



## *Beltaine 2016*

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# Welcome to FPG Beltaine 2016

For the last 21 years the Florida Pagan Gathering has hosted Pagans, Wiccans, Witches, Heathens and Druids from all over the world! FPG is a family friendly and inclusive event open to all people of an open mind and Pagan-friendly heart. This Festival Handbook provides you with information you can use to make your stay with us as fun and comfortable as possible.

## Safety Info:

**In case of emergency or injury contact the nearest Guardian or Staff Member!!!**

The well-trained teams of volunteer Guardians of the Community, led by the fearless Sqr1, patrols the Festival and help ensure our safety. They are able to administer basic first aid, and do have some basic medical supplies.

\*Pay attention to any instructions (or sternly-worded advice) from the Guardians!

\*Your medical health and safety are your responsibility. Bring any medications or supplies you may need.

\*Wear sunblock, and drink plenty of water. Sunburn and dehydration happen even in cool weather.

\*Check for ticks daily. Ticks like warm places, such as behind knees, under arms, and in elbows, but can be found anywhere on the body.

\*If you have any medical conditions that the Guardians or other emergency personnel might need to know about in case of an emergency, please pick up a "File of Life" form from Registration. This is a great tool for you to keep pertinent medical history on hand in case you become unconscious or unable to speak. Keep this form on you in an easy-to-find location. It is also be a good idea to let someone close to you know where it is, so they can help.

\*In case of Hazardous Weather such as a tornado: If you are tent camping, in an RV, or staying in Cabins A-D, come to the Blue Room. If you are staying in Cabins E-J or a Lodge, stay there until you hear an announcement.

**\*\*Safe Spaces are located at Guardian Camp (Lodge 1) and the Director's House\*\***

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## Pool Rules: Hours: Weds – Sat 1pm - 5:30pm

\*No Swimming without a Camp Lifeguard present.

\*Treat the Lifeguard with respect at all times.

\*Swim at your own risk.

\*No one is allowed on the pool deck after dark.

\*Wear a bathing suit — no cut-offs or sarongs

\*All non- potty-trained children must wear a swim diaper or cloth diaper with tight rubber pants

\*Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult

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## Getting Around:

**Trolley Service: Hours 9am-2am**

**Fire Circle Express: 10pm-2am**

\*The FPG Trolley runs along a continuous circuit. Check the Map for the route.

\*Wait at any Trolley Stop and the Trolley will pick you up and drop you off at any other Trolley Stop.

\*Minors may not ride the Trolley without a parent present.

\*No food or smoking are permitted on the Trolley (beverages in covered containers are OK)

\*The Fire Circle Express is a direct from the entrance to Vendors Row (on the Forest Side) to the Fire Circle and back.

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## Personal Vehicles

- \*Driving personal vehicles through camp is not permitted after arrival. Electric personal mobility devices are allowed.
- \*Watch for Campground and FPG service vehicles and golf carts, or emergency vehicles.
- \*Our new site has an amazing wooded area for camping. Campers are not allowed to bring their vehicles into the camping area after dusk. Campers will be asked to unload their vehicles at the edge of the Forest and carry items to their sites.
- \*Parking: After check-in, all guests will have 45 minutes to locate their cabin or campsite and unload. After this, all vehicles must go to the parking lot.
- \*Park in neat rows, and do not block anyone else's vehicle. Leave your FPG vehicle card in your windshield, in case we need to contact you about your vehicle.
- \*If you need to go to the parking lot after dark have someone go with you. Bring a flashlight or lantern, and be aware of wildlife hazards.

**Handicap Parking:** Each vehicle must have a State-issued Handicap Placard or License Plate or a FPG issued Parking Tag to park in the Handicap Parking area. FPG issued Parking Tags can be found at Registration.

**RV Camping Area:** No tents are permitted in the RV Camping area. Once your RV, pop-up camper, van, or travel trailer is parked in the RV camping area it may not be moved until end of Festival.

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## Questions & Information:

### Festival Office:

The Festival Office is located between the Blue Room and Dining Hall.

- \*Our Office staff is happy to assist you with finding information, locating a staff member to assist you or for issues with your cabin or lodge space.
- \*Shirts, Totes, Mugs and Bottles: You may pick up pre-ordered FPG merchandise, or make a purchase, starting Thursday morning. Unclaimed merchandise is placed in storage until the next Festival.
- \*Community Service: For each volunteer shift that you perform, you'll earn another entry into a raffle for prizes that include half-off or a free admission to your next FPG!

### Emerald City (Board of Directors)

Got a burning question, comment or suggestion? Do you just want to sit and have a good conversation about FPG? Then head on over to Emerald City and walk right in. Grab a chair and sit down in the living room for a nice chat with any of our friendly Board Members.

Is there a problem? Did something happen? Do you need some advice? Emerald City is the place to go for these issues as well...even at 4am! Just come on in and knock on the inner door — it's never too late or too early to get some help! We ask that the hour before meal times and during meal times are for emergencies only. We need the time to set up for meals, feed our guests and take a moment to eat as well.

### Radios & Walkie-Talkies

Having personal radios on site to help keep track of your family, especially your children, is an excellent idea! Set them to **channels 11 and above**; channels 10 and below are in use by the FPG Staff.

## FPG Community Center

The Community Center is located on the lagoon side of the Blue Room in a screened porch. There are tables and chairs, where you can gather, meet others, or just hang out. Some games will be set out, and a Community Bulletin Board where you can post announcements (including business and service advertisements).

\*Be respectful of others using the space, and clean up after yourself.

\*A Charging Station for your electronic devices is in the Community Center. You're responsible for keeping an eye on your devices while they charge.

\*There is a self-serve coffee and tea station with a Karma Jar to contribute funds for the purchase of supplies. We encourage anyone to contribute coffees, teas, cocoa, sweeteners, etc. You must bring your own cup!

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## Community Organizations



Father Sky Lodge (FSL) is a group effort of Pagan men to provide support and resources to their community in order to encourage the exploration of Male Spirituality, the Male Mysteries and to return The Masculine Divine/God to a place of balance within Neo-pagan spirituality. It allows Pagan men to come together in fellowship and brotherhood. Our goal is to create a place where anyone, man or woman, can come with questions about masculine Pagan Spirituality, and know that there will be answers; a place where any member of our Pagan community can freely ask "Can you help me?" on matters related to Pagan Men, and know that the answer will always be a resounding "Yes!" We are a brother group with Sisterhood of the Shield and work with them to support each other in our Spiritual journeys.

Sisterhood of the Shield (StS) is a women-only group. Though we embrace the traditional aspects of womanhood, we also seek the more primal and earthy energy; a place where the warrior women and other such traditions are as welcome as the maiden, mother and crone.

We have an Equalist mentality: Men and Women are equal but there are things that each experience that only someone of their own gender can understand.

We are a sister group with Father Sky Lodge and work with them to support each other in our Spiritual journeys.



### Learn to Dance the Haka

**Wed, 4p - 6p, Thurs, 1:30p - 3p & Friday, 11a - 12:30p**

Join Father Sky Lodge and the Sisterhood of the Shield as we learn a Haka to be performed during the Maypole-raising on Friday. We will be practicing outdoors. If you are mobility challenged, we have parts for you well. (All ages)

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## Children & Minors

Parents (or guardians) are fully responsible for the supervision of the children and minors in their charge, and their behavior and conduct at all times. Parents must always know the whereabouts of their minors. Do not leave Children under 12 unattended at camp sites and in cabins/lodges.

### Kids' Realm

**Wed - Sat ~ 1pm- 5pm**

Drop off your kids at the Kid's Realm for supervised playtime and workshops while you set-up your campsite, go shopping on Vendors Row, attend your own workshops, or just relax with friends! Be assured in the knowledge that your precious little witches and wizards are safe, happily playing together, and learning from some of our awesome presenters. Pick up your children at 5pm promptly. Kids' Realm is for children who are potty-trained, up to age 12. Advise Kids' Realm staff of any allergies, etc. that your child may have. Also make sure to apply sunscreen or bug spray to your children before dropping them off.

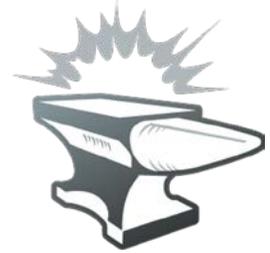
*\*\*If your child attends Kids' Realm, at least one parent/guardian must volunteer for 2 hours at Kids' Realm.\*\**

## Teen Forge

The Teen Forge is a place set aside for teens, 13-17. The tent is yours to use. Come and go as you wish. Bring snacks and soft drinks to share. Bring your ideas, your complaints, your sense of humor, and your friendship. There are also workshops and activities for you throughout the weekend.

