



# Carolina Spirit Quest Fall 2002

# Rituals for 2003 Spring Quest Gryphon Rosemead

The Ritual Team has been working hard to bring you Rituals that support the week-end theme, "Stepping into the Light," raise energy, and direct it to support all our chosen Pagan lifestyles, whether it is private worship, public celebration or somewhere in between. The Opening and Closing Rituals will be short and to the point and the Main Ritual will be tight and focused on our Working. Children are not only welcome, but will play a major part in the Main Ritual. Participants will be actively involved and there will be a valuable place for those who are non-athletic. All Paths will be honored and many different ones will be incorporated in the Rituals.

We still have major and minor parts in each of the Rituals, so if you want to be involved, contact Gryphon Rosemead at [gryph@pobox.com](mailto:gryph@pobox.com) and we can work it out.

### Opening Ritual

We will create sacred space and cross the threshold together to begin our magical weekend. Elemental Guardians will be welcomed and symbolized in a beautiful unique way. We will leave our mundane worries behind and begin to circle around

our theme for the weekend, "Stepping into the Light."

### Main Ritual

We will listen to the wisdom of the Elements. Then we will each be chosen by an Elemental Being and go out into the woods, forming our own smaller tribe. Consider the following questions carefully to prepare for this Ritual: What does each Element bring to those who celebrate their Pagan beliefs publicly? What do the Elements provide for those that are contemplating that step into the open? What do the Elements give to those who practice their spirituality quietly? When each tribe has answered these questions to the satisfaction of the Elemental Being they are with, we will join with the other tribes and share our strengths while building energy. We will step into the light together and release our cone of power.

### Closing Ritual

Time to go back to our mundane lives, but keep some of the light we have created. We will release our sacred space, thank all who have helped us throughout the weekend and say a slow farewell to each other.

## Winter Quest Spaces Filling Quickly!

Tamia Buckingham

Wow, the response is even better than I hoped for! As of November 1, we had 10 registrations. So we are one-third full at only three weeks after the catalogs went out! I've heard from several people that they are excited about coming to Winter Quest - to which I can only say "That's great, but get your registration in to reserve your space!" Dick will be keeping a waiting list, if necessary. The waiting list will be called if there are any cancellations.

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# The Mid-Atlantic Pagan Leadership Conference Does it Again!

By MoonDance

On August 23-25, 2002 a group of Pagan attendees and staff gathered in Virginia Beach for the second annual Mid-Atlantic Pagan Leadership Conference (MA-PLC). Carolina Spirit Quest, Celebrate the Circle, the NC-PLC and Triangle Pagan Pride Day were all well represented, as were One Spirit, the Lunatic Fringe and Triad CUUPS.

When Cairril Adaire organized and held the National Summit in Indiana in March 2001, little did she know what would grow from her idea. Aranea and Lance of PaganNet attended the Summit, where Aranea had a vision of a fire being kindled by the community of leaders who gathered there. She saw the attendees then carrying the fire back to each local area, where people would gather, more fires would be lit and be carried forth by the attendees, and so on, until the country was covered with their light. She and Lance brought the idea of the Summit back to Virginia where Kimana took up their vision and organized the first MA-PLC in September 2001.

At that event, Allison (Al) Dunmore, of Triad CUUPS, & Sam Thompson, who was then the organizer of the Durham-area Pagan Daylight Activities (PDA), met for the first time in the parking lot, and, as they say, the rest was history. They brought their experiences and ideas back to North Carolina where they teamed up to produce the first "bubble", or local area, Pagan Leadership Conference (PLC). The North Carolina Pagan Leadership Conference (NC-PLC) was held in Greensboro, NC on January 11-12, 2002. From my experience, it still stands out as the most smoothly and professionally run Pagan event that I have ever attended. Many of the NC-PLC staff made the journey to Virginia to assist with this year's MA-PLC and their presence contributed greatly to the event.

