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Mwfydnfud



Photo: Druid's Circle, Carleton College Cowling Arboretum, Northfield, MN

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Bardic Column

Pyewacket

Kim Novak, in Bell, Book & Candle,
The one with Jimmy Stewart. She's a witch.
Has a cat that glories in this gorgeous handle.
In a sense it's shorthand, those who understand will
Know this name has a familiar fit.

Pyewacket. A pretty name to play with.
But just a name is all Matt Hopkins gives
To this sundry imp. What can one say with
A sign whose signified's been done away with?
It's in that play that dear Pyewacket lives.

—Neil Rhind

Pointy Birds

O pointy birds,
o pointy pointy,
Anoint my head,
Anointy-nointy!

—John Lillison

[Editor's Note: This may also be relevant to those whom revere Rhiannon who was noted for her birds as well as being a horse goddess, and this may be a great invocation piece to summon bird blessings in ritual!]

Religious Observation

Quantum theory seems absurd.
It's mostly maths, but put in words,
Its strange conclusions tend to shock:
Light, both waves and protons, blur,
And borders between the Observed,
Say, some corpse cat kept in a box,
And its observer, not interred.

The same is true of Druidry,
Where we observe, religiously.

An observant denomination.
By standing stones or groves of trees
We say we see what we can see
Hence the solemn observation:
"Sure looks like Solstice to me!"
—Neil Rhind

Untiled Haiku

Give thanks to the Earth
intoning "beep beep" mantras,
how Erisian!
—John the Verbose

[Editor's Note: this is in reference to the *Book of Opposition*,
ARDA p. 688]

The Call War

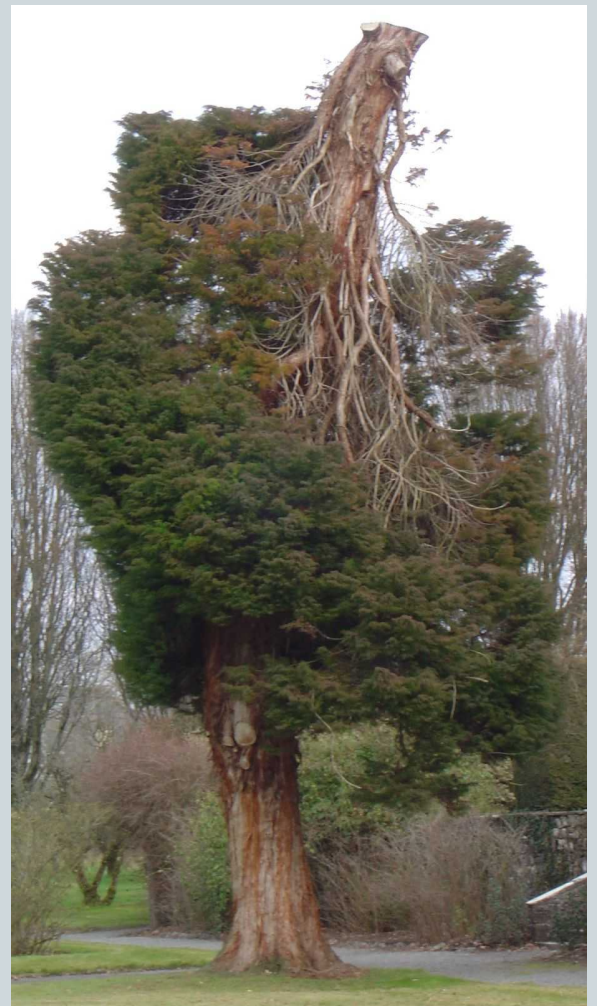
(From a footnote inexplicably stolen from Isaac Bonewits)

Many pagans' litanies
Conclude their cries "So Mote It Be!"
Others change this chant a bit
By switching round to "So Be It!"

This debate had been and gone
By late December Ninety-one
A year which so the dissolution
Of the whole "So Be It" Union.
—Neil Rhind

A Spring Equinox Devotional

On the day of the Equinox
and soon thereafter
Earth Mother opened Her eyes
and stretched like bare branches
reaching into the sky.
'Oh (Wo)man, the Winter sleep went well!
In a dream I explored many caves
in my own body



UnYEWsual Yew, Birr Castle Gardens,
Ireland, by John the Verbose

lights of many colours shining
like rainbows peaking in from the Sky!
Birds and hares with me,
not a pesky human in sight!

Just then She saw Belenos approach
for it was dawn on the twenty-first March.

