

Event Rules

In order to ensure we have a safe gathering and also abide by the rules set by our host, the National Park Service we ask all to be aware of and follow these basic rules:

Alcohol: Alcohol is not permitted on park grounds.

Weapons: No weapons are permitted within the gathering. Blades may be used during ritual by those with designated roles.

Drugs: Illegal drugs are not permitted in compliance with national and Virginia laws.

Clothing: Clothing is required. Please feel free to wear comfortable, climate appropriate, and ritual attire throughout the event.

Smoking: Please only smoke in designated areas and use the sand-filled buckets provided to dispose of your smoking trash.

Pets: Only registered service animals are permitted.

Interaction with Wildlife: If you encounter any resident wildlife, please do your best to avoid as much contact as possible. If you feel uncomfortable or in danger, please contact a member of staff.

Violence/Conflict: Violent, rude, & inappropriate behavior will be addressed by staff as needed and *may* result in being asked to leave.

Fires: The only fires permitted are in the Feast Hall, Craft Cabins and Fire Circle. Only designated fire tenders can light, maintain & extinguish the fires for the safety of the participants and the park.

Sacred Fires: The Feast Hall and Fire Circle are designated as "Sacred Fires". Please respect them appropriately by not throwing trash in them.

Kitchen: For your safety and the safety of the Kitchen Staff, please do not enter the kitchen without permission. The kitchen is full of Hot and Sharp items – unexpected people can be hazardous to all involved.

Volunteers: Please arrive for your volunteer shift on time. If you will not be able to perform the duty you volunteered for, please check in with Registration or the coordinator of the area you are scheduled to help in.

Trash/Recycling: Please ensure all trash is deposited in designated receptacles. When you depart, please ensure all trash is deposited in the dumpsters near the Feast Hall.

Communications: If you are using an FRS radio, please use the **odd channels** only.

Identification: Please ensure your participant lanyard is visible at all times. **Staff** can be identified with "Staff" lanyards.

Please see any Staff if you have any questions.

Hallowed Homecoming: A Samhain Retreat Nov 3-5, 2017



Featured Presenter

Ivo Dominguez Jr



Ivo Dominguez Jr is a visionary and practitioner of a variety of esoteric disciplines. He has been active in Wicca and Pagan community since 1978 and has been teaching since 1982. Ivo was a founding member of the first coven of The Assembly of the Sacred Wheel, a Wiccan Tradition where he currently serves as one of its Elders.

He is the author of multiple books, including:

- Casting Sacred Space: The Core of All Magickal Work
- Spirit Speak: Knowing and Understanding Spirit Guides, Ancestors, Ghosts, Angles, and the Divine
- Beneath the Skins
- Practical Astrology for Witches and Pagans: Using the Planets and the Stars for Effective Spellwork, Rituals, and Magickal Work
- The Keys to Perception: A Practical Guide to Psychic Development

Ivo is also a professional astrologer who has studied astrology since 1988 and lives in Delaware in the woods of the Seelie Court.

For more information about Ivo, visit his web site at:

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Special Guests

Selena Fox & Dennis Carpenter



We're very happy to welcome Rev. Selena Fox and Dr. Dennis Carpenter from Circle Sanctuary.

Presenters

Rev. Selena Fox

Selena Fox is a psychotherapist, teacher, writer, photographer, ritual performance artist, and Priestess. She is founder and co-executive director of Circle Sanctuary, an international Nature Spirituality resource center headquartered on a 200-acre Nature preserve in Wisconsin, USA.

Dr. Dennis Carpenter

Dennis D. Carpenter, Ph.D. is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology and Education at the University of Wisconsin Colleges. He has a longtime interest in the intersections between psychology and environmentalism. His interest in genealogy includes decades of research into various family lines, exploration of family history through genetic testing, and active maintenance of a family tree site on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com). He assists with administration of Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve and its Green Cemetery in Wisconsin. He lives on adjacent land with his wife, Rev. Selena Fox.