I was invited to the original MA-PLC, but was unable to attend for personal reasons. However, I had the privilege of serving as a facilitator for a set of breakout sessions at the NC-PLC, and was invited back to this year's MA-PLC. All the groups represented were carefully selected, as attendance is by invitation only. Each group is limited to sending no more than three representatives, even the host group itself. The distinction was made that the conference is not identifying leaders, but is instead selecting those who are currently in roles of leadership within open organizations, many of which are specifically focused on networking and community concerns. Every PLC organizer has encountered questions regarding the process. While I know that some groups have honestly been overlooked, I have also come to firmly believe that anyone upset or threatened enough by the process to be abusive or petty towards the organizers is probably someone who is not adult enough to attend the conference in the first place. The PLCs

*What are the issues the pagan community is facing in the future? and How can we meet those needs?*

are hard work. They are not festivals. They are not parties. And they are not popularity contests. They are serious business and consist of three days full of meetings, which are completely run by consensus. Rule # 1 is to check your ego at the door.

As stated by Kimana in one of the registration letters, "The purpose of the Conference is to network, establish dialogue, and share ideas and lessons as community builders in our region." The first round of regional and local PLCs brings together groups and their organizers to identify the needs in their community. This process serves to highlight our similarities, and helps to focus us on working together toward achieving common goals. At the first MA-PLC, questions asked in the breakout brainstorming sessions included "What are the issues the pagan community is facing in the future?" and "How can we meet those needs?" From the answers, six themes were identified as areas of need: Financial/Economic, Community Relations, Public Relations, Social Services, Legal Awareness/Resources and Political Activities. Then attendees divided into regional groups to answer the question of "How is our Regional Bubble (local or state area) meeting these needs?" Various areas committed to take certain actions within the next year to begin to do so, such as holding local PLCs, leading fundraising workshops, establishing local Pagan Pride Days, and compiling pagan yellow pages and other lists of pagan-friendly professional contacts.

During this second annual conference, we revisited these themes, asking ourselves how we are already meeting these needs and what proposals we can each take back to our groups in order to do more. Sharing information proved extremely valuable as we learned from each other's successful ideas and efforts.

Friday evening begin with reports from the previous year and a preview of the weekend to come. Eldritch, our facilitator for the weekend, discussed the consensus process, and taught various techniques for encouraging good communication and keeping the discussion focused and on track. He stressed the need to maintain a balance between focusing on 1) following the process, 2) achieving results and 3) maintaining good relationships with each other.

The circle was cast and sacred space was created for the weekend before we left for a late dinner social at a local restaurant.

Afterwards, several groups made a visit to the beach and/or the boardwalk to enjoy a bit of Virginia Beach with what was left of our one free evening. I was with a small caravan of four cars. Parking lots were full everywhere we turned, but we eventually found one that opened up for us after several other cars left. We walked several blocks down to the beach, where we smudged with sage, and some of us later gathered sea water to take home for ritual use. An abundance of jellyfish

along the sand made us more careful than usual about where we stepped and even more thankful for the Full Moon's beautiful glow. However, soon the search for souvenir T-shirts and the ever-elusive public bathroom lead us back to the tourist-crowded strip and eventually off to find our beds.

Saturday consisted of four 1 1/2 hour long time slots, each with a selection of four workshops, so that at least two sessions met on each need area. In addition, there was a workshop on PLC Organization, lead by Al, Sam, Kimana and Eldritch. Each session was run by consensus with a facilitator, and ended with the question of how each of us could apply what had been discussed within our organizations, including what proposals we might make to them, or what actions we could take to help meet our continuing needs. There was also a technical session devoted to PR via the web, which specifically focused on the idea of setting up a MA-PLC web site. This site could serve as a resource portal and information repository, and would be linked to the various bubble (local PLC) sites, and then to individual organizations' sites. The site created by NC-PLC at NCPagans.org was shown as an example of a resource-focused portal-style site, however the scope, focus and audience for the MA-PLC site were still uncertain when the session ended.

Saturday evening, many of the attendees and their guests found time to relax and relieve a little stress by attending the Vertunalia 2002. This open-attendance formal/semi-formal dinner and masque ball was held at the Clarion Town Center Hotel in Virginia Beach and sponsored by PaganNet. Festivities included a contest to guess the evening's special "mystery guest" and fundraising auction and raffle. No one solved the mystery, but people certainly had fun voting, and several lucky

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auction and raffle winners went home with some wonderful goodies. One of the staff, Asherah Sweetwater, was painting the faces of those sitting at her table as well as others that stopped by and asked. She was incredibly insightful in her choices of symbols when I asked her to add her art to my regalia, and I felt blessed by her kindness and skill. Unfortunately, I noticed that the flowers and symbols

started to wear it off far too soon as I rejoined the group on the dance floor. The DJ was excellent and, Madonna to Donna Summer, song after song had everyone up singing and dancing. Spiral dances broke out mid-evening and again during the last song. Both of them were lead by Allison, and instigated by requests for a song by Godsmack entitled simply, "Voodoo".

