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Editor's Note: Best wishes from Belenos on the Solstice this year, especially those at Carleton College for the second of the two 50th anniversary reunions being held. I'll publish photos from that event in the Lughnasadh issue.

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News of the Groves

Carleton Grove: News from Minnesota

- June 21-23 Reunion Info: www.rdna.info/reunion.html www.rdna.info/reunion.docx
- May 3-5 Reunion Photo Album:
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.10151563805041245&type=1>

Pre-RDNA HISTORY:

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By: Carleton College

Ghost Orchid Protogrove: News from Southwest Florida

Vivian Tanis: Hail y'all, I am starting a protogrove in SW Florida, Ghost Orchid Grove

Here be the beginning. <https://www.facebook.com/GhostOrchidGrove>

Ghost Orchid Grove

The Ghost Orchid (*Dendrophylax lindenii*), is the most mysterious and beautiful beings in the Florida swamps. It blooms during the storm season between June and August, with one to ten fragrant flowers that open one at a time. Pollination is done by the giant sphinx moth. If removed from the wild i...

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Oakdale Grove: News from Minnesota

Yesterday at work I mentioned to one person that I'm a druid, and they ask a bunch of respectful and genuinely curious questions. I bring a couple RDNA informational pamphlets in today and give it to him before lunch, and by mid afternoon there are half a dozen people asking for brochures!

All these individuals happen to be 20-somethings, and one even has 9 roommates, one of which is already a solo-druid. Everyone had only respectful questions, and some even had some really heavy philosophical questions. I answered them all fairly well, and made clear mention that I do not speak for all Reformed Druids, only for myself. I also mentioned the tagline "Ask 4 druids about druidry and you'll get 5 answers!"

So who knows, perhaps the Oakdale Protogrove might have a "budding" community soon. I had better draft a Grove constitution!

Poison Oak Grove, News from California

Inspired by the description of the altar in the Druid Chronicles I decided to build up the stones around mine. You can see in the middle of the altar part of the reason my grove is called Poison Oak Grove.



IPOD Photos

Altar, Poison Oak Grove

My photos, mostly of nature things

By: Stacey J. Weinberger

White Rabbit Grove: News from Wisconsin

Habitat number: 169643

Helgaleena Healingline

White Rabbit Grove Reformed Druids of North America (RDNA)

The Healing Line (Grove outreach project) box 6121

Monona, WI 53716 USA

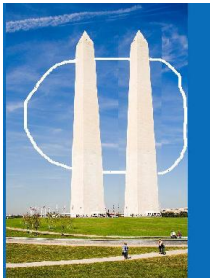
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Helgaleena Healingline

<http://www.nwf.org/certifiedwildlifehabitat/>

White Rabbit Grove, Reformed Druids of North America -Wisconsin is now a Certified Wildlife Habitat!



Monument Grove: News from Alexandria VA

People visiting Washington DC this summer are welcome to look me up in advance before they lock down travel plans.

Mike the Fool www.facebook.com/mike.thefool

Seeking Druids in New York City

Please welcome Joseph Ortiz to RDNA, he is from New York City. He has officially joined us in this beautiful RDNA journey! Within his quest, may he become an accomplished druid, may his journey lead him to his own wonderful discoveries! I know Joseph, we met on our journey within the Christian Druid Community. Welcome to the brotherhood and sisterhood of RDNA!

Seeking Druids in Northeast Pennsylvania

Luke Cruver <https://www.facebook.com/luke.cruver> Where i live there is no groves or any other druids that i know about. Not a single one. I wanna be able to do some sort of organized ceremony to try it out but idk what to do. Any suggestions?

Seeking Druids in North-East Ohio

Steve Odysseus Meyers Looking for a small group, or a potential one, near NE Ohio. Anyone?

Seeking Druids in Louisiana

Zach Wootten Hi there I'm new in my path here only 3 weeks into the ADF dedicant program. I'm going through some troubles. I live in Louisiana in a small town, very religious.