He spoke and said:
'Oh Man, I loved my vacation
in the Southern lands!
Seeing my kangaroos and koalas in Straya,
penguins playing on glaciers
down in Antarctica
brought me relief from the antics
of the North's pesky humans!'

The two lively partners
recognized each other
with looks of love and excitement
but before they could get frisky...
Dalon ap Landu spoke up saying
'Whoa friends, not so fast!
Please wait 'til Beltaine
before you touch each other!'

Earth Mother and Belenos sighed
but listened to Dalon and His siblings
to maintain the order
of the Great Wheel
to which they both belonged
knowing that Be'al watched all
and never slept!

One further order of business
remained to be done
for a tribe approached the pair
to ask for Their favours
as Spring arrived for all Northerners.
A Bard approached and asked:
'Who is your favourite child?'

Earth Mother answered her:
'The Bard is My favourite--
without you I would have no music
nor stories, nor poetry
to listen to when awake!'
The Bard was satisfied.

Next came an Ovate asking the same.
And Belenos replied,
'Son, Ovates are the best--
without you we'd all remain ignorant
of the secrets of Nature
and lessons of Ogham fews!'

The Ovate was happy.
Next came a Druid asking the same.
And Dalon ap Landu replied:
'You know what I think?
Druids are favourite of the gods
for without you
there would be no teachers,
chaos without just laws,
no kinship without
the seasonal rites,
no wisdom without your philosophy!'
And the Druid was satisfied.

—*Kynan (Kaifi Jamil)*

Montezuma's Revenge

I smelt its peppered fumes, made me ache,
I knew it soon would come, Montezuma's Reign,
I felt my tongue, burnt by spices flame,
Looked down on the stomach of a fool, quivering in pain.

Blow your trumpets, Gasriel!
Toot your horns and gas the skies!
As I beheld the bewilderment of what I'd done,
Pour the milk, gulp by gulp into Dragon's den,
Quoth his spirit;
"Your bowels now my prey, hail my return!"

Now I'm praying before a porcelain throne,
For what sin, must I atone?
I'm missing days of digestive peace, how forlorn,
Profuse sweating, vomiting in a haze,
Gut biome spirits, you better run.

Your lands by His fire grazed,
Landslides right out the world,
Gates torn assunder,
Oh Gods have mercy on my acid spitting ass,
Burnt to a crisp, please this cannot last,
The heat is building ever higher, higher,
Spontaneous combustion nearing,
Doom impending, analilation.
Dawn of the end of days-
Analgeddon.

The room is spinning now,
Lights going dim now,
So I fall to slumber,
To rise again filled with shame and regret,
To a messy, dreadful, mournful day.

Note: the first two stanzas are a parody on Blow Your Trumpets, Gabriel by Behemoth but the rest is completely original.

—TheMageiboLine

Bonfire Banter – And What the Heck is Mwfydnfud?

Overview

This section is an open forum for opinion pieces, letters to the editor, druidic gossip, philosophical exposition, news of solo druids, relevant product reviews, tutorials, and other discourse.

Contribution from the Editor

Good morning readers, and welcome to a special edition of *Connexus Biquarterly*: **D.I.S.C.O.R.D.**, or ***Daringly Irreverent Satirical Connexus Of Reformed Druids!*** Almost anyone who spends five minutes Googling Reformed Druidism will probably see some statement along the lines of *Reformed Druids don't take themselves too seriously...* yet there are a lot of us who do. Granted there is still a healthy dose of mirth even among the most dire of Reformed Druids. Attend any of Oakdale Grove's rituals and Ross is bound to crack a jovial pun, or I'll exclaim *mulligans* if I lose my line in the ritual script. We have fun, like lots of Reformed Druids, sometimes at our own expense.

Even when it comes down to the history of Reformed Druidism, there's the possibly true myth that the founders sat down together on April Fools Day, 1963 to hash out some of the formational details of what would become the RDNA. It was originally a lighthearted prank but grew into something wondrous and transcendental. And while the *Ancient Order of Masonic Druids in America* (AOMDA) was operationally defunct (before eventually being revived as AODA in 1976, dropping the Masonic bit) the RDNA had expanded as a new foundation of American druidism.

So what is Mwfydnfud? An ancient Welsh festival? Hardly, but it does look vaguely Welsh. It's an acronym in the RDNA that stands for *Mess With Forces You Do Not Fully Understand Day*. It was created by the druids of Carleton Grove (see the [March 20, 2002 Missal-Any](#)) and wasn't identified for a specific date, but April Fools Day seems fitting enough. I suppose it could even be a floating holiday, like on the first waxing gibbous moon after the grass starts greening up on the Hill of Three Oaks in the spring or something. Or it could be simpler like the first Saturday of April... but enough of Reformed Druid Apologetics, it's time for some whimsy!

