

Beltane 2016 with Treibh na Tíntean

Beltane Perspective! Beltane is usually all about SEX! And this is good, but traditionally the focus has been on a duality of sexes and the energies associated with them on the most basic level. Well, we know more now—biological sex is not gender, gender is more fluid than we thought, and sex is what and with whom we desire. It occurs to me that when defining sex, seeing it as a merely a duality is not as useful as it was. This does NOT mean that we as Pagan do not want to celebrate sexual love or the regeneration of visible LIFE! All acts of pleasure are Her rituals, after all! There are so many ways to enjoy the sensual pleasures of the Goddess' gifts.

Casting: cast by hand clasps—"I belong to the Earth!"

Inviting the Elemental Directions

[BEGIN IN THE EAST, VIA/ Lauren; SOUTH, MELISSA; WEST, ELIZABETH/Dave P.; AND, NORTH, VIKING DAVE! WHAT I WANT IS FOR YOU TO WRITE A SHORT CALLING TO YOUR ELEMENT, FOCUSING ON THE HAPPY TACTILE SENSATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT DIRECTION: SO, EAST IS AIR AND INSPIRATION—HOW DOES THAT FEEL? SOUTH IS FIRE AND PASSION; WEST IS WATER AND HEALING; AND, NORTH IS EARTH AND STRENGTH. (BE SURE TO WRITE A THANKING TOO!)]

[Freeform chant]

We invoke the God and Goddess by calling out the name of our Deities.

At Beltane, we celebrate LOVE and LIFE. We rejoice in sensual pleasures. The Elements represent gifts of the Goddess. As we cavort in this time of year, we have ways of enjoying the FEEL of the Elemental Quarters.

[I will explain how this works, saying something like, "Go to the quarter to your left, enjoy the gift there and then continue to the next quarter." Your job will be to stand at your elemental "station" and help people choose a 'tool' to experience the feel of the direction. You will also be encouraging them to choose ONE and to move along. Scott and Richard will be drumming during this time period to help folks keep moving.]

EAST – pheasant wing fan, a scarf to twirl, small butterfly wand, kazoo, incense & feather, bubbles

SOUTH – candle, hot pepper, warm shawl, h. salt lamp

WEST – aloe gel, Brigid spring water, rose water, shells and river stone

NORTH – rabbit fur, a bowl of bird seed to run hands through, rose quartz, antler,...

[At end, circle up. Do freeform chant to bring us together again. Jenna then burns the basket from Ostara—restating purpose of it in process (unless inside).]

[Extend circle to whole of woods. Dance over to maypole and do "My Body" chant with God verse added; OR, if inside, do a spiral dance.]

Communion

Thanking the Elemental Directions and our Deities

Snacking and traditional fire jumping!