

Workshop Descriptions

African Drumming w/ Tony Kisling. Tony Kisling has been drumming for about 10 years and bought his first drum at Dragonfest in 97!!!! All Ages are welcome. Kids are encouraged to bring a parent.

Archery and Witchery with Hank and Bill: "So long as the new moon returns in heaven a bent beautiful bow, so long with the fascination of archery keep hold of the hearts of men (and women)." This is a class, not merely about traditional archery, but also about archery as an ancient form of sex magic and as a tool for refining our focus in performing magic, healings and achieving goals. Information on how to select the right bow for you, how to learn to be accurate, how to match arrows to your bow and ritualistic uses of archery will be presented.

Back country travel and ethics w/ Major Bill and July. Major Bill has been backpacking and Mountaineering for 38 years. He has taught mountaineering for Outward Bound, rock climbing for the Colorado State Experiential Learning Program, Ropes Knots rappeling and land navigation for the Army. July is an avid backpacker, hiker, and llama packer. The object of this workshop is to give the attendee the opportunity to learn from other peoples mistakes when traveling in the back country. It will provide a broad overview of the concepts that a hiker or backpacker should knowledge of so that he or she can make informed decisions on how to travel safely and in harmony with the environment. It is by no means a survival course, but it is a good starting point. All ages, but may be too complex (not to mention uninteresting) for small children.

Balance and Harmony - the Taoist approach to Life, the Universe and Everything w/ Jim: Jim is a fourth-order "Ben Dan" who has been studying Taoism for fifteen years. He is frequently found at parties, telling silly stories. This worksho will focus on the Taoist approach to achieving balance between the sacred and the profane, the spiritual and the physical. Drawn from the book of balance and harmony, which was compiled in the 13th century, we will explore the methods behind Taoist alchemy and the Taoist concept of immortality. The exercises will focus on the balance between health, creativity and the needs of a person living in society. Oh, did I mention sex?

Basic Introduction to Mead Making w/Toma: Toma is a member of Covenant of the Witches based in Denver. He has been making mead since Mead Moon of 2004. This class is for people that are interested in making their own mead and/or wines and would like to learn a bit more about the basics. In this class we will explore definitions, equipment and formulas. We will also share recipies and successes. (21 and up)

Beading - Five Wire Wrapped Pentacle w/ Firea and Mo: Simple Wire wrap Pentacle- Five Bead: Ever wanted to make your own pentacle or magical jewelry? Come learn how to make a simple pentacle pendant/charm using the wire wrap technique. You will walk away with one pentacle pendant and instructions from the workshop. Materials and tools supplied, but a \$2 donation is appreciated to cover cost of materials. Limit ten people please.

Beading - Pentacle Necklace w/Firea and Mo: Make your own pentacle necklace using seed beads and learn some basic beading techniques. \$3.00 per person, limit one necklace per person. Feel welcome to bring your own pendants and charms.

Beginning Poi w/ Paul: Paul Dunkirk-Greenbaum is a fire performer of 8 years. Skilled in more than 10 fire props, Paul is an accomplished fire dancer with an ongoing unique style. He owns Burning Passion, www.burningpassion.com, providing quality pyrotechnic paraphernalia to the masses and vends at about 20 festivals and many other events every year. Poi is a great way to exercise the body and brain! In this workshop we will cover the very basics of getting started in spinning poi. Forward spin, back spin, butterfly and a variety of other simple moves will taught in this workshop! Practice poi will be provided for those who do not own their own.

Bye, Bye Fear, Hello Freedom w/Jimmy: Jimmy Riley is a 20 year teacher of adult and children's educatin at Denver Community Schools, 8 years at Dragonfest, rituals presented with 9 3/4, writer, author of Violet Lightening (adventure), tennis pro, fun as hell. If you bother to feel fear for all the things that could or might even WISH to harm you, you willnever stopp worrying all day long. For the rest of your life. Luckily though, it is only a matter of becoming heavenly, to live in heave. As indivitusalas we can turn out thoughts and feelings away from those of the fear-based masses, reducing the amount of fear bubbling over from them unto us, thus freeing ourselves for adventure. Adventure occurs in a moment by moment lightness YOU CAN CREATE. Impossible? Or easy? Bare shoulder or bare feet are needed, we'll enjoy a relaxing massage, some nonverbal communication, then make a real progress on freedom in shared discussion. (18 and up)