Contacting the Fae

Portal Appears to Otherworld Under Hill of Three Oaks on Vernal Equinox

As the druids of Carleton Grove were wrapping up their ritual on the Hill of Three Oaks on the Vernal Equinox, something mystifying happened. They were processing around the base of the hill in two opposing circles, all while chanting one of the old charms they had found in an old grimoire recently found in the steam



tunnels underneath the chapel's boiler room. Then at the end of their chant around the hill, they described what felt like a tingle in the air, like static electricity, accompanied by a low hum. Someone thought it was another flash dubstep party from the nearby Rec Center loudspeakers until a green mist arose from the entire hill. Then the Grove Preceptor was heard saying "Whoa, where did this come from?"

The druids gathered around an opening into the side of the hill lined by great stones, disappearing into a dark void that could not be illuminated by their cell phone lights. None of them had ever seen that passageway before. Shortly thereafter, a strange individual

stepped out under the lintel of the portal stones. He introduced himself and raised his red cap in a polite gesture of salutations and bid the druids to come visit the Otherworld, and that a feast would be prepared in their honor. He then slapped his cap back on and backed into the umbrous passage, vanishing in the ominous darkness. Carleton Grove's preceptor pieced together the clues and realized they were dealing with a gateway to the realm of the fae.

Druids Send Diplomatic Delegation To Establish Trade Negotiations With Fae

At the direction of the Carleton Arch-Druid, the Preceptor rallied the Grove Treasurer and seven other

diplomatic delegates among the druids as well as from other student organizations such as the *Carleton Handbell Ensemble* and the *Carleton Society of Paranormal and Extraterrestrial Research*, some of which have cross-memberships with the druids.

One of the druids speed-read How to Contact the Fae, a book put out by the prolific pagan publisher *Llangwynedd*, and determined the Handbell Ensemble would be vital for a cultural exchange of musical entertainment. Additionally, two members of the Paranormal Society wanted to accompany the delegation as observers and take readings with electronic gadgets and otherwise document the envoys'

experiences. The cultural ambassadors also spent much of the Druid group's annual budget on gifts: miniature cast-iron cauldrons from a few local metaphysical shops, and filled them with jelly beans since the *Llangwynedd* book indicated the fae enjoy sweets. Frankly that's mostly all you can find in the candy aisles at stores this time of year, but everyone agreed it was a great idea.

As the delegation ventured into the passage beneath the Hill of Three Oaks, the last one who went in, one of the paranormal investigators, Leo Aiden, came running back out a few minutes later with a concerning report. "It's so dark in there! There's a super narrow bronze bridge like a really long sword pointing into a void; it's the only thing we could see in there with our flashlights;" said Leo, "there's nothing underneath or around the sword-bridge, like, literal nothingness. Not even echoes or sound or the feeling of air on your skin. Everyone ahead of me got to the tip of the sword bridge where there was a thick veil of black mist, and they just

vanished into it single file, like it was no big deal." Leo continued, "I couldn't do it. I set one foot on the blade past the handle and it felt so slick I couldn't take one more step. I mean, what happens if you fall off the edge?"

The delegation was planning on visiting for the remainder of the academic term's spring break and establishing a line of commerce between the land of the fae and our realm. The initial proposal was to arrange import and export of culinary delicacies, such as easy to transport snacks and liquor, particularly mead varietals.

The travelers also left with a case of Carleton College swag such as t-shirts and hoodies in hopes to bring back some equally exotic textiles from the Otherworld. With the cast-iron cauldrons filled with jelly beans, the Preceptor was particularly looking forward to see the fae's interpretation of the true meaning of Ostara.

In the meantime, the Carleton Thespian Society rounded up their stage hands and have begun construction on

a safer bridge with railings that can be constructed in modules and assembled in place over the sword-bridge.

The Electronics Club on campus has donated a small solar panel to the cause. They even installed it on the lintel stone outside of the passage, and have unironically daisy-chained several strings of *fairy lights* on the bridge structure to provide better illumination when crossing between worlds.

