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Lammas 2000

About the EarthTides Pagan Network

The Maine Pagan community is diverse, independent and geographically distant. We worship in groups or alone, but sometimes need contact and a shared forum to express our ideas and concerns for this community.

The EarthTides Pagan Network was established in 1989 as a support resource for Maine Pagans. All solitaires and groups are welcome to join. Some may choose simply to receive this newsletter. Those who wish to be listed among our contacts or vote on organizational matters must sign our Standards.

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Where does the time go?

By Starcat

It seems like the summer just arrived, and yet it is Lammas, time of the first harvest. For the moment, my family and I are still "city pagans," yet we've been frequenting the Farmer's Market, camping out as often as we can, and enjoying long evening walks. This is the time of year when we start to notice that it's getting dark a little earlier, and wonder how high summer went by so quickly.

Not only is Lammas the time for celebration of the first harvest, but it is also time to begin to gear up for the busier harvest season ahead. Even if you don't have a physical farm or garden, it is a time for "spiritual housecleaning," to prepare yourself to reap what you have sown, and to germinate ideas for your next planting.

Time is one theme of this holiday, as we watch the wheel begins to turn to the dark half of the year once again. It is important to examine what we do with our time, and how that reflects our priorities. While the lazy days of summer are still with us, pause and reflect on how best to balance your schedule so that you have time for the people and activities that you hold dear. Don't forget YOU; it is important to nurture yourself, so that you have the energy to share with others.

Take a look at the status of projects and work that you planted this spring. Think back to what you were focusing on earlier in the year; consult your journal if you keep one. Are you ready now to reap the rewards of those plantings? Are they "ripe" yet? What changes or final touches can you contribute to them as the time draws near?

As you explore your harvest, keep in mind the Threefold Law (and other variations of this idea, which states that what you send out returns to you threefold. In applying this to our creative projects and magickal work, we must realize that we do not set the terms of the return. It might not be what we expected -- but it might be what

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NETWORKING

The people and groups listed here are mentioned because they have done two things: They have volunteered to serve as points of contact for those seeking Pagan community, and they have signed the EPN Standards, which pledges them to follow a set of basic rules of ethical conduct. Any person or group may be listed here by subscribing to this newsletter and agreeing to those Standards; please contact EPN to arrange such a listing.

EPN has no interest in serving as the "Pagan police," and explicitly supports the autonomy of each person and group in matters of faith, belief and worship. The Maine Pagan community encompasses a wide variety of people and practices, and seekers are cautioned that any person or activity that makes you uncomfortable is probably wrong for you.

Groups and individuals who seek networking opportunities but are reluctant to sign the Standards are encouraged to take advantage of our advertising columns.

AUGUSTA AREA

Bill and Johanna Chellis. Pantheists working with the circle, wheel and labyrinth. 685-3860

Immanent Grove. A fellowship of practicing Pagans of all persuasions. Members pursue their own personal relationships with the Gods. We're interested in corresponding with experienced Pagans who would like to work with us. Harper/Arwen, Immanent Grove, P.O. Box 233, Readfield, ME 04355

Wahtonah Grove. A Pagan Circle honoring a variety of traditions, dedicated to seeking knowledge and understanding, as well as to good friendship. Area, tsiganka@prodigy.net

OXFORD HILLS AREA

Khyrohn Ni Mara. Eclectic Wiccan focusing on healing through herbs and drumming. RR1 Box 2606, N. Waterford, ME 04267. 583-4215.