Chakra Basics w/ Journey: Journey is High Priestess of Coven of the Goddess, Healer, Teacher of the gifts of Goddess that help us heal ourselves and others. Her workshops offered at Dragonfest are a token of gratitude and an effort to repay Goddess for the abundance She is in her life. Charkras are the connection of soul and physical body. Charkras are the key to understanding the dis-ease and un-fulfillment of the soul that creates disease in the physical Body. Chakras are the windows to the cellular memory of past life that carries forth the binding fears and baits of past that inhibit the growth of future. As Witches and Healers the Charkras area a tool of empowerment not to be without.

Chanting and Drumming with Saraswati Rain and Iannin: Sara Rain and Iannin are both well known in the Pagan community for their ability to lead and inspire in the area's of chanting and drumming. This workshop is for those who would like learn chanting and drumming as an enhancement to the pagan experience.

Conspiracy w/Eric: Eric has been a long time conspiracy buff long before Mulder and Scully were cool. Black Ops, Secret Government, New World Order, False Flag Operatins, 9/11, North American Union, Mind Control, HAARP, Chemtrales, The Bohemian Grove, Montauk Project, UFOs, Aliens, 2012...This is a roundtable discussion workshop that will skim the surface of thes conspiracies and others. Come share your thoutsh, ideas, opinions and information with other like minded individuals. The Truth is Out There. Let's discuss it here.

Coyote: Creator, Teacher, Trickster and Furry God w/ Amber and Azrael: Presented by Amber K and Azrael Arynn K of Ardantane Pagan Learning Center, authors of True Magik, Ritual Craft, Heart of Tarot, and other books. He is complex, simple and fun. Sometimes he is wise and powerful, sometimes rude and crude and lusty. He is Coyote, the "Trickster God" of the Southwest, and far more than a trickter. Join us to hear some stories of Coyote (we'll pretend we're gathered around the hearthfire in winter), and learn about his incredible important role in the divine scheme of things.

Croning Workshop: Presented by Crones of Dragonfest, a group of women who were croned at last year's Dragonfest Croning Ritual. (If you would like to attend this year and would like to join this group, contact Mary Reeves at chaliceseeker@aol.com) What does it mean to be a crone? How do you feel about having entered into the third stage of a woman's life? The Crone is the third manifestation of the goddess, which is usually associated with Wisdom, Mystery, and Power. How do we see these qualities in our lives? Where can we find Wisdom --and Power--Power to do, to be, and to influence others in a positive way? (But never power over others for the sake of power). Come discuss these and related questions with other Crones in our community. (If you are planning on taking part in the Croning Ritual tomorrow, we'd very much like you to come do this workshop first.)

Daily Tai Chi: Jan Smallwood, instructor of Sun style Tai Chi. I teach in Pueblo, Co for Step Up, a wellness program with Centura Health Systems. I also at AKKA, a karate and kempo school. My form is approved by the Arthritis Foundation for people of all abilities. Tai Chi improves balance, focus, agility, along with developing the skeletal and muscular systems. With QiGong breathing, Tai Chi restores the body to its natural state. I will give instructions for the 32 short form, but those who do other forms are welcome too.

Dance of Universal Peace w/Saraswati Rain and Taliesin the Green: a dancing and chant workshop based on inter-faith songs and dances.

Dragonfest Actors Guild - Lysistrata Play Practice: The Guild is still looking for a few good, bad, oh heck willing actors and actresses for our wonderful production!! To join the Guild you do not have to have any formal thespian training, just a loud voice, a very good sense of humor and it wouldn't hurt if you like to be in front of a giant throng of screaming, clapping theatergoers. This production is meant to be more fun than serious and will be done script-in-hand style. We will have some basic costumes and props on hand so our audience can keep track of the characters. Why you ask? Well, anyone and everyone who wants to be involved will have their chance with just the passing of the script and as devious as us actors are, we might just drag a few folks out of the audience to read a line or two.