Sunday morning brought a return to work. The continental breakfast was apparently late and I was glad that I stopped to get some protein before making my way back to the conference center. The facilitators for each needs area reported key points and common themes from their sessions to the entire group, with other attendees adding additional points and ideas. Then the proposal regarding the MA-PLC website was presented to the group. It was discussed extensively before a decision was made to begin work on the site, with the promise that a list of undecided concerns would be addressed. Other business was discussed and dates for the next year were set before we ritually opened our circle and adjourned to the stairways for a group picture and hugs.

Afterwards, many of us gathered for lunch at a nearby restaurant before saying our final good byes and heading our separate ways. I returned home feeling very tired, but knowing that we did good work, and that it was well worth the time and effort. The PLCs provide a venue where we can meet face to face to share ideas and network in order to combine our resources and efforts toward achieving common goals. To me, the purpose of the PLCs is to create sacred space where synergy can happen. They are conclusive evidence that we can be Pagans and still interface in a professional, responsible and adult manner. In fact, I think that the future of community lies in our ability to do so.

MoonDance

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### PROMOTING A PAGAN-FRIENDLY WORLD

The purpose of CSQ shall be to devote its resources to religious and educational activities; and to sponsor a program for adults and children, to be held each year in the Spring; and further, the purpose of CSQ shall be to encourage networking and the building of community spirit among Pagans in the Carolinas and the surrounding area.

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Tammie, Dick, and I drove to Fairy Stone on November 2 to look over the site once again (first visit for Dick). The lodge was in use, but the folks there kindly allowed us to look at the living room to determine how many massage tables could be set up. The fireplace was keeping the area nice and toasty!

We looked at the conference center - which would be a wonderful setting for a larger meeting. The leaves had reached peak color and the air was crisp. It was a beautiful day to be in the mountains. We had a picnic lunch by the lake, then went to hunt for fairy stones before heading back home. It is hard not to fall in love with a site as beautiful as Fairy Stone Park. I think the biggest downfall is having to jockey for reservations since so many other folks are enchanted with this place as well.

Having visited Fairy Stone Park in both Summer and Fall, I can hardly wait to see its Winter aspects. Tammie speaks highly of its beauty in the quiet season. I anticipate that the attendees at Winter Quest will fall under the Park's spell as we have. Come Spiral into the Center with us!



*Spiraling Into Our Center*  
Fairy Stone State Park, VA  
January 24-26, 2003

## An Ode To Pistol

I remember when I first adopted you  
I had to feed you in the neighbor's yard  
Slowly I moved your bowl into mine  
How I looked forward to coming home  
Your black furry body greeting me in the driveway  
Big beautiful gold eyes gazing up at me  
During the last winter snow storm  
You stayed under the deck for three days  
I laughed as you slowly poked holes in the snow  
Working your way to the back door to finally eat  
I was sad when I learned about your illness  
I let you be a kitty as long as possible  
I had to let you go sooner than I wanted  
I'm honored you fought so hard to stay  
And that I helped you cross over  
You are the essence of pure joy  
I feel no shame for my tears that flow for you  
Your spirit lives on in my heart  
I miss you Pistol

This is a tribute I wrote to my cat Pistol. He was diagnosed with cancer in early August. September 30, Danny and I helped him cross over. I will be facilitating a ritual at the 2003 Spring event for people that have recently lost pets. If you would like to help me plan this ritual, contact me at [thorsmountain@hotmail.com](mailto:thorsmountain@hotmail.com)

Tammie Ward

## Caring Corner

### **Congratulations to:**

Gryphon Rosemead whose mead won third place at the NC State Fair!  
Kathy Sage and Roger Dinger who were handfasted in October. They plan to be married in 2003

### **Happy Birthday To:**

Brydie Palmore January 7 (She will be 73)  
Keven Holden January 9  
Tamia January 20  
Torrin January 24  
Gryphon Rosemead February 1 (She loves spankings!)