David Ewing

David has been practicing since the mid-90's and has been a Circle Sanctuary Minister since Samhain 2011. His ministerial focus has been on Military Pagan Support, Circle Radio outreach, and his training had a focus on end of life care. He's been active in the DC Pagan community for 15 years and has been involved planning for many Pagan events in the area, including Hallowed Homecoming.

Jennifer Tipton

Jennifer has been following an Earth-centered Pagan spirituality for just under thirty years. Her practices are eclectic but her interests have always focused on ways to bring magic and spirituality into our everyday lives. She has been working with crystal energies for healing and manifestation for twenty-five years and began to study Reiki in 2013 while searching for healing methods to assist a close family member with coping with a chronic medical condition.

Presenters

Michelle Stormcatcher

Michelle has been a practicing solitary Pagan since the mid-1990's and has studied a wide variety of Pagan and spiritual topics over the years like shamanism, reiki, crystal healing, druidry, and so much more. Her first Pagan retreat was back in 2000 and she's been attending various retreats at least annually since then to expand her knowledge and spiritual community.

Rath

Rath has been called a witch by witches, a heathen by heathens, and a druid by druids. He is a coven leader based out of Alexandria, Virginia. www.knottedash.org/coven-of-the-black-vulture

Rhiannon

Rhiannon has always been a 'lil bit witchy, back to the days of being a wee one, and currently holds the rank of Priestess in the Coven of the Black Vulture within the Knotted Ash Tradition. She earns her keep as a professional healer in the world of Massage Therapy, where she is often able to discreetly weave her witch-gained knowledge into her treatments.

Rev. Tristan

Reverent Tristan is a Circle Sanctuary Minister who has 30 years' experience doing past life regression in her classes, groups and multiple times at Pagan Spirit Gathering (PSG). She has been a practicing Pagan for over 30 years and teaches initiates, intermediates, and advanced practitioners. She also teaches divination using Tarot and many other methods.

Zan Krall

Zan has been a member of the Pagan community for almost 20 years. Through contacts at Circle Sanctuary, she became interested in all topics surrounding death and dying. Having participated in a Death Café in the past, she looks forward to facilitating similar discussions among our community.

Ivo's Workshops:

Hauntings, Spirits of the Dead, and the Ancestors

(Friday @ 3:30 pm in Dining Hall)

I will not be sharing specific techniques for spirit contact here, as that is in an entirely different class. Instead, I focus on the nature of ghosts and Ancestors. If you know what is occurring beneath the level of outward phenomena and the procedural steps of techniques, you can fathom them more easily. Although there are relationships between that which we call the Ancestors and that which we call ghosts and hauntings, there are very important distinctions which must be understood in order to work with any of these in a safe and productive manner. We will begin with ghosts and spirits of the human dead and then explore what is meant by the Ancestors.

The Triple Shadow: The Shadow of the Three Selves

(Saturday @ 11:30 am in Dining Hall)

There are many traditional systems for describing the various parts of the Self. In this workshop we will explore the three-fold division of self and its shadows. A portion of our conscious and being is present in each of these worlds and wherever there is light, there is shadow. Commonly, the focus is on the shadow of the Lower Self, in this class we will explore it as well as the Shadow of the Middle and Upper Selves. Ultimately, the integration of the various parts of the Self must include both the bright and the dark.

Ancestors, Patrons, and Egregores

(Sunday @ 9:15 am in Dining Hall)

There is much talk in magickal and spiritual circles about what is meant by Patrons, lineages, and egregores. In recent years there has also been a resurgence in working with the Ancestors and the Mighty Dead. This class will present definitions, descriptions, and some of the esoteric mechanisms of action for these and related matters. The perspectives of both the Ceremonial and the Pagan branches of the Western Magickal Tradition will be taken into consideration. The meaning of initiation and/or priest/esshood will be explored in the light of these concepts. The impact of these collective consciousnesses on both individuals and their groups will also be touched upon.