Drawing the What? w/ Joseph Devalt. This workshop is for anyone who has never attended or would like to know more about the sacred rite we call Drawing Down. We will be covering some basic history of this blessed event as it has been witnessed throughout the ages, including some of the more unfortunate things our modern day society has done to it. We will also be talking openly about the concept of Drawing Down and what to expect if you decide to attend the Drawing Down of the Moon ritual. So bring your questions, skepticism and a dash of irreverence as we explore this most cherished and beautiful rite. All ages

Druid Roundtable w The Treehenge seed group. This will be an informal discussion facilitated by Iannin, Logran, Themen, Gwrhryr, and more. The Treehenge Seedgroup of the Order of Bards, Ovates, and Druids would like to invite any and all those interested in, or already on the path of Druidry to a Druid Roundtable Discussion. Please bring any questions that you may have about the Druid path, and also, please bring any answers that you may have related to Druidry. We particularly would love to meet members of any Druid orders with whom we can network. Let's share the history, wisdom, legends, teachings and current practices of the Druids. Any age.

Drum making workshop w/ Phil Catalano. Phil has been taught by 2 different teachers, has made more than 20 Drums, and has been teaching classes for 7 years. This workshop will concentrate on a particular design made popular with the availability of pre-made hoops and the availability of skins and hides. The techniques are taken from the traditional methods and updated for the use of more contemporary hoops and preparation methods. Prices range from \$95.00 for 10" Deer hide to \$200.00 for 24" Elk hide hoop drums. Contact Phil (303) 838-3018 for more information on hoop or octagonal frames sizes and Deer and Elk hides. Individual classes can be arranged almost anytime throughout the Festival on a case-by-case basis - depending on availability of materials. Pre-made Drums will be available in Merchant Row. All ages.

Drumming 101 w/ Tony Kisling. Tony Kisling has been drumming for about 10 years and bought his first drum at Dragonfest in 97!!!! Beginner drumming for everyone!! Bring your drum and any percussion toys you might have! (Some extra drums are available). All Ages are welcome. Kids are encouraged to bring a parent.

EFT Healing w/Becky: MTT (Meridian Tapping Technique) PERSONAL PEACE TECHNIQUE Learn to use EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) to clear out your unwanted emotional rubbish. This workshop will enable you to begin your own journey to personal peace by neutralizing all the negatives, troublesome events that you have experienced in your life. This simple tapping technique can be easily learned and used anywhere, anytime to help you become more at peace with yourself. Make your contribution to World Peace by making peace with yourself and others. Join us to begin your transformation.

Elemental Insights: A Seasonal Sip of Wisdom w/Bronwynn Forrest Torgerson: Bronwynn is the author of "One Witch's Way, released by Llewellyn Worldwide in the summer of 2008. She follows a dual path of Norse Heathenry and Eclectic Solitary Wicca. In this workshop we will journey through life's seasons, armed with a favorite beverage and the properties of the Elemental Quadrants to take stock of the light and shadows of our lives. Reflect on what feeds your passion and fires your commitment. Determine the pace and the pulse of your life. Discover new awakenings and assess your level of safety and security. With the 4 Elements and Spirit as our guide, we will find our place at this moment and chart our course from here. Participants should have a general understanding of the elements and should bring pen, paper and a cup of their favorite beverage. Handouts will be provided. (18 and up)

Ello Poppet w/Silver: Silver is a third degree member of Coven of the Goddess, Healer and Teacher of the gifts of Goddess that help us help ourselves and others. As taught by her High Priestess, Silver's workshops are offered at Dragonfest as a token of gratitude and an effort to repay Goddess for the abundance She is in her life. This workshop will go over the history, myths and facts about poppets and poppet making. We will discuss different types of poppet such as, Diety dolls, worry dolls, healing poppets, binding poppets and go over the ethics of poppet magic. The discussion will last about an hour and then for those who chose there will be material and needle and thread for you to make a poppet of your choice.

Gemstones -Spiritual, Mystical and Healing w/Phil: Phil has been a "rock hound" for 30+ years and has as a lapidary hobby-cuttin and polishing semi-precious gemstones for more than 25 years. He also uses gemstones Magically and Spiritually. A historical and contemporary review of semi-precious gemstones, i.e. Jaspers, Agates, and mineral specimens. Included in the workshop will be the mystical and spiritual attributes, the healing powers, and the lore and sacred uses of these gemstones, including spell working. Gemstones have been used throughout history as sacred objects, talismans, and amulets, and especially known for the curative powers. A brief review of their physical, chemical and scientific properties will also be discussed. There will be 10-15 books available to look at, a specimen board with samples to see and a handout about Gemstones with a free Agate or Jasper.

