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UPCOMING EVENTS!


January 6th at 5pm - Full Moon Celebration

January 13th at 5pm - Spiritual Tea Party:
Medicinal Herbs & Tea Leaf Reading

January 20th at 6:30pm - Red Tent Womens
Circle: Celebrating Our Bodies

January 27th at 5pm - Intro to Crystals Class

This is a list of the Friday events, and more gatherings
will be added to the calendar as dates are decided.
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BATTLE OF THE OAK KING & HOLLY KING



2022 WINTER SOLSTICE PLAY

A WINTER SOLSTICE PLAY

INSPIRED BY MAXWELL AT THE PATCHWORK CROW

PREPARING THE ACTORS

This play will be read by a narrator as two performers act out the scenes. You will need two young volunteers who would like to be kings for the day, crowns of holly and oak, and two swords made from pool noodles, wrapping paper tubes, or another safe material. Bonus points if you can have a dark green and light green cloak or outfit for the actors. It is best to go over the script before hand so that our young actors know what to expect from the narrator and understand safe boundaries for the "sword fight" (no hitting on the head, no running near the altar, etc).

SETTING

If this is to be performed during a ritual, it is best to have candles extinguished and leave plenty of space for the actors. Preferably perform this outside or decorate with evergreens, snow, and solar symbols

NARRATOR

"A battle of brothers, many centuries old,
Since ancient times, the tales were told
Of two great kings: One dark, and one light,
Who twice a year would have a great fight."

[Oak and Holly Kings enter the stage, bow,
and showboat a little while everyone cheers]

"The Holly King, the darker one,
Rules the Winter, and dimming Sun.
While the King of Oak is vibrant and bright.
He reigns over Summer the Sun's growing light."

[narrator might add a little jazz and introduce the kings
like boxing opponents while the crown goes wild]

"At Yule they would battle! Twas an inspiring scene!
And the victory would go To the mighty Oak King."

[Kings "fight" and Oak King wins]

"But at Midsummer's time With the Sun at its peak,
The Holly King would win The Oak King grew weak."

[Kings "fight" and Holly King wins]

"And so it went on Year after year
And the story was told for all to hear.
But why do they fight? For they both deeply care
about the land they protect and the kingdom they share."

[kings help each other up and shake hands]

"Just as the sun must make way for the night
All nature seeks balance between the dark and the light
So though tonight is dark and cold, please join me as we cheer:
The Sun returns, the Oak King reigns, and Spring
will soon be here!

[the Oak King kneels and the Holly King "knights" him
by tapping his sword on both shoulders while all cheer]