The diplomatic troupe was scheduled to return by the end of Spring Break, which ended Sunday March 28th. As of yet, the delegation has not returned. ■

Carleton Arboretum Bulldozed, Sold to Developers

College Secures Funding For New Ecology Program

The Carleton College Board of Trustees has finalized a plan this week which had already been set into motion to sell off all 880 acres of the Cowling Arboretum to developers who have already started work on an ambitious high-end housing development. Despite coming to a contract agreement on the sale of the arboretum only yesterday, clearing and construction had already begun late last

fall, with some houses already completed due to the unusually warm winter. Each member of the Board had been involved with the groundbreaking, ceremoniously operating a convoy of bulldozers and other excavators with gold-painted buckets.



Special dispensation was given to the druids by college president Pascal Stevens in order for them to deconsecrate the sacred sites in the arboretum such as the stone circle, Druid's Den, and Hill of Three Oaks, among others. "This is such an important undertaking that I wanted to make sure we are also still accommodating the needs of the druids, but they also need to understand that this isn't [expletive] Stonehenge, and it's just got to go," said Stevens. As

of now the former location of the stone circle is now under the foundation of a three-car garage, and the stones are embedded in a nearby retaining wall.

Stevens did make a bold move to preserve the Hill of Three Oaks, but only by having the fire pit and altar stone removed to make way for a 5G cellular node at the summit. Given the prominence of the Hill of Three Oaks, the 5G node will serve both the college campus and the residents of the



new Arborlost Estates subdivision. The altar stone which bears a carving of the Druid Sigil has been moved to the entrance of the neighborhood where it is now the base pedestal of the Arborlost Estates signage. The old obelisk adorning Monument Hill has been moved to the flower garden in front of the chapel. Monument Hill itself has been leveled off for an irrigation system pumphouse that will draw from Lyman Lakes.

The 5G node on the Hill of Three Oaks is being leased to major cellular providers and is expected to generate \$10,000 per provider in monthly revenue. The earnings will be funneled back into Carleton's rebooted *Minnesota Educational Computing Consortium* for the development of a gaming platform called *The Arboretum Trail*. It is planned to be a historic simulation of the Arboretum where you can relive the journeys of a team of biology researchers, cross-country athletes, druids, or other player types with different

resources and skillsets. In the game you'll also be able to go photo hunting for wild animals that once roamed the arboretum.

Once a sleepy cow-town, Northfield sprang up along the Cannon River valley, later flanked by Carleton and Saint Olaf Colleges which commanded prestige and a sense of friendly competition in the passive-aggressive ways of the Upper Midwest. Despite the seemingly remote location, in recent years Northfield has seen the urban sprawl of the southern Minneapolis-Saint Paul metro encroaching closer and closer with increasing housing developments and light pollution. Carleton College has taken the bold initiative of transforming Northfield into an exurb of the big city.

The sale and development has solved two needs – one for the college and one for the community. In the metro, the median cost of a small single level mid-century house runs close to \$300,000 and new builds are about twice that amount or higher. In the exurbs, such as at Arborlost

Estates in Northfield you can find a large single-family home starting from the low \$350k range.



Looking into the remnants of the Upper Arboretum from Highway 19, where some completed homes already have new residents

Carleton College had also been struggling to secure funds for its Ecology program and related degrees; to the Board of Trustees it made sense to sell off the arboretum. President Stevens was in complete agreement with the proposal from the start: “It will stop those biology students from drinking in the woods and get them back into a proper classroom and lab setting,” said Stevens, “the days of learning about trees are now for the history books, full stop.” ■

Vivid Visions Gallery

Overview

It's a druidic photo gallery. Enjoy!

Contributions from John the Verbose



Important monument in Connemara, Ireland



In college I once captured the Easter Bunny



Sock puppets presided over ritual, 4/1/2017



Panera doesn't know what French croissants are

Videos of Interest

Overview

This section is reserved for videos relevant to druidry. Enjoy!

Attack of the Burger Pods

If Reformed Druids made a horror flick... this 1979 short was filmed entirely in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area and aired on the local PBS affiliate. In a world where polystyrene converges with an addictive synthetic food additive, they come alive and threaten to eat us all! A campy thrill with dated music and almost-acting, this will quite possibly make you wish you had your 28 minutes back! It is nevertheless a social commentary on the environment, the food industry, the self-help movement, and the human condition. All still very relevant.



John Cage's 4'33" remix

This a rather Reformed version that cuts out all that which offends the senses!