### Rules of The Forge

1. Do not disrespect each other. (Joking is ok.)
2. If you break it, fix it; if you can't fix it, pay for it.
3. If you borrow anything, tell the Teen Leader and give it back the next day
4. If this becomes too much like work, it's time to do something different.
5. Be excellent to each other.
6. Don't do anything "Dumb".
7. All FPG festival rules apply.



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## FPG Traditions

### Celtic Games

**Thurs, Fri, Sat ~ 1:30pm ~ Morrigan's Arena**

Celtic Games is an event that remembers days long past when kingdoms fought for control, power, riches, and territory; when kings and queens chose their champions to limit loss of life upon the battlefield. Will you be brave enough, strong enough, quick enough, or witty enough to take the coveted crown for your own and become King or Queen of FPG Celtic Games. Please bring a water gun with you on Friday for the Water Siege. Lay on!! — And may the most skilled sword claim victory!

Adults are required to sign a consent & liability form. Ages 5-12 require a parent present. All minors require parental consent.

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### Drumming & Dancing

**Wed - Saturday ~ 10pm - ??? ~ Fire Circle**

One of the most sacred areas of our festival is our Fire Circle. Drummers, dancers, revelers, on-lookers, families and friends gather each night for drumming, dancing, friendship and community fellowship. As we gather we ask that you follow these simple rules for everyone's safety and comfort.

- \*Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Parents and guardians must mind their children's presence and safety. Children under 10 are allowed to stay after midnight, but may not dance around the fire then, for their safety and that of other dancers.
- \*Hooping or Poi spinning are very welcome. Please use flow arts in the outer ring for your safety and the safety of other dancers.
- \*At fire circle, you may wear anything that you could wear on a public, clothing-non-optional beach. No smoking, vaping or glass containers are permitted within the circle of torches.
- \*Never touch another person's drum, tools or bodies without permission.
- \*There is a very big fire. Falling-down drunkenness is inadvisable.
- \*Do not grope, whistle at, molest, or fondle the dancers. This goes for both men and women.
- \*Warming your drum around the fire is allowed, as long as you're walking around the circle clockwise— with the flow of dancers – while holding your drum.
- \*There are fire tenders. *Leave the fire alone.* This is Sacred Fire. Do not toss *anything* into the fire without first checking with a fire tender.

## **Inipi Sweat Lodge** **Thurs & Fri ~ 7:30pm ~ Freedom Circle**

All should bring a blanket with which to cover the Lodge. The Lodge is made up of a frame constructed out of willow branches. The Lodge must be covered completely to hold in the heat and block out any light. Bringing your own blanket puts your personal energy into the construction of the Lodge.

This ceremony is approached in a humble and peaceful manner. Around the sacred fire is the place to center ourselves and connect with the Creator prior to entering the Lodge.

In the Apache tradition, we go into the Lodge as we came into the world, without clothing. The Lodge represents the womb of the Mother Earth. We will wear a towel wrapped around us outside the Lodge and then drop the towels once inside. Pride, ego, and false modesty are left at the door. We enter as equals and are only concerned once inside with our own prayers. We are never concerned about what people look like or what others think about how we look. We enter the womb, die a symbolic spiritual death, and emerge reborn and renewed.

As in all ceremonies, there needs to be a balance. An exchange of energy between the participants and the facilitator (water pourer) and fire tender must take place. Tobacco is a traditional gift, but whatever Spirit moves you to give is good as long as it comes from the heart.

There is no charge for the ceremony — just an exchange of energy for balance. Some people leave crafted items, objects from nature, books, CDs, etc. Some people leave nothing at all as they may be financially unable to give something. An exchange of energy can still take place through writing a poem, giving a big hug to the facilitator, etc. Whatever the case, it is “all good” if the gifts come from the heart. If you have any special items you want blessed with the energy of the ceremony, by all means, bring them and place them on the altar. People have brought pipes, ritual objects, and pictures of friends, family, and ancestors that have crossed over.

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### **Community Service & Staffing**

If you've got some time and want to give back to the community, visit the Festival Office (near the Blue Room) to sign up for a Community Service volunteer shift — you could even win free admission to your next FPG!

Do you like making things happen? Giving back to your Community? Being a part of something Magickal? If you said “Yes!” to any of the above — then we have a job for you!

FPG is always looking for good, reliable people to fill staff positions. There is a job for every type of person and ability, from sit-down jobs to physical activity, between & during festivals.

The Perks by becoming a Staff member your registration fee is reduced, and you get to come to festival 1-2 days early! Additional perks include the Staff Ritual on Tuesday night, and the Annual Staff Retreat & Meeting!

If you are interested, talk to Medea or send an email to: [staffing@flapagan.org](mailto:staffing@flapagan.org).

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### **Life Events**

FPG makes it possible for our guests to participate in Life Event Rituals on site.

\*Handfastings\* \*Weddings\* \*Wiccanings\* \*Initiations\* \*Coming of Age Rites\* \*Elevations\* \*Requiems/Funerals\*  
\*Cronings\* \*Sagings\* \*Coven Births\* etc.

If you are interested in having a Life Event at FPG, talk to Medea or email [lifeyvents1@flapagan.org](mailto:lifeyvents1@flapagan.org). 6 months' notice is required for Life Events. If you are in need of a Priestess or Priest for your event please let Medea know.

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### **Recycling!!**

Recycling is made possible by our wonderful Fire Tender, Dee. Blue bins are located in dining hall, in the forest near the water station, on vendor's row and at fire circle. Dee collects all the glass, plastic, aluminum and steel.

## Special Events

### **Opening Ritual Wednesday ~ 7:30pm ~ Main Ritual Circle**

Gather together in a Ritual of Friendship. In this ritual we will build a circle of protection and take time to honor each other and our years together as a community as well as welcome festival newcomers to our family. We also take time in this ritual to provide important information and any scheduling updates. We charge the Guardians of the Community and introduce you to our Headliners and Staff. Following this ritual will be a fire lighting ceremony at the Fire Circle where we will light our Sacred Flame. Be sure to arrive early and bring a chair or ground cover.

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### **80's Prom Meet and Greet Thursday ~ 7:30pm ~ Blue Room**

Break out the taffeta, the cummerbunds and the Aquanet! We're going back to the 80's for our Awesome 80's Meet and Greet!! Help us spike the punch... dance to your favorite 80's hits, get your prom pics taken.... and meet your fellow festival goers! Dress in your best 80's flair or come as you are and have a great time!

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### **Faery Parade Friday ~ 5:30pm ~ Main Ritual Circle**

Calling All Fae, Brownies, Pixies, and Nymphs! We invite you to gather and enchant the masses as we celebrate all things Fae in our Beltaine Faery Parade! From the tiniest of cherubs still nestled in their blooms to the wildest and most experienced of tricksters, be you light or dark, join our fun and frolic on Friday evening. Gather with Medea at the Main Ritual Circle starting at 5pm. The parade starts at 5:30pm, running down Vendors Row, and the main street, ending at the Directors House. The Maypole and Haka will immediately follow the parade. (All Ages Welcome)

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### **Maypole Dance and Haka Friday ~ 6pm ~ Ancestor's Glen**

The Maypole started as an ancient Germanic Pagan fertility rite. A ceremonial folk dance is performed around a tall pole hung with ribbons that are woven into a pattern by the dancers. Typically performed on May Day; Maypole dances occur at midsummer events in Scandinavia and has been incorporated in Folk festivals all over Europe. In Neopaganism the Maypole continues to be a symbol of fertility, be it sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual. The Maypole dance will be a ritual of blessing the Goddess Earth in preparation for the God's phallus symbol (the maypole). If you've never danced a Maypole before, that's OK, we will teach you the dance. The Maypole is carried in by a procession of men and women, who will dance the Haka, a Maori ancestral dance of strength and prowess. Folks can learn the Haka by attending any of the workshops offered during FPG. (All Ages Welcome)

## **Mama Gina Concert** **Friday, 8pm & Saturday, 1:30pm ~ Blue Room**

Pagan Bard and Folk Artist singer/songwriter & wanderlust ... fearless story-telling ... bluesy vocals ... humor ... straight-ahead, rhythmic, 12 string acoustic guitar ... djembe ... frame drums ... all weft and warp of the soul of this bard. Mama Gina sings of life, death and rebirth. She sings of holding on and letting go. She speaks to the Gods and Goddesses and they speak back. She sings their stories as they become her own. She sings of her spiritual connection to the natural world, and of our responsibility to nurture both the mundane and the magical. When she is not performing, you just might find her camping in the woods seeking inspiration from the earth beneath her feet and that vast, open sky. Mama Gina's CDs "Goddess Kiss'd" and "The Undertaker's Daughter" are available on CDBaby, iTunes and amazon.com, and you can always listen free on Spotify.