Goddess Themis w/ Tara: Enlightening information and discussion about the often overlooked Pre-Olympian (Greek) goddess of Justice and Balance.

History of Henna with Lorry: Lorry has been doing Henna Body Art for over 10 years. Come and join in and learn about the fantastic world of Henna. Henna is a palant that grows in the Middle East. It has been used safely on the skin and hair for thousands of years. This class will cover the history, what henna is and where it grows, how to draw transfers, and how to apply the paste to the skin and how it works. Also covered is how Henna can be a part of your ritual. The class fee is \$10.00. This includes paste to take to your camp, magic pencil, transfer paper, designs, my recipe and special tools. Extra supplies and designs will be available at the class. If you can trace, you are a henna artist! YOU TOO CAN DRAW ALL OVER YOURSELF AND OTHERS!!

How Do I Stop Hurting? A Discussion of Grief and Loss w/Rev. Selene: How do you cope when a friend dies? How do you manage to go on when you lost a parent, sibling or other family member? What happens to your sanity when there is a divorce, a move, accidents and other uncontrollable changes in your life? How do you figure out what you need - even harder? How do you let people know how they can help you? This workshop is a place to discuss what's going on and how to start healing. Come with your stories and questions, with ideas to share and a desire to support yourself and your friends through the difficulties and confusion of death and loss.

How to Put on your own Pagan Festival w/Joe Dellea: Joe Dellea has been a member of the Dragonfest Community for 20 years. This means he is not imaginative enough to think of anything else to do the second week of August - for 20 years. (This is not Joe in the Hat). He has done an assortment of staff jobs over the years. He has been pagan for a very long time. He occasionally threatens to join an organized religion just for the variety. There is no need to have 1000 people at your festival. The early pagan festivals only needed a tent, a backyard and a flashlight. Every year people gripe about how big Dragonfest and some other national festivals have become, yet you still keep coming. This might be a sign of unhealthy behavior. In this workshop there will be a brief outline of the history of Dragonfest's growth in people and facilities. Key points will be how various "traditions" got started and the logistics and infrastructure needed to support them. From Bob and his famous oatmeal for everybody to the year the kitchen became a lake. It turns out you can just go hang out with your friends in the woods without reefer trucks and a canopy borrowed from Denver's airport. The goal will be to present the history of the growth curve of the current festival with an eye towards planning more pagan festivals. There will be heavy emphasis on planning, networking and intentional simplicities. Come prepared to find ways to set up festivals and meet people interested in doing the same. Seriously.

I am Goddess and She is Me w/Silver: Silver is a third degree member of Coven of the Goddess, Healer and Teacher of the gifts of Goddess that help us help ourselves and others. As taught by her High Priestess, Silver's workshops are offered at Dragonfest as a token of gratitude and an effort to repay Goddess for the abundance She is in her life. This workshop is open to both women and men and will explore the Goddess path based on the teaching of Coven of the Goddess. Based upon the Women's Mysteries Ritual in 2007, we will learn how to find strength, love and truth in ourselves and Her reflection.

If You can Talk You can Sing w/ Taliesin the Green: Taliesin the Green is a musician, songwriter, dancer, drummer, producer, playwright, actor and so forth. Come share your original songs. All levels welcome beginners to pros, and everyone contributes. The only requirement is that you not apologize for your abilities.

Introduction to Tai Chi Workshop w/Charlie K: Charlie has been studying Tai Chi for almost 4 years and is certified to teach Tai Chi for Arthritis as created by Dr. Paul Lam and other health care professionals. He has also studied with Dr. Pam Kircher and has learned full form Sun Style Tai Chi from her. Over the past year he has been focusing on learning Chen style Tai Chi from Mary Jane Ward with Dancing Heron Studios. This workshop is an introduction to Tai Chi going over warm-ups, stretches and Chi Gong exercises. It will also go over basic Tai Chi principles and a demonstration of various Tai Chi Forms.

