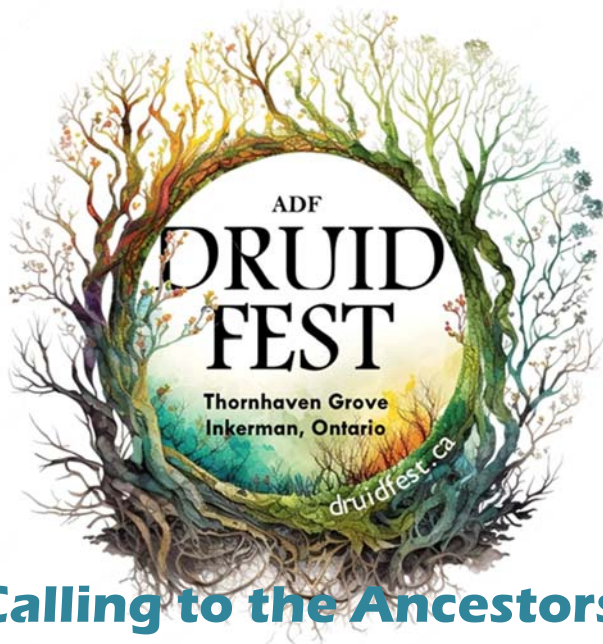


Canada East Regional Gathering of Ár nDraíocht Féin
presents:



Calling to the Ancestors

June 5th - 8th 2025

Thornhaven Grove
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FOR ANY LAST-MINUTE CHANGES!*

Thursday

8pm **Opening Prayers (Dining Tree)**

Friday

8:30am **Coffee & Piety** **Common Area**

9am **Daily Yoga with Isabeau** **Pond**

10am **Trance Meditation with Rev. Jules** **N**

This trance journey connects you to the ancestral spirit, which represents the entirety of your lineage going back to the first people. The trance will be facilitated with some gentle guidance (not a full-blown guided meditation), along with drumming.

11am **Poetry with Jeff** **Gazebo**

Discover why Druids were revered as poets, exploring the magic of language that resonates with the rhythms of the earth. We'll craft and share our own poems, celebrating the beauty of expression and the connections that bind us to each other and the world around us!

12pm **LUNCH BREAK**

1:30pm **Ancestors Ritual with Rev. Jules** **Gazebo**

Join us in sacred space to dedicate a ritual to the ancestors in all their forms. Through our collective magic, we will understand how close our ancestors are to us, and how easy it is to bring them into this time and place of living with words and music.

3:30pm	Oghams with Jeff	Gazebo
	Uncover the ancient wisdom of this mystical writing system, exploring its significance and how it was used to communicate with nature and spirit. Learn to write with Oghams and delve into their meanings, gaining insights that resonate deeply within their lives.	
4:30pm	Musical Meditation and Connection with Leah	Lower Circle
5pm	Nettle Fibres	
	Learn how to extract and process the fibres from this most humble and wonderful plant. You will learn how to weave a length of cord to use for practical and/or magical purposes.	
6pm	SUPPER	
7:30pm	Death Café with Tasha	Gazebo
	<i>'Nothing marks the community of the living like sharing food and drink'.</i> - Bernard Crettaz At a Death Café, people gather to eat cake, drink tea, and discuss death openly with no agenda, objectives, or themes. This is not a bereavement or grief support group.	
8:30pm	Bardic, Bonfire, and Revelry	Keyhole Firepit

Saturday

8:30am	Coffee & Piety	Common Area
9am	Daily Yoga with Isabeau	Pond
9:45am	Herb Walk with Jeff	Meet at the Pond
	Discover the enchanting world of magical herbs and plants found in Thornhaven, sharing their mystical properties and historical significance. This hands-on experience can inspire healing, creativity, and give you a deeper connection to the earth!	
11am	Gaelic Waulking Songs with Rev. Jules and Meri	Gazebo
	Waulking songs are an ancient oral tradition passed on through the generations in West Scotland and Ireland. The songs helped to keep time while people "waulked" the cloth: beating the cloth to make it weatherproof and warm.	
12pm	LUNCH BREAK	
1pm	Grief workshop with Dierdre	Meditation Space
	Gently explore the nature of personal/ancestral grief, while discovering the Seven Languages of Grief as pathways for expression. These spiritual practices can help to cope with loss, fostering resilience and renewal.	
2:15pm	Making Clay Pots with Leah and David	Common Area
	Learn the ancient ways of using wild clay for pottery, a process which can bring you closer to nature and our ancestors and that truly honours the natural elements. Create your own original pottery pieces while actively exploring the rich history of pottery.	

3pm

Core Order Walkthrough with Hobbes

Lower Circle

The way I learn things is by building muscle memory, so we're going to break down the Core Order of ADF Ritual and physically walk through it to learn how it works. This way, we can become more comfortable with incorporating it into our spiritual lives.

3:30pm

Runes with Rick

Gazebo

Learn how to do bind runes and use runes for healing. Bring a pad for writing and a general knowledge of runes.

4:30pm

Music Jam with Jeff

Gazebo

Bring your instruments and let's jam! Bring your ears and enjoy listening to the music!

5pm

Feast Preparation with Tasha (1 hr)

Dining Tree

Come together and prepare your feast contribution in the outdoor kitchen, lend a hand in preparation of the meal.
Material: Your meal contribution

ADF

Saturday night

6pm

Potluck Meal

Dining Tree

Please include cards that describe the ingredients for each plate.

7:30pm

Stitchin' witches

Gazebo

To knit, to crochet, to weave, to embroider, to sew, to craft, to mend... Gathering with friends to discuss life, love, and the world, all while keeping your hands productive with your latest projects. (Other crafts welcome).

8:30pm

Bonfire

Keyhole Firepit

9:30pm

Main Ritual – Traveling to the Veil

Meet at the Pond

Being so soon since Beltaine, the veil is still thin, so join us as we journey to the edge of the underworld and visit with our beloved dead. Sit at the veil, listen to what they have to say, and keep their spirits alive.

Sunday

8:30am	Coffee & Piety	Main Area
9am	Daily Yoga with Isabeau	Pond
12pm	Lunch/ Zoom Session with Arch Druid Jan Avende	Mead Hall
1:15pm	Canada East Regional Meeting	Dining Area
3pm	Closing Ritual	



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Take your Garbage and Recyclables home. Stay hydrated!

Many thanks to all the volunteers and staff at Thornhaven for their help in making this Festival a reality!

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