### **Best Wishes And Get Some Sleep While You Can To:**

Mike and Amy Gunther who are having a baby this Winter  
RJ & Alyssa Perz-Edwards who are having a baby next Spring

### **Healing Energy To:**

Tim Woody as he recovers from surgery

### **Sympathy To:**

Kira Dirluk on the passing of her cat Elrod.

Tamia Buckingham on the passing of her cat, Morgana.  
William Buckingham on the passing of his guinea pig, Lola.  
Tammie Ward and Danny Moses on the passing of their cat, Pistol.  
Libby Capaldi and her family on their recent loss of her newborn grandson.

If you have any news, births, birthdays or losses you wish to share, please send them to Tammie Ward at [thorsmountain@hotmail.com](mailto:thorsmountain@hotmail.com)



# 2004 Spring Event

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Things are progressing well for the 2004 Spring Event. Tamia and I took our first road trip together. We gathered items for the 2004 event and finalized the venue for a new event (see article on WinterQuest). Believe it or not, the states of West Virginia and Virginia survived us!

Our theme is "Our Magical Paths, Our Sacred Community". It's not too early to start working on a logo. If you find yourself inspired, we would love to see your artwork.

Our staff is starting to assemble, but we have many staff positions available. We are hoping to hear from those of you that would like to work with us. Being on staff provides opportunities to learn new skills, make new friends, volunteer within our Pagan Community, and shape the CSQ Spring event. Please contact Tamia, Tammie, Dick or Gryphon if you are interested in a staff position.

## **Communications Manager-Dick Merritt**

Registrar-Kathy Sage  
Assistant Registrar-Open  
T-Shirt Coordinator-Open  
Publicity Supervisor-Open  
Electronics Communications Supervisor-Sil

Catalog Editor-Open  
Event Photographer-Open  
Program Manager-Gryphon Rosemead  
Workshop Supervisor-Open  
Ritual Supervisor-Danny Moses & Dan Campbell  
Children's Program Supervisor-Open  
Children's Program 0-4: Open  
Children's Program 4-12-Open  
Children's Program 12-16 Open  
Other Programs Supervisor-Open

## **Facilities & Operations Manager-Open**

Food Service Supervisor-Open  
Workshop Coordinator-Open  
Security & Safety Coordinator-Open  
Sweat Lodge Coordinator-Open  
On Site Supervisor-Open  
Vendor Supervisor-Open  
Medical Staff-Open

Autumn Blessings!

Tammie and Tamia

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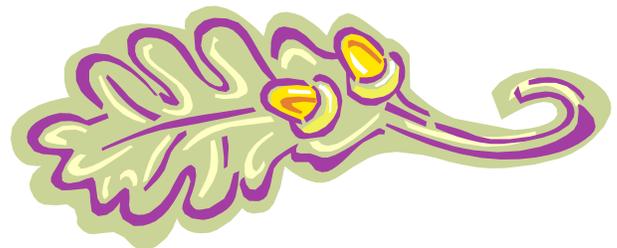
## spreading the word about Carolina Spirit Quest, Inc.

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Help spread the word about Carolina Spirit Quest. Help our Pagan and Earth Centered communities to grow.

- Pass your newsletter on to someone else when you have finished reading it.
- Post it on the bulletin board at organic groceries, co-ops, or anywhere Earth-centered folk hang out.
- Send us the postal address of any individual or group who should be on our mailing list.
- Link to the CSQ Web site from your personal Web page and from that of your Pagan groups.
- Include CSQ in your Yahoo Groups profile as a "cool site."
- Mention Carolina Spirit Quest, Inc. in your on-line bio on Witchvox and other such sites. You have one, don't you?
- Include CSQ and the Web address in your email tag line.
- Put copies of the Quest newsletter in local occult and New Age bookstores or appropriate sections of larger bookstores.
- Distribute CSQ newsletters and catalogs to people not yet on our mailing list at meetings of your groups.

A primary part of the Carolina Spirit Quest mission is to encourage networking and the building of community spirit among Pagans in the Carolinas and the surrounding area. Help others discover that they are not alone and that we have a vibrant community of Earth-centered people in this area.