Intuitive Past Life with Journey: Journey is High Priestess of Coven of the Goddess, Healer, Teacher of the gifts of Goddess that help us heal ourselves and others. Her workshops offered at Dragonfest are a token of gratitude and an effort to repay Goddess for the abundance She is in her life. Universal Consciousness of the Arts of Magick belong to us all, she is merely the messenger of what already lies within all. We are all capable of intuitively reading past lives in self and others. It is as simple as ridding ourselves of negative blocks and training our senses to "read" cellular memory keys to the universe. Come with an open mind and learn to see dimensionally through a time line that is not linear.

Knot Magic with Major Bill and July: Major Bill has been around Dragonfest for at least the last 10 years. He has been a professional fire fighter, is currently an EMT and is an Army Officer. You've probably seen him around. July has been helping Major Bill with this class for years now. You've probably seen her around too! Knot magic is a class that covers the mundane, but very useful knowledge about ropes and knots that every camper should know. Most of the people that have attended this workshop have found immediate uses for it. Major Bill's style is very relaxed and lots of fun. He makes learning ropes and knots very fun, and has a few rope tricks up his sleeve. All ages are welcome, but it can be a bit complex and may be too much for very young children. There are no prerequisites. Major Bill starts at the very beginning. All course material is provided.

Kundalini Yoga and Spiritual Chant w/Fateh and Gur Nam: Fateh Kaur and Guru Nam Kaur are both Kundalini Yoga teachers approved by the KRI, an international Kundalini Yoga teachers training program, as taught by Yogi Bhanan, PhD and Master of Kundalini Yoga.

Magic and Money with Mr. Pragmatic: Jimmy Riley is a 20 year teacher of adult and children's education at Denver Community Schools, 8 years at Dragonfest, rituals presented with 9 3/4, writer, author of Violet Lightning (adventure), tennis pro, fun as hell. "I did this workshop in 2005 to good attendance and results--in 2006 I had bad attendance and drew some flak: "why are you talking about money at Dfest, ruining it?" Well folks, I skipped two years and in the third year the money is a whole 'nother animal, so utterly confusing, so wildly destructive that I bet a third of you won't even make it to Dragonfest. Those who will - ya wanna talk about it? Money has constantly been a hot topic for magickal discussion as it crystallizes an intrinsic problem that many magickal people say is unsolvable. Can pagans play "material girl" games designed by the mundanes without being turned into one?

Magick w/Phil: Phil has been a student of Ancient, Historical and Occult knowledge for 30 years, he has studied with several Occult Schools and has a BS Degree in Parapsychology. He practices Magick in his daily life. Magick is defined as, "Causing change in accordance with one's will." This workshop will discuss the History, Theory and Practice of Occult Magick. Lessons included Ethics in the use of Magick, several methods of spell working, description of tools and how to use them, and a discussion of consequences - both positive and negative. Plus lots more!

Make a Basic Hoop/Beginner Hooping w/Catgut: Catgut is a violinist, fire performer, and is the maker and vendor of CaloopsaHoops, collapsible travel hoops. Catgut will be vending with Burning Passion. Learn everything you need to know to make a hula hoop sized just for you. All supplies to assemble and decorate your hoop will be provided for a fee of @20.00. This class will include beginner lessons on how to use your new hoop. (Class size limited to 10, ages 10 years and older).

Mandala's w/Nan: The word "mandala" is from the classical Indian language of Sanskrit. Loosely translated to mean "circle," a mandala is far more than a simple shape. It represents wholeness, and can be seen as a model for the organizational structure of life itself--a cosmic diagram that reminds us of our relation to the infinite, the world that extends both beyond and within our bodies and minds. Mandalas are a form of artwork that represent the structure of life. They are used to help center, for spiritual work and for finding your "inter peace". I'll provide copies of some simple mandalas and some markers for coloring them. This workshop is appropriate for almost any age group (providing they can sit still and quiet for about 30 minutes.) It's an adult color book!

Mantra's, Mudras & Mystical Hand Gestures with Fateh and Gur Nam: Fateh Kaur and Guru Nam Kaur are both Kundalini Yoga teachers approved by the KRI, an international Kundalini Yoga teachers training program, as taught by Yogi Bhajan, PhD and Master of Kundalini Yoga.

