**Mabon-Autumn Equinox - Ritual for 9/23/06**

1 a. **Welcome** (Lee Ann).... Autumn Song Poem, written in 1916 by a 6 year old girl.

1 b. **Introduction** (Joy) -At the House—Front Deck- Holding Hands

We are joined together on Mabon, the autumn equinox, where there are twelve hours of day light, matched with twelve hours of darkness. The sun radiates her light and warmth but the night air is cool. The leaves continue to follow their process. As they embark on the ride of their lifetime, they can feel the turbulence and swirling of the wind. Or are they floating and dancing like fairies with changing currents? As we marvel at their brilliant colors, they remind us of the many faceted hues of ourselves, and that life is change. We continue to transform as do the leaves.

Everywhere there is sweet food- in the fields, on the vines and trees, ripe and ready to eat. Let’s dance, sing, celebrate and give thanks for blessings which flow from all sides. Give thanks for the earth and water, the sun and wind, which feed all plants, animals and beings. We give thanks for the great wheel turning. May we feel fulfilled with the wonder and bounty of ourselves and this season.

1. **Walk to Site** — Bring Flowers & personal Rock to place at Labyrinth... Lee Ann Leads Singing and then places flowers around the outer ring.
2. **Purification Ceremony Goddess**: We will walk around the outside ring - 9 times, with Julia leading what our focus is with each turn. Women will take 1 of the symbols out of the baskets/trays and hold that throughout this part of the ceremony
3. Bell- Air
4. Sage-Earth
5. Mist-Water
6. Candle-Fire
7. **Chakra Ceremony with Stones—Self Love/Goddess** ( Beth )
8. Take 7 rocks and find place on a blanket on the tarp.
9. Beth will guide us through each chakra- placing it on the corresponding body area.
10. Then we will place the rocks inside the Goddess.
11. Step outside the Circle

5. **Building the Labyrinth** - Lee Ann gives Directional Cues

1. **Walking the Labyrinth** - Beth leads “Journey of Soul-Going Within” (Remind them to walk to the benches once they’ve completed their turn or we may stay around the outside of the labyrinth). Lee Ann will lead the song “Goddess in Me-Goddess in You.’' on Ridge.
2. **Sharing** (Joy begin) - On the blankets
3. **Walk to the Ridge/Closing View** (Lee Ann)”Fruits of our Harvest"
4. The seasons of the Land- Lee Ann
5. Sing-“ Joining Hands” - Lee Ann
6. “ La Comida” - Julia - Call and response
7. Closing Song—May the Circle
8. Share Food & EAT

**Supplies:**

Candle-votives-Joy

Mister/ Spray Bottle – Julia

Sage-Matches -Lee Ann

Abalone Shells-joy has one

Tibetan Bell –Joy

Ice Chest-Lee Ann

Tarps from Beth & JOY

Blankets & Baskets- Lee Ann & Beth

Tray- Beth

Papergoods: Julia & Joy- plates, paper towels, silverware, cups

Prep: To go in Truck with AL

1. Baskets/ Trays with Symbols, lighters/abalone shells, sage, misters, bells, votives with candles
2. Ice chests—with food, drink,
3. Paper goods & silverware, paper towels, garbage bag