# Rain Can't Melt the Triangle's Witches!

## Triangle Pagan Pride Day Review

Ursa Madre

When I headed out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Triangle Pagan Pride Day on September 14<sup>th</sup>, I thought that the Tarot deck might just be stacked against our success. We had a fantastic turnout for our first ever PPD event in 2001 (489 attendees, 594 pounds of food donated for the Food Bank of North Carolina, and \$438 in donations to the Red Cross 9/11 Fund). And the rule of thumb is that the second event doesn't typically draw as many folks as the first. Besides, the forecast called for drizzle if not outright rain for most of the day. Normally, I'm pretty optimistic, but I turned skeptical as I drove through the light mist to the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC.

When I got to the Harrill Youth Center, the festival site, I quickly put together Carolina Spirit Quest's altar. Manifestation was the theme for this year's altars. CSQ had decided to pull from our mission statement and manifest "Community" with a simple altar using our t-shirt logos as the altar cloth and a stone circle of friends with a candle representing the bonfire. Then I checked out the other altars that groups had done. They were really fabulous. There was an altar manifesting Peace. Two altars showed possible manifestations for each of the directions and points of the pentacle. A fourth altar, in true simple elegance, displayed an interpretation of Self-Love. The fifth altar explored Abundance, complete with a spiral of coins!



Abundance Altar

I buzzed by the group net-working tables to make sure that our PowerPoint slide shows for upcoming CSQ events were up and running before hurrying on to the opening ritual. There were lots of area groups represented including Triad CUUPS (Greensboro), Church of the Earth (Raleigh), Metaphysical Mommies (Triangle), and Sacred Spiral (North Raleigh). The sun was finally putting in an appearance as well.

The opening ritual was led by a group that included the TPPD organizers, Robin Raccoon and Richard. Using rolls of colored string, we created a web of manifestation. Each person called out something

we'd like to catch in our web as they threw the coil to someone across the circle. After building an intricate and rainbow-colored web, the circle split on the diameter, transforming the web into a long rope of our intentions. The rope was then incorporated into the decorations in the workshop area.



Community Altar by CSQ

As for workshops, the number of great topics again proved to be a double-edged sword. Gryphon Rosemead and her team put together a feast of a workshop menu. Everyone I talked to was dismayed that they had to choose between two great topics in every slot. Local Reclaiming teachers, Cara Benedetto and Stan Holt, taught on *Grounding, Centering, and Purifying*. Atlanta-based author Scarlett Ross spoke on *Dreams of the Goddess*. RJ Perz-

Edwards, leader of the local poly-rhythmic drumming group, River Rhythms converted even more drummers with a workshop on *West African Drumming*. PaganNet legal eagle, Nightshade teamed up with local pagan mom, Gypc for *Raising Children: Spiritual Compromise with a Non-Pagan Ex-Spouse* which was a great roundtable on legal issues and how to handle them. Local ADF Druid, Bill Elston, who also serves as the Food Dude for the event, conducted a workshop on *Ogham: Energy of a Name*. There was a panel discussion on *Men in Modern Neo-Paganism* that grew to standing room only. Dick, Brydie and Al, leaders from the local CUUPS Chapters from Durham (Celebrate the Circle) and Greensboro (Triad CUUPS) conducted a workshop on *Pagan Community Building*. Gypc and Julia spoke on *Why Magic Isn't*. And Triad CUUPS provided the dessert with a workshop on *Ritual Construction*.



4 Directions Altar by Triad CUUPS

Pagan children delighted in the activities at Ginger Rain's tent. She led them in creating grapevine pentacles, face-painting, story-telling, and other delights from her wonderful bag of tricks. I can always count on my son telling me about the wonders that "Aunt Ginger" has dazzled him with for days after her workshops.



**Pentacle Altar**

Our vendor area appeared to have doubled over the previous year. Despite the rain, which started in earnest at midday, the flow of people never seemed to let up. People dodged raindrops between the tents and seemed to keep the vendors at a steady pace. The rain also drove the crowds inside to the kitchen for burgers (vegi- and meat versions), hot dogs, chicken speedies, grilled veggies and assorted beverages. The kitchen staff, including Bill, Torrin, and Tyana, kept the line flowing smoothly. The adage of well-fed people being happy people held true. Bless our Kitchen Witches!

