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Earth Religions In Service Announces Fall Festival

Albany, NY, August 22, 2005 - We're proud and excited to introduce a new Pagan service organization that has formed in the Capital District. Called Earth Religions In Service, Inc. (E.R.I.S.), we are dedicated to the goal of service to both our local Pagan community, and the general communities we work and live in.

Earth Religions In Service will be hosting its first event – a Fall Festival – on October 15, 2005 at Schodack Island State Park, which is located on the Hudson River just south of Albany. The event opens with a morning ritual at 9:00 am. Workshops will be held on the hour, followed by a concluding ritual at 4:00 pm. The park closes at dusk. There is no charge for admission, however the park charges a parking fee of \$6/car.

Workshops will cover a variety of topics of interest to both the stranger to Pagan ways and to the more experienced Pagans among us. Workshops include "Druidism: Ancient and Modern" (Skip Ellison), "Who's Your God and Goddess" (Peg Button), "Wise Witch of the East: Ancient Yoga Meets Modern Pagansim (Flame Ravenhawk) and many others. At noon, author Laura Wildman and other writers will be reading from the newly released book "Celebrating the Pagan Soul."

This is a great opportunity for seekers or curious folk to come and learn about what makes Paganism one of the fastest growing faith movements in the US today. The event will also feature local Pagan craftspeople and vendors to showcase the wide range of talent among us. Folks interested

in vending should visit www.erisny.org for more information and a vendor application. There will be a supervised children's activity area. Families are invited to bring a picnic lunch and spend the day with us!

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ABOUT Earth Religions in Service, Inc. E.R.I.S. was formed in January 2005 by a diverse group of local Pagans who shared one common vision: To provide educational opportunities to help dispel misconceptions of Paganism and to foster a positive image of Paganism to the public. We recognize that Paganism is still misunderstood in the community at large, so we decided to form Earth Religions In Service to help provide information on Pagan lifestyles and practices in order to promote tolerance and dispel myths about Paganism in general. We seek to foster stronger ties within the community and beyond. We believe that being in service to our communities is a goal worthy of our best effort. In that spirit, we are proud to announce "Earth Religions In Service."

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about Paganism can be found at Religious Tolerance: http://www.religioustolerance.org/neo_paga.htm

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