Schedule

Friday, November 3, 2017:

11:00am – 8:00pm: Registration Open
11:30am – 1:00pm: Lunch
1:30pm – 5:00pm: **Mask-making: Craft Cabin D**
- Masks of Reflection
Ancestor Altar
1:30pm – 3:00pm: **Workshop: Craft Cabin C**
- Rituals of Remembrance
3:30pm – 5:00PM: **Featured Workshop: Dining Hall (Ivo Dominguez)**
- Hauntings, Spirits of the Dead, and the Ancestors
6:00pm – 6:30pm: **Ritual: Dining Hall** - Welcoming and Opening Ritual
7:00pm – 8:30pm: Dinner
9:00pm – 11:00pm: **Legacy Workshop: Dining Hall**
- A Grave Discussion

Saturday, November 4, 2017:

7:30am – 1:00pm: Registration Open
8:00am – 10:00am: Breakfast Menu available in Dining Hall
9:30am – 11:00am: **Workshop: Craft Cabin D**
- Masks of Reflection
Workshop: Craft Cabin C
- Sacred Self Care Practice to Promote Healing After a Loss
Workshop: Craft Cabin B
- Pagan Perspectives on Honoring Our Dead
10:00am – 12:00pm: Hot Brunch Menu in Dining Hall
11:30am – 1:00pm: **Featured Workshop: Dining Hall (Ivo Dominguez)**
- The Triple Shadow: The Shadow of the Three Selves
12:00pm – 1:30pm: Quick Lunch Menu
1:30pm – 3:00pm: **Workshop: Craft Cabin C**
- Connecting with Ancestors Through Genealogy
Workshop: Craft Cabin B
- Crone Goddesses from Around the World
2:00pm – 5:00pm: Drinks & Snacks relocated outside Dining Hall for ritual prep.
3:30pm – 5:00pm: **Workshop: Craft Cabin C**
- Who Were You in a Past Life?
Workshop: Craft Cabin B
- Preparing the Vessel
5:30pm: **Dinner in the Dining Hall** (Please gather in front of Dining Hall at 5:20pm for attunement)
- Dinner marks the beginning of our main ritual working for the weekend. Please come to Dinner prepared for ritual.
After Ritual: Social Bonfire at Fire Circle
After Ritual: Snacks, warm drinks & socializing in Dining Hall.
Overnight: Set clocks back 1 hour for Daylight Saving

Workshop Descriptions

Connecting With the Ancestors Through Genealogy

- **Selena Fox & Dennis Carpenter (Saturday @ 1:30pm in C)**

In this workshop we will discuss resources and approaches of genealogical research to learn about ancestors and ancestral lines and ways to create and work with stories of ancestors and their lives as part of spiritual practice.

Rituals of Remembrance

- **Selena Fox (Friday @ 1:30pm in C)**

In this workshop I will discuss creating personal and group ceremonies to remember the Dead, to honor their legacies, and to aid bereavement. We will also explore types of Remembrance ceremonies, including funerals, memorials, and celebrations of life following death, plus Samhain remembrances, anniversary remembrances, and remembrance rites following mass tragedies.

Crone Goddesses From Around the World

- **RedWolf (Saturday @ 1:30pm in B)**

Crone Goddesses appear in the mythologies from many ancient cultures. In this workshop, we will explore Crone Goddesses and Dark Goddesses from a variety of pantheons, and we will explore to incorporate Her into our rituals and practices. At the end of the class we will have a journey/meditation to connect with the Crone.

Legacy Through Fire

- **Michelle Stormcatcher (Sunday @ 11:00am at Fire Circle)**

This workshop is about Time. Observation. Listening. Building. You'll learn about how you can go about building your personal Legacy. We'll use Fire to do this, but what we do here can be applied to anything in life. Legacy is the "long game." You have to take time to think things through, plan, observe along the way, listen to yourself and the world around you, and work towards that Legacy over the long term. Fire will be our workshop's Legacy, and we'll take time to shed what we know about fire so we can get to know it again from the smallest flame up to a roaring hearth fire.

