

STAYING IN TOUCH

CedarLight Grove uses an online message board to stay in touch. You are welcome to sign-up and begin posting at any time. We also publish an occasional print newsletter. Please visit our website, <http://www.cedarlightgrove.org> for information on upcoming events, membership, directions and more. You can find us at CedarLight Center on Thursdays and Sundays and other times depending on our schedule. Check the webpage for events or call or email. The national ADF Mother Grove supports chat lists and a web site at <http://www.adf.org>.

ADF's Mother Grove and CedarLight Grove recognize and support the needs of life long followers and those new to the pagan community and world of the Natural Religions. We use a variety of mediums to communicate and an extensive web of guilds, interest groups, study programs and community activities. Please feel free to call or stop by to visit us one Sunday morning. You can recognize CedarLight, and most ADF activities by looking for the ADF symbol, a circle with two vertical staves. For CedarLight activities, it is often presented as a wreath of leaves with two staves and a cedar tree standing in front.

CedarLight Grove's calendar includes more than the holidays. We have weekly Lore meetings and Sunday brunches. Informal classes and workshops ebb and flow with the vagaries of personal time, interest and energy. In the Spring and Summer we attend many local festivals. There's always something new happening, so stay in touch.

Please contact us if you would like more information on CedarLight Grove, our services, our beliefs, our practices, or our calendar of activities and rituals.

May you ever walk with the OldOnes.

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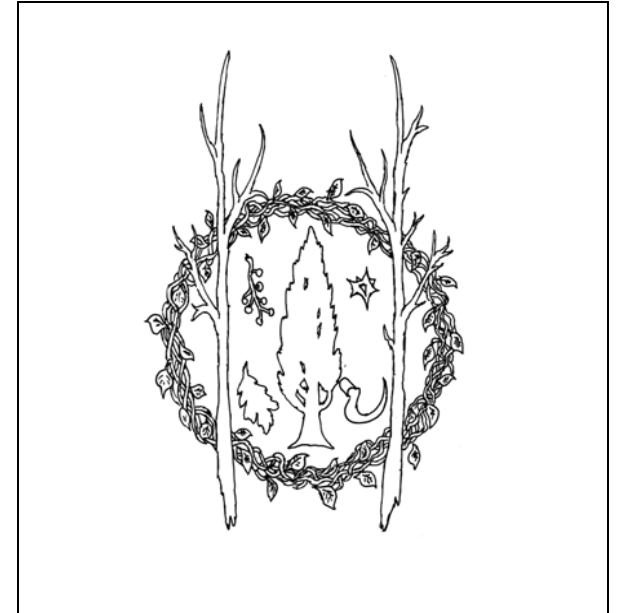
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CedarLight Grove, ADF

An Open Church For Earth Based Religions



TO WALK WITH THE OLDONES

Hail, Welcome, and Many Warm Blessings. Thanks for your interest in CedarLight Grove, ADF. We are a local Baltimore congregation serving the pagan community throughout the mid-Atlantic basin. We are affiliated with Ar nDraiocht Fein, the national druid fellowship founded by Isaac Bonewits and others in the early eighties. Today, ADF has groves throughout the country, an extensive electronic presence on the web, and an ever-growing array of opportunities for exploring the druid fellowship.

THE OLD HOLIDAYS

The Druids and friends of CedarLight Grove gather in celebration of the eight old high holy days. Our worship of the High Rites flow, as do our lives, with the rhythms of Earth's seasons and the tides of the year.

Our High Rites usually occur at sunset, on the Saturday closest to the old holiday. We mark the traditional holidays according to the solar calendar instead of the Gregorian calendar. We celebrate the four holy days of the Sun according to the Solstice and Equinox quarter days. We celebrate the four holy days of Earth at the traditional fire days, midway between the solar quarters.

As Druids serving the wider pagan community, we conduct our celebrations freely and with an open welcome to all who come to share in our honoring of the Old Ways. Our High Rites are part of the service we offer to the OldOnes, to Earth, and to all our Kindred in Her family. We ask only that those who join us do truly come with honor for the OldOnes; and that anyone who finds our rites disturbing please leave us in peace as we pray.

We gather for the celebration of our High Rites in our permanent outdoor sanctuary at CedarLight Center in Baltimore. Accompanied children and teens are always welcome, and often present. Welcome too are those with special needs or who desire accommodations for unique abilities or limitations. Please let us know ahead so we've time to arrange for your comfortable participation. Some find our common practice of out-of-doors worship a bit rigorous or tiring. You can contact us at clg@cedarlightgrove.org

In keeping with ADF practice, CedarLight's celebrations of the High Rites begin with a pre ritual introduction. We take a few minutes to sketch the outline of our liturgical form, as we want you to understand and so participate in the magic of our celebration. Even if you know nothing of our ways when you arrive, you will be able to fully join in our worship. Your participation requires no special training or experience, though you'll likely find your first holidays with us more enriching if you become familiar with the ADF ritual lore.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY!

As Druids of the ADF School, CedarLight Grove's community practices center in the images and lore of our Indo-European heritage, principally those of the Celtic and Greco-Roman Nations. We extend a welcome to those of all faiths, beliefs, and traditions who join with us in knowing diversity's beauty. Our friends and members hail from many of the traditions known to Earth's family including Wicca, Catholic, Protestant, Keltrian Druid, Jewish, Faerie, Buddhist, Co-Creationist, Asatru, Norse, and eclectic combinations of the whole.

We find a great treasure in the diversity contributed by the many who have shared with us over the years. If we hold any one thread in common, it is our differences. We work together that each may discover and experience within the self and within the community a vibrant and meaningful spiritual expression. We help each other manifest these into lives that enable us to contribute to our modern world.

People find their way to our community through many paths and for many reasons. Some come to study and practice the Druid's Way and explore the paleo-Celtic heritage. Others come to worship and to share in the experience of the Natural Religions in our open, pantheist community. And others, preferring solitary explorations of their spiritual experience, come for the fellowship of our pagan society.

THE RITES OF CAFFIENA

CedarLight Grove celebrates our community spirit with more than just our traditional High Rites at the holidays. We invite you to our Rites of Caffiena held weekly on Sunday morning. Caffiena's Rites vary with the days, seasons, and the vagaries of the OldOnes.

Though casual, you'll find Lady Caffiena's Altar, like The Lord Dagda's Cauldron, hard to leave undernourished as it is ever laden with a fresh pot of coffee and a potluck brunch. Caffiena's Rite begins and ends with an informal round table that keeps us in touch with each other. During Rites of Caffiena, we have a Walk with the OldOnes in our sanctuary. We begin with a few moments of meditation and then move into visioning and dreaming our future. Most Sunday afternoons, we explore arts, magic or lore with Guild meetings, classes and more.