### **Finding the Balance** **Main Ritual** **Saturday ~ 8pm ~ Main Ritual Circle**

Come and take a magickal journey to another space and time, where we may witness the forces of nature at work. The Winter King and his Court have presided over the land these last six months, holding nature in stasis until the warming sunlight of the Summer Prince and his Court come to challenge for the right to rule over the growing season. Will Summer's fiery youth and vigor win out over the experience and wisdom of Winter? Will Winter deign to release his icy grip, allowing the wheel to turn? Join us to cheer on your champion in a duel of the elements! Hearthfire Coven & Friends re-create their Ritual from the first FPG at Ocala, Beltane 2006. There will be no procession, so please come and place your chairs or blankets around the ritual space. Listen to the music while you prepare yourself for ritual. We invite the Faeries, young and old, to frolic, tumble, and dance to the music. Be prepared for excitement, surprises, and a Bale Fire run/jump. Hail Beltaine!

### **Main Ritual Etiquette**

While our opening and closing rituals tend to be more laid-back, FPG's Main Ritual on Saturday is a magickal rite where we come together to worship the Gods, commune with the elements, and have a spiritual experience.

- \*Arrive at the ritual circle on time with your chairs or blankets.
- \*Prepare your mind as well as your body for ritual. Relax your mind and de-stress. Eat dinner, shower and change your clothes. Put on bug repellent. Mind the weather: you may need a sweater or blanket at Samhain.
- \*When entering the circle, follow the instructions of the ritual presenters, and enter the circle in a deocil (clockwise) motion unless told to do otherwise.
- \*Do not eat, drink, or smoke in the circle, or vicinity, before or during ritual. (Bottled water is allowed.)
- \*If you need to leave the circle for any reason, do so quietly and discreetly, and have someone cut you a door. Be courteous to the ritual presenters and other attendees.
- \*Do not speak or comment during the ritual.
- \*FPG's main rituals are hosted by Groups, Groves, Covens, and Churches within our Pagan community. These individuals put a lot of time and work into planning these rituals for all of our guests and staff to experience. We have many diverse paths and traditions, and sometimes these differ. Everyone who attends the ritual should be tolerant and respectful of the ritual presenters, and their work.

**\*If your group, coven, church or grove would like to host Main Ritual at FPG please see a Board Member at the Director's House or email them at [tegbod@flapagan.org](mailto:tegbod@flapagan.org)\***

## Headliner Bios & Workshops

### Janet Farrar and Gavin Bone



Janet Farrar and Gavin Bone are practicing Wiccans (modern witches) and authors who publish books on the subjects of Paganism, Magick and Witchcraft. Their current practical work is in the areas of Spiritism and Trance Prophecy. They regularly conduct practical Workshops in these fields for the Pagan Community. Janet was trained in Alex Sander's London coven in the early 1970's, but is also a professional Tarot Reader and counsellor. She has training in Jungian psychology and Cabalistic training in a Magical Lodge in the early 1970's. Gavin is an Empathic Healing Medium, training in spiritual healing in the 1980's and initiated into three different traditions of Wicca, including Seax-Wica and Alexandrian. Gavin was also part of the Traditional British Shamanism revival in the UK during the 1980's. He also works as a Tour Guide taking groups around the ancient sites of Ireland.

### **The Underworld Descent Technique –Connecting with Divinity In Drawing Down and Trance-Prophecy Thurs ~ Sanctuary ~ 3:30p - 5:30p**

This is a practical workshop demonstrating the use of this technique Janet and Gavin developed to teach Wiccan Drawing Down the Moon (DDM), as well as other trance-prophecy techniques. It can also be used for other purposes including as a tool for mediumship and connecting with personal deity. In this workshop Janet and Gavin will take the participants down to 'bridge' and 'the gates' to find their personal deity, Underworld Guide (Psychopomp) or deity. They also demonstrate how it can be combined with other techniques to make DDM more effective as a trance-prophecy technique. (All ages welcome)

### **The Box: an Exploration of Magical Ethics, Id and Shadow Friday ~ Blue Room ~ 1:30p - 3:30p**

A practical and demonstrative workshop was originally developed for Janet and Gavin's Italian Study group for teaching the nature of Id, Shadow and its relationship with ethical magical practice. This is for people who want to seriously explore this in themselves and relies on the experience of the workshop to understand the psychology involved rather than talk. The cooperation and honesty of all those attending is therefore essential. How far would you go to get what you wanted if there was no legal or karmic comeback? An open mind is required. (All ages welcome)

### **Witches, Valas and Sybils: the History and Practice of Trance-Prophecy In Witchcraft and Paganism Saturday ~ Sanctuary ~ 1:30p - 3:30p**

With the (forthcoming) release of their new book *Lifting the Veil*, Janet and Gavin discuss the history of Trance Prophecy in ancient and modern Witchcraft. During research for the book they went on a journey of discovery resulting in some interesting surprises regarding the origins of Drawing Down the Moon in modern Wicca. They cover from ancient Shamanism, through to the Sybils of Ancient Greece, the Vala of the Northern Europeans and of course through to the modern practice of Drawing Down the Moon. They also look at cross-overs with contemporary traditions such as Vodoun and Santeria, and the Spiritualist Revival of the 19th and early 20th Centuries. (All ages welcome)



### **Ivo Dominguez, Jr.**

Ivo is a visionary, and a practitioner of a variety of esoteric disciplines. He has been active in Wicca and the Pagan community since 1978, 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. The Assembly of the Sacred Wheel is a Wiccan syncretic tradition that draws inspiration from Astrology, Qabala, the Western Magickal Tradition and the folk religions of Europe. He is one of the key organizers of the New Alexandrian Library. His techniques and insights are rooted in a synthesis of traditional metaphysical teachings, modern science, and memories from past lives. Ivo is also a professional astrologer who has studied astrology since 1980 and has been offering consultations and readings since 1988. Ivo is the author of *Practical Astrology for Witches and Pagans* (newly released)

### **Trancework: Altered States of Consciousness Thursday ~ Sanctuary ~ 11a – 12:30p**

This class uses both theory and practice to teach about altered states of consciousness and trance induction techniques for individuals and groups. There will be an exploration of the uses of various states of being for rituals and workings. I will also cover grounding and a return to normal consciousness. Please come well rested and clear headed to this class. (All ages welcome)

### **Protective Magick: Wards, Shields, Etc. Friday ~ Blue Room ~ 11a – 12:30p**

Although devotion to your faith and positive energy and positive outlook are great starting points, they are not always enough to ensure safety. This workshop teaches ways to detect and to guard against spells, workings, beings or atmospheres and energies that are unwholesome. I will also give a quick overview of intentional and unintentional negative workings as well as things such as crossed conditions. I will share a few easy diagnostic measures and simple remedies for the most common problems. There will also be suggestions on what to do when simple measures are not enough. (All ages welcome)

### **Devotion and Dedication In Magick Friday ~ Thunderdome ~ 3:30p – 5pm**

In this workshop we will explore how we express love, enthusiasm and diligence of practice when it comes to our magical work and our spiritual work. We will also discuss ways in which to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy approaches to devotion and dedication in our practices. There is a strong relationship between devotion and dedication and spiritual evolution. Hopefully attendees will leave the workshop with ways to overcome inertia and self-deception so that you can tackle your spiritual pursuits wholeheartedly. (All ages welcome)

### **Managing Psychic Sensitivity & Empathy Saturday ~ Thunderdome ~ 4p - 6p**

Many Pagan, magickal, and spiritual people work to increase their psychic sensitivity. Some are born with the gift of empathy to varying degrees. There are many benefits to having increased sensitivity and empathy, but there is such a thing as too much of a good thing. Becoming inundated and overwhelmed by other people's emotions and/or by highly charged atmospheres is can be problematic. This workshop will offer straightforward techniques to manage your sensitivity so that it remains a benefit rather than becoming a detriment. Moreover a technique will be shared to harness the excess energy so that it can be used, not just abated. (All ages welcome)

## **Witchdoctor Utu**



Utu is the founder of the Dragon Ritual Drummers, the Niagara Voodoo Shrine, the Niagara Pagan Men's Circle and is a member of the New Orleans Voodoo Spiritual Temple. For 25 years Utu has been active in the pagan communities in both Canada and the United States, focusing on group dynamics, community building and workings that cross tradition lines and dogma, aiming to bring together large numbers of folks to celebrate and ritual as community. He has immersed himself for the last 15 years in North American conjure, root work and the drum culture of North American voodoo. Over his 25 years active he has written for many international magazines, newspapers, periodicals and appeared in multimedia on everything from surfing to sorcery.