Mask Making w/Patty: Patty is one of the founding Mamas of Dragonfest - Owner of Goldendragonfly. This workshop will be a creative workshop in alternating your appearance with a mask. Learn hands on techniques of leather making masks. Please wear clothes that can be gotten dirty, glued or painted. Bring decorative items to share if available - buttons, sequins, rhinestones, gemstones, ribbon, yarn, whatever... Participants should have an interest in detail work.

Myth for Inspiration and Ritual w Mary and Robin: Mary and Robin are part of the Crone's of Dragonfest. As Wiccan and Pagans, we have access to a great treasurehouse filled with the myths of many pantheons. We are also very aware of new myths that are being created in the 21st century. We can find much dynamic material for ritual and much inspiration for our lives in these myths. Let's explore some of these treasures.

Pagan Addiction Recovery w/Terri: Because the recovery community has a strong Judeo-Christian belief, bias, we often find ourselves uncomfortable in traditional 12 Step programs. Let's discuss how we each deal with finding support while staying true to our own spirituality. I will have handouts on the Spiral Steps and will share my recovery experience. Please come share your experience. We encourage anyone with family or friends that are addicted to join us. And if you are just curious, stop on by. Alcoholism and addiction affects all of us so we have a stake in recovery.

Pagan Adoption and Fostercare Roundtable Discussion w/CeCe: Have you thought about adoptions? Fostercare? Have you already adopted? How does your spirituality impact your decisions to adopt or foster? How does it impact agencies' willingness to let you adopt? This will be an open discussion about adoption and fostercare in pagan community. Please share your experience, opinions, and questions (positive & negative). There will be a few resource handouts available as well.

Persephone Recast w/ Dianne and Sylvanus: Olympian mythology holds that Persephone was abducted by Hades, mourned by Demeter, and tricked into remaining in the underworld by eating six pomegranate seeds. But truly, how does one take her who cannot be named against her will, and trick her into doing anything she doesn't wish to do? This workshop will explore alternate perceptions of Persephone as Queen of the Underworld, and recast her role from victim and pawn, to ruler of the afterlife. We will also discuss the interplay between Persephone and Hades.

Polyamory 101 with Jim: Jim has been Polyamorous for about Seven years and has been presenting workshops on Polyamory at Dragonfest and other gatherings for at least five years. Polyamory, or Responsible Non-Monogamy, is the philosophy that you can have a loving relationship with more than one person. The workshop will present some basic terms needed to understand discussions about Polyamory, then go into what it is and is not as well as provide time for questions and discussion of real-world Poly experiences.

Polyamory 201 w/Tres and Star: Tres and Star have been a polyamorous couple in the community for five years. This will be a continuation of the Poly 101 workgroup with a focus on issues and experiences of polyamorous units. All are welcome to attend, however this will be aimed for those who are or have been in a polyamorous relationship.

Psychic Safety and Well Being Part 1 w/Maeve Wilde and Cathy Blake: Maeve has over a decade of personal experience in psychic self-defense, shielding, banishing, etc and a BA in Speech/Public Address and Rhetoric with a minor in Religious Studies. Cathy is a therapist at Access Counseling in Boulder and has an MA in Somatic Counseling, Psychology, Body Psychotherapy emphasis. This class covers practical instruction and exercises in psychic shielding, aura strengthening and psychic well-being. It will cover situations where you might feel the need for protection, then launch directly into hands-on exercises, visualizations and experiments to find out what works best for each of you personally. There will be some overlap, but you can attend Part 1 or Part 2 or both. As we will need to seriously concentrate on the exercises and meditations, this is open only to adults. Please wear comfortable clothing and plan on participating. Maeve Wilde and Cathy Blake, combining spiritual aspects of psychic self-defense with the scientific aspects to form a cohesive whole.

