

Alban Elued 1998

Welcome to the Alban Elued edition of Serpentstar.

From the response to the first newsletter, it is clear that the lines of communication are now open and flowing.

This edition has articles and poetry from both Australian and New Zealand members, and Serpentstar has received many letters filled with enthusiasm and anticipation of the sharing of our Unique, Southern Hemisphere experience of Druidry

A large part of the Notice Board in this issue of Serpentstar is addressing the Second Australian Druid Assembly. This has been necessary as a lot of behind the scenes organization still has to be carried out to create the structure of the Assembly program and make it an eventful and happy occasion for all concerned

So far we have eight donations towards Phillips ticket. We really need to have all donations in as soon as possible so that Phillip can take advantage of early booking discounts etc. We don't know how often Phillip will get the chance, or have the time to come to Australia, so members please dig deep to help make this Assembly a special occasion. As before please send cheque/money orders payable to;

Carole Nielsen. 18 Birdwood Ave.
Wattlegrove 2173 N.S.W. Australia
It is heartening to hear from interstate members who are coming to attend the Assembly. Distance and isolation are part of the profile of the druid experience in Australia, judging from the letters received by Serpentstar., and we now have the opportunity to gather together to share our experiences through Serpentstar and the Assemblies, which it seems, will move from state to state.

Serpentstar now has an email address, which is carole@cia.com.au. And hopefully we will have a Web page by the next edition, at Alban Arthuan. Thank you to all the members who wrote in offering support and appreciation, and those members who contributed to this edition and those who offered to contribute to future editions.

This is your Newsletter/Noticeboard, so please use it in the spirit of the Grove, Judging by your response there is a feeling that we are at the beginning of the unification of Druidry in Australia and New Zealand, and this is indeed an exciting time

Please continue to send your articles to C. Nielsen, 18 Birdwood Ave. Wattlegrove 2173 N.S.W. Australia Ph. No. (02) 96020680. Deadline for next newsletter is 1st June 1998 Your \$5.00 donation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours in the Light Carole Nielsen

Notice Board

AUSTRALIAN SECOND DRUID ASSEMBLY attended by the Chosen Chief Philip Carr-Gomm will be held at Alban Eiler on Friday 18th Saturday 19th Sunday 20th and Monday 21st of September 1998 in N.S.W.

ITINERARY FOR CHOSEN CHIEFS 1998 (to be updated in June issue)

BOOK SIGNING at Esoteric Bookshop Elizabeth Street Sydney Saturday Septemberth 12th

One day special event to open to members and the public alike Sunday 20th Phillip will talk on Urban Druidry on Sunday September. It is anticipated that this event will be held in the Sydney Botanical Gardens, with a walk through the gardens with Phillip afterwards. As this venue will be hired there will be a charge of \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DRUID ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 18-21ST WILL BE HELD AT CASTLE MOUNTAIN CAMP

CASTLE MOUNTAIN CAMP IS NESTLED IN THE BEAUTIFUL HAWKSURRY RIVER VALLEY, NEAR WISEMANS FERRY, AND IS ONE OF THREE CAMPSITES THAT OFFER OVER 300 ACRES OF NATURAL BUSHLAND.

THERE IS ACCOMODATION FOR TENTS AND SELF-CONTAINED BUNGALOWS .THERE IS A LARGE INDOOR RECREATION AREA (for the "come as your favourite celtic hero " ball and traditional feast), HOT SHOWERS, WELL EQUIPPED KITCHEN AND AMENITY BLOCKS

ALL MEMBERS OF O.B.O.D. AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO

ATTEND THE ORDERS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OVER THIS FOUR DAY ALBAN EILER WEEKEND HOSTED THIS YEAR BY THE NORTH-EAST ARBOR GROVE

THE ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR WILL BE OPENED AND PRESIDED OVER THE CHOSEN CHIEF PHILLIP CARR-GOMM, WHO WILL ALSO OFFER TALKS AND WORKSHOPS DURING THE FOUR DAYS.

FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS THERE ARE ACTIVITIES . SUCH AS

***SWIMMING**

***CANOEING**

***ROCKCLIMBING**

***FISHING**

***ARCHERY**

***BUSHWALKING**

***AND A SPECIAL AREA FOR CHILDREN IS PROVIDED, WITH TYRES AND ROPES ETC**

COST FOR ASSEMBLY CAMP;

To members who have already contributed to Phillips Air Fare,-----fully catered for 4 days--- \$120.00

To members who have not yet contributed to Phillips Air Fare,----- fully catered for 4 days--- \$170.00

To non-members over 16 years fully catered for 4 days--- \$120.00

Children under 16 years are free.

IF MEMBERS INDICATE THAT THEY DO NOT WANT THIS EVENT CATERED THE COSTS WOULD BE FOR ACCOMODATION ONLY..

IN THIS CASE COST	For Members who have contributed for the Air and Fare, and Non members	\$65.00
	For Members who have not contributed to the Air Fare	\$ 115.00

Please note. The catering arrangements are “all or nothing “ ie. If the majority don’t want the event catered then we will have to provide our own food. A full kitchen and fridges etc are provided for self catering.

