**Blessing**

Wz: Welcome (name)...to the rituals of Samhain....it is a season of change, a time to name and honor those attributes within you that are of the Crone, a time of going inside to nurture seeds of your changing within as the earth holds the seeds in the ground....it's a time for remembering and connecting with those we love who have passed over....As you proceed, hold this thought: "What is remembered in your mind, your voice and your heart, Lives." (Anoints the forehead, throat and heart)

Anne: (while moving the sage bundle over each): Welcome (name)...Breathe in love, compassion and freedom. Breathe out fear, uncertainty and chaos. Breathe in wisdom, grace, calm and beauty. Breathe out pain, shame and frustration. And with each breath, be mindful of your true self.

Lyn will be draped in a black veil and will remain silent and faceless and hold a basket of apples.

Julia will read this invitation to each of us:

"Release old fears and open your heart to the magical powers of transformation and connection.

With your first bite a new cycle begins.

Take a moment now to make this conscious decision or keep your apple until that moment arrives."