



# MoonTree Studios

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### **Twelfth Night and Wassailing the Apple Trees at MoonTree Studios—Celebrate with Us!**

**December 17, 2017. Donaldson, Indiana.**--MoonTree Studios invites you to come to an end-of-the-holidays and return-to-work party on Sunday, January 7, 2018, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Twelfth Night has been celebrated since antiquity; it's a time to show and tell, share, trade, play games, and partake of food and good company. Centuries ago, Twelfth Night invoked the bonds of close community at the close of warm yuletide celebrations—the last feasting and merry-making before the community returned to the daily working grind for the rest of the winter. So let's have fun, enjoy community and start the year off right! We'll be spinning and doing fiber work, breaking bread, and playing games. Bring your spinning wheel, knitting, crocheting, or portable loom,.

Observing another tradition of Twelfth Night, at 4:00p.m. we'll take a walk to wassail the apple trees on MoonTree prairie to ensure a good apple harvest in 2018. This tradition dates back to the Roman Saturnalia, a festival marking the onset of winter solstice--that point in late December when the sun, whose daily arc had reached its lowest, darkest, coldest point, began its rise toward the longer, warmer days that would ultimately cause trees to bud and seeds to sprout in the spring. Our wassailing will involve drinking warm apple cider, visiting the trees, and singing carols to the good spirits of the orchard.

Twelfth Night at MoonTree will be a festive time to gather together to relax, create with our hands, tell stories, play games, and partake of food and good company. We invite all to bring food to share—we'll have a soup pot going, so bring a veggie to add or bread, a salad, or dessert. Bring your fiber work or hand work, or just come to enjoy community with us. If you like, bring a white elephant gift or something to trade (such as ready-to-spin fiber only, please!)

“Love and joy come to you, and to you your wassail too; and God bless you and send you a Happy New Year, and God send you a Happy New Year!”

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