

# GAEA'S OWN

WINTER 2013



# President's Letter

*Erin Marshall*



We are now well into December, and Gaea has settled down for her winter slumber. While she rests we have begun planning for the spring. This means we have recently had our first Earth Day planning meeting!

As we have done every year, we are looking for the artists in our community to design the t-shirts. We are looking for art-work that is no more than 5 colors, and is high res. If you do a painting you will need to take a photo, or a scan of your art. Please make sure that the photo or scan is high resolution so as not to distort the image. Please have your art submissions in by 1-15-2014, so that we can vote on them at the next planning meeting on 2-2-2014 after the BoD meeting @ 2pm. We will be opening Earth Day registration by the following Monday, 2-10-2014. As always we will need plenty of people to do work exchange to help with the event. If you want to submit art or have any questions about Earth Day, please email Erin @ [erin.gaea.eri@gmail.com](mailto:erin.gaea.eri@gmail.com).

# Treasurer's Report

Jonnie Elliott

With another large scale improvement under our belts we enter the slumber of winter with our financial belts strapped tight. The new water lines were sorely needed and will save us lots of time and money from potential water leaks. Not to mention the potential of actually having water pressure at the top of the stairs. But they also came at a hefty price. Now don't get me wrong we have plenty to make it through the winter, but digging trenches across our land has left a bit of a mess. I would encourage all that are able, to come out and help. I am sure the caretakers will have jobs that need to be done. For those who can't come do the physical work, we can always use donations. There is a lot of grass seed to be bought. This can be done via PayPal [donations@campgaea.org](mailto:donations@campgaea.org) or mail P.O. Box 26788, Kansas City Mo. 64195.



***May many hearts burn with the desire to see Gaea receive the care she needs and many blessings upon those who give to her in this spirit.”***

If YOU are feeling the desire to contribute money right now, the best ways are:

campgaea.org - look for the PayPal donations button

send check/money order to:

Earth Rising  
P.O. Box 26788, Kansas City Mo. 64195.

# Caretakers' Corner

*Rhi & Clint Koetting*

Happy winter everyone! We hope you are having a good time getting ready for your Yule holiday. We are dusting off the decorations in anticipation of ritual and eyeing trees to decorate.