PORTLAND/YORK COUNTY

Temple of Brigantia. Wiccan group honoring the Goddesses and Gods of Britain and Rome. Offering open Full Moon rituals and accepting selected candidates for apprenticeship. Jane/Cassius, 646-6634 or temple@janeraeburn.com

WATERVILLE AREA

MoonGoddess. Eclectic Wicca and Women's Spirituality; area networking online. Mmmoongoddess@yahoo.com or 873-0528.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Deaf Pagans. I would love to meet Deaf adults who are Pagan and other Pagan parents of Deaf children. Ede, 353-6202 (V/TTY) or ede@clinic.net

PanCraft. Pagan artists, musicians and others beloved of the Muses get together to share their work and honor the Deities who inspire them. Harper and Arwen, P.O. Box 233, Readfield, ME 04355

ONLINE RESOURCES

EPN Web site, <http://www.mix-net.net/~annmarie/earthtides>

Maine Pagan Resource Page, <http://www.janeraeburn.com/maine>

Maine Pagan Mailing List, to join send blank e-mail to mepagan-subscribe@egroups.com

EPN Mailing List (open to newsletter subscribers only), to join send blank e-mail to earthtides-subscribe@egroups.com

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CALENDAR

As a service to the Pagan community, we seek to list as many events as possible that would be of interest to Maine Pagans. You need not be a member of EPN, or even a subscriber to this newsletter, to list an event here. All we ask is that events be non-profit -- that is, that any fees for participating not exceed the reasonable cost of putting on the event -- and submitted to us by e-mail or post by the publication deadline. (Those planning for-profit events are welcome to avail themselves of our very affordable advertising opportunities.)

We make no claim as to the value or safety of any of these events, and caution our readers to rely on their own best judgment when assessing any situation, particularly those involving strangers. That said, we also encourage you to participate in as wide a spectrum of the Pagan community as you can, both for your own enjoyment and because our community needs your positive energy and good fellowship

JULY

22 Saturday

Mead Making Workshop offered by Immanent Grove. We'll be covering basic techniques and equipment, and RSVP (applebooks@ctel.net or 377-3967) is a must. Workshop will be held in Readfield at 34 Church Road (off Rt. 17, two houses past the brick church).

23 Sunday

Pagan Student Association summer meeting, Portland. All are welcome! The business part of the meeting will be from 3-4, followed by a potluck BBQ, social afterwards. Please RSVP Morgan at 871-1245 or Janine at 878-8030 for directions and more info.

24 Monday

Last Quarter Moon in Taurus, 6:02 a.m.

25 Tuesday

Goddess 2000 planning meeting, 7 to 9 p.m., Old Brick Church, corner of Union and Main streets, Bangor.

29 Saturday

Lughnasadh Revel, Denmark. Free event with primitive camping, but bring some canned goods for the local food bank. For more information, e-mail Aracos, meb@goodphotos.com.

30 Sunday

Immanent Grove Lammas, 2p.m., Ironwood Hollow in central Maine. Bring food to share. Persons under 18 are welcome with a custodial parent. Bug repellent of your choice suggested.

31 Monday

New Moon in Leo, 9:25 p.m.

AUGUST

1 Tuesday

Lammas/Lughnasadh. Summer harvest festival.

4-6 Friday-Sunday

Maine Arts Festival, Thomas Point Beach, Brunswick. Not a Pagan event per se, but a celebration of Maine artists, musicians and craftspeople. Look for the EPN booth in the Community section.

5 Saturday

Lammas ritual, Circle of the Silver Cauldron, Wells, 7 p.m. E-mail thea@1oa.com for more information.

6 Sunday

First Quarter Moon in Scorpio, 8:02p.m.

13 Sunday

Open Full Moon Ritual, Temple of Brigantia, 7:30 p.m. Potluck supper to follow. E-mail temple@janeraeburn.com or call 646-6634 for information.

15 Tuesday

Full Moon in Aquarius, 12:13 a.m.

19 Wednesday

Celtic Knotwork Workshop offered by Immanent Grove, 2 p.m., 34 Church Road, Readfield (off Rt. 17, two houses past the brick church). For more information contact Melissa, mmmoongoddess@yahoo.com.

22 Tuesday

Last Quarter Moon in Taurus, 1:51 p.m.

29 Tuesday

New Moon in Virgo, 5:19 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

5 Tuesday

First Quarter Moon in Sagittarius, 11:27a.m.

