**1998 Candlemas Synopsis**

*The night when the crone dies as all things must and the morning maiden is reborn as all things are.*

Setting: Luminaries are outside with punch holes as snowflakes or hearts or stars. / Separate the two rooms with a white curtain for privacy

Begin with a blessing at the door. Place a head wreath of lavender or rosemary. Have food go to the table. Begin drumming as soon as possible in front of the fireplace.

Feet washing ceremony is a time to get to know one another, purification and initiation. Use a bowl or a spray bottle to hold water or oils

Read Pat’s poem

Grandma’s cauldron with soil and candles in it, represents the womb.

Scrying box: take omens and talk about the meanings.

Greeting new people: Isis, Istarte song while drumming

Naming self, eye contact

Short healing meditation or song *(Purify and Heal Us, I Am a Circle, I will be Gentle with Myself)*

Go outside and throw away last year, light white candle with the black candle and blow out the black candle and light luminaries.

Bless the white candle and its intentions

Sharing intentions: Write with lemon juice on paper, then, burn the new year’s intentions with the white candle.

Read in unison, “What is this night?”

Inside the fire is lit and the beautiful white altar unveiled.

At the end do a prayer, spiral circle dance and hold hands, reach for the sky, then touch the earth, touch cheeks.

Closing circle song holding hands