



Crane Chatter

Three Cranes Grove, ADF

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Welcome to Our New Newsletter!

Well, after two years, it's about time Three Cranes finally got a newsletter started, isn't it? Sometimes, trying to find someone with the time and commitment to take on such tasks is a bit like playing hot potato.

Suffice it to say, TCG has a core group of hard-working individuals, but none of us have loads of spare time on our hands. We'll do the best we can to get out a quarterly newsletter so we can keep in touch with everyone.

Please feel free to send announcements, book and festival reviews, submissions of articles, calendar items, poetry, artwork, etc. to us at scribe@threecranes.org.



Mark Your Calendars:

Rituals:

- March 20—Spring Equinox—Judi's cabin in SE Ohio—social hour at 1 p.m./rite at 2 p.m.—please call/email scribe@threecranes.org for directions)
- May 1—Beltaine—location tba—social at noon/rite at 1:00 p.m.(see www.threecranes.org for more information)
- June 19—Summer Solstice—date/time tba (see www.threecranes.org for more information)

Events:

- April 1-3—Heartland Regional Women's Retreat—Middletown, Ohio (contact Jenni at roman-druid@yahoo.com or (614) 871-2950 for more information)
- April 21-24-Trillium Spring Gathering—Western

Virginia (see www.littleacorngrove.org/trillium/ for more information)

- May 5-8—Desert Magic Festival—Tucson, AZ (see www.ssg-adf.org/desertmagic.htm for more information)
- May 27-30—Wellspring-ADF Annual Meeting—Sherman, NY (see www.stonecreed.org/wellspring/ for more information).
- June 24-26—Short North Community Festival

Business Meetings:

- First Thursday of each month—Main Library

Liturgy Meetings:

- Third Thursday of each month—rotating location

Community Service:

- March 27, 1:00 p.m.—Clinton-Como Park Cleanup

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What is ADF?

(from <http://www.adf.org/about/what-is-adf.html>)

The Irish words, pronounced "arn ree-ocht fane", mean "Our Own Druidism", and that's just what ADF is - a completely independent tradition of Neopagan Druidism. Like our sisters and brothers in the other Neopagan movements, we're polytheistic Nature worshipers, attempting to revive the best aspects of the Paleopagan faiths of our ancestors within a modern scientific, artistic, ecological, and holistic context. Like our predecessors and namesakes the Druids, we're people who believe in excellence - physically, intellectually, artistically, and spiritually.

We're researching and expanding sound modern scholarship about the ancient Celts and other Indo-European peoples, in order to reconstruct what the Old

Religions of Europe really were. We're working on the development of genuine artistic skills in composition and presentation. We're designing and performing competent magical and religious ceremonies to change ourselves and the



world we live in. We're adapting the polytheologies and customs of both the Indo-European Paleopagans and the Neopagan traditions that have been created over the last fifty years. We're creating a nonsexist, nonracist, organic, and open religion to practice as a way of

life and to hand on to our grandchildren. We're integrating ecological awareness, alternative healing arts, and psychic development into our daily activities. Together, we're sparking the next major phase in the evolution of Neopaganism and planting seeds for generations to come.

ADF was started by P.E.I. (Isaac) Bonewits, known in the Neopagan community as an author (*Real Magic*, *The Druid Chronicles Evolved*, *Authentic Thaumaturgy*), editor, teacher, polytheologist, activist, priest and bard. He has been a Neopagan Druid for nearly twenty years and has dedicated his life to reviving Druidism as a modern, healthy, "Third Wave" religion capable of protecting and preserving Mother Nature and all Her children.