13 Wednesday

Open Full Moon Ritual, Temple of Brigantia, 7:30 p.m. Potluck supper to follow. E-mail temple@janeraeburn.com or call 646-6634 for information.

Full Moon in Pisces, 2:37p.m.

16 Sunday

EarthTides Pagan Network Council meeting, 2 p.m., Waterville area. First meeting of the reformed Board of Directors. Open Mabon ritual (tentative), Immanent Grove, Ironwood Circle, Sidney. Ritual will include burning the Summer King. E-mail applebooks@ctel.net or call 377-3967 to confirm.

Aesir to Zeus: Reviews of Pagan-Related Publications

By Harper Meader and Arwen Evenstar

Ritual, by Emma Restall Orr (\$16 list price). For all of who were so inspired by Emma's recent weekend workshop in Portland, and for all who follow the Druid's path, this book is a must-read. The author, Joint Chief of the British Druid Order, presents ideas for both solar and lunar rituals, rites of passage, healing and empowerment. Her work is based on the sacredness of the earth, and is accessible to all.

Earth Divination, Earth Magic, a Practical Guide to Geomancy, by John Michael Greer (\$12.95 list price), is a pretty interesting offering by the author of *Circles of Power* and other books on Western magical systems. Geomancy, or earth divination, was well-known in medieval Europe, but is virtually unknown today. Greer has translated some of the writings from the fourteenth century on the topic, presenting the system in a clear and easy-to-grasp format. The method is simple, yet can generate answers as detailed as the querent wishes.

Earthtime, Moontime, by Annette Hinshaw (\$12.95 list) is a series of thoughtful essays on the meanings, history, personal magic possibilities, etc., for each moon in a full lunar year. Hinshaw presents her information well, explaining her reasoning and definitions where appropriate, while still leaving plenty of room for personal interpretation. I think this is a good addition to the shelf, filling a niche in Pagan lore that isn't all that well covered otherwise.

Meeting the Monkey Halfway, by Ajahn Sumano Bhikku and Emily Popp (\$9.95 list), a new offering from Weiser, is a spiritual instruction book that presents perspectives from the Buddha's view of the world and is offered as a remedial treatment. The authors offer meditation guidance, thoughts on compassion, forgiveness, and

many wise affirmations, as well as discussion of a process Bhikku calls "unraveling."

Celtic Mysteries in New England, by Philip Imbrogno and Marianne Horrigan (\$12.95 list) explores the stories and theories surrounding some of the mysterious archaeological sites in New England, including Mystery Hill in New Hampshire and numerous stone chambers in New York. The authors make a good case that there is "something there," but other than that the conclusions are murky, to say the least. They imply some seamless connection between the Gods and UFO sightings that still eludes

Witches' Night Out, by Silver Ravenwolf (\$4.99 list) is Young Adult fiction for those interested in Wicca, the first in a series called "Witches' Chillers." From the back: "Bethany Salem is a pretty normal 16-year-old, except for one thing...she's a Witch! When Bethany's boyfriend Joe dies in a mysterious car accident, she vows to find his killer. But when she calls on the magical Hounds of the Wild Hunt to catch the murderer, the members of the Witches' Night Out coven get more than they bargained for. Will they catch Joe's killer in time, or will the killer catch them?"



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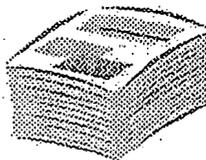
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PROCEEDINGS

These are the minutes of the EPN Council meeting held July 2. Before you say "Gods, how boring," and skip to the next page, check out this account and the revised Bylaws which follow. We've enacted some significant changes. Among other things, you, yes you, can be a member of our Board of Directors. In fact, there are some very significant jobs open right now. We need your energy to help us reach Pagans who need community and information, and reach a wider community through education and goodwill.

The next meeting is Sept. 16 in Waterville. Any member or subscriber can attend. Please e-mail earthtides@celticweb.com, call Jane at 646-6634, or write to EPN, P.O. Box 161, E. Winthrop, ME 04343 if you want directions.

