



Oak Spirit Sanctuary Samhain 2024:

# A Journey Through the Soul

October 25th to October 27th

## Presenters and Workshops

### **Tessi Muskrat (she/her)**

Tessi fell in love with American Sign Language (ASL) as a child and dedicated herself to mastering the language, becoming a certified, licensed ASL interpreter in 2001 and working in the field for 20 years. Tessi is now a direct service provider for people who use ASL (primarily Deaf individuals) and is a doctoral student at MU, studying to become a psychologist. Tessi has been teaching community ASL classes and professional workshops on ASL for over 25 years.

### **Spooky Signs for the Season (1-2 hrs) by Tessi Muskrat [Saturday 11:00 am]**

Curious about American Sign Language? Want to learn some signs for items, objects, and practices around Samhein? Enjoy performing songs in sign language? This is the workshop for you. You will learn some new vocabulary and immediately put it to practice by signing a spooky, happy Halloween song! This workshop is for the young and the curious of any age.

### **Amy E. Rhea (they/them/theirs)**

Mx. Amy E. Rhea, HPs 3\*, has been practicing the Craft for over 25 years, both in coven and as a solitary practitioner. They serve their community as the Handmaiden of the Conclave of the Craft, a Traditional, Initiatory, Wiccan church based in Columbia, MO. They enjoy being a Teacher Who Appears (as in, when the student is ready the teacher will appear) and sharing their knowledge with others. They live in Columbia with their partner and two feline children.

### **Feed Your Ancestors: A Practical Guide to Ancestor Veneration (1 hr) by Amy E. Rhea [Saturday 1:00 pm]**

Learn about the process of meeting, working with, and sustaining connections to your ancestors through research, intuitive practice, and honoring rituals including the Dumb Supper and the Ancestor Plate.

### **Taz Chance (she/her)**

Victoria "Taz" Chance, HPs. 3\*^ has been involved with magick her entire life and has been a priestess for well over thirty years. Taz has multiple initiations from several traditions as learning is her passion. She serves the Conclave of the Craft as High Priestess and as President of the Board of Directors. She is also the High Priestess of Naofa Tintean, the Mother Clan of the Conclave. Taz serves the community by teaching classes, offering workshops, facilitating rituals, providing rites of passage, and as member of the OSS Clergy Committee and Board of Directors. She also serves as a consultant, ritual facilitator, and educator for other local groups. In her spare time she writes periodically about Wicca, Magick, and Life on her blog "Living the Magick" at tazchance.com.

### **Walking with the Ancestors by Taz Chance [Sunday 1:00 pm]**

Walking with the Ancestors looks at how the knowledge, lived experience, and skills of those that have come before us, both by blood as well as those that have lived in communal spaces with our own ancestors. We will talk about the effects these have on our mind, body, spirit, and soul as well as how it affects the magickal practices we have today. Join us for what we hope is a lively discussion.

## Activities and Information

**Note about locations:** unless otherwise specified, all activities and workshops will take place in or around the retreat center

**Costume Dance Party:** Wear your best costume, dance, and enjoy the bonfire. Please consider bringing snacks or drinks to share.

**Morning Meeting:** Come greet the day, grab a cup of coffee or tea, and hear announcements about activities of the day.

**Shrine Tending:** Aid in communal cleaning and beautifying the Memorial Spirit Garden Shrine. *Note: physical activity*

**Pumpkin Carving and Shrunken Apple Heads Crafts:** Pumpkins, apples, and tools will be supplied for these classic fall crafts. Parents - please attend to and aid your children during this activity.

**Costume Contest:** A kids and an adults contest will decide the most creative, silly, scary, and interesting costumes. Prizes await you!

**Hestia's House:** Setting the tone for the main ritual and providing a space for reflection and preparation for the Journey Through the Soul. Self guided divination stations will be available for those who wish to share, practice, or learn.

**Midnight Ancestors Walk:** A self guided, reflective walk to the ancestors altar to honor those beyond the veil. *Note: moderate physical activity in dim lighting*

## Schedule of Events

### Friday 25 October 2024

<b>3:00 pm</b> Gate and Event open.
<b>5:00</b> Refreshments and social time hosted at the Retreat Center
<b>7:00</b> Opening Ritual. <b>Location:</b> Main Ritual Circle
<b>9:00</b> Costume Dance Party!

### Saturday 26 October 2024

<b>10:00 am</b> Morning Meeting
<b>11:00</b> Spooky Signs for the Season by Tessi Muskrat ( <i>she/her</i> )
<b>11:00</b> Shrine Tending at Memorial Spirit Garden
<b>12:00 pm</b> Lunch on own
<b>1:00</b> Feed Your Ancestors: A Practical Guide to Ancestor Veneration by Amy E. Rhea ( <i>they/them</i> )
<b>2:30 -- 4:30</b> Pumpkin Carving and Shrunken Heads Craft
<b>5:00</b> Costume Contest
<b>5:30</b> Community Potluck
<b>7:00</b> Hestia's House Opens. Ritual Invitation Begins. <b>Optional:</b> Divination Stations Open. <b>Location:</b> Retreat Center
<b>Approx. 9:30 (After Ritual)</b> Drumming, chanting, and ghost stories around Bardic Fire. <b>Location:</b> Retreat Center
<b>12:00 am</b> Midnight Walk with the Ancestors

### Sunday 27 October 2024

<b>10:00 am</b> Morning Meeting
<b>10:30</b> Art Raffle following Morning Meeting
<b>12:00 pm</b> Lunch on Own
<b>1:00</b> Walking with the Ancestors by Taz Chance
<b>3:00</b> Closing Ritual <b>Location:</b> Family Circle ( <i>firepit at the Retreat Center</i> )

#### **Upcoming Events at Oak Spirit Sanctuary**

November 9: Lunar Ritual  
November 23-24: Work Weekend  
December 14-15: Work Weekend  
December 21: Yule / Winter Solstice

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