Psychic Safety and Well Being Part 2 w/Maeve Wilde and Cathy Blake: Maeve has over a decade of personal experience in psychic self-defense, shielding, banishing, etc and a BA in Speech/Public Address and Rhetoric with a minor in Religious Studies. Cathy is a therapist at Access Counseling in Boulder and has an MA in Somatic Counseling, Psychology, Body Psychotherapy emphasis. This class covers practical instruction and exercises in psychic shielding, aura strengthening and psychic well-being. It will cover situations where you might feel the need for protection, then launch directly into hands-on exercises, visualizations and experiments to find out what works best for each of you personally. There will be some overlap, but you can attend Part 1 or Part 2 or both. As we will need to seriously concentrate on the exercises and meditations, this is open only to adults. Please wear comfortable clothing and plan on participating. Maeve Wilde and Cathy Blake, combining spiritual aspects of psychic self-defense with the scientific aspects to form a cohesive whole.

Ritual Writing 101 w/ Dianne and Deborah: Dianne Miller and Deborah Hall are members of Dithyrambos coven, a Dionysian mystery cult dedicated to the worship of Dionysus and Persephone. Together they have been creating rituals for over 12 years. This class will present participants with a sound introduction to writing rituals for all occasions. We will discuss how to successfully create rituals to match your magical intent, select the tools you need for the results you desire, and match ritual working to the audience for the ritual. Rituals for holidays, spellcraft and life passages will be included in our discussion.'

Silence In the Meadows: the Bee Goddess and the Honeybees w/Amber and Azrael: In ancient times the melissae serves as priestesses of the Bee Goddess, knowing Her importance to all life on Gaia. Today the honeybees still pollinate a vast number of plants we eat, but are threatened by CCD (Colony Collapse Disorder). Come get an eco-update on these amazing creatures, a look at a possible future without them, and information as to how you can help preserve them. Presented by Amber K and Azrael Aryn K of Ardantane Pagan Learning Center, authors of True Magik, Ritual Craft, Heart of Tarot, and other books.

So You Think You Know Zeus w/Melia: Melia has been a devotee of Zeus for over a year. While she has attended Dragonfest for 14 years, this is the first workshop she has given here or anywhere else for that matter. Melia sees her religion as a growth process, one that has led her to where she is now. So you think you know Zeus? Most know that Zeus was King of the Greek Gods and had a tendency to run around on his wife Hera. But did you know he was worshipped as a household God too? I hope to give a more complete viewpoint than what most of us were taught in school.

Spiral Dance Bracelets w/Alice: Alice is a jewelry maker and vendor at the Witch's Brew and Dragonfest. Spiral Dance bracelets are a spiral stitched bracelet that can be made to fit any size wrist down to about 5" circumference. There will be a \$10.00 fee for supplies, these bracelets usually retail for \$20.00. Anyone wishing to see these bracelets before the workshop can stop by Alice's booth at the Witch's Brew.

Stumbling Down the Path - An Irreverent Look at Taoism with Jim: Jim is a fourth-order "Ben Dan" who has been studying Taoism for fifteen years. He is frequently found at parties, telling silly stories. The workshop will examine the history and evolution of Taoism, a philosophy that evolved out of early shamanistic practices, perhaps 3000 years ago in China. We will look at "the Way" from historical, magical and religious perspectives, and investigate teaching of the unteachable from immortality to Tai Chi to Taoist Mind Control, by way of the Tao Te Ching, Chuang Tzu, Winnie the Pooh. Oh, did I mention sex? (prerequisite: a sense of humor)

The Heart of Tarot w/ Amber and Azrael: Presented by Amber K and Azrael Aryn K of Ardantane Pagan Learning Center, authors of True Magik, Ritual Craft, Heart of Tarot, and other books. Read the Tarot for wisdom, insight and guidance without memorizing meanings for each card or being a psychic wonder. This method of reading ANY tarot deck focuses on careful questions, imagination and role-playing, and empowers the querent to find his or her own truth in the cards. Based on John McClimans system of Gestalt Tarot, and the book, "Heart of Tarot" by the presenters. Books will be available for those who wish them signed by the authors.

The Many Paths of Paganism w/ Amber and Azrael: Presented by Amber K and Azrael Aryn K of Ardantane Pagan Learning Center, authors of True Magik, Ritual Craft, Heart of Tarot, and other books. The umbrella of Paganism covers many different spiritual traditions--come get an overview of the Pagan world. Great for those new to Paganism, but we'll have some good info even for those who have been involved for years. We'll touch on the many flavors of Wicca, Druidry, Dianic/Goddess paths, Asatru, Afro-Caribbean religions, and the renaissance of many European Pagan faiths, from Rome to Eastern Europe. There will be no attempt to proselytize or "sell" any particular path, just information from folks who have been active in Paganism for a few decades.