EarthTides Pagan Network Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting July 2, 2000

Present: President Eric, Recording Secretary Marilyn, Treasurer Aree, Ann Marie (voting proxy as Alternative Solitary Representative), Arwen, Melissa

The meeting opened at 2:10 p.m. Minutes of the quarterly meeting of 4/22/00 were posted by the Recording Secretary on the EPN electronic discussion list at 5 p.m. 7/1/00, with apologies from the Secretary for their lateness. If any changes to the minutes are received, the Secretary will post them in future minutes.

Spring Thing 2001: Arwen announced that we have sent a check to reserve a weekend for Spring Thing 2001, but that we have received no confirmation of our reservation, even after repeated phone calls. Given that the costs at our traditional venue rose from \$200 to \$400 for a weekend, we did put out a call for suggestions for alternate meeting places, but couldn't find any locations that were less expensive. At present, we expect to have the space reserved for either the weekend before or

after Easter (4/6 - 4/8/01, or 4/20 - 4/22/01 as our second choice).

Eric said that while he and Arwen enjoy doing Spring Thing, they were willing to have someone else organize it. The Board and all members present were unanimous in their support of Eric and Arwen to run Spring Thing again, but they decided to put a note on the EPN discussion list, saying that if anyone wanted to run Spring Thing 2001, they should say so by Mabon 2000.

Maine Arts Festival: Marilyn announced that EPN will have a booth in the Arts & Community tent at the Maine Arts Festival in Brunswick, Maine on August 4, 5, and 6. She has had four volunteers to help run the booth, and Apple Valley Books will vend. We will also offer a 40-minute panel discussion on Paganism in Maine as we do at the Common Ground Fair. Melissa agreed to organize the panel, which we intend to do on Saturday afternoon, unless the schedule is already full then. Marilyn will put an announcement out asking for more volunteers on the EPN discussion list.

Membership It was decided that we would ask Associate Members (those adults living out of state) to sign the Standards if they wished to be considered as Associate

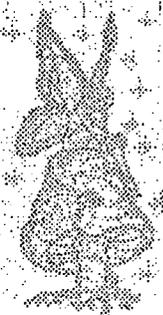


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Minutes

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Members instead of Subscribers.

Bylaws Eric presented a draft of the revised Bylaws to allow for a one-person, one-vote system to replace the current group representation method. He also incorporated some suggestions that were put on the EPN e-list. It was recognized that the composition of the Board might fluctuate under the proposed system, and it would be the responsibility of Board members to know that they were eligible to vote, and to be sure their votes were registered in timely fashion. A lengthy discussion ensued, during which the draft was reviewed, edited, and questioned. After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened at 4 p.m. Marilyn **MOVED** acceptance of the Bylaws as recrafted by Eric and amended during discussion; Arwen **SECONDED** the motion, and it **PASSED** unanimously.

As of passage of the revised Bylaws, the two Solitary Representatives (Jane and Marilyn) and the Alternate Solitary Representative (Ann Marie) no longer have voting responsibility to the Solitary constituency, and are therefore eligible to join any Pagan group.

For the record, the current Corporate Officers and their terms of office are as follows:

President: Eric (term ending 12/31/02)

Vice President: Jane (term ending 12/31/02)

Recording Secretary: Marilyn (term ending 12/31/01)

Corresponding Secretary: Jane (term ending 12/31/01)

Treasurer: Aree (term ending 12/31/02)

Any EPN full member in good standing may run for these offices as they come up for election; notice of elections will be published in the EPNN.

Additional Board Members. Eric **MOVED** that Arwen be appointed to the Board of Directors as Interfaith Coordinator to act as liaison with other clergy and religious organizations to help maintain a Pagan presence in the religious communities of Maine. Aree **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

Arwen **MOVED** that Melissa be appointed to the Board as Membership Coordinator, to help the Treasurer and the Corresponding Secretary maintain the membership lists, and to encourage membership in EPN. Eric **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

Marilyn **MOVED** that Ann Marie be appointed to the Board as Publications Coordinator, with the responsibilities of maintaining copies of our pamphlets and other publications, to be made available upon request, and maintaining the EPN Web Page. Arwen **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED** unanimously.

