



A newsletter of EarthLove Fellowship: a Grove of FoDLA



## Reflections of the Rev – Walking a Beauty Path

*By Rev. Linda Costello*

This is the season of introspection. Winter has us turning inward. Even amidst the bustling of the holidays, there is a part of us deep inside that longs for the stillness of a majestic forest, the quietude of a snowy night, the serenity of the blue backdrop of a starry sky. We long to get in touch with our deepest selves, to reassess where we have been and where we are going. This assessment starts after Samhain and continues on through the Winter Solstice and into Imbolc.

With Imbolc, however, we begin to feel the stirrings inside of us, the call to action, the gentle hint of spring where our ideas and ruminations of winter give way to the sprouts of manifestation that burst forth around the time of the Spring Equinox.

My own introspection has me realizing the importance of appreciation – of gratitude for the beauty of life all around us. The world is filled with beauty! I stop for a moment and look out my window. I see a myriad of leaves reaching for the late afternoon sun. I see the sun as it spreads its dappled light across my window, dancing shadows on the wall. I see the clear blue sky, arching overhead, the blue just visible through branches and leaves. I see a bird fly by, on its way to wherever it is headed. The beauty fills my heart and all of the challenges of the day are lightened.

Today I vow to walk a beauty path, to remember to take a moment to look around and appreciate all that I behold.

**Grove News:**

EarthLove Fellowship continues to do public ritual for each high day. Our Samhain ritual was well attended. Our Winter Solstice ritual was quieter, yet very beautiful in its own way.

In the Ancient Celtic Studies Discussion Group, we have finally finished reading Celtic Heritage and have started on Patrick Ford's translation of the Mabinogion. All attendees have been enjoying the stories of Pwyll as we read through the first branch.

Starting with Samhain, we have begun doing 6<sup>th</sup> night blessing rites. The rites are put together in the moment, and so they are always different and held in different locations. For the November 6<sup>th</sup> night, we did a house blessing. For December, we blessed a new venture – Comic Zone. In January, we held a rite of oaths for the new year. In February, we will be starting our 6-week Druid 101 class with a blessing rite to bless the space and the participants.

In February, we will be presenting a workshop/discussion on the Lady of the Land at Pantheacon.

Blessings of hope,  
Rev. Linda



**Schedule of Events for 2009:**

[Ancient Celtic Studies Discussion Group](#) - 7:00 PM  
*Held at Comic Zone\**

- Jan 5, 19
- Feb 2
- Mar 2, 16
- Apr 6, 20
- May 4, 18
- June 1, 15
- July 6, 20
- Aug 3, 17
- Sep 7, 21
- Oct 5, 19
- Nov 2, 16
- Dec 7, 21

**6<sup>th</sup> night Blessing Rites**

will be held on the following dates. Locations and times to be announced:  
1/1 - 5:00 pm, Agua Linda Park, Scottsdale;  
2/1, 3/4, 4/1, 5/1, 5/30, 6/28, 7/28, 8/26, 9/23, 10/24, 11/22, 12/22

**High Day Rituals**

*Held at El Dorado Park\*\**

- Imbolc - 1/31 @ 5:00
- Spring Equinox - 3/21 @ 5:00
- Beltane - 5/2 @ 6:00
- Summer Solstice - 6/20 @ 6:00
- Lughnasadh - 8/1 @ 7:00
- Autumn Equinox - 9/19 @ 7:00
- Samhain - 10/31 @ 6:00
- Winter Solstice - 12/19 @ 5:00

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[Comic Zone](#)  
5909 N Granite Reef Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

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[El Dorado Park](#),  
2311 N. Miller Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Please call for more information.  
602-722-2562

**POETRY CORNER**

**Lady Brigid**

Flames dance on Water  
Poems spoken to the Fire  
Soft whispers of hope  
As new life stirs

Lady Brigid,  
blessed Goddess  
Of the Hearth Fire  
Of Inspiration  
Of Healing

We softly call to you  
We gently reach out to you  
And you readily receive us  
In your loving embrace

Ever protective  
Ever tender  
Ever creative  
Ever blessed

We express our gratitude  
For all that you make  
For all that you give  
For all that you are



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