

# celtic institute of the midwest

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## the feast of BRIGIT · wednesday, january 29, 2014

7-8:30 pm · scattergood friends school · 1951 delta avenue · west branch, iowa

In ancient Ireland the first day of February was known as **Imbolc**, a festival celebrating the first stirrings of spring and the return of light and life to the earth after the cold, dark days of winter.

It also marks the feast of St. **Brigit**, who along with St. Patrick is honored as a patron of the Irish people. Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, story, song, and seasonal crafts. All ages welcome!

Admission \$10 · Students \$5 · Ages 12 and under *free* · Refreshments will be provided

## women in the celtic world · BEGINS february 2014

Celtic mythology is full of strong female characters: goddesses, queens, warriors, poets, seers, and even druids! But what was life really like for Celtic women? In this monthly reading group we will discuss how women are portrayed—and how they portray themselves—in Irish and Welsh mythology, poetry, law codes, saints' lives, histories, and folklore from ancient times to the present day.

## welsh mythology · BEGINS march 2014

Who are the three golden shoemakers? What are the *dos* and *don'ts* of cooking with a magic cauldron? Where do pigs really come from? And how does King Arthur fit in to all of this? Learn the answers to these questions and many more in our monthly discussion group devoted to the tales of the medieval Welsh *Mabinogi* cycle.

## language courses · concerts · céilidhs · and more!

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## about the instructor

Dr. **Benjamin Bruch** has taught Celtic languages, literatures, folklore, mythology, and music to students of all ages at schools, colleges, and cultural events in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, and Austria. He was made a bard of the Cornish Gorsedd in 1998 and received his Ph.D. in Celtic Languages and Literatures from Harvard University in 2005.



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