listings](#) on Oakdale Grove's website. It's been updated *en masse* in January 2019 & 2020, but it can be updated any time on an ad-hoc basis. It tracks Reformed Druid, New Reformed Druid, and Reformed Druidic Wicca (MOCC) Groves & Protogroves.

RDNA Year Conversion Chart & Calendar

The RDNA Calendar began at Year of the Reform 1 on Beltane (May 1) 1963. It's unapologetically half a year off from the Celtic New Year. As of Beltane 2021, the 59th Year of the Reform (Y.R.) began.

- [RDNA Gregorian/Year of the Reform Conversion spreadsheet](#) can be a helpful tool.
- [RDNA calendar \(FREE PDF\)](#) current through April 30, 2024 can help you learn what day of the four seasons it is, because you'll see the RDNA calendar system is all over this publication.

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.

Books From the Reformed Druids of North America

- [A Reformed Druid Anthology](#), 2nd ed (also known as ARDA-2) – this is a monumental collection (almost a thousand pages long), and it comes in various forms and formats due to its sheer size. **The PDF versions are always FREE**, but hardcover prints are available from Lulu Print-On-Demand.
 - [ARDA-2](#) complete (**FREE PDF**) (Volumes 0-10, excluding vol 6)
 - [ARDA-2](#) complete ePub format from Lulu (99¢)
 - [ARDA-2 Volumes 0, 1, & 2](#) in one tome (hardcover purchase from Lulu)
 - [ARDA-2 Volume 3](#) in one tome (hardcover purchase from Lulu)
 - [ARDA-2 Volumes 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10](#) in one tome (hardcover purchase from Lulu)
 - [ARDA-2 Volume 6: Green Books of Meditation \(FREE PDF\)](#) – this alone is almost a thousand pages long and intentionally set apart from the other volumes. The Green Books are only available in PDF and contain inspirational writings from all religions.

ARDA Derivative, Condensed, or Adapted Works

- [Unofficial Welcome Pamphlet \(FREE PDF\)](#) is the original 22 pages of the main written works plus introductory info on the RDNA and how to start your own protogrove
- [Black Book of Liturgy \(FREE PDF\)](#) is Oakdale Grove's recommended readings from [ARDA-2](#) plus many scripts of RDNA ritual variations and rites of passage)
 - [Black Book of Liturgy](#) (hardcover purchase from Lulu)

Top recommended books by authors in other druid orders

- [The Druidry Handbook: Spiritual Practice Rooted in the Living Earth](#) by John Michael Greer (Ancient Order of Druids in America – AODA)
- [The Rebirth of Druidry](#) by Philip Carr-Gomm (Order of Bards, Ovates, & Druids – OBOD)
- [A Legacy of Druids: Conversations With Druid Leaders Of Britain, The USA And Canada, Past And Present](#) by Ellen Evert Hopman (Tribe of the Oak)

Books on ancient druids (scholarly quality)

- [Druids: A Very Short Introduction](#) by Barry Cunliffe
- [The Druids](#) by Stuart Piggott
- [The Druids](#) by Peter Berresford Ellis
- [The World of the Druids](#) by Miranda J. Green

Books to Avoid

- [The 21 Lessons of Merlyn: A Study in Druid Magic and Lore](#) by Douglas Monroe (fraudulent sources, numerous inaccuracies passed off as historical facts, and other junk wrapped in a shiny literary bowtie)
- Just everything from Douglas Monroe, really.

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, its branches, and 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 its 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

[Click here](#) to access all prior *C.O.R.D. Biquarterly* articles and the content contribution forms.

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 and contributions are 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! ☪



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.

Gmail Users Can Use Our Full-Feature Google Form to Contribute!

We have a [convenient form](#) that allows Gmail users to enter text-based contribs as well as attach files or photos! A Google account is only required for sending attachments through the form.

Non-Gmail Users Have Two Ways to Contribute

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.

What Does C.O.R.D. Look For? Content that is PG-13 or tamer in the following categories:

- News of Reformed Druidry Groves, Protogroves, & Solo Druids
- Poetry and Short Stories
- Druidic projects, tutorials, 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 (need not be your own) or druidry-related memes
- Links to your druid blogs or social media
- Divinations and their summaries
- Events you're willing to announce publicly
- 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!

Thank You!

A very special *thank you* photograph dedicated to everyone who contributed to this article!



Elm Creek on a (now rare) smoke-free Minnesota afternoon.