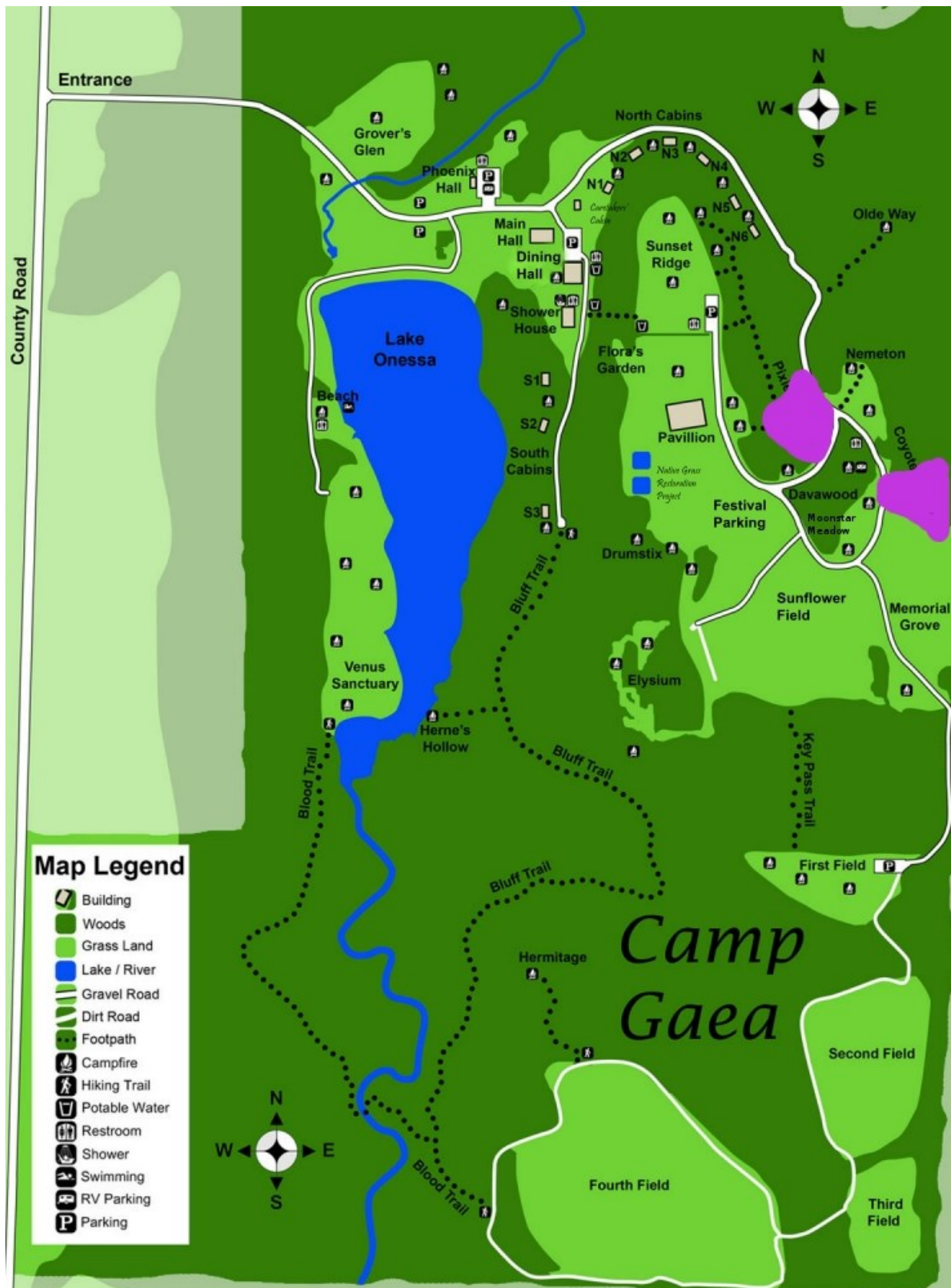
In other camp news, the new water line project is finished. Well, getting the pipe in the ground and getting it re-buried is finished. Now we have the task ahead to repair the damage to turf and gardens alike. We will be planting wildflower patches around the bell tower and compost pile and seeding other areas with grass and clover. There will be work weekends for these tasks this spring, dependent on the weather. Keep your eye on our website and Facebook page for updates on those work weekends. Once again, if you see an area barricaded off, please be respectful and avoid foot traffic in those areas.

The Winter Planning Meeting was held in November, and there are quite a few projects to be completed for the upcoming 2014 season. The biggest project, aside from turf repair, will be painting the buildings and cabins. As soon as we know when that will be able to occur, we will send out a call for help. We have paint sprayers available, so it shouldn't be too labor intensive, but we are going to need hands for all those trim brushes! We will also be siding and painting the new guard shack this spring. That will complete that project. So enjoy your winter, because Mom has lots that you can help Her with this spring!

Just a couple of notes to pass on – we are still closing the gate at dusk. Also, there are port-o-johns available in front of Main Hall and one on the north cabin road. Potable water is available but all other water is turned off. If you arrive and need potable water, please contact a caretaker.

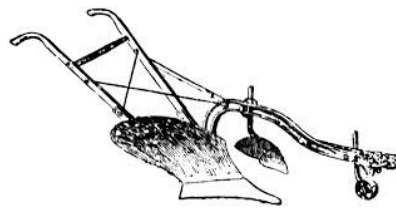
Back to your hot chocolate everyone. We hope you have a blessed holiday!