Looking for Druids in Utah

Baron Daniel Cureton Do no give into the intimidation, because that's what it is, is religious intimidation. I live in Salt Lake City

Druid Poetry

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

When the light is green you go.
When the light is red you stop.
But what do you do
When the light turns blue
With orange and lavender spots?

FRIENDSHIP

in the grove, maple and willow play,
along side each other every single day
rooted to the ground ,praying to the sky,
never needing wonder or even asking why
bordered by the cattails ,busy with the birds
inspiring the poets with very pretty words,
willows gently sway, maples strongly grow,
why they blend so pretty I'll truly never know,
washing out their leaves in gentle summer rains,
so lovely ever humming with life full in their veins,
shadowing the floor with reflections of themselves,
creating mystic hollows for the fairy and the elves,
one must truly wonder why maples stand so tall,
and see the whistfull willows by the waterfall,
for all the fern and flower worshipping at their feet,
for all the frogs and ferrets a'feasting in the peat,
they must surely be the guardians of this pleasant little grove,
for nothing escapes their reach as their friendships strongly gro.w.

j.anglehart 2013.06.07

The River Rises

The waters are rising as my mood falls,
slowly crumbling down like temporary walls,
the promise of summer in this shrinking muddy
yard,
staying calm, cool, collected is getting quite hard,
the Ottawa flows, its levels are spreading,
all we can do is keep on preparing,
inch by inch the water takes hold,
breath by breath our fates unfold,
the wait is nerve wracking,
the uncertainty strong,
how much longer can this go on?
Birds are oblivious to the ground bound plight,

the ducks are swimming in this watery delight.
Barricades that block our road,
Civil Servants trying to share our load,
this time of year , until the 15th
our lives are in limbo until the river recedes,
many area caught in the proverbial boat,
praying their lives do not take float,
my toilet still flushes, the power's still on,
I'll soon see the fishes swimming on my lawn,
humour is granted in times like these,
first and foremost I'm going to live in the trees,
I've traded my shoes for hot rubber boots,
and planned a dinner party on top of my roof!
Soon all will be normal, I'm sure I've been told,
by someone no doubt who's life ain't on hold,
grumpy I tell ya I certainly am,
you would be too in the puddle I stand,
no worries no weather that I can't get through,
for I'm done worrying and ranting to you.
The water is rising? That's fine and I ask,
"Throw me a towel when the River is done washing
my ass!"

~j.anglehart~ may 2013

Ripple" by the Grateful Dead, 1975.

Much Druidry can be gathered from this simple,
slow, song. Your thoughts?

If my words did glow with the gold of sunshine
And my tunes were played on the harp unstrung
Would you hear my voice come through the music?
Would you hold it near, as it were your own?

It's a hand-me-down, the thoughts are broken
Perhaps they're better left unsung
I don't know, don't really care
Let there be songs to fill the air (note 1)

Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow

Reach out your hand if your cup be empty
If your cup is full may it be again
Let it be known there is a fountain
That was not made by the hands of man

There is a road, no simple highway
Between the dawn and the dark of night
And if you go, no one may follow
That path is for your steps alone

Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow

You who choose to lead must follow

But if you fall, you fall alone
If you should stand, then who's to guide you?
If I knew the way, I would take you home

La dee da da da, la da da da da, da da da, da da, da
da da da da
La da da da, la da da, da da, la da da da, la da, da
da.

Lyrics By: Robert Hunter Music By: Jerry
Garcia <http://youtu.be/CFsbAuX9P4w>



Grateful Dead - Ripple (Studio Version)

www.youtube.com

Ripple by the Grateful Dead from the album
American Beauty. Uploaded by request of
herbplummer.

Druid Video



Northern Druid Podcast #9 | Northern Druid
www.northerndruid.net

Scott Allen

My podcast is back and now on Podomatic.com. Here's the latest episode!