It was also noted that the current EPNN editor, Jane, was already a Board member; this is in keeping with the intent of the Board that the job of Newsletter Editor be a Board position.

Volunteer Wish List. The Board then discussed various positions they would like to see filled, preferably by people not already on the Board. These represent various tasks of EPN which have been carried out by many people over the years, and which are essential to the continuation of the



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organization. They include:

- ☆ *Outreach Coordinator* (Board position): This person would take responsibility for finding people to coordinate the various fairs and booths in which EPN participates; the Coordinator would not necessarily have to coordinate all those activities, but would be responsible for seeing that someone was doing the work.
- ☆ *Events Coordinator* (Board position): This person would take responsibility for finding people to coordinate the various retreats and other EPN-sponsored events throughout the year. Again, the Coordinator would not necessarily do each event, but rather would ensure that the necessary work was getting done.
- ☆ *Publicity/Media Coordinator* (Board position): This person would need to be a comfortably "out" Pagan, willing to talk with the media about Pagan issues on EPN's behalf. While we have sometimes linked this work with the Vice President's responsibilities, we cannot always guarantee that the VP elected or appointed will be able to take on this responsibility, and so it could become a separate position.

Any volunteers wishing to apply for any of these positions are encouraged to contact Eric at applebooks@ctel.net, or to write to EPN at P.O. Box 161, East Winthrop, ME 04343.

We also discussed the immediate need for someone to create and maintain the graphics for an EPN poster which could be made available on our Web site and easily copied by anyone for paper distribution. This poster could include announcements of our various events, or a copy of the calendar from the newsletter. If successful, this could be a way of decreasing our drop copies without sacrificing our outreach. Instead of sending 12 drop copies to a health food store, an EPN member who lives in the area could make copies of the poster from the Web page and leave those at the health food store instead. Aree said she would ask Carol Ann if she would be willing to take on this job, which would come under the oversight of the Publications Coordinator.

After a brief recess, the meeting resumed at 5:15 p.m.

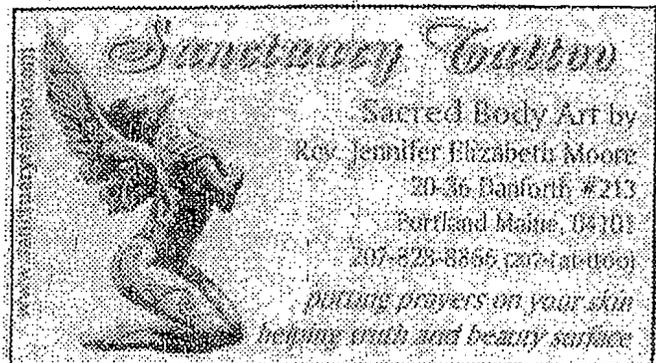
Teen Pamphlet Ann Marie presented a final version of the texts for the Teen Pamphlet, which were received with great approval. We devised a list of recommended resources, and approved publication of the pamphlet, to be ready for distribution at the Maine Arts Festival in August.

Treasurer's Report Aree reported a balance of roughly \$593 in our checkbook, with a few donations received but not yet deposited. This compares with roughly \$824 in the account in June of 1999. We hoped that our involvement in the Maine Arts Festival would bring in some additional money to help us with printing materials for the Common Ground Fair, our biggest influx of funds each year. At present, we have 35 active full members (i.e. paid up), 39 subscribers, and 5 advertisers, with a few members outstanding in their dues.