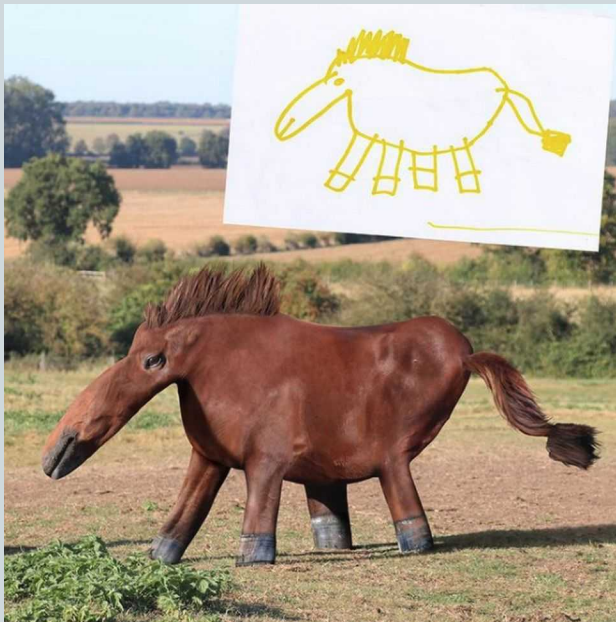
Memes of the Month

Overview

This section is reserved for memes or fun creations that were meant to be shared *ad nauseam*. These days it seems so many druid groups and social media just share memes 90% of the time, but I think that takes away from deeper conversations that end up buried. Here is a place designated to the celebration of all those catchy kitschy memes. However, I'm limiting those to two per article.



...Because in Reformed Druidism, all trees are honorary oaks.



From the Instagram of [thingsihavedrawn](#), who photoshops pictures to better resemble their hand-drawn forms. Original artist is "6 year old Beatrice."

Epona would be so proud of the accuracy!

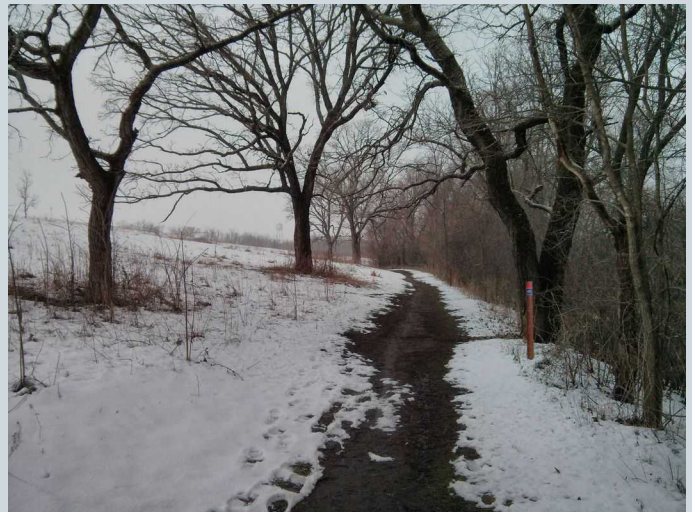


Figure 50 Minnesota in early summer.

From *A Reformed Druid Anthology*
(2nd edition)
Page 466.
It's true, too!

The RDNA 50th Anniversary reunion at Carleton in
2013 was right after a blizzard.

Northfield got 5 inches of snow and nearby
Owatonna had 17 inches of snow! I even snapped a
pic in the arboretum when I saw a scene that
reminded me of this image:



The Right Rites For Rampant Ritualists

Overview

This section is for sharing rituals, devotionals, or other liturgical contributions.

The Quick Order Liturgy

From the archives of *A Druid Missal-Any*, Summer Solstice Y.R. 39 (June 21st, 2001) Volume 17, Issue 4. Pat Haneke of Akita Grove innovated a version of the Common Order of Worship (C.O.W.) for those in a holy hurry:

Patrick Haneke has produced the ultimate quick and easy ritual for those tired of schlepping baskets of materials, scripts, and such to the site. This can be performed anywhere, even in the middle of Wall Street without drawing too much attention.

Pat calls it the "Quick Order", (but other members of the Grove, call it "Lugh's Loogie Liturgy," "Manannan's Mucus Mass," "Sirona's Spit Service," etc.) and it is best done solitarily (as you 'll see).

The Quick Order Liturgy

1. Scratch a sigil at your feet.
2. Whistle or hum something.
3. Ask, "How was that?" Look around you for signs.
4. Say, "Not bad, huh?"
5. Ask, "What is precious to us?"
6. Answer, "Waters."
7. Ask, "Where are the Waters?"
8. Answer, "Right here." Pour something (or spit) into your hand.
9. Raise your hand.
10. Say, "Bless these and all waters that give us life."
11. Drink the waters.
12. Say, "Here's the extra." Return the extra to the ground.
13. Think of something clever, or ordain people.
14. Say, "Good bye"
15. Rub away the sigil.

