**1999 Summer Solstice Ritual Outline (Facilitators: Beth, Laurie, Joy, Debby) @ Laurie’s house**

Blessing: (with water) “Wash away your cares and worries. Let them float away and dissolve

Drumming/music making:

Light the Fire:

Fire is associated with spirit, passion, power and transformation. It symbolizes light, our illumination and the divinity of the soul. Fire relates to the will, to our ability to be direct and assertive. Flames of passion ignite our free wild spirit-our full sensuous nature.

On this day of Summer Solstice, we light this fire to honor our fire energy. It is the longest day of the year, the peak of power. We ignite the spirit of Aphrodite, goddess of passion and love. We dance with the swirling flames and glowing colors. Consummation, union, joy and ecstasy are embraced as our spirit shines forth and lights up the world.

Sing “Rise Up Oh Flame”

Joy reads the Love Poem

Meditative walk as we gather and make a our boats ( What do we passionately want to bring forth into our lives?)

Walk across the bridge then launch our boats saying: “With Passion I send \_\_\_\_”

Sing: “We All Come from the Goddess, and to her we shall return, like a drop of rain, flowing to the ocean.”

Rock: Choose the rock. Paint it. Share: “What energy is in our rock?”

Benediction then Closing song

Eat!