Next Quarterly Meeting The next Quarterly Meeting of the EPN Board will be on September 16, 2000, at 2 p.m. in Waterville.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
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By-Laws of The EarthTides Pagan Network, An Organization of Maine Pagans

I. Board of Directors

A. Composition. EarthTides Pagan Network (hereinafter called EPN) shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the Corporate Officers (a president, a vice-president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a treasurer and other members responsible for specific leadership roles (e.g. chairpersons of standing committees) necessary to do the work of the organization. The Board is responsible for decision-making and day-to-day operations between quarterly meetings. Its duties shall include the setting up and assisting of both standing and ad hoc committees, administration of EPN funds, attention to all legal issues, maintaining such correspondence as shall be necessary, and the keeping of all official records.

B. Officers. Corporate Officers shall be elected by the EPN membership for terms of approximately three (3) years corresponding to the annual meeting dates. Any Officer may be removed from office by a vote of three-quarters of the Board. The president shall appoint from among the membership a temporary officer who will serve until an election can be held to fill the position. Officers not able to attend any meeting may vote by written proxy or e-mail. Any full member in good standing may be appointed to the Board of Directors or stand for election, and must remain in good standing to remain in office.

C. Election of Officers. In the Mabon issue of the EPN Newsletter (hereinafter EPNN), notification will be given announcing a request for candidates. Candidates will send biographical information and position statements to EPNN before the deadline for the Samhain issue, in which this information as well as ballots will be published. Ballots must be mailed to the Board of Directors at least two weeks before publication deadline of

the Yule edition of EPNN, in which the election results will be published. Ballots will be counted by at least two members of the Board. The candidate for any office who receives the greatest number of votes will win the election.

D. Meetings. The Board of Directors shall call an annual meeting of EPN between Yule and the Spring Equinox, and shall call three additional EPN meetings approximately quarterly each year. Notice shall be published in the preceding EPNN and on the EPN electronic discussion list. Additional EPN meetings may be held if needed. Attendance at these meetings shall be open and free to all EPN members and subscribers to the EPNN in good standing. All questions brought to a vote at these meetings shall be decided by a majority vote of all full members present, except as provided for in section IV, paragraph C.

E. Closed Session Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet in closed session in the event of personnel or legal issues in which involved parties are due a degree of privacy and discretion.

II. Members

A. Full Members. Full members of EPN shall be defined as those adult residents of the State of Maine whose annual dues are paid up to date and who have signified their agreement to the EPN Standards of conduct by signing the Standards document. Membership shall lapse if dues are more than one month in arrears.

B. Associate Members. Associate members of EPN shall be defined as adults residing outside the State of Maine whose annual dues are paid up to date and who have signified their agreement to the EPN Standards of conduct by signing the Standards document. Membership shall lapse if dues are more than one month in arrears. Associate members may not vote or hold office, but are welcome to attend and speak at annual and quarterly meetings.

C. Annual Dues. Annual dues for both full and associate members shall be set at \$11.00 per person or household, and shall include a subscription to EPNN.

III. Clergy

A. One of the functions of EarthTides is to provide an avenue for the ordination of solitary clergy who will meet legal requirements in the State of Maine. (While congregations may incorporate as Independent Local Churches under Maine law, and thus designate their own clergy, the law makes no provision for solitaries to do the same.) Ordained clergy shall perform all legally binding ceremonies and appropriate clerical functions as specified by both the beliefs of their own traditions and local and state law. Ordained clergy must maintain full membership in EPN.

B. The procedures for ordination will be as follows: First, the candidate must be recommended to the Board of Directors by the Ordination Committee. Second, the candidate must meet the approval of whatever criteria the Board deems appropriate and be approved by a unanimous vote of the Board for provisional ordination. There shall be a year and a day probationary period, followed by a vote by the Board for final ordination. Final ordination shall require a unanimous vote of the Board. Failure to receive final ordination revokes provisional ordination. Normal disciplinary procedures shall apply to probationary ministers with the exceptions noted.

C. Before each annual meeting, all clergy shall provide the Board of Directors with an annual account of how they have been using their ministry. Any minister not reporting or having not used her/his ministry during the past year, or who is no longer a full member of EPN, may, at the discretion of the Board, be moved to inactive status. Any minister so inactivated shall be notified by mail at her/his last known address. Inactive ministers may not perform any legal ceremonies under the auspices of EPN. Inactive ministers may petition the Board for reactivation at any time. The Board shall consider all requests at its earliest convenience.