(Estimated time for completion: 2 minutes 12 seconds)

Augur's Intuition

Overview

This section is reserved for reader-submitted divinations, premonitions, soothsaying, prophecies, omens, maybe a Celtic horoscope for the range of a month.

Submission by John the Verbose

Methodology

Road Sign Ogham

Luis (rowan), Ailm (elm or fir/pine), Beith (birch)

Meanings

Luis is an ogham for protection because life sucks sometimes. **Ailm** is an ogham indicating your stubbornness and arrogance for when you kinda make life suck sometimes too, but can help you gain higher perspectives. **Beith** is about new beginnings because the world sucks sometimes and gives you the reset button whether you like it or not.



Interpretation

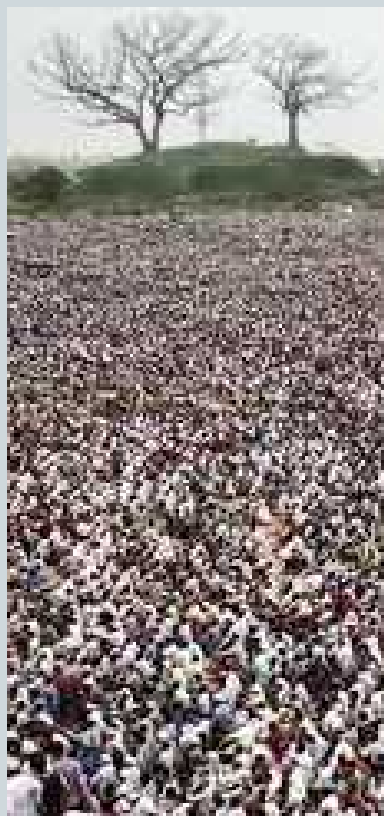
It's been a dangerous world, but you can be protected from malicious sorcery and whatnot. You just better watch yourself as your hubris can make your life miserable if you're not careful. With your hindsight of the past and your attitude in check, you have the opportunity for a fresh start as spring unfolds. When you're on the roads of life, take it to be a sign.

[Editor's note: I am not trying to sound cynical, it's just I've noticed a lot of Ogham letters have interpretations that involve protection from negative things, or warnings with a good handful of negative connotations. Oh and intuition, so you can see those negative things coming.]

Calendar of Events: RDNA's 100th Anniversary

Imminent notice for the 100th anniversary of the RDNA

We're planning ahead with the help of the new time-travel device in the Carleton College physics lab! Looking forward to the rapidly approaching 5 Samradh, 101 Y.R. (Saturday, May 5, 2063), this is the date of the 100th anniversary reunion of the foundation of the Reformed Druids of North America at Carleton College!



Area hotels are already reporting overbooking issues but they say there's still 42 years to make your reservations, adjusting for temporal paradoxes. Carleton College is planning on building overflow housing after they drain Lyman Lakes and divert Spring Creek through the new housing development lawn irrigation system going up where the Arboretum was.

The email from 2063 also indicates that there will be a special appearance by the governor of Utah (and Arch-Druid of Dry Salt Lakebed Grove) and that she will be leading a *Dalon Ap Landu's Mysteries* seminar for any Second Order druids who wish to vigil for the Third Order. Her Grove's preceptor will make a surprise announcement of

hiving off and forming Provo Protogrove, but then will fall asleep during their vigil.

The Arch-Druid and Provisional Arch-Druid of Glastonbury Tor Grove and Primrose Hill Protogrove, respectively (both of the UK branch of the RDNA) will hold a bardic duel: one reciting the *Book of Meditations* only speaking in Emojis and the other only speaking in a Welsh-LOLcat hybrid pidgin. The one Carleton druid who saw the outcome voluntarily ventured into a temporary time loop to keep the winner secret, and will re-emerge into the correct timeline once the duel winner is announced. Buy up your carbon offsets now, and make your travel and lodging arrangements soon. We'll see you there! ■

Image at left was potatographed at the reunion on the 100th anniversary and emailed through time

Blogs & Social Media Links (real)

Blogs Curated By Druids (accumulative each issue)

- Courtney's blog [Corey Adventures](#)
- Ellen Evert Hopman's blog [A Druid's Blog](#)

Social Media

- C.O.R.D. Biweekly's [Facebook page](#)
- "Official" Reformed Druids of North America (RDNA) [Facebook group](#)
- [*Editor's note: if you request to join there are four vetting questions. Please answer all four; they're really easy.*]
- New Reformed Druids of North America (NRDNA) [Facebook group](#)
- Ron Stonemage's [Instagram](#)
- John the Verbose's [Tumblr](#)
- Oakdale Grove's [Twitter](#)
- Oakdale Grove's [Facebook page](#)
- Oakdale Grove's RDNA Druid Training Program Development [Facebook page](#)

Artisan Promo Page (real)

Overview

Each article of C.O.R.D. will contain a page or two of featured artists, craftspersons, or small online storefronts that may be of interest to the druid community in some way. There is no cost involved; anyone can request that their content be promoted here.

