



A Homebrewing Arvel



Arvel: an ancient Norse word meaning both “Funeral Feast” and “Inheritance Ale.”

Fermentation Demo Homebrew Sampling Herbal Wildcrafting
*a workshop on dealing with the so-called “hop crisis” by
re-awakening to ancient herbal practice in brewing*

Saturday, May 17th 2008 2pm - ??

@ Circle Pines Center: 8650 Mullen Rd. Delton, MI 49046

Open to all: Plant enthusiasts, beer lovers, the historically curious, *anyone*. You don't need to know anything about brewing (but ya gotta be 21+ to sample!)



Although the brewing of Ales has been a part of human life for thousands of years, only in the last five hundred has one herb come to dominate, monopolize and even *define* our Ale. That herb, of course, is the depressant, diuretic and estrogenic Hops.

Though a subject of much debate, many beer historians believe the dramatic switch to a single brewing herb was in fact wrought with political and religious influence. Laws were created forbidding the use of any other herb, and some believe this was an act aimed at stamping out rural homebrewers who were mostly wise women using herbs our ancestors considered sacred. But before the once (bitterly) resisted hop reign, thousands of delicious, healthy and some highly intoxicating Ales were brewed with common plants. It is our intention to show that these herbs are not only medicinally superior, but also much more exciting (and free!) as we reawaken to the endless variety the plant world offers our lives and our Ale. We can relearn this knowledge of *Wild-craft* Brewing while raising a glass to this so-called Hop Crisis; a toast to the death of our dependence on a single domestic herb and a reclamation of a true traditional and ancient practice. Feel free to join us for this, our funeral feast to hops, and learn to brew the wild herbal ales of our ancient grandmothers – true Inheritance Ales.

Sign up by calling 269.623.9058. Call for more info or contact subvertise@hotmail.com

Asking a \$5 to \$10 sliding scale donation for use of Circle Pines facilities. Feasters and Revelers must register an overnight stay here at Circle Pines (camping, private cabins and rooms available.) Hiking, sauna, canoeing and swimming are welcomed if you want to come early. Dinner and Ale provided night of workshop. Drink to the dregs, just don't drink and drive!