### **A Beltane Symbolic Interactive Ceremony Celebrating the Sabbats and Rites of Old.**

**Wednesday ~ Fire Circle ~ 9p - Midnight**

The Beltane rites celebrated by European witches of days past were once rather carnal in their nature, figuratively enacting the fertility and virility needed and desired. The ceremony while fun for the whole family, will bring together the festival attendees into a cohesive group, a tribe blessed to celebrate the wonderful gathering that is about to unfold, while sympathetically enacting and honouring the essence of Beltane at its most basic meaning; The magic between male and female, friend and family, god and goddess. (All Ages Welcome)

### **Crafting an Uncle Monday Doll**

**Thursday ~ Arts & Crafts ~ 11a- 12:30p**

Uncle Monday doll making and blessing. Following up with last year's ceremony celebrating Florida's hoodoo and Black Seminole legacy of "Uncle Monday", the half-man, half-alligator spirit and figure, this will be a crafting workshop to create and bless Uncle Monday dolls for you and your home protection and to honour the gator man spirit. (All Ages Welcome)

### **Men's Circle**

**Friday ~ Father Sky Lodge ~ 1:30p - 3p**

Utu began the Niagara Pagan Men's Circle 20 years ago as of 2016, serving the two countries it borders on, It's one of the longest running uninterrupted monthly pagan men's circles on the continent, and is the entity the Dragon Ritual Drummers were formed out of and all members belong to. Many have tried to build them, over the decades; many more of them have died. There is rhyme, reason and benefit to a regular men's group existing in a healthy pagan community. The working will begin with discussion, a sharing of information among the attendees. After a sharing and interactive discussion, a ritual will be facilitated akin to what has been a successful formula for two decades of men's circles that includes info and formula gathered with outreach and mysteries shared from other existing men's groups on the continent. Men Only (All Ages Welcome)

### **Salem Witchcraft**

**Saturday ~Thunderdome ~11a - 12:30p**

The Salem witch community certainly makes some headlines once and a while, whether they be good, bad or irreverent. Utu and the Dragon Ritual Drummers are members of the Salem Witch and warlock community and have added legacies to the ever growing presence that is Salem Witchcraft for nearly a decade. Uniquely American, Salem witchcraft has a flare about it, from her tools, ritual garb, and the way it's practiced. Whether by the traditions that have been there for decades or the influx of a formidable neo pagan transplant community, Salem witchcraft has her own identity and personality. Why are there witches in Salem in the first place, how did it all start, why and how does the community continue to grow, and what are the mysteries that lay powerfully hidden among the tourism and bombastic personalities? A discussion on how and why will be facilitated, tools and garb worn and a demonstration of a Salem witchcraft themed ritual will answer many of those questions while showing the unique practices of a uniquely American tradition. (All Ages Welcome)

## Heather Freysdottir



Heather is a Polytheist nun who worships the Norse Gods in sunny Florida. Her novel, *Beyond Reason*, is an exploration of Pagan mysticism and Trickster shenanigans. *Beyond Reason*'s release made news in the Wild Hunt for being a bestseller in Amazon's Mysticism category sales. She maintains blogs on devotional Polytheism at WordPress and at Witches & Pagans. She has worked in her community as an early childhood intervention specialist and uses that experience to help train other Pagan clergy members on how to help people find social services in their local communities. She is a gythia at Hunters Kith and Kin, a multi-tradition kindred of Polytheists, Witches, and Pagans, and is currently studying Feri and Reclaiming with the Bone and Briar line.

### **Loki for The Trickster-Curious** **Thursday ~ Thunderdome ~ 1:30p - 3p**

Are you Trickster-curious? Trickster phobic? Trickster-friendly? Are you looking for a new direction in your life? Loki is the spark that can ignite passion and purpose in those who love Him. He is the Norse Gods' man of mystery, a boundary-crosser, a shapeshifter, and a mischief-maker. Get to know Loki in this workshop. (All Ages Welcome)

### **Devotional Relationships: Dealing with Deities** **Saturday ~ Blue Room ~ 4p - 6p**

One of the joys of being Pagan is that we have many gods and goddesses to choose from. But sometimes, one of Them calls to us on a deeper level. How do we begin to foster that connection? How do we set boundaries? How do we give and take in a relationship with the Divine? Heather Freysdottir discusses the nuts and bolts of Devotional relationships. (All ages)

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## Grey Ghosthawk



Grey is the HP of the FOUR WINDS LODGE, a Temple of the Sacred Path, ATC affiliate. A teacher and ceremonialist that has been on the Native Path for over 20 years, studying and learning from many elders of many tribes and traditions. Apprenticed to an Apache/Mexican Metis medicine man for 12 years, has learned many healing modalities and been given rights to perform certain Rituals- Sweat Lodge, Vision Quest, Full Moon Ritual, and others. He does healing circles making use of many techniques, massage, Stone Healing, Chakra balancing, aroma, Reiki, reflexology, and other methods to help people find a balanced energy in their lives. He does Native style beadwork and custom leatherwork and has been actively teaching workshops on various Native topics for the past 15 years.

### **Healing Circle** **Thurs - Sat ~ Kids' Realm ~ 9:30a**

Join us each morning for an Energy Healing Circle using many techniques including Usui Shiki Ryoho Reiki, Native American and Mexican Folk Medicine, and Peruvian Crystal Therapies. This is not a lecture-format workshop, but a hands-on healing session.

### **Building the Sweat Lodge** **Thursday ~ Freedom Circle ~ 11a - 12:30p**

Come help build the Lodge and learn the history and technique of how a Lodge is constructed. Come prepared to work a little and have a little fun in the process. (Ages 13 and up)

**Inipi Sweat Lodge**  
**Women's Lodge ~ Thursday ~ Freedom Circle ~ 6:30p - 8:30p**  
**Men's Lodge ~ Friday ~ Freedom Circle ~ 6:30p - 8:30p**

Stone People Lodge, Purification Lodge, or inappropriately called a Sweat Lodge, is a sacred purification ceremony. This is similar to a sauna in outward appearance, but far more significant in meaning. It is a cleansing, not only of the body, but of the mind, heart, and spirit as well. This ceremony precedes almost all other Native American ceremonies. (Ages 18 and Up)

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## Musical Guests

### Mama Gina LaMonte



Pagan Bard and Folk Artist, singer/songwriter & wanderlust ... fearless storytelling ... bluesy vocals ... humor ... straight-ahead, rhythmic, 12 string acoustic guitar ... djembe ... frame drums ... all weft and warp of the soul of this bard. Mama Gina sings of life, death and rebirth. She sings of holding on and letting go. She speaks to the Gods and Goddesses and they speak back. She sings their stories as they become her own. She sings of her spiritual connection to the natural world, and of our responsibility to nurture both the mundane and the magical. When she is not performing, you just might find her camping in the woods seeking inspiration from the earth beneath her feet and that vast, open sky. Mama Gina's CDs Goddess Kiss'd and The Undertaker's Daughter are available on CDBaby, iTunes and Amazon.com, and you can always listen free on Spotify. <http://www.mamaginamusic.com>

### Dragon Ritual Drummers



The Northmen cometh! The Dragon Ritual Drummers are an award winning, internationally recognized, chart-topping pagan drum troupe from the Niagara region of Canada. Their original music inspired from around the world and through the ages, honours the realm of spirits, gods, and sacred mysteries of the earth. Born out of a pagan men's circle, which all the members belong to, they have achieved international success, hit number one on numerous world music charts, and headlined top-tier spiritual festivals across the North American Continent. The Dragon Ritual Drummers return to FPG, bringing their tribal thunder to rock the revelers as we dance and enjoy the gifts of the gods. Their music is available on iTunes, Facebook, and at [dragonritualdrummers.com](http://dragonritualdrummers.com)

### **DRUM WITH THE DRAGON RITUAL DRUMMERS!!**

The Dragon Ritual Drummers will be the Drum Circle Facilitators for the Florida Pagan Gathering Beltaine 2016 festival. Drumming will be hosted at our Fire Circle nightly.