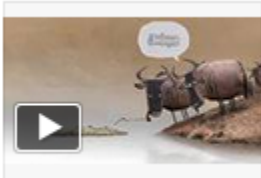
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Miyoko Shida Rigolo 2
www.youtube.com

Stunning ~ this beautiful woman demonstrates such poise and focus it inspires me to develop myself in a similar way through my daily practices.

A stunning act of balance <http://youtu.be/SHrSgFI24zU>



Always Trust Your Intuition!

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Length: 0:59

<http://youtu.be/fX0LbZEEmtg>

"King Arthur's Summer Solstice" is another animation by Celestial Elf.



King Arthur's Summer Solstice

"For many it is a Spiritual event, as we welcome the dawning of the longest day and celebrate the turning of the seasons and with it the renewal and continu..."

<http://youtu.be/-wuNE5M01ME>

Five Intense Monologues of Rapid-Fire Jokes:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzHBszZn6uo>

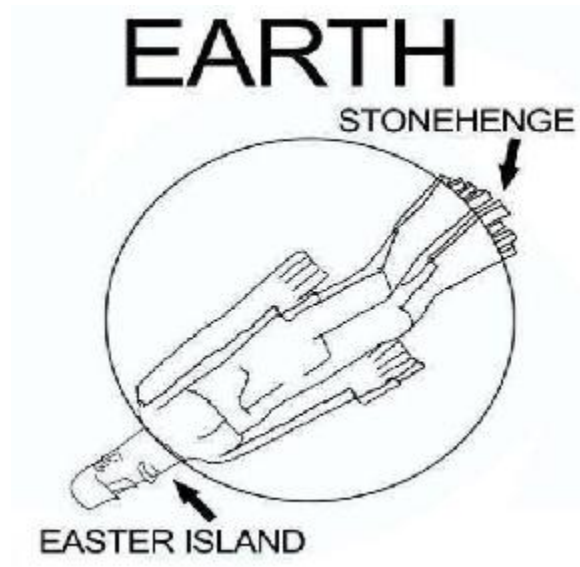
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTR2tVr2a6A>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zrnd63DAH8o>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ4kL4pI-rY>

DRUID ART



Collected by Glenn McDavid at Shephard's Festival. A drop spindle with Druid Sigil

WHAT IF THE ANIMALS YOU ATE
WENT TO HEAVEN...



by A. Bogus

www.funkysmell.com

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Druid Humor

Tongue Twisters

- important impotent portly imported porters
- eclectic celtic electric cult

Observations

- Paying money is like pulling nose hairs, lose one - it hurts, lose a lot - it hurts too.
- Youth is wasted on the young, and wealth on the aged.
- The Tao of Junkfood-- A "fat free" food is high in sugar and a "sugar free" food is often high in fat.
- boney ladies' bonnets laid on bonny laddies' boners

Jokes

- A man called his young son and held up a gold coin and said, "I'll give you one if you tell me where god is?". The boy grabbed it and replied, "I will give you two if you tell me where he is not"

Riddle

- Today's Druid Riddle: "What do you call terrible grove leaders whose perfidious souls have sunk to abysmal behaviour, and no longer rise to the expectations of their grovemates?" Answer: Fallen Arches

OBOD-RDNA Hybrid Ritual

Daniel Williams

Thought others may wish like to see how I have Blended Elements of RNDA and OBOD rituals to form a Solitary Liturgy for my own personal ritual use. I hope its ok i Post this, just wanted to share.

Solitary Druid Order of Common Worship

1.The Invocation:

Oh Herne and Cerridwen, My Lord and My Lady,

forgive these three errors that are due to my human limitations:

Thou art everywhere,

but I worship thee here;;

Thou art without form,

but I worship thee in these forms;

Thou hast no need of prayers and sacrifices,

yet I offer thee you prayers and sacrifices;

O Lord and Lady, forgive us these three errors that are due to My human

limitations. O Earth-Mother, cleanse My mind and heart and prepare me for the Work of Magick.

2. Call for Peace: Face each of the Four Directions then Center and Say:

Let there Be Peace in the North

Let there Be Peace in the East

Let there Be Peace in the South

Let there Be Peace in the West

Let there Be Peace in all the World.