**Heads up! Due to a mix of drought conditions and high traffic in both Leather Lane and Pixie Sticks, there are camping areas that will remain closed for the 2013 season to undergo turf repair. They are noted on the map below in hot pink. No camping or traffic is allowed in these areas. Provided everyone does their part, they will be lush and back open for the 2014 season. Thank you for respecting Gaea getting her green on!**



# ***Imbolg Ritual Charming of the Plow***

*February 2, 2014*



**Join us in celebrating the ritual of Earth's quickening and the growth of the sun at Imbolg. We will be having a Charming of the Plow ritual, in which we be blessing seeds, blessing equipment and blessing magickal intents, as a group, for the 2014 season. Feel free to bring your own seeds and gardening tools to put around the altar for blessing.**

**Ritual begins at 7:00 with a potluck feast to follow.**



**Samhain  
Decorated cabins  
2013**






## Waterline Project




# *Yule Festival of Lights*

*December 21*



**Crafts – 4:00 pm**

**Ritual – 5:30 pm**



**Potluck Feast – 6:00 pm  
(Roast Pork with Apples &  
Onions)**



**White Elephant Gift Exchange  
– After Feast**



\*Times subject to change. Please check our website or  
Facebook page for any updates.



# *Seasonal Celebrations*

*Gaea offers eight seasonal celebrations to the community throughout the year. They are open to the public and offer the chance to learn and participate in different spiritual paths.*



*If you are interested in performing a public ritual, contact Rhi at 913-796-2141.*

## **Cabin Etiquette**

Be respectful of your cabin mates. The Gaea community is varied and diverse. Be respectful of their beliefs and expect them to be respectful of yours.

Leave the cabin in better condition than you found it. Wipe down the beds, sweep the floor and take trash to the dumpster and recycling to the recycling corral by Registration.

Don't block the door or the path in front of the cabins. Others use the doors and path too.

Don't smoke in the cabin. Not only is it illegal, it's rude.

Turn the lights off. When you leave, turn off the interior and exterior lights. YOU have the power to save power.



# Winter-Spring Events

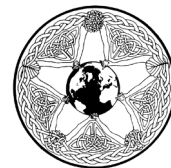
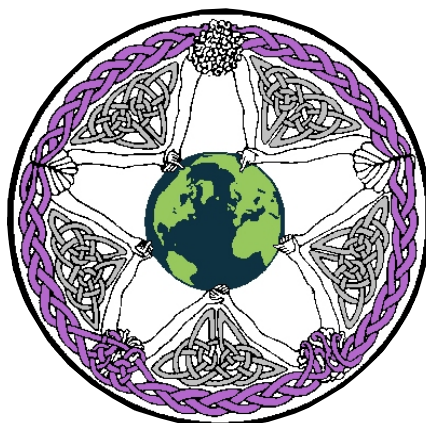


Yule Ritual	December 21	Public Event
ERI Board Meeting	January 6	Public Event
Imbolg Ritual	February 2	Public Event
ERI Board Meeting	February 3	Public Event
Spring Equinox Ritual	March 16	Public Event
ERI Board meeting	March 17	Public Event
ERI Board Meeting	April 7	Public Event
Earth Day	April 19-21	Exclusive Event
Beltane Ritual	April 27	Public Event

Most Cabin Sponsor meetings will be on the Sunday  
after the Public Ritual at Gaea.

Please visit <http://calendar.campgaea.org> to ensure there have  
not been changes to this list!

Work weekends are a good opportunity to give back to Gaea, and earn some Gaea  
Bucks too! Check our [Announcements forum](#) or our [facebook page](#) for more  
information on projects as it becomes available



## *Mission of Earth Rising Inc*

The Mission of Earth Rising is to provide a recreational retreat center in a natural setting for the purpose of cultural and spiritual education.

This Mission will be met through the achievement of certain goals.

These goals are:

To encourage the free exchange of ideas, views and experiences.  
To promote greater understanding and respect between groups and individuals.

To support ecologically sound practices and land and wildlife conservation in the belief that the Earth and all life are interrelated and interdependent, and that respect for all life is a Universal Mandate.

To provide sanctuary to people who have experienced oppression or discrimination due to their cultural or spiritual practices.

### **For More Details:**

Earth Rising, Inc. –  
<http://eri.campgaea.org>

Cabin Sponsorship Program –  
<http://cs.campgaea.org>

Calendar –  
<http://calendar.campgaea.org>

Donations –  
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