A harken back to the days of old, inclusive drum rhythms that every level of drummer, from the proficient to the novice can participate in, offer to the dancers, revelers and community. Bring your drums; you're going to want them. Not a drummer? That's OK! Join in on the drumming anyway or dance around our sacred fire. We will also have flow arts available for everyone to participate in. Poi, dance fans, hooping, dance ribbons. All on loan for everyone to use or bring your glow poi, hoops and other flow toys and join the circle.

# Local Teacher Bios & Workshops

## A

**Amanda:** I am Amanda. I have been coming to FPG for 10 years. I also used to run a local organization that included a youth group and adult group of people who practiced with swords, shields and some other weapons, including hand to hand.

### **What Do I Do with This Weapon?**

**Thursday ~ Morrigan's Arena ~ 11a-12:30p**

A brief history of some well-known weapons and their different uses. Focusing mainly on weapons used in the Celtic Games. (All ages)

**Rev. Amber Cannon** is an ordained pagan minister and has served the Pagan and Interfaith community over the past two decades by presenting public rituals, workshops, rites of passage, and assisting individuals with spiritual needs. She identifies herself as a Heathen, Druid, Witch, and rune magician. She has mentored other pagan clergy and works with Pagans who are in prison.

### **Bardic Circle**

**Wednesday ~ Blue Room ~ 10pm**

All members of the community are encouraged to come and share in the creative energy of a bardic circle. Bring your songs, stories, poetry and talents to share with others. Everyone will be offered a chance to participate as we pass the talking stick around the circle. Everyone's offering to the circle will be considered sacred. (All ages welcome)

**Artemast D** has been studying art history, magick, and healing for 15 years and has been the owner/operator of Space Coast Henna for the past 2 years. Originally from the hills of upstate New York, moved to Florida 12 years ago, spent 3 years stationed in Hawaii as a Marine.

### **Henna for You - Part 1 & Part 2**

**Thurs & Fri ~ Arts & Crafts ~ 6:30p - 8:30p**

This is a two part class. The first day we will discuss the history of Henna, along with the ceremonial and medicinal uses. You will be mixing your own paste today and it will sit over night to cure. (Ages 10 and up)

## B

**Bobbi Jo, Lady Rae and Ann Marie:** Three saucy Witches with years of experience.

### **A Maiden's Tea**

**Thurs ~ Gator Camp ~ 1:30p - 3p**

Afternoon tea will be hosted by The Crones and Mothers for our tweens and teens ages 10-17. We will have some light cakes and a lovely brewed tea. If any of the other Mothers that wish to attend want to bring a snack it will be most welcome. We invite you to bring along your favorite tea cup and questions. It is a time for the young women to ask whatever they wish of the Mothers and Crones. Let us know what we can do to help you at festival, what type of workshops you would like us to offer you, anything you wish to discuss is fair game. We will have our Guardian of the women stand watch so that none may disturb us. We invite the Mothers and Crones of the community to join in and assist us to host our next generation. (Ages 10-17) *\*Gator Camp is located in the forest on the left hand side of the path. Look for the large enclosure and the Florida Gators flag\**

## B

**Briarfox:** I am a 7th degree Reiki Shihan and Shaman. I am certified to teach 7 different styles of Reiki to the Shihan or Master Level. I am currently studying Shamanism with Michael Harner. I was hit by a car going 65 miles an hour at age 12. I was told that I had a greater purpose in life. It wasn't my time. My purpose is to help people guide them in their journey to become the best version of themselves they can be - guide them back to their angelic self.

### **Munay Ki - 9 Rites of Medicine Way Saturday ~ Sanctuary ~ 11a - 12:30p**

The Munay-Ki are the nine great rites of initiation of the medicine way. The word munay means "I love you" or Be as thou art. The Munay-Ki are codes that transform our human energy field into that of homo-luminous. The rites are delivered in the form of energetic transmissions. The nine rites are given to attune the body and re-inform our DNA so we can live and age differently. The rites truly assist the shift human consciousness and our being light workers on this earth. (Ages 13 and up)

**Bridget Fortune PhD** will be presenting this Tarot workshop. She has over 40 years of experience with working with the Tarot and other oracles.

### **Tarot and The Kabbalah Friday ~ Sanctuary ~ 3:30p - 5p**

I will be discussing how the Tarot cards relate to the Kabbalah. This will not be extremely in depth, but it can get you on your way of understanding the basics, which gives you another layer of meaning within the cards. (Ages 18 and up)

## C

**Constance the Coffee Shop Overlord & Tween Lugal** is a new practitioner of a pagan faith and member of the Sisterhood of the Shield. She has been involved in the pagan community since 2010 and has 3 years of experience working with teens and children from infancy to age 16.

### **Heart of the Cards Thursday ~ Community Center ~ 3:30p - 5:30p**

Join me for exploding taco kitties, munchkin and maybe Risk it with the Walking Dead Board Game. (Ages 10 – 17)

### **Basic Henna and Other Art Styles: Is It the Right Hobby for You? Friday ~ Community Center ~ 1:30p - 3p**

Community Center Come and discover and personalize a few of the beloved art styles displayed in our community with henna, sewing and acrylic paints. (Ages 10 – 17)

**Courtney Crouch** is an eclectic witch with many years of experience in many of the craft's modalities, Palmistry just being one of them. She has been a practicing witch for more than a decade and will bring her years of experience, skills, and techniques to share with all. She is currently based in St. Petersburg, FL but shares her time with the occasional jaunt to the Asheville area of North Carolina.

### **Palmistry 101 Thursday ~ Blue Room ~ 3:30p - 5:30p**

Courtney will pass on the information and skills that she has learned while studying the art of palm reading. You will learn palm shape, line meanings, what the fingers say about a person. This is an interactive class so be prepared to get involved and share with the group. (Ages 13 and up)

## D

**Debra Strasser** is HPS of Church of Iron Oak and a longtime staff member of FPG. A foraging hobbyist and Florida native, she grew up picking wild berries with her family. As a work exchange member of the Florida Herbal Conference, she has had the privilege of learning the edible and medicinal uses of Florida native trees and plants, down to the humblest of weeds, from the state's top botanists.

### **Magical Plant Walk**

**Friday ~ Vendors' Row ~ 3:30p-5p**

So many of our magical books and recipes contain plants and herbs far removed from the climate of Florida. Discover how trees, flowers and weeds considered a 'nuisance' by many can be used medicinally, magically and even as food. This workshop involves a short walk where we'll meet the plants in their natural environment, so please be mindful of your footwear. (Ages 10 and up)

**Douglas Ellis** has been an active member in the Pagan Community since 2006. He attended FPG Samhain 2006 at Boyd Hill and has been an active staff member ever since. He joined the potty pixies during his first festival and was quickly promoted to Site in 2007. In 2009 Doug was promoted to Lugal of the Site Division and later became the new DC of Logistics. He helped with the founding of a men's group "Father Sky Lodge" at FPG Beltane 2010. He now leads the men in the Haka (a maori war dance) each Beltane. He has held a mead-making workshop along with several nightly story circles with his good friend Stumpy Boudreaux at his camp "Racdeer Landing". Please stop by Racdeer and say hi Doug! He is always willing to meet new people. If you're lucky you may even get to meet Stumpy!

### **Haka Tradition**

**Thursday ~ Father Sky Lodge/Sisterhood of the Shield ~ 11a - 12:30p**

*Co-facilitated by Jessica Schattiily* What is a Haka and why FPG? Jessica and Douglas will recant the history of the Haka and how it came to be an FPG Beltane staple. If you are of the female-persuasion and planning to participate in this festival's Haka, bring an old sarong or about 2 yards of lightweight tribal print fabric than can be cut up. We will be making Maori-style beaded skirts to be worn for the Haka. All ages are welcome to attend.

## I

**Jean Setarah** has been a professional Tarot reader for 10 years and a teacher of intuitive reading techniques for over 6 years. She is a teacher and member of the Tampa Bay Area Tarot Group. She has a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy with emphasis in Psychology. Some of her more popular classes have been on the Tarot, the Lenormand System and covering open divination and scrying methods. Her teachers have included: Rana George, Mary Greer and Rachel Pollack among other great readers and authors. She attends the Reader's Studio in NYC, regularly, and has been a reader in private practice as well as at the NYS Renaissance Festival. She currently resides outside of Clearwater, Florida. Jean is a solitary Heathen and member of the Troth. She is currently studying Seidr and Trance Majick, as well as applying for entrance in to the Rune Guild.