THIS REPRESENTS THE ACTUAL COST OF HOLDING THE ASSEMBLY AT THIS LOCATION.
THE GROVE RECEIVES NO FUNDING FROM THE ORDER TO ORGANISE EVENTS AND RELIES UPON MEMBERS SUPPORT TO MAKE AN EVENT SUCH AS THIS POSSIBLE

DEPOSITS FOR THESE VENUES HAVE TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE SO A SPEEDY REPLY WOULD BE MOST WELCOME, AS WELL AS NECESSARY

* PLEASE FILL IN THE FOLLOWING FORM AND RETURN BY APRIL WITH CHEQUE / /MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO A FORD P.O. BOX 92 NEWTOWN N.S.W. 2042.

(PLEASE NOTE THE \$50.00 TICKET DONATION SHOULD BE STILL SENT TO C. NIELSEN 18 BIRDWOOD AVE. WATTLEGROVE. NSW 2173)

Congratulations to Sandra and Joel on the formation of the Macadamia Seed Group.

Any members wishing to contact the group please write to
Joel Hopkinson P>O>Box 7023 Holland Park
Brisbane QLD 4121

NORTH- EAST ARBOR GROVE INVITES ALL MEMBERS TO CELEBRATE ALBAN ELUE
ON SUNDAY MARCH 22ND 1998. THE ORDERS FORMAL RITUAL WILL BE PERFORMED, SO BRING
ROBE, TABARD AND FEAST REQUIREMENTS. THE RITUAL WILL COMMENCE AT 3PM

THE ALBAN ELUED WILL ALSO MARK THE INITIATION OF A MEMBER INTO THE DRUID GRADE AND
ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED TO CELEBRATE THIS OCCASION WITH US VIA THE FEAST AFTER
THE ALBAN ELUED CEREMONY

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PHONE AKKADIA OR ZAN ON (02) 9557849

QUEST FOR SACRED TREES

Kathy and Carole are planning a walk at Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens., to find some of the cold weather trees of the
Northern Hemisphere. Anyone who wishes to join this quest is invited to do so. Mt Tomah is , between Richmond and Mt
Victoria (in the Blue Mountains) on the Bells Line of Roads We will be meeting at 11am on the 26 of April at the gates. If you
miss us at the gates we will wear green. Mt Tomah has bar-B-Q facilities, picnic areas and a restaurant, so people can suite
themselves for eating arrangements. The gardens charge \$5.00 per car. So if you are like us and need to see some of the sacred
trees in the "bark" so to speak, feel free to join us and talk to the trees of our ancestors.

Contact number for Carole is 02-96020680 role email carole @cia .com.au

**A LATE ITEM JUST COME TO HAND. CORRINGAL GROVE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA IS CONSIDERING
HOSTING THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN DRUID ASSEMBLY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEXT YEAR 1999**

Carrly Myriad, who is a contributor to this issue's Bards Corner is interested in talking to others who are interested in
keeping the Celtic Languages alive. If anyone would like to contact Carl to this end you can write to **CARRYL MYRIAD**
PO BOXES 1492 POTTS POINT NSW 2011 or phone 02 -92412813.

The Link by

Carrl Myriad

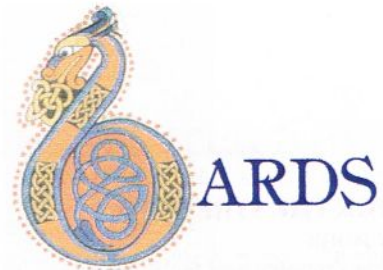
DEEP IS THE WASTELAND- ALONE SHE LIES
WEEPING
BUT ALL IS NOT LAST THOUGH THE KING STILL
SLEEPS.
IN THE LAND OF ANNWN THE TOWER IS
TURNING.
THE TIME IT IS NIGH FOR THE QUESTS-KNIGHT'S
RETURN.

FOR IT WAS FORETOLD THAT THE DANCE
WOULD STAND STRONG.
THE BIRDS OF RHIANNON STILL SING THEIR
SWEET SONG.
A CHILD OF THE WHITE WIND WEARS THE
MANTLE OF MYTDDIN.
THE CLAN OF THE LANDLESS RULES THE
KINGDOM OF AIR.

THERE IS A LINK AND IT CANNOT BE BROKEN.
IN FAR DISTANT LANDS THE ANCIENT TONGUE IS
SPOKEN.
THE OATH OF A WARRIOR-BARD IT COMES
RINGING,
DEEP IN HIS VEINS THE BLOOD IS SINGING.

ON AN EMERALD DAWN THE RED DRAGON
SHALL RISE,
THE WINGS OF THE COUGH SHALL EN-CIRCLE
THE SKY.
THE CAULDRON IS FOUND AND THE QUEST-
KNIGHT RIDES HOME ,
RESTORING THE GODDESS TO HER RIGHTFUL
THRONE..

