

WCC HAMILTON SWORD & CHALICE

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The Wiccan Church of Canada is an open Wiccan temple offering teaching, rituals, and training to the public. Drawing on resources available in our own community and from Toronto temple, we are a diverse, accepting, caring, and welcoming group of people united by our love of the Gods and our own journeys. W.C.C. rituals are open to one and all, regardless of one's level of knowledge in the Craft.

There is something for everyone, an experienced practitioner or someone who's vaguely curious. We hope our newsletter will reflect the diversity of our membership by offering the pagan community articles, resources, local events, links & libraries and the W.C.C calendar.

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Imbolc to Spring

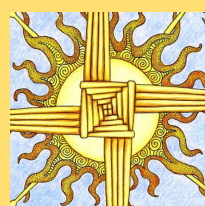
Everything in its own season .

By the time Imbolc and the first beginnings of Spring roll around we are physically and mentally done with Winter. However this year we have not been locked in under the cold dark weight of snow and ice, instead we have been graced with unseasonably accommodating weather of wind, warmth and sunshine. Where in past years Imbolc has been greeted with the first thaw, the unmistakable drip from sun warmed peaks, or that slight change in colour that slowly the warming ground creates in the trees ... this year requires us to pay closer attention to the barely there changes that tell us life is quickening within the earth.

Depending on your Path or tradition, some people focus on the Celtic goddess Brighid, in her many aspects as a deity of fire and fertility. Others aim their rituals more towards the cycles of the season, and agricultural markers. Regardless of the choice, the inherent magic of the season still flows sure ... it is the quickening

undercurrent of energy that has begun to rise and swell in the sleeping land, it is the energy that the human spirit has been waiting for after the long cold dark of January. The Exalted One has been reborn, whether she is the Celtic Brighid of fire & fertility or the Divine Feminine of the natural world; we still raise our hearts in joyous welcome and celebration.

Commonly it is a time of purification of Hearth & Heart, divination, the blessings of new seeds and the creation of new beginnings. It can be a time of personal affirmation to our connection with the land and our divine, when we are coming out of the dark time and our inner focus is renewed and freshened. The dreaming time is coming to a close and the planning stage begins, born from the reflections we may have contemplated through the Winter months. Imbolc brings us clarity and intent through purification, it is time to let go of the old and allow the strengthening sun to revitalize us heart and soul.



“Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them; that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like.”
... Lao Tzu

BELLA'S BOOK NOOK

In order to understand where you are going, you need understand where you have been. In my mind, that goes for everything. There is something to be said about those who brought the craft to the forefront and it's because of their work, diligence, tenacity... (you get the idea,) that I've reached into my vast collection and am going to reread those old gems.

Vivianne Crowley wrote *Wicca...The old religion in the new Millennium - Revised and Updated from...* 1996.241 pages with extensive footnotes and references.(The original was published in 1986.) ISBN:0 – 7225 – 3271 – 7.

It's one of those books you devour as a newbie, you treasure it, and re-read passages that make your soul sing, because someone put down in words all, or at least some of what have been feeling.

Then it slowly makes it from the night table to a shelf, and then into a book case, and then it gathers dust for a few years.

So re-reading this book with wiser eyes, I'll do my best to convey why we need to remember where our roots are.It also ties in nicely with parts of the various classes the WCC offers.

Her definition of What is Wicca has been part of many class debates.Part of it reads:

Wicca honours the Divine made manifest in Nature and many who have turned to Wicca have done so as the result of a deep commitment to green issues.... Page 4.

Wiccan is a religion that looks to the good in human beings rather than to the evils and seeks to bring out the good rather than dwelling on people's faults. It does not seek unrealistic sainthood, but rather makes the best of what is there. It does not divide people into the chosen and the damned but see people as being in different stages of struggle towards the same end – that of unity with the Divine.Page 5.

I'll continue this in the next edition.

"Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm."

- John Muir



AS ABOVE, SO BELOW

FIRST QUARTER - FEB 1

IMBOLC - FEB 1

FULL MOON - FEB 9

LAST QUARTER - FEB 15

NEW MOON - FEB 23

FIRST QUARTER - MAR 2

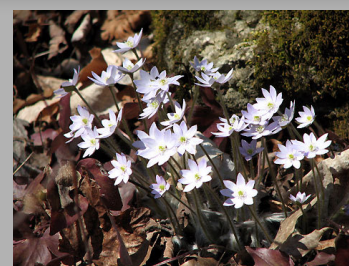
FULL MOON - MAR 9

LAST QUARTER - MAR 16

SPRING EQUINOX- MAR 19

NEW MOON - MAR 24

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WCC Hamilton Temple
Community Events

WHATS UP HAMILTON

Feb 9 Kindness
Walk 2020

Support Hamiltons
Homeless with food
and warm clothes.
Downtown Hamilton.

Mar 1 HPPM
Spring Edition

Pagan Pub Moot - A
social event held for
the Pagan Community
in & around the
Golden Horseshoe.

Mar 21 WCC
Hamilton Temple

Our Sabbat and
celebration of the
Spring Equinox, with
circle and potluck
feast.



Ways to celebrate the turning of the Wheel

- Donate food and clothing in your area, fill a backpack or purse with self care items.
- Put up bird feeders and keep them filled til Spring
- Meditate for Peace, for your own and your community.
- Make a pledge to do some form of good works in the new quarter.
- Practice mindfulness of the Season.