### **Heathen Goddesses: the Divine Feminine In Northern European Paganism**

**Thursday ~ Blue Room ~ 1:30p - 3p**

*Co-taught by Rev. Amber Cannon* this course will begin with a brief history of Heathenism; it's belief system, and practices. The divine Feminine will be introduced with a discussion of the Norns, the Valkyries & the Disir. This will be followed by a study of five principle Goddesses. Pictures of Ves or altars will be shown for the participants to make honoring these goddesses part of their devotion if they should so choose. The class will end with a surprise gift to help with future reflection. (Ages 13 and up)

## **The Art of Scrying: How to Use Everyday Objects for Divination**

**Friday ~ Arts & Crafts ~ 3:30p - 5p**

The course will start with an introduction of divination, its meaning, & history. A discussion of states of consciousness will be followed by a group meditation to facilitate the scrying process. Participants are encouraged to bring their own personal scrying objects. Actual practice and readings will be conducted. The class will end with a discussion of symbology & how to interpret messages. (Ages 18 and up)

**Jessica Schattilly** first attended FPG Samhain 2013, and was blown away by how warmly she was welcomed into the Florida Pagan community. Since then, she has become a sponge - opening her mind and absorbing knowledge from various branches of Paganism. She considers herself an eclectic witch with a pull towards the traditions and workings of tribal cultures. As a mother, Jessica is keen on helping our next generation be kind and compassionate while affecting change in a positive way. During festival, you can usually find Jessica stretching her artistic soul with her camera or sketchbook and making memories with her Racer family. She loves to meet new people, so don't hesitate to say hello!

### **Human Paintbrush**

**Friday ~ Kids' Realm ~ 3:30p - 5p**

Help FPG with a one-of-a-kind art project by becoming a human paintbrush! Kids of all ages are welcome to take a trip down a water-based paint-filled slip n' slide and put loads of good vibes into a piece of Beltane 2016 history. Please wear a bathing suit or old clothes. (All ages)

## **L**

**Lady Dragonstaar** is former High Priestess and Principal Minister of the Church of Iron Oak, ATC. She has been actively involved in learning and sharing the Craft since 1987 with extensive training in English Traditional Craft and the Smith Path. As a member of the Pagan community in Florida for more than 20 years, Lady Dragonstaar has given her energies in supporting Florida festivals beginning with Freedom Fest in 1995, through its transition to FPG, to current times in such various roles as vendor, workshop provider, ritual, ritualmeister, and participant. In the mundane world, she holds a degree in Computer Graphics and brings over 40 years of extensive art experience. Lady Dragonstaar is a Director-at-Large for the Church of Iron Oak and currently walks a Solitary path in Eastern Virginia.

### **Artist Trading Card Make & Trade**

**Thursday ~ Arts & Crafts ~ 3:30p-5:30p**

This is a gathering of folks to create and swap small-scale art in a judgment-free zone! Bring your favorite art media and share the fun of creating with like-minded people in Sacred Space. Blank cards will be provided in either watercolor or Bristol board. All ages and all levels of ability are invited. Other participants will share some artistic media if you can't bring your own. Cards will be displayed, as they are finished, with a blind trade at the end of the session. The theme of this trade is GREEN. GREEN leaves, GREEN grass, GREEN critters, etc. Artist Trading Cards, or ATCs, were started in 1996 by a Swiss artist who wanted to start his own art collection but could not afford to purchase anything. So he established a standard size and began the custom of trading small works of art with other artists. There are only 2 rules: (1) The format MUST be 2.5" x 3.5", either landscape or portrait; and (2) You must give to receive. You may submit more than one card, if you wish, with a maximum of 3 cards for the session. However many you give you will get in exchange. Yes, you may make your ATC ahead of time to trade at the workshop (you'll miss out on all the joy of collaboration). The ATC Make & Trade will be conducted in Sacred Space. Now, let's have some fun!!

**Introduction to Zentangle®**  
**Friday ~ Arts & Crafts ~ 11a - 12:30p**

What is Zentangle®? The Zentangle Method® is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It increases focus and creativity and provides artistic satisfaction along with an increased sense of personal well-being. This process can be enjoyed across a wide range of skills, interests and ages and almost anyone can use it to create beautiful images. The process of creating a Zentangle® dovetails well with the Craft foundations of sacred space, grounding and centering, and creating a change in consciousness. The Zentangle Method® is unencumbered by dogma, expectation, or cost but is sufficiently structured and organized so you can enjoy and benefit from an activity that otherwise might be considered whimsical. Here you can experience ceremony, timelessness, creativity, and empowerment. You always succeed when you create Zentangle® art: it is meant to be non-representative with no up or down. Since it is not a picture of something, you have no worries or expectations about whether you can draw a hand or a duck. There are no mistakes when you bring deliberate artistry into your life. Anything is possible one stroke at a time. I am NOT a Certified Zentangle Instructor®. However, I do have many years of art experience and Craft instruction to enable me to bring this creative process to you for your enjoyment. Materials will be provided. Class size is limited to 20 participants due to materials cost. Introduction to Zentangle® will be conducted in Sacred Space. (Ages 10 and up)

O

Orianna is 21, married to James Baiardi, and they have a beautiful lil princess named Faith. Orianna has been attending festival since she was 11 yrs old and participating in the Celtic games since she was 12. She has been competing in the adult division from the beginning and has been in the top 3 ever since. She is very passionate about the games and is very happy about taking over as Queen.

**Celtic Games**  
**Thurs, Fri & Sat ~ Morrigan's Arena ~ 1:30p**

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! The Celtic Games of Beltaine 2016 announces a new Queen! Queen Corona will oversee her Coronation Games along with Marshal TJ! Come and celebrate with them through games of skill, speed, and might. Learn the ancient ways of the warrior through technique and chivalry. Bring your weapons of water with you to fight off the heat of battle. Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 1:30pm-5pm. All Ages Welcome! (All ages)

R

**Robert "Spider" Dolan** was introduced to fluting by a good friend of his in the fall of 2005. "He handed me a flute and showed me how to play it. I was skeptical at best because over the years I had tried repeatedly to be a musician to no avail. When I heard that sound coming from his flute and my flute at the same time, I was hooked." He started playing with the help of DVD and over a short period of time three to four weeks, the sound became better. "Spider" then decided to purchase a flute at a local Pow Wow and his collection of flutes began.

**You Can Play and Love It**  
**Friday ~ Vendors' Row ~ 11a - 12:30p**

The flute workshop is for those just starting out or just interested in the Native American flute. The workshop will cover the basics of playing a Native American flute including scales, fingering and special techniques. How to care for your flute, what to look for when buying a flute and a bit of the history of the instruments will be provided also be discussed. Whether you own a flute or not you can attend. Flutes will be for use during the workshop. We will also talk about and experience how to play overtone flutes. (Ages 10 and up)

**Robin Murphy-Ford (Macha)** of Robin's Mystic Insights and Metaphysical Services is a professional degreed musician and artist who has been in the metaphysical field as a Clairvoyant, Medium, and Teacher since the 1970s. She has presented several workshops for FPG in the past. During the Festival, in addition to her 2 workshops she offers Readings and Medium Sessions at a discounted rate. For more info and an appointment please contact MysticRMF@aol or visit her at one of her workshops.