Legacy Workshop – A Grave Discussion

- **Zan (Friday @ 9:00pm in Dining Hall)**

Death and Dying are fundamental aspects of life that have a direct impact on how we live and relate to each other. This session is an opportunity for each of us to articulate our own feelings and thoughts about death, dying, and funerals in a non-threatening environment. Cake and warm beverages will be available as we break into small groups with a facilitator to get the discussion started.

Workshop Descriptions

Masks of Reflection

- **Rath (Friday @ 1:30pm & Saturday @ 9:30am in D)**

Step into the liminal, go within, see the face of your ancestors, and see what you will live on without you, as you become the model for masks to be made. We will be making plaster cloth masks of all who enter the ritual space. They are not death masks, they are not life masks, they are the masks of the in-between. They will live on without you in the Halls of Hallowed Homecoming for years to come. They are Masks of Reflection.

This workshop requires participants to be able to stay still for up to half an hour, and not speak for the entirety.

Pagan Perspectives On Honoring Our Dead

- **David Ewing (Saturday @ 9:30am in B)**

Join us for a discussion on the various ways our ancestors and modern cultures have honored our beloved dead. We'll discuss traditional practices from various cultures and how they have influenced modern customs with honoring our beloved dead. Among the cultures we'll include in the discussion are the Day of the Dead practices from Mexico, ancient Celts, Norse and more. This workshop will also include discussions on how we work with and honor our ancestors.

Preparing the Vessel

- **Rhiannon (Saturday @ 3:30pm in B)**

This workshop will help you identify the ways in which our physical and energetic bodies can affect everything – from intent to execution – and how we can nourish our vessels to ensure we achieve the best results. We will explore different ways to prepare ourselves for magickal workings (or any work, really) through discussion, gentle physical movements, and multiple guided meditations. By the end of class you should be able to recall several techniques to shift your focus, ground and center, raise energy, as well as perform energetic body scans for the self. It is advised that you bring a bottle of water and a towel or yoga mat to sit on.

Who Were You in a Past Life?

- **Rev. Tritan (Saturday @ 3:30pm in C)**

Who were you in a past life? Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief, Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Thief! We will do a past life regression to answer these questions and more! Often, past life experiences color our choices today, and can explain quirky peccadilloes. Bring a towel, and pen and paper! There will be opportunities to write down what you find out about who you were, where you were, when you were, and what happened.

Schedule

Sunday, November 5, 2017:

7:30am – 9:00am: Breakfast in Dining Hall
9:15am – 10:45pm: **Featured Workshop: Dining Hall (Ivo Dominguez)**
- Ancestors, Spirits, and Egregores
11:00 – 11:45am: **Ritual: Cabin C Area – Warrior Blessing Ritual**
Workshop: Bonfire Circle
- Legacy Through Fire
11:45am – 1:15pm: Lunch in Dining Hall
1:30pm – 2:00pm: **Ritual: Closing Ritual in Dining Hall**
2:00pm: Departures & Post-Event Clean-up

Notes:

Dinner and Main Ritual

This year, the main ritual will start with a Dumb Supper within our main dinner. Please come to Dinner prepared for ritual as we will process from Dinner to the next phase of our Main Ritual.

Snacks & Drinks on Saturday Afternoon / Dining Hall Closed

In order to allow our Kitchen Coordinators to prepare the Dining Hall for the dinner, the Dining Hall will be closed. The snacks & drinks will be relocated outside the Dining Hall to allow continued access to refreshments while the Dining Hall is closed. The Saturday Dinner is part of the ongoing ritual experience we envision for Hallowed Homecoming.

If you have any questions about the above or about anything during the event, please ask our event staff. Please also let us know if you may need any accommodation or other assistance.