Understanding and Helping a Grieving Teen: a Guide for Parents and Educators w/ Rev. Selene: One of the most challenging events in a teen's life is the death of a friend, pet or loved one. Divorce, moving and other losses occur with disturbing regularity. Caring adults can have a positive impact on the process of recovery from loss. This workshop will help you better understand the physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual effects that are specific to the process of a grieving teenager. You will find out what to say and what not to say; signs that your teen is in danger; ideas and suggestions for helping through the process; tips for improving your relationship and a place to bring your questions, concerns and fears. Together we will work to find solutions and suggestions to help you through this difficult time. This workshop is also helpful for parent/educators who have not yet experienced this challenge and prepare for it for if (or more likely when) it occurs.

Volunteering for Dragonfest w/ Joseph Devalt and his team. In this discussion, we will talk about Dragonfest Volunteering and how you can participate. All ages.

Wards and Fetches w/Silver: Silver is a third degree member of Coven of the Goddess, Healer and Teacher of the gifts of Goddess that help us help ourselves and others. As taught by her High Priestess, Silver's workshops are offered at Dragonfest as a token of gratitude and an effort to repay Goddess for the abundance She is in her life. This workshop will go over different types of wards of protection and how to recognize and protect against unkind energies sent out by others to cause harm and discontent in your life. If you do not know what a ward or fetch is, then stop on by and learn something new. Knowledge is the key to power, not power over others, but power to change yourself.

Welcome to DragonFest. Presented by Phil Catalano who has been attending Dragonfest since 1989 - he has been on staff every year since 1990 in a variety of staff positions. This is both a welcoming for new Dragonfest attendees & a refresher for all attendees. We will discuss all facets of the Festival - Medical, Security, Community Center, Drum Circles, etc... what to expect throughout the event, its history, the organizational structure, current events and activities. It will also include a "Dragonfest Ethics" discussion & handout, "Circle Etiquette", Drum Circle etiquette and related Do's & Don'ts - including Safety & Security around the Fire ring. We review rituals, including what to expect, and what is expected of the participants. Discussions will also include workshops, timing of events & activities. We will review the Map and locations of where events & workshops also where Medical, camping locations, clothing optional/required areas, hiking trails, quiet areas & swimming locations. We will also discuss the work shifts, staff functions and leadership rolls - Della as Campground Manager, etc. All ages

Where Have all the Elders Gone with Kate: How to find teachers and mentors in the sometimes elusive and quiet pagan community?

Women Circling w/ The Denver Celtic Women's Circle: This will be a panel discussion by the Denver Celtic Women's Circle (and Barbeque) outlining our personal experiences in creating and maintaining a women's circle. The initial presentation is broken out according to elements, with each woman speaking to her personal experience in a particular area. We will focus on how and why we feel that we are succeeding in starting up and keeping a circle going in a world where so many women's circle's flounder and burn out. This will be followed by a question and answer period. Handouts will be provided. Please bring a notebook or something to write in and with.

Yarn Harlots Unite w/Varina: Varina is a self taught left handed crochet enthusiast. T Are you a yarn harlot? Do you current crafty projects take up more space in your closet than your clothing? Well come sit a spell and bring the project you packed up for Fest. This is a round table discussion for sharing your favorite crafty ideas and opinions on yarn, fabric, floss, etc. Newbies welcomed and encouraged.

You are the Chooser, You are the Chosen One w/ Amber and Azrael: Presented by Amber K and Azrael Aryn K of Ardantane Pagan Learning Center, authors of True Magik, Ritual Craft, Heart of Tarot , and other books. Finding your pesonal goddess or god. Many Pagans have a special relationship with on aspect of the overarching Goddess or God, while others have only worked with generic Diety. Come and learn how to connect with a very personal diety, and why this can be a powerful path to self-transformation and spiritual growth. Naturally we will discuss the question, "What is a goddes and god anyway?"