3. Purification of Space:

Sprinkle Pure Water around the Circle:

Blessings of the Ancestors and the Living Waters upon this grove and all within it.

Sprinkle Salt or Birdseed around the Circle:

Blessings of the Spirits of Nature and the Land Below upon this Grove and all within it.

Carry Smoking Incense around Circle:

Blessing of the Shinning Ones and the Sky Above Upon this Grove and all within it.

4. Calling the Quarters:

“With the blessing of the great bear of the starry heavens and the deep and fruitful Earth, I call upon the powers of the North. Hail and Welcome.

“With the blessing of the hawk of dawn soaring in the clear pure air, I call upon the powers of the East. Hail and Welcome.

“With the blessing of the great stag in the heat of the chase, and the inner fire of the sun, I call upon the powers of the South. Hail and Welcome.

“With the blessing of the salmon of wisdom who dwells within the sacred waters of the pool, I call upon the powers of the West. Hail and Welcome.

5. Light the Sacred Fire:

I Kindle the Flames of Hearth and Home,

Grant, Oh Spirit, Thy protection;

And in protection, reason;

And in reason, light;

And in light, truth;

And in truth, justice;

And in justice, love;

And in love, the love of all existences;

And in the love of all existences,

the love of Spirit and all Goodness, Awen

6. The Work: High Day, Lunar Work, Spellcraft ect,

7. The Sacrifice

Raise the offering to the Sky:

My praise has mounted up to thee on the wings of eagles,

My voice have been carried up to thee on the shoulders of the

winds. Hear now, I pray thee, our Mother the Earth, as I offer up this

sacrifice of life. Accept my Sacrifices and cleanse our hearts, granting me thy peace and life.

Place sacrifice on Altar or within fire:

Hast thou accepted my sacrifice, O our Mother The Earth? I call upon the spirit of the East to give answer... of the South...of the West....and

of the West.

Wait for a Omen, if we Good, continue with rite:

Praise be, my sacrifice, dedicated to the fertility and renewal
of life, and to the cleansing of my mind and heart, has been accepted!

8. The Waters-of-Life

The Earth Mother has Given the Waters of Life, that All may know the Continual flow and renewal of life, for it did spring froth from the Womb of Creation, that all may share in her Bounty.

Raise Chalice of Water to the sky:

O Herne, Horned Lord of the Forest, Hallow these waters by powers. O Mother Kerridwn Cleanse my heart as I Partake of the Earth-Mother Bounty. May I Never Thirst, Blessed Be

9 Libation: Drink from Chalice, then pour some upon the Ground:

To thee I return this portion of thy bounty, O Our
Mother the Earth, even as I must return to thee.

10.. Solitary Druids Vows:

I swear, by peace and love to stand,
With an Open Heart, With My Hands Raised to the Sky
Mark, O Spirit and hear me now,
Confirming this my sacred vow.

11.. Release the Quarters:

With My Thanks Go In Peace Oh great bear of the starry heavens and the deep and fruitful Earth, Power of the North, Hail and Farewell

With Thanks Go In Peace Oh hawk of dawn soaring in the clear pure air, Powers of the East, Hail and Farewell.

With Thanks Go In Peace Oh great stag in the heat of the chase, and the inner fire of the sun, powers of the south, Hail and Farewell

With Thanks Go in Peace Oh salmon of wisdom who dwells within the sacred waters of the pool, powers of the West, Hail and farewell.

12. The Benediction

I Go forth into the world, secure in the knowledge that my sacrifice
has found acceptance in the Earth-mother's sight, that she has answered my prayers, and that I go forth with her blessing. Peace! Peace! Peace

Aesop Fables



THE NORTH WIND and the Sun disputed as to which was the most powerful, and agreed that he should be declared the victor who could first strip a wayfaring man of his clothes.

The North Wind first tried his power and blew with all his might, but the keener his blasts, the closer the Traveler wrapped his cloak around him, until at last, resigning all hope of victory, the Wind called upon the Sun to see what he could do.