D. Ministers must comply with all local, state, and federal laws and procedures regarding their official functions. Failure to

comply will be grounds for immediate action by the Board.

E. A minister may also be moved to inactive status for disciplinary reasons by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Reactivation of an inactive minister shall require a two-thirds vote of the Board. Reactivated ministers are on probation for a year and a day. Ministers may be defrocked (stripped of their ministerial credentials) by an 80% vote of the Board (excluding any members of the minister's own congregation). Defrocking shall require a vote of deactivation, followed by a minimum of one month's waiting period, followed by a Board meeting of which the full membership has been informed of the agenda. Failure by the Board to reactivate or defrock an inactive minister leaves that minister inactive. The Board may move to defrock any minister on probation without first deactivating him or her. Deactivation and defrocking shall have no effect on an individual's membership in the organization.

IV. Other Procedural Notes

A. A quorum for any official Board meeting shall consist of a majority of the Corporate Officers, either in person or by mail, e-mail, telephone, or written proxy.

B. In the event of dissolution of EarthTides Pagan Network, all assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of the county in which the principal office of EPN is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

C. These Bylaws, as well as any other major document, may only be amended by affirmative vote of 80% of the members voting at an annual or quarterly meeting.

TIME

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we really need. Or it might take longer than we thought to mature (there's that pesky "time" factor again).

Remember to save new ideas and projects for the "second planting." A friend of mine says that if we have only one goal, we will never achieve it, because some part of our mind then believes that it would have no further purpose and would cease to exist. As you contemplate your spiritual harvest and organize your time, be sure to save seeds of ideas for the next cycle.

If this exercise sounds dull to you, make it fun. At your celebrations of the season, or while sitting by the lake, share your ideas with your friends. Quester gave a favorite recipe to a friend recently, and it came back to him in an improved version that he now uses all the time. In the same way, sharing our favorite ideas and projects with those who know us can help us see them from a new perspective. If a project is not going as you expected it would, a coven member might remember how you phrased your wish last Imbolc. An idea for building a labyrinth could become a group endeavor, or you might get valuable creative input on your initial design.

As you gear up for the busy season (why do I always have a feeling of going back to school, though I've been away from formal education for years now?), organizing your approach to your spiritual path is important. When you smell autumn in the air, and the leaves begin change color, you may be a little less likely to say, "Where does the time go?"

STIRRINGS

Maine Pagan groups of any kind -- social, political, spiritual, musical, artistic, athletic -- are invited to publish their news in this section. Let us know what you talked about at the last Coffee Talk, who was born or married or moved away, what you're planning for your next public-service project -- the list is endless. Send information for Stirrings to earthtides@celticweb.com or mail it to EPN, P.O. Box 161, E. Winthrop, ME 04343.

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Salsa

By Starcat and Quester

5 lbs tomatoes (3 quarts)
1 or 2 green peppers
1 sweet red pepper
3 hot peppers (for medium salsa: one each of habanero, chili, jalapeno)
2 med. onions
juice of 1 lemon (or lime)
black pepper & salt to taste
4 tsp. cumin
one bunch of fresh cilantro, chopped (or 4 Tbsp dried cilantro)
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
3 or 4 cloves of garlic, minced
1/2 c. red wine vinegar
1 12-oz. can tomato paste

Chop vegetables. Fill a gallon jar 2/3 full of tomatoes. We find we get the best texture from chopping most everything by hand. We do use a food processor for the hot peppers, fresh cilantro, & garlic. Add all the other ingredients to the jar and stir, then fill up the rest of the jar with more tomatoes, if needed. Stir.

You can vary the amounts and types of hot peppers to make the salsa hotter or milder. A tip we have found for getting hotter salsa is to use a wide variety of different peppers.

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