

Beltane 2012 Outline: Sunday, May 1, 2012-Time: 9:00-1:00

Who Start time:

All of us 9:00: **Blessing (10 min.) Writing it will be _____.**

Julie 9:10: **History / Intention of the day (5 min.)**

Debby 9:15: **Bowls (15 min): (The power of the uterus passes information from one generation to another.)**

9:30: **Journal (5 min.) (What is germinating in your womb?)**

Joy 9:35 **5 Senses Intention Introduction (5 min.) (Let go of our minds and let our bodies connect to mother earth through our senses. Get in touch with the wisdom your body offers you.)**

Joy 9:40 **1. Sound: Drumming (10 min.) (With drumming music to get us going?) "Let your heart beat in unison with the mother. Feel the blood coursing through your veins bringing life, energy, passion."**

Julie 9:50 **2. Taste (10 min.) "Let the taste burst inside you. Feel it course through your body, nourishing each cell. Can you feel how it reaches into your womb to caress the seeds that grow there?"**

Debby 10:00 **3. Touch: (5 min.) (Send around different colored bowls that have different scented lotions. A quick smell) "Pay attention to the color of each bowl. You will choose the one you like the most. The bowls will be placed at different spots in the yard. You will go to that area and massage the hands of someone that loves the same scent as you do. Remember to massage yourself as well. Caress your sumptuous body with this erotic scent. Remember through touch, energies exchange. We'll ring a bell when it's time to return in 15 minutes."**

10:05: **Touch stations: (15 min)**

Julie 10:20: **Sight (Crystal): (10 min) Meditation- Julie writes it: (The idea discussed was, Quiet your mind, let clarity flow; What's in your bowl?...)**

Debby 10:30: **Creating the sacred Maypole circle: (10 min.) (Women bring: ribbon, thing to tie on, stone)**

Form the circle with rocks / Call in directions All of us; **Writing/finding it will be: _____? _____**

Debby 10:40: **Hoisting the pole: (20 min.): Pole blessing: Debby; Tie ribbons onto nail. Hoist...**

Debby **Poem is read as we pack in the pole base, pour water on hole**

Joy 11:00: **Maypole dance: (25 min.) Intro (see below), then, Explain how; Song: _____**

Joy 11:25: **Maypole Poem (5 min.) (after it's wrapped)**

Julie 11:30: **Explain Beltane means "bright fire", fire procedure, then sing fire song as we walk: (5 min.)**

Julie 11:35: **Fire: (10 min.) Circle round 3 times (Sunwise walking) as small stick is dropped to "kindle the fire". As we continue to sing, women jump and yell out whatever they want. (Sunwise Walking: Walking three times in the direction of the sun (turning to the right) around whatever it was the walker wanted to bless or heal or consecrate.)**

Joy 11:45: **Sharing at grass: (35 min.)**

? 12:20: **Close then eat / Write a closing prayer? _____**

Pole & Earth Blessing

Earth Mother, may this offering

Prepare you to receive

This symbol of your consort

Drop in flower petals



Next, anoint the Maypole itself, using altar oil ... to ensure the fertility of the land:

Blessed be this tree,

Vehicle of the god

Which shall soon enter

Our Mother, the Earth.

(This is a round) I thought we could just add one small stick each. See YouTube "Fire Chant" for tune. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-S0gqI6koJw&feature=related> Keep singing it until all are across singing quietly as women shout out a word or phrase as they cross.

"Spirits of Fire come to us.

We will kindle the fire.

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We will kindle the fire; dance the Magic Circle round.

We will kindle the fire. We will kindle the fire.

Maypole Intro if you want it Joy (taken from your book and adapted):

Today is May Day, the Feast of Flowers and the Cross-Quarter holyday when the Taurus Power Gate of Earth opens to the streaming tide of summer.

Today we frolick in lush nature, singing, gathering flowers and greenery. The tall Maypole tree awaits, its multi-colored ribbons waving as if anticipating the dance. As we walk through this blooming earth with friends, sisters, lovers, realize that passionate love takes many forms, and that the earth is your greatest lover. We bless the blue planet vowing unchanging devotion and care for Her. Seeing Earth as a living, breathing female body has changed us and become the cornerstone of our commitment to Her.

Today we joyfully dance the Maypole; we celebrate our bodies, we will leap the blazing bonfire flames. It is Aphrodite's Day, day of the melding of male and female energy, the day of love.

Calling in the Circle