The Sun suddenly shone out with all his warmth. The Traveler no sooner felt his genial rays than he took off one garment after another, and at last, fairly overcome with heat, undressed and bathed in a stream that lay in his path.

Moral: Persuasion is better than Force.

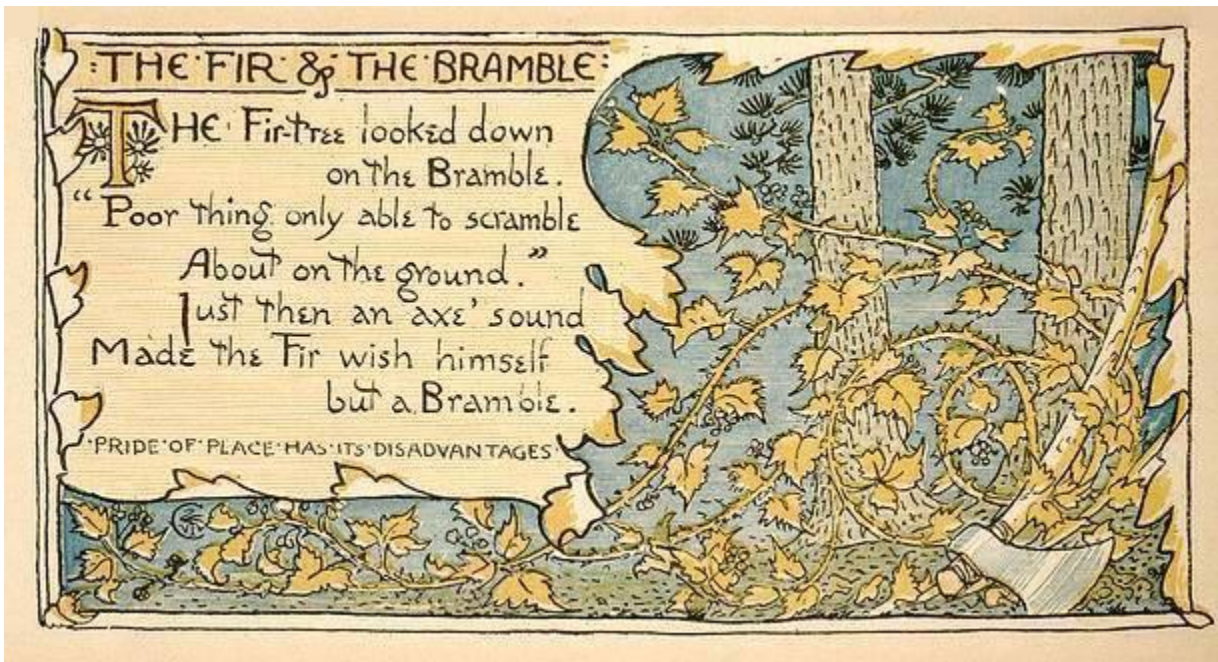


AESOP: Woodsman and the Serpent

One wintry day a Woodsman was tramping home from his work when he saw something black lying on the snow. When he came closer he saw it was a Serpent to all appearance dead. But he took it up and put it in his bosom to warm while he hurried home. As soon as he got indoors he put the Serpent down on the hearth before the fire. The children watched it and saw it slowly come to life again. Then one of them stooped down to stroke it, but the Serpent raised its head and put out its fangs and was about to sting the child to death. So the Woodsman seized his axe, and with one stroke cut the Serpent in two. "Ah," said he, "No gratitude from the wicked."

BTW: Actually, I like snakes, and dislike the characterization of snakes as bloodthirsty. However, I have noted rarely encountered a few like this.

Aesop's Astronomer: an astronomer used to go out at night to observe the stars. One evening as he wandered through the countryside with his whole attention fixed on the sky, he fell into a ditch. While he lamented and bewailed his sores and bruises and cried loudly for help, a farmer ran to the ditch and said, "why, in striving to pry into what is heaven, do you not manage to see what is on earth?"