Throughout the afternoon, people shared tarps to keep all the exhibitors and guests as dry as possible. The children frolicked in the resulting mud and puddles with wild abandon. And participants kept arriving, filling the collection bins with food donations. The bins overflowed, and still people came, stacking their food donations in laundry baskets and grocery bags. The Abundance Altar was in prime operation!



**Community Altar w/ Techno-Pagan**

At the end of the day, nearly eighty people gathered in the closing circle. Celebrate the Circle led an acknowledgement of the work that we had done that day towards building pagan pride and awareness of paganism in the community. We acknowledged the work we still have to do in making the world a more pagan-friendly place. Then, with three River Rhythms drummers providing the beat, Dick Merritt led a spiral dance to raise our energy and charge the donated foodstuffs and a cauldron of grass seed. Participants spread the grass seed as the directions were released, sowing our hopes for the growth of our pagan community.

In the end, we had 432 attendees and collected 538 pounds of food. So the Community Altar worked despite the rain! Participants came from as far away as western and Tidewater Virginia, Atlanta, and Charlotte. There was even an attendee from the state of Minnesota, who just happened to be in town visiting. Large percentages of attendees came from the Piedmont Triad (Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem), Charlotte, and the North Carolina Coast (Wilmington and Jacksonville). Given the weather, I was thrilled at the attendance. Had the forecast called for sunshine, I have no doubt that we would have blasted through the threshold of 2001's attendance. It goes to show that, despite the fact that we are in Jessie Helms' back-yard, Paganism is alive, well, and Proud in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Triangle of North Carolina!



**Peace Altar**



**Self-Love Altar**

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# CSQ Board News

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## About the Members of the Board

### Dick Merritt

Dick grew into paganism through the influence of eco-feminist spirituality in the 80's. It was a natural fit, given his agrarian background. He is an eclectic neo-pagan and Unitarian Universalist. Dick characterizes himself as a Joseph Campbell pagan because of his conviction that religion is metaphor. Strongly influenced by the Creation Spirituality movement, he describes himself as a pantheist. He enjoys frequent rituals and purification ceremonies. He has been leading rituals for groups of up to 300 participants and studying those led by others since the late 80's.

Dick has been a member of CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) since its inception in 1987 and is one of the founding members of Celebrate the Circle (CTC) ([www.angelfire.com/nc/celebratethecircle](http://www.angelfire.com/nc/celebratethecircle)), the Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's chapter of CUUPS. Members of CTC started Carolina Spirit Quest in 1995. Dick has been on the staff or board of CSQ ever since. He has been event co-director twice - Spring 1998's *Dancing Between the Worlds* and Spring 2000's *Magickal Tapestry*.

An active Unitarian Universalist, Dick has been helping Unitarian Universalist congregations dream of the future and build their vision into long range plans for 15 years. He has recently completed a term as Moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Hillsborough.

He is a UNIX technician, a techno-pagan and a retired massage therapist.

### Gryphon Rosemead

Gryphon has been practicing the craft since the early 70's and has given Workshops and done Rituals at Four Quarters Farm, The Broken Gourd Circle, Spirit Quest, Celebrate the Circle and Church of the Earth over the last seven years in NC, WV, PA and GA. She is a High Priestess and an Elder and has earned a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture and Masters in Education from the University of Georgia. She is Director of QuestSpecial Events and a member of the Board of Carolina Spirit Quest, Inc, has served on the CTC Steering Committee, contributes frequently to the CTC Newsletter and is the Workshop Coordinator for Pagan Pride Day in the Triangle. Gryph currently teaches High School Agriculture in a small rural town and lives in a barn with her dogs, Othello and Iago and her cat, Grandmother. For more information visit her website at <http://www.angelfire.com/nc/gryphon>

### Lance Brown

Lance is a native of Minnesota who has lived in the RTP region of North Carolina since 1992. He has been pagan since 1987 and names himself a Modern Eclectic UU Pagan. Lance is a member of Celebrate the Circle and serves on their Steering Committee, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of

Hillsborough, and the Ord Brigideach. He draws his spirituality from many sources including Wiccan and Native American traditions, UUism, and his Roman Catholic upbringing. He is particularly interested in developing a tradition of service within and to the Pagan community and the larger social communities we live within.

