**1994 Candlemas (Beth, Debby, Pam)** (These are my notes from after the ritual.)

**Cleansing-** Smudged while we drummed “Welcome, you are all you need to be. Let go of the past. Enter the light of now.” (With a kiss)

**Stated group intention:** (Pam) It’s the time after air/air of Winter Solstice and it’s now Air/Water. Spirit in the womb. The divine idea that has been created wit the intention of life. The unborn child.

**Silence:** while we wrote about what we want to let go of.

**Stood and chanted:** Throw your past in the fire so you can reach higher, higher, w/ Pam drumming. One at a time stated what we wanted to let go of, then threw it in the woodstove.

(Beth) **History of Candlemas.**

**Meditation:** Feel yourself light, roots to earth and sky. Feel like a seed in the earth; then in the womb of the goddess. What purpose are you being born to? What agreements are made? What symbols represent that?

**Candle making:** In silence (almost) cut wax on paper plate with tooth picks

**Light candle**: State what we dedicate our year to.

**Feast**