The Boy and the Nettles

A BOY was stung by a Nettle. He ran home and told his Mother, saying, "Although it hurts me very much, I only touched it gently." "That was just why it stung you," said his Mother. "The next time you touch a Nettle, grasp it boldly, and it will be soft as silk to your hand, and not in the least hurt you."

Moral: Whatever you do, do with all your might.

STORY: Shon ap Shenkin's Long Nap

There is a Welsh version of the story of Rip van Winkle of sorts but the tale of Shon ap Shenkin is a caution tale of listening to the music of the Celtic Faye

The story of Taffy ap Sion and this of Shon ap Shenkin were probably one and the same at some period in their career, although they are now distinct. Shon ap Shenkin was a young man who lived hard by Pant Shon Shenkin. As he was going afield early one fine summer's morning he heard a little bird singing, in a most enchanting strain, on a tree close by his path. Allured by the melody he sat down under the tree until the music ceased, when he arose and looked about him. What was his surprise at observing that the tree, which was green and full of life when he sat down, was now withered and barkless! Filled with astonishment he



returned to the farmhouse which he had left, as he supposed, a few minutes before; but it also was changed, grown older, and covered with ivy. In the doorway stood an old man whom he had never before seen; he at once asked the old man what he wanted there. 'What do I want here?' ejaculated the old man, reddening angrily; 'that's a pretty question Who are you that dare to insult .me in my own house?' 'In your own house? How is this? where's my father and mother, whom I left here a few minutes since, whilst I have been listening to the charming music under yon tree, which, when I rose, was withered and leafless?'

'Under the tree!--music! what's your name?' Shon ap Shenkin.' 'Alas, poor Shon, and is this indeed you.'" cried the old man. I often heard my grandfather, your father, speak of you, and long did he bewail your absence. Fruitless inquiries were made for you; but old Catti Maddock of Brechfa said you were under the power of the fairies, and would not be released until the last sap of that sycamore tree would be dried up. Embrace me, my dear uncle, for you are my uncle--embrace your nephew.' With this the old man extended his arms, but before the two men could embrace, poor Shon ap Shenkin crumbled into dust on the doorstep.

More info on the Welsh faye and their lands over lap with our world along with other Welsh legends can be found at

www.dragonsbreathblessings.webs.com

RDNA style Druid Chalice



Georgian glasses have been the chalice of choice for Reformed Druids for 50 years, and figure in many of our oldest photographs and illustrations. Until now, you had to search for these strong, durable and colorful items in antique-stores or ebay, but now Sister Stacey has discovered a new online outlet!

[http://www.vermontcountrystore.com/store/jump/productDetail/For The Home/Kitchen & Dining/Dishes & Glasses/Georgia-](http://www.vermontcountrystore.com/store/jump/productDetail/For%20The%20Home/Kitchen%20&%20Dining/Dishes%20&%20Glasses/Georgia-)

[Pattern Mosser Glassware/54221](http://www.vermontcountrystore.com/store/jump/productDetail/For%20The%20Home/Kitchen%20&%20Dining/Dishes%20&%20Glasses/Georgia-Pattern%20Mosser%20Glassware/54221)

I recommend the 9 oz. versions (the smallest ones) which seem closest to the ones sitting on my shelf (from Norman Nelson and Isaac Bonewits), and it seems the red and green ones are most popular with the RDNA. I have some from Isaac that are clear, yellow, and purple, but those don't seem available here. And... they're made in the U.S.A.!

Book Reviews



The Fairy Faith in Celtic Countries

Reviewed by Martin

Evans-Wentz, W. Y.....wrote this book towards the end of the 19thc but taking statements from elders in villages that were in their 70s,80s and some cases 90s from their elders(in the same methods as I was taught but without the delusion of the modern world) this pushes the timeline of the stories back centuries in the time of full folk wisdom. One of the must reads off my workshop recommended reading book list

A true gem with very little "Christian scrubbing"...get a free copy on the line below

<http://bit.ly/16Nk2Uq>

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