**Past Life Regression – Remembering Lives Where You Worked with The Fairy World, Deities, and Elements of Beltaine.**

**Friday ~ Sanctuary ~ 1:30p - 3p**

This guided past life regression will cover 3 past lives in which you worked with the change in power with the changing of the seasons. The 2 fairy worlds are quite different and change with the seasons; at Samhain, Dark, and Beltaine, Light. As we welcome in the new light fairies it is the perfect time to reconnect to our past lives in which you worked with them, and the deities, and elements of Beltaine. This reconnection brings energy and knowledge from the past; enriching any work you choose to do at this time of year. Special anointing oil will be given to help you achieve this state and several gemstones to facilitate memories. The Gemstones can be used to continue your journeys after the workshop. **\*\*No children please\*\*** (Ages 21 and up)

**Perceiving the Light Fairies and Deities of Beltaine Around Ourselves and Others: a Medium Session Workshop**

**Saturday ~ Arts & Crafts ~ 11a - 12:30p**

This is a participation workshop. Beltaine is the perfect time to see and ask the Light Fairies and the deities of Beltaine to communicate with us. We will burn Mugwort for spirit communication prior to the workshop outside, hopefully by the May Pole. Special anointing oils and Gemstones will be supplied to assist your sight. Enjoy a guided meditation to meet a Beltaine Fairy and then time permitting, we'll pair off to see the fairies around others. **\*\*No children please\*\*** (Ages 21 and up)

**Roger Coleman** is a Principal Minister and founder of the Church of Iron Oak, ATC — and of Freedom Fest, the predecessor of the Florida Pagan Gathering. Roger was ordained in the Aquarian Tabernacle Church in 1992 and is now a Presiding Elder of the ATC Eastern United States District. He is a retired Senior Scientist and Harris Fellow with a half-century of experience in aerospace communications engineering, and the holder of multiple patents on inventions in the areas of communications, radar, RF engineering, and optics. Roger is the Lead Smith of the Guild of Govannan, a grove of smiths who develop techniques of casting and forging for athames and other magickal tools created in ritual space. The Guild has helped students of the Craft make their own magickal tools for 25 years. He has taught various forms of meditation workshops at a number of festivals across the United States for more than a decade. He has recently expanded his study of meditation using university level classes in Mindfulness Meditation, Neurology and Eastern Religions.

**Saging Ceremony for Max Maya**

**Thursday ~ Thunderdome ~ 3:30p - 5:30p**

The community is invited to come to a Saging celebration in honor of Max Maya. Roger Coleman created this ritual and is joined by the community, Father Sky Lodge, and Sisterhood of the Shield. (All ages)

**T**

**Temple of Earth Gathering:** We are the governing body and principle owners of the Florida Pagan Gathering. Formed in October of 2000, TEG was founded to continue the festival traditions started by our founder, Roger Coleman and the Church of Iron Oak, ATC. Temple of Earth Gathering is a registered non-profit and Church in the state of Florida.

**Temple of Earth Gathering Open House**

**Wednesday ~ Director's House ~ 8:30p**

Join the BOD for light refreshments and conversation. Have a chance to mingle and chat with the heads of FPG and Coordinators, Lugals and other guests.

**Town Hall Meeting**  
**Friday ~ Blue Room ~ 12:30p**

Come have a productive conversation with some of the board members and DCs. Share your ideas, your wants, needs and concerns with us in this lunchtime meeting. Bring your lunch with you. We will set up a few tables and chairs but you may want to bring a chair with you. If you're shy about speaking in front of others please feel free to write your questions, concerns or comments down and drop it off at one of the Town Hall boxes located around the site. You can find them at the Community Center, Registration and the Dining Hall. (Ages 18 and up)

**Terry Commean:** My name is Terry and I have been attending FPG since 2007. I am an eclectic oxymoron in my belief system but I find that is okay in this group of folks. Originally from Fort Lauderdale and now living in Deland, Florida.

**FPG Atmosphere Brainstorming Session**  
**Saturday ~ Community Center ~ 1:30p - 3p**

Terry hosts a meeting of members of FPG Atmosphere and anyone interested in brainstorming ideas and projects to bring to FPG. All are welcome to attend.

**TJ Bell:** My name is Thayne Bell my first time going to FPG was at 2007 and ever since then I have put everything I have into everything I do including the Celtic games I remember I was a winner at the age of 12 for the caber toss against the adults and Martial Arts is so much in my life I have been doing Martial Arts for a total of 13 years now. I'm Native American I believe in the Native American Spirituality I'm a proud Native. *\*TJ is co-hosting the Celtic Games with Orianna\**

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**Xyaida:** A practitioner of Elemental Magick for well over 20 years; Xyaida has been an active part of the Pagan Community in the NE US since 1999. She is an ACE Associate who helps coordinate the Magickal Torches for the Starwood Festival bonfire. Since 2007 she has been a part of the Administration at Grey School of Wizardry (GSW). When she closed her business in Chautauqua County, NY she has slowly found herself moving south. Recently she and her fiancé live in Jacksonville, FL with other Brushwoodians who have found their way to the "Sunshine State"!

**Wizardly Education Advancements**  
**Saturday ~ Thunderdome ~ 1:30p - 3:30p**

Have you ever wondered about the how Imotep influenced his King or how Merlin was so trusted by his? This came from their position as Royal Vizier or Counsel; when Magick and Politics were blended together. Their knowledge and their ability to "see" that became their skills. At "Grey School of Wizardry", the Magick School founded by Oberon Zell-Ravenheart, these skills are taught. With students accepted from age 11 through adults many have been able to dig deeper into their studies to seek further wisdom. In this workshop we will discuss all of this and more regarding Wizardry and the advancements which have been made since the doors opened for Grey School over 12 years ago. (All ages)

## Vendor Information:

Visit our Vendors' Row, located near the Forest Gate and Sanctuary, to visit any of these fine vendors:

- **Spidersong Flutes:** I try to make a flute that is pleasing to both the ear and the eye; selection of singing bowls and traveling didgeridoos spidersongflutes.com
- **Mind's Eye Graphics** is the place for all your fantasy t-shirt needs. We carry a wide range of designs and sizes from small to 5XL.
- **Mobile Massage by Scott:** Scott is a Licensed Massage Therapist and Reiki Master; book early, times fill quickly. www.mobilemassagebyscott.com
- **Nightbird's Journey:** Everything from incense to jewelry, divination to statuary. Special orders before and after. www.nightbirdsjourney.com
- **Rainbow Dragon Dreamz Mama Vic:** tools from the Earth in many forms. www.rainbowdragondreamz.com 270-994-6949 or labrysamazon@gmail.com.
- **Moonraven Apothecary LLC:** Licensed Massage Therapists, Reiki Master Practitioner Teacher, AUMAKHUA-KI®, moonravenapothecary@gmail.com, www.moonravenapothecary.com; Crystals/Stones; Herbs; more
- **Silver Bow Consignment:** New and gently used Pagan and metaphysical goods www.silverbowconsignment.com
- **Fashion by Mistie**
- **Isabella's Arbor**
- **WAJA Creations**

## Food Vendor Information:

### Feed My Spirit

- \*\$60 for ages 13 and Up
- \*\$30 for kids ages 5-12
- \*Free for kids under 5 with a paying adult

Limited Meal Plan Cereals, toast, fruit and cottage cheese at breakfast; unlimited salad bar and soup at lunch and dinner.

- \*\$40 for ages 13 and Up
- \*\$15 for kids ages 5-12

À la carte meals:

- \*\$4 each for breakfast
- \*\$6 for lunch
- \*\$8 for dinner
- \*\$5 Salad bar à la carte

Meal Times:

- Breakfast: 7:30a-9:00a
- Lunch: 12:00p-1:30p
- Dinner: 5:30p-7p

### DRAGONZ LAIR VITTELEZ

WE TAKE CREDIT CARDS.

- \$9 PULLED PORK SANDWICHES
- \$7 SMOKED CHICKEN NACHOS
- \$3 BLACK BEANS AND RICE
- \$5 ROSEMARY ROASTED POTATOES
- \$10 AUTHENTIC INDIAN TACOS
- \$1 COFFEE, WATER, OR LEMONADE

## **FPG Rules and Event Guidelines:**

### **Arriving at FPG:**

The gates at FPG open for guests at 3pm on Wednesday. Vendors may arrive at 9am on Wednesday. Retreats by the Lake is not available for private camping the days leading up to or after FPG.

All adults are required to show their photo IDs when signing in regardless of whether or not they are pre-registered. All adults are also required to sign a release agreement and camera usage policy to complete their registration process.

Anyone who refuses to sign these documents will not be allowed to attend FPG.

A Festival Handbook will be provided to you at sign in. The handbook contains information about events, workshop schedules, bios and other useful information.

Guests who arrive in the middle of the night will be put up for the night in available space so that they don't have to set up their camp in the dark.

### **Leaving FPG:**

The gates at FPG are open until midnight during the duration of the Festival. The gate will be open for 20 minutes at 1 AM and 2AM to facilitate people leaving or returning. The gate is manned by staff and everyone who comes through the gate is required to show their festival wristbands. All Festival guests must leave camp by 1pm on Sunday.