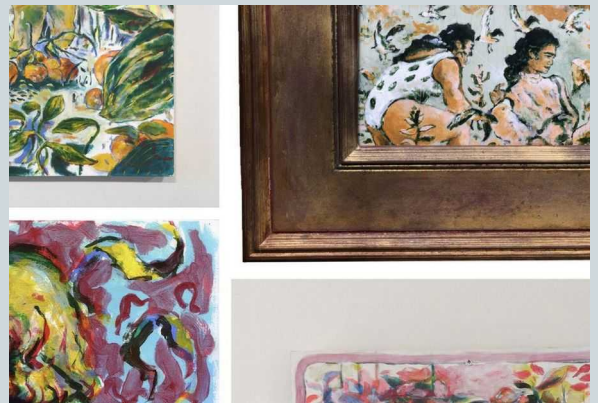
Reannag Teine Pottery

Historically Inspired Pottery: Islamic, Greek, or Italian Renaissance... skulls, squashed fairies, or Viking kitties, we are devoted to creating unique pieces of historically inspired ceramic art--a touch of the unique you can use all the time. Hand-thrown and hand-painted yet safe for food, dishwasher, microwave, and oven. Reannag Teine, Gaelic for "star fire," is a mother-daughter team with six degrees and a myriad of art awards between them... and a healthy amount of humor to bring it all together. Find us on Facebook, YouTube, Twitch, Instagram—and of course at www.ReannagTeine.com!



Jeremiah Soup's [art gallery](#)

All he wanted to do was subscribe to the newsletter but I was stunned by the art gallery when I clicked through the link in his email signature out of curiosity. I actually asked if I could share this here on his behalf, and I'm glad he agreed to it.



Ron Stonemage's [wire art and wrapped stones](#)

I think we originally discovered each other's Tumblr blogs about a year and a half ago. Not only is the wearable artwork intricate and beautiful, but Ron often has a lot of thought provoking questions about druidry that sometimes takes some time for me to piece together an answer.



Reformed Druid Resources (real)

Overview

The Reformed Druids of North America is probably one of the few major druid orders that provides all resources for learning about our style of druidism at no cost. We might not have all the answers, and unfortunately we don't have a mentorship or official training program, however there is something major in the works on an unofficial capacity. For now, here is a list of resources we *do* have.

A Reformed Druid Anthology – ARDA (2nd edition)

[ARDA II](#) is an 848 page PDF of RDNA history, customs, meditations, debates, rituals, advice, and other information. If the massive PDF file is too big, it is also broken down into its individual sections which makes for easier scrolling [here](#). There you will also find part of an ARDA study course and other documents. The books in hardcover version are rare and out of print, but the PDFs are free.

Grove Finder

Everyone wants to know: is there an RDNA or NRDNA Grove in _____? Well, the most current source of truth is the [Grove Finder spreadsheet](#). It's been updated *en masse* the last two Januaries during the Grove censuses, and if there are any interim changes I usually get to them within two days. It tracks Reformed Druid, New Reformed Druid, and Reformed Druidic Wicca (MOCC) Groves & Protogroves.

RDNA Year Conversion Chart & Calendar

The RDNA Calendar was technically at year 0 during the pre-planning stages of the Reform, and year 1 began on Beltane (May 1) of 1963. It's unapologetically half a year off from the Celtic New Year. As of Beltane 2020, the 58th Year of the Reform (Y.R.) began. I often forget what Y.R. it is, so I refer to the [RDNA Year Conversion spreadsheet](#). There is also a [four-year RDNA calendar](#) to help you learn what day of the four seasons it is, because you'll see the RDNA calendar system is all over this publication.

Black Book of Liturgy

The original 1960s copies of Black Book of Liturgy (which were in three-ring binders) were only to be kept by ordained Third Order Druids, but mimeographed copies leaked out decades ago, and we think that's a good thing. Oakdale Grove has a new adaptation of [Black Book of Liturgy \(PDF\)](#) with a ton of rituals as well as minimum recommended readings from ARDA. Black Book of Liturgy is also available in [hardcover for \\$12.41](#) via Lulu print-on-demand, which is strictly *at cost* of having it printed and bound. Oakdale Grove uses these books in rituals.

