

Wicca 101



Circles in the Woods CUUPS Wicca 101 instructors bring a diverse and varied level of experience and personal history -

Lord SunFire (Ollis) was born in New Orleans, but was raised in the Tampa Bay area since he was 5 years old. He spent his first fifteen years in the craft as a solitary until he became affiliated with the School of Wicca. In 1999, he earned his third degree with the Church and School of Wicca. The facilitator of Circles in the Woods CUUPS and Sage for Sacred Oaks Circle, Lord SunFire's passion is woodworking which started when he worked for the Department of Forestry. Walking among the trees, he admires the various twists and turns and shapes of their trunks and limbs. Sometimes a tree feels generous and allows him to gently remove a limb so that it can be reincarnated into a lovely staff, walking stick, wand, or other sacred tool. Ollis has written, performed and led many public rituals at UUCT and other places.

Mary, aka, Lady StarPuma, grew up in the Appalachian Mountains and was raised with "natural" medicines, dream visions and ghost stories. After years of working as a solitary, in 1998 Lady StarPuma became a Dedicant with TUUC (now Circles in the Woods CUUPS, Sacred Oaks Circle) and is now recognized as a third degree priestess. Currently, Lady StarPuma serves Sacred Oaks Circle as the a Crone and advisor; she is a founding member of Sacred Woods Coven. She has presented workshops with Phoenix Festivals and for other pagan community groups. In addition, she has extensive experience in writing, performing, and leading public rituals.

Ruth or Auraine, also came from Illinois, and moved to the Tampa Bay area in 1995. She has followed the Craft for many years and earned her second degree with Sacred Woods Coven. Ruth has performed several public rituals at UUCT with Sacred Oaks Circle and Sacred Woods Coven. She has a special affinity for dragon work, and can crochet beautiful projects! She is currently the on the executive board of Circles in the Woods CUUPS, the Gatekeeper for Sacred Oaks Circle, an insightful tarot reader and a great Kitchen Witch!

In addition, several Sacred Oaks Circle Dedicants will teach portions of classes where they have exceptional focus and expertise.