

The ceremony that never was. ☺

1998

WINTER SOLSTICE at Pat Cougar

Women arrive and enter main house via front door, leaving food, place setting, gifts & coats in main house. Gather by door to side room, taking with them instrument, wrap, symbol of 1998, candle and holder.

GREETING

Pat & Carol One at a time each Goddess enters the side room where it is dark. One of us takes the Goddesses stuff from her and brings it into the ceremony room and sets a place for her leaving a seasonal bundle at her place. During that time two of us welcome our Goddess sister stroking her lovingly from her head to her toes (perhaps tell her to close her eyes and receive, let go of the day and stress and be here now to be nurtured and receive). Finish with three-way hug and message to enter the circle with and meditate to music. One of us leads her to her place.

MEDITATION

Deanna Go within and review the year. End with appreciation of the dark season, spark is always with you inside and return of the light. What did the year give you? Bring that gift to the light. The circle begins anew. Ring bell

INVOCATION

Welcome and thank spirits. 4 directions etc. Cast circle

SHARING

Pat Pat begins to share modeling how this will be done, then Carol then Deanna. At end of sharing each Goddess lights her candle from the central Solstice candle.

SONG *pass out words and stand and sing*

Deanna "Joy to The World, the light is born. Let earth begin to Sing. Let every heart, rejoice in light. And heaven and nature sing. And heaven and nature sing. And heaven and earth and nature sing"

SHARING

Take your symbol of the year and share with a partner about your year & the significance of the meditation.

DRUMMING/MUSIC

Building up the energy, evoking the light.

SEEDS

Intention for Candlemas,

CLOSURE

Deanna Close the circle, thank spirits for their presence and guidance for tonight and all year. Blow out the candles and release the energy. Blow out your own-release the energy. Blow solstice candle out last.

FEAST & GAMES *(Deanna-dismantles altar, sets up on ledge.)*

PAT Gifts put in center of altar for game and food on lower shelf below candles. Pat leads us in gift swap game. Notice your giving and receiving.

Deanna & Pat Cougar