## Board Meetings Schedule

November 15-17, 2002, OneSpirit, Pittsboro, NC  
February 21-23, 2003, Fairy Stone State Park, Stuart, VA  
(Note; date changed due to Valentine's Day conflict)  
May 16-18, 2003, Tentatively Umstead State Park, Raleigh, NC  
August 15-17, 2003, TBD  
November 14-16, 2003, TBD  
February 20-22, 2004, TBD

All members in good standing are welcome to attend Board meetings at their own expense. Please contact Tammie Ward for directions at [thorsmountain@hotmail.com](mailto:thorsmountain@hotmail.com)

## Resignation

Asherah submitted her resignation from the Board of Directors on October 13, 2002. Asherah contributed much time and energy to CSQ. The entire Board wishes Asherah the best in her future pursuits.

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# CSQ Schedule

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## Upcoming Events

December 8, 2002-QuestSpecial on Herbs in Pittsboro, NC  
January 24-26, 2003-Winter Quest at Fairy Stone State Park in Stuart, VA  
February 8, 2003-Sacred Blood-Coed in Hillsborough, NC  
March 15, 2003-QuestSpecial on The Outer Banks, NC  
April 11-13, 2003-Spring Quest at Camp Millstone in Ellerbe, NC

Look for details on these events on our website at [www.carolinaspiritquest.org](http://www.carolinaspiritquest.org)

## Attention Mead Makers And Drinkers

CSQ has tentative plans in place for our first ever Mead Tasting thanks to a fabulous idea by Alyse Ford. We are hoping to have this event in September 2003. Look for more details on this new and exciting Quest event in future newsletters and on our website. In the meantime, start making a batch of your favorite mead so it can be ready by next September.



## ***Women bleed, but do not die...***

**QuestSpecial Sacred Blood: Coed!  
Saturday, February 8, 2003; 9 AM – 6 PM  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Hillsborough**

**Let us celebrate our wise blood...**

This is an intensive Workshop offered about menstruation and its effect on our lives facilitated by Tammie Ward and Gryphon Rosemead of Carolina Spirit Quest. Come prepared to discuss your feelings on menstruation. Given several times in Women only groups, this is the first time it has been offered as a coed workshop. This will be a safe and nurturing place to explore our monthly bleeding.

Because this is a coed Workshop, couples are encouraged to attend. To make this more feasible, we are providing free child care (and a special priced kids' lunch) at the church and couples receive a registration discount.

### **Who should come?**

If you have not started bleeding yet or no longer bleed, or fall somewhere in between, come. If you are curious or confused about Women and their blood cycles, come. If you are ready to leave behind out of date ideas and useless taboos about Women's Blood, come. If you have ever been embarrassed or ashamed of your Woman's Body or Blood, come! For children under the age of ten, we ask the parent to talk to us first. There will be honor and celebration for all stages of Woman's life.

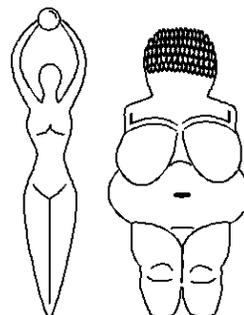
### **Fee Table**

Registration: \$30/single, \$50/couple, children free

Lunch: \$6/adult, \$4/child

Late fee (after January 10, 2003): \$5.00

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## Calling All Artists!

We have a theme for the 2004 Spring Quest. It is "Our Magical Paths, Our Sacred Community". What we need now is a logo. Here is how you can help. Start thinking about our theme and get your artistic juices flowing. If you have a great idea, but you can't draw (like us), find a friend who is an artist and collaborate with them. Submit as many logos as you desire. The 2004 staff will choose the winning log and announce it at the Annual Meeting in 2004. So, make our job a tough one and start drawing!

The deadline for logo submissions for the 2004 Spring Quest is Sunday March 16, 2001 at midnight. The winning logo goes on our t-shirts and is used in advertising the event. The artist gets a free t-shirt.

Please send submissions to Tamia Buckingham at [tamiab@earthlink.net](mailto:tamiab@earthlink.net), Tammie Ward at [thorsmountain@hotmail.com](mailto:thorsmountain@hotmail.com) or Dick Merritt at [dickmerritt@mindspring.com](mailto:dickmerritt@mindspring.com)

We look forward to seeing your artwork!

*Tamia and Tammie*