

Turning of the Wheel of Seasons Dance

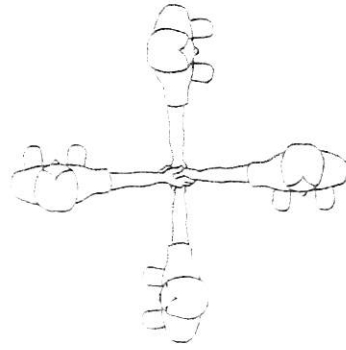


ILLUSTRATION 1

Begin walking in a circle- center people go slowly. Once the human wheel has made one complete rotation,

the center spokes let go of both their partners' hands, and walk out to the edge of the wheel to become the last person in their line (see illustration 3). The second set of four dancers must draw close to form the new center spokes. Repeat until everyone has had a chance to be a center spoke and help turn the wheel of the seasons.

This is an exhilarating dance, with a steady feeling of building energy. It works best if there are plenty of adults along with the children, to make sure the circle always has a center. Having others outside the wheel to drum and sing helps, too, as it can be hard with a big group to dance and sing at the same time.

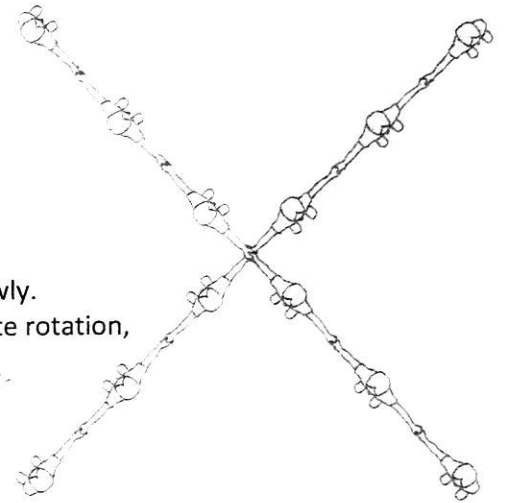


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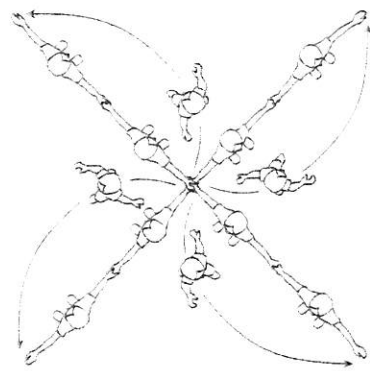
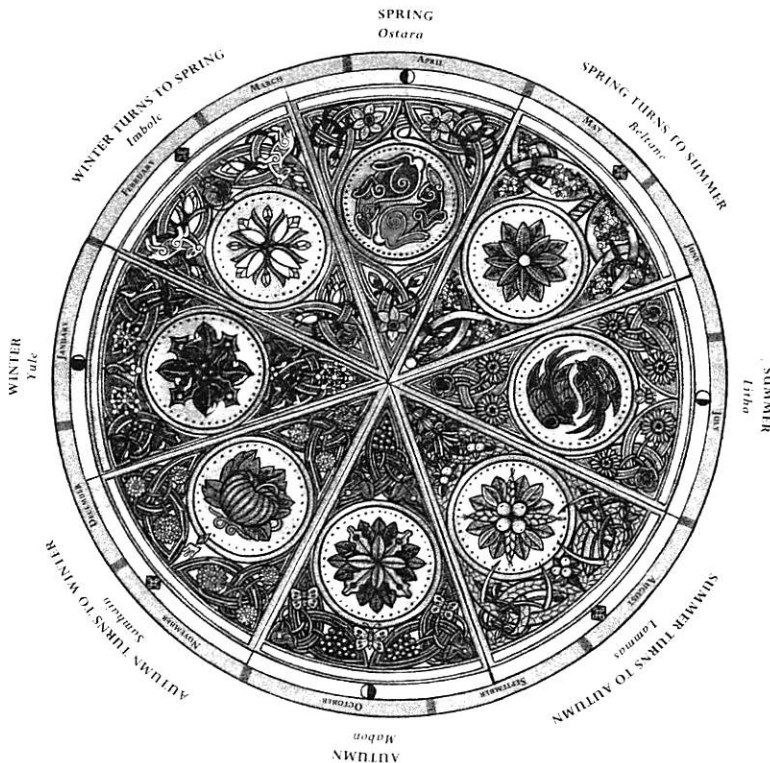


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