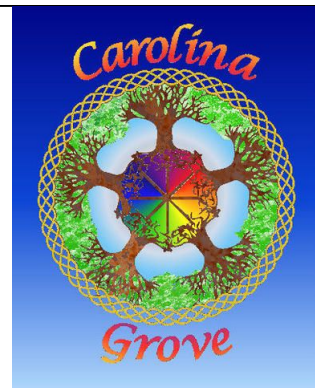


Carolina Grove

2008

Calendar of Events



Carolina Grove is a group of local friendly Pagans, Witches, Wiccans, Heathens, Druids, Shamans, New Agers, Mystics, Tree-Huggers, and others. We gather from many different paths and traditions, to share in the diversity of faith. Carolina Grove is not a church, coven, or members-only club - everyone is welcome to participate in our events.

Carolina Grove hosts seasonal Sabbat celebrations, open to the public. These rites are open to anyone who'd like to participate or just watch. We also present "Weekend at the Grove", a monthly series of public lectures and study groups. Our classes and workshops are usually held at the **Unity Center for Spiritual Living, 7300 Mallard Creek Rd, Charlotte**, unless the instructor selects a different location. These informal, free (unless a materials fee is required) classes cover a wide range of pagan-interest topics. All we ask is a nominal donation to support the Unity Center. Anyone with a willingness to learn or participate is invited to attend. You can contact the Unity Center at **(704) 599-1180**.

You can find us online at www.carolinagrove.org or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/carolinagrove>.

A Basic View of Druidry (Sunday, Jan 13, 2pm, UC)
Xjaviar Dar presents an overview of the philosophies, principles and practice of contemporary druidry.

Imbolc Sabbat (Sunday, Feb 3, 2-5pm, UC)
Join us once again as we welcome back the growing season, and honor Brigit and Cernunnos.

(More) working with Land Wights (Sunday, Feb 10, 2:30-4:30pm, UC)
Snoozeopossum delves deeper into the world of animal spirits and land wights.

Bulb'n'greenery Swapmeet (Sunday, Feb 17, 2:30-5:30, UC)
Join us as we gather to share and swap plants and bulbs, and discuss gardening tips.

Past Life Regression Workshop (Sunday, Mar 2, 3-5pm, UC)
Beth Fox-Ebert of Spiritual Pathways discusses and demonstrates techniques of past-life regression.

Ostara Sabbat (Sunday, Mar 23, 2-6pm, FP)
We'll gather in Freedom Park near shelter 5 to celebrate Ostara, the Spring Equinox, and honor Eostre and the young god Lugh.

Pagan Seder (Sunday, Apr 13, 6-9pm, UC)
Borrowing loosely from Hebrew custom, our 'seder' is a themed dinner, with song and recitation, remembering the history of the Old Religion. RSVP required.

Understanding Stones (Saturday, Apr 19, noon-7pm, UC)
Mamma Dragon shares her knowledge of rocks and stones. This is a two-part class: noon-3, a discussion on the science of gemology; 4-7, the magickal uses and applications of stones.

Beltane Brouhaha (including Beltane Sabbat) (May 2-4, Fri-Sun, KM)
NCPCOW hosts their annual Beltane festival, and Carolina Grove joins the fun! Come dance the maypole and share in the celebration.
Note: Beltane Brouhaha is a paid, pre-registered event at a campground. Go to www.churchofwicca.org for more information.
Location: King's Mountain State Park

Blessing of the Animals (Sunday, May 25, 3-6pm, FP)
Bring your pets, companions, service animals and familiars! We'll meet at Freedom Park near shelter 5, to honor, bless and consecrate them in the name of the spirits and the Lord and Lady.

Introduction to the Tarot (Sunday, Jun 6, 4-7pm, UC)
Heather Darnell, Tarot reader extraordinaire, shares her knowledge of the cards, their patterns, history and meanings.

Litha Sabbat (Sunday, Jun 22, 12-5, FP)
It's Midsummer! Join us as we celebrate the solstice, and welcome the magick and mystery of the fae folk in Freedom Park. Wear your finest magickal, renaissance or fairy attire. You'll find us near shelter 5. Bring a seasonal dish for the potluck feast.

Chocolate Ritual (Sunday, Jul 13, 7-9pm, UC)
The rumors are true - this whimsical pagan celebration of chocolate is alive and well and coming to Charlotte!
Admission fee: Bring chocolate! RSVP required.

Lammas Sabbat (Sunday, Aug 3, 12-4, FP)
Join us as we celebrate the harvest and the fruits of our labors, and honor Lugh and Cerridwen. At Freedom Park, near shelter 5.

The Tarot: Illustration and Inspiration (Sunday, Aug 17, 3-6pm, UC)
We'll look at different Tarot decks, and discuss the differences and similarities of the images. *Note: We'll be sharing and handling the cards - leave your consecrated decks at home.*

What is Wicca? (Sunday, Sep 14, 3-5pm, UC)
Miles Batty of Carolina Grove and Tony Brown of NCPCOW discuss the history, philosophy and significance of the fastest-growing religion in North America.

Charlotte Metro Pagan Pride Day 2008 (including Mabon Sabbat) (Saturday, Sep 27, 9am-6pm, FP)
Carolina Grove and NCPCOW present downtown Charlotte's largest annual pagan celebration, with entertainment, rituals, merchants and magick. Admission Fee: Donations to a named charity. Go to www.churchofwicca.org/cmppd for more information.
Location: Freedom Park, by the train

Carolina Renaissance Festival - opening weekend field trip (Saturday and Sunday, Oct 4 & 5, 10 am-6pm, FH)
A Carolina Grove favorite! Come be part of the fun as the medieval village of Fairhaven opens its doors for another season. Go to www.royalfaires.com for more information.

A (tolerant) Christian looks at Wicca (Sunday, Oct 12, 3-5pm, UC)
No fire, no brimstone - Hear a non-judgmental Christian's views on the religion of Wicca.

Samhain Sabbat (Friday, Oct 31, 9-11pm, UC)
Celebrate Halloween, Carolina Grove style - not a costume party, but a dedicated pagan ritual to the gods at the turning of the wheel of the year.

How did I get here? (Sunday, Nov 16, 3-5pm, UC)
Were you born to a pagan family? Kicked out of Catholic school? Had a life-altering revelation? This is a round-table discussion on how and why we, as individuals, came to define ourselves as 'pagans'.

What Child Is This? (Sunday, Dec 7, 3-5pm, UC)
We examine the similarities of traditional King-born-at-Winter-Solstice legends. We'll look at the mythologies of Christ, Mithras, Pryderi, Dionysus, Amaterasu, and others.

Yule Sabbat (Sunday, Dec 21, 9-12pm, UC)
Come join our Yule ritual as we celebrate the rebirth of the Sun King, and share in feasting and merriment. Bring a seasonal potluck dish and your singing voice.