### **Parking:**

Vehicle traffic through camp is not permitted except for Campground and Gathering staff service vehicles and emergency vehicles. After checking in, all guests will have 45 minutes to locate their cabin or campsite and unload. After 45 minutes all guests will be required to move their vehicles to the parking lot. There is no driving allowed in the forest area unless otherwise permitted by a member of Gate staff. Handicap parking is available near the entrance to the camp. Preference is given to those guests with state issued handicap license plates and placards. If you require handicap parking because of a recent injury but do not have a state issued plate or placard please visit registration. Remember to refrain from venturing out to the parking lot after dark. If you need to return to your car after dark please have someone accompany you, bring a flashlight or lantern and be aware of potential wildlife hazards. A trolley will be around every 15-20 minutes.

### **Campsites:**

Campsites are first come, first serve. There are no assigned campsites. Areas near workshop and event sites will be marked off as no camping. Do not camp outside of the fenced area. Areas too close to the shore of Tiger Lake and the lagoon are deemed dangerous due to their proximity to wildlife habitats (Bears, Coyotes, Boars, Alligators, Bobcats, etc.) and for your safety camping in these areas is prohibited

All camping is primitive and electricity is not available except to those guests who have a legitimate, medical need for it, such as for CPAP and Lymphapress machines, etc. If you are in need of electricity for medical purposes please see the BOD in Emerald City for a special tag for your extension cord. You must provide your own extension cord for your medical devices. Access to electricity for medical equipment is for that equipment only and not to be used to plug in luxuries such as lights, fans, heaters, cooking devices or other electronics. Extension cords are not to be run out of windows and doors due to risk of electrocution.

Tiki torches and fire bowls are allowed but must never be left unattended while in use. Unattended flames will be extinguished. **AT NO TIME ARE GROUND FIRES PERMITTED IN PERSONAL CAMPSITES.** Ash should be disposed of in the silver cans provided near the entrance to the Forest and against the fence on the pool side of the lake. **DO NOT DISPOSE OF YOUR ASH ON THE GROUND EVEN IF YOU'VE SOAKED IT FIRST!**

Please only take as much space as you and your group needs to be reasonably comfortable so that other campers may have space to camp. Remember to be polite and neighborly to your fellow festival goers so that all may have a good time.

### **Cabin/Lodge Usage:**

Cabin/Lodge usage is available to any guest who registered and paid for a cabin/lodge bunk only. All cabins/lodges have central heat and air conditioning, bathrooms with toilets, sinks and showers, and either 4 bunk beds (Cabins A-D) or up to 8 bunk beds (Cabins E-J) are all handicap accessible and have handicap shower and restrooms. Guests may request to be in a specific cabin by emailing Bobbi-Jo at [register@flapagan.org](mailto:register@flapagan.org) and requesting a specific cabin. There must be 1 fully paid registration for each bunk purchased. All cabin bunks are first come, first serve.

Specific bunks (such as lower bunks and single beds) can be reserved by guests with legitimate medical need or

physical restrictions only. We ask that those guests who purchase a cabin/lodge bunk but plan on camping please allow those other guests in the cabin/lodge access to the lower bunks. Cooking, smoking, and burning of candles and/or incense inside cabins/lodges in strictly forbidden; this is not a new rule. Please review the list of rules for further important information regarding cabins/lodges.

**Lodges:** There are 7 two room lodges available for rent. Each lodge is equipped with a bathroom and kitchen. Cooking is allowed in the lodges. Open flames and grilling are not allowed inside the Lodges. Guests will need to bring their own cooking, eating and cleaning supplies for the kitchen.

#### **On-Site Facilities**

Indoor bathroom/shower facilities and cold water spigots are available for guest use. Please be polite if you need to enter a campsite to access the water spigot. Likewise, if your campsite is near a water spigot, please allow access to the spigot to those who need it. All water must be carried back to your site for drinking and cleaning. At no time are dishes or cooking materials allowed to be washed in the bathroom sinks or showers.

If you plan on cooking while at FPG please be sure to bring your own cooking and cleaning materials. Grills are welcome to be used. Cooking is not allowed in any of the cabins. This includes coffee pots, crock pots, hot plates, microwaves, electric tea kettles, etc (this is not a new rule, cooking has never been allowed in cabins at any time).

Any problems with buildings or cabins/lodges (such as broken lights, clogged toilets and other plumbing issues, problems with the central heat or a/c) can be reported to the staff office located between the dining hall and the Blue Room. Or to the on duty Coordinator after office hours, find a staff person with a radio to do that for you.

Cell phones will work throughout most of the campground and the surrounding area, depending on which service provider you have. Internet WiFi is not available. Cell phone charging stations are located in the Porch and the Dining Hall. AT&T is the best supported provider in the area.

**Animal Safety:** No hunting, fishing, plant foraging or wood cutting is allowed.

We are very fortunate to be able to share our festival space with many of Mother Nature's most majestic creatures. The forest surrounding The camp is a home to many animals that we don't get to see very often. Some of these include bears, boars and wild pigs, snakes, alligators, coyotes and bobcats. If you happen to see any of these animals in passing, please do not approach them. If an animal reacts to your presence then you are too close to it. Leave the area immediately and report their presence to a staff member or to the Guardians. Never feed a wild animal. Do not keep coolers or food inside or next to your tent and dispose of your trash daily.

#### **Alcohol and Tobacco Usage:**

Alcohol may only be consumed by adults over the age of 21. Cigarettes, cigars, and other tobacco products (both smoking and non-smoking) are only to be used by persons 18 years of age or over. This is the law. Please moderate your alcohol consumption to within your own reasonable limits. If you are so intoxicated to the point that your behavior is unacceptable, you will be asked to return to your campsite or cabin. Also, if you are a smoker, please be mindful of where you are smoking. Refrain from smoking in outdoor workshop and event areas. Smoke and vape away from the workshop and downwind from other people. There is absolutely no smoking or vaping inside Cabins, Lodges and other buildings or near places where a no smoking sign has been posted.

#### **Respectable and Responsible Conduct:**

All guests and staff are responsible for themselves and any minors in their charge. All guests and staff are expected to be tolerant of others regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation, religious tradition and any other way that a person differs from you. We expect that our guests and staff conduct themselves as mature, reasonable and responsible adults and are respectful of their fellow guests, FPG staff, the TEG Board of Directors, the Managers and employees of Retreats by the Lake, the Retreats by the Lake property and the property of others. Any harassment, stalking behavior or unwanted touch should be reported to the Guardians, Coordinator on duty, or the Board of Directors in Emerald City immediately so we can assist you to resolve this issue or report it to the authorities when applicable. Please be mindful of your personal needs. Come to festival prepared with adequate food, clothing and supplies. Remember any medications or medical equipment that you need for your stay at camp.

#### **Sound and Noise:**

FPG has designated quieter camping areas. Please note that the campsite is very large and open and sound travels far. Drumming can be heard all over site, sometimes as late at 3am. Please be mindful of your noise wherever you are. Examples of this include, lowering the volume of your socialization very late at night in campsites (ie: after 1am),

being careful of noise when returning to your cabin, speaking or shouting near workshop or event venues during workshop times, etc.

**Personal Communication:**

FPG is a place where all Pagans can gather together to form a community and celebrate our faith. We do not take sides in Witch Wars or drama that may be plaguing a group outside of FPG. We expect that drama be left at the gate so that all may enjoy what FPG has to offer. All FPG guests and staff are expected to respect the personal space of each other and to communicate with each other in a respectful manner. If you find yourself in a position where your personal space is being encroached upon, it is your responsibility to communicate with that person about it. Be clear and forthcoming but try to be kind and understand that they may not mean to make you feel uncomfortable but be firm if you must. If at any time you feel unsafe find a Guardian, Coordinator on duty, staff, or Board member.

**Sexuality:**

Pagans are a very loving group of people who very rarely have hesitations about embracing a stranger in a friendly hug or kiss. However, this does not mean that anyone has the right to invade your personal space or behave objectionably around you with regards to physical contact or sexual behavior and you have every right to say NO and request that the individual stop immediately. If the individual has not stopped once you have asked them to, find a staff person or Guardian immediately for assistance. At times participants have found that the welcoming and accepting environment of FPG allows them to get involved in new sexual relationships. Sometimes they do so without considering the impact these new relationships will have on existing relationships as well as their own feelings. Be mindful of these situations and think before you act. Only sex between consenting adults is permitted, and sexual activity needs to be done in private personal space (the showers are not personal space). Please use discretion. Remember that there may be children sleeping within earshot of your tent or in your cabin and other adults may not wish to be an unwilling participant in your sexual experience. Practice safe sex and insist your partner(s) practice safe sex also. Condoms are available at Guardian Camp if needed. Anyone under the age of 18 cannot give consent for any sexual advances. People who are inebriated cannot give consent.

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