Oakdale Grove's RDNA Druid Training Program

This is a work in progress. So far the draft is 114 pages long, and I'm only half way into adding the *basic* content I want to put in it. I am not an educator, so I'm concerned about its flow and efficacy. If anyone wants to help develop it with me, I would greatly appreciate the assistance.

Newsletter Info (real, except the pic)

About *C.O.R.D.*

Connexus of Reformed Druids – C.O.R.D. Biquarterly is a free and publicly available newsletter for the Reformed Druids of North America as well as for anyone else who might be interested. It follows in the footsteps of prior publications such as *A Druid Missal-Any* and *Druid Inquirer*. *Connexus* is an homage to the late Emmon Bodfish, who petitioned the Council of Dalon Ap Landu to update RDNA liturgical nomenclature to make it less churchlike and more unique. *Connexus* is Latin for *connection* (not exactly druidic, but I'm not complaining). Emmon's petition never gained traction (plus the Council had lost it's ability to gain a voting quorum and it had no chairperson at the time) but it seemed fitting to adopt this word for a publication that connects druids around the world.

Past Articles

[Click here](#) to access all prior *C.O.R.D. Biquarterly* articles and the content contribution forms.

Meet the Editor

Greetings! I'm John "The Verbose." I've practiced generic forms of druidry since I spent a semester in Ireland in 2004. I began interacting with the RDNA in 2011, and in 2013 I was ordained as a priest of Dalon Ap Landu and formed Oakdale Grove in Minnesota with 5 other grovemates. In 2015 I had the rare opportunity to become a priest of Belenos and in 2017 the even rarer honor of becoming a priest of Sirona, as well as the new curator of her Order. In January 2020 I began work on developing an RDNA style druid training program, and as of now that is still a work in progress.



I am absolutely committed to my oath of Service and wish to help others explore Reformed Druidry by a diverse array of means. That includes assembling and issuing these newsletters. Anything in this publication that doesn't have an attribution and is written in the first person is pretty much me sharing my opinions and experiences. That's where your help with contributions is so helpful; we have a newsletter with crowd-sourced content to appeal to a broader druidic audience. I sincerely hope you find this periodical to be a worthwhile investment of your time. I always welcome constructive criticism and suggestions or other feedback.

Peace, peace, peace! ☸

Contribute Content to the Next Issue! (real)

Submission Process

Issues will be released within a day or two of the RDNA Wheel of the Year high days. That's more or less the deadline if you wanted to submit any content for the forthcoming article. Anything received a bit late might end up on the draft of the next article thereafter. **Please ensure content is PG-13 or tamer.**

Gmail Users Can Use Our Full-Feature Google Form to Contribute!

Do you plan on contributing content from a Gmail account? We have a [convenient form](#) that allows you to enter text-based contribs as well as attach files or photos! A Google account is only required to send attachments through the form.

Non-Gmail Users Have Two Ways to Contribute

1. There is a [lite version of the same form](#) for those who don't have a Gmail account, which allows anyone to submit text-based contributions only.
2. Or simply copy and fill the form below when emailing contributions to my Gmail: **MNdruids**

Hello,
I would like to share the following/attached content for the next C.O.R.D. article.
I hereby consent and attest that I (the sender) hold the rights or permission to share it.
[Exception for memes, public YouTube video links, certain other content types.]

- I wish to be credited under the name: ____
 - Subscribe me to the newsletter mailing list? ____
 - Other comments/suggestions if applicable: ____
 - [Input your content you wish to share below the line, and/or attach files]
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What Content Does C.O.R.D. Look For?

- News of the RDNA & NRDNA Groves & Protogroves
- News of the Solo Druids
- Poetry
- Short Stories
- Tutorials
- Druidic projects, arts, crafts you are making
- Personal milestones, editorials, druidic book or product reviews, critiques
- Seeker Bulletins like "Solo druid looking for other druids in _____"
- Your own photography
- Links to videos of druidic interest
- Links to your druid blogs or social media
- Divinations and their summaries
- Events you're willing to announce publicly

- Maybe a druidry-related meme (article will limit two)
- Healing Thoughts Requests
- Do you have a druid-oriented Etsy shop or similar online store? One page of the newsletter will be reserved for artisan promo space
- Propose a topic; you can help make this newsletter be a success