THERE IS A LINK AND IT CANNOT BE BROKEN .
IN A FAR DISTANT LAND THE ANCIENT TONGUE
IS SPOKEN.
THE OATH OF A WARRIOR-BARD IT COMES
RINGING,
DEEP IN HIS VEINS THE BLOOD IS SINGING..



AN Kevran (the link))

by Carrl Myriad cornish

translation by Charles Penglase

GWAGE EW AN DEYTH A WHOLA MA HYE
MA ESPERANS WHATHE CA RA CUSK'AN MATERN
EN ANNWN HYDOLACK MA'N CASTEL A TRAILLIA
AN DOAZ AN MARRACK AGON WHANGE CREAV
ETHEW

THEW LEALL LAVAR DRE RA TREETAS GON DOWNS
MA'N ETHEN RHIANNON A CANA GO HAON TEAG
MA FLOH AN GWENZ GWYN A QUYSKA SQUITHLIAN
MYRDDIN
MA'N POBEL HEB POW A ROWLYA GWLAS AN AYRE...

KEVREN EMA HA NA ELL E BOAZ TERREZ
EN POWIOW PEL AN HEAN EYTH EW CLAPPIEZ
MA'N PRYDYTH BREZELACK A CARMA E GAON EVE
BERA E GORFFE MA'N GOODG A CANA..

AN JJEETH NA GEREZ AN DRAGUN ROOZ A VEDN
DOAZ
AN CHAUK DUE VEDN NYEDGA EN EBRON ADREZ
E DOWLE EVE COLLENWEZ MA'N MARRACK A TOAZ
TRE
AN DEWAS DREZ ARTA THE LEALL GWLASKETH HYE...

KEVREN EMA HA NA ELL E BOAZ TERREZ
EN POWIOW PEL AN HEAN EYTH EW CLAPPIEZ
MA'N PRYDYTH BREZELACK A CARMA E GAON EVE
BERA E GORFFE MA'N GOODG A CANA.

STRIVE FOR THE STRENGTH

To hear the words,
To trust inner thoughts and feeling,
To act upon the images
Without having to know the reasons.

A knowledge known from trial and error
And handed down on deepest memory
Is accumulated in my being,
To prepare for all that comes my way.

Which track to follow,
Which way to lean,
How to wield the knife.

It's all there
Deep inside my bones
Listen, hear, and be readied
For the riddles of life

Cadi

SAMHAIN

A FACE HALF HIDDEN IN A SILKY MIST,
A FLOATING SPECTER ON THIS NIGHT.
IMAGES FROM MY YEAR JUST PAST
COME, THE FADE IN PURPLE LIGHT.

ICY POND, TRANSLUCENT BLACK.
THE BOTTOM DEEP BELOW
HIDES MANY SECRETS, MANY FEARS
- ALL LESSONS TO HELP ME GROW.

AND FOR THE CRONE, A JOURNEY NOW DUE
TO THE LAND WHERE SOULS FIND REST.
SHE WILL RETURN AT IMBOLC, THE MAIDEN
WITH THE INFANT SON OF LIGHT AT HER
BREAST

CADI



Why do the bird's sing?

All around me
I am surrounded
Skin and bones and hair and blood
Pulsating and dynamic
Given to me by my parents
Given to them by their parents
And what else
And who else

Deep inside me
Is me
Hidden and elusive
Most of all to me
How can I be knowing
How can I see
Deep inside

I stand
Feet astride
Firm
On the dark fertile
Earth
I know that at least that
I need that

What else is there?
The crystal colours
Vibrate and enchant
Above and around
What are they?
These colours from the crystals

And still I think
Why do the birds sing

Bill Hsuddleston

CEREMONY FOR THE CONSECRATION AND PLANTING OF MACHLUD HAUL GARDD

STANDING IN THE EAST;

I STAND IN THIS PLACE OF LIGHT AND ASK THE SPIRIT OF THIS PLACE TO BLESS THIS CEREMONY FOR THE CONSECRATION AND PLANTING OF THE GROVE OF MACHLUDHAUL GARDD

MAY THERE BE PEACE IN THE NORTH

MAY THERE BE PEACE IN THE WEST

MAY THERE BE PEACE IN THE SOUTH

MAY THERE BE PEACE IN THE EAST

MAY THERE BE PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD

IT IS MY INTENTION TO PLANT A GROVE THAT WILL PROVIDE A CIRCLE OF SHELTER, HERE AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAINS IT WILL BE A PLACE OF PEACE OF SOLACE, OF CALMNESS, OF INSPIRATION, OF LOVE AND OF JOY. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE GROVE OF MACHLUD HAUL GARDD WILL BE, FOR AS LONG AS EARTH WILL BE.

I ASK THAT THIS CHOSEN CIRCLE OF LAND BE BLESSED. I CALL ON THE ELEMENTS OF WATER AND FIRE TO CONSECRATE THIS CIRCLE.

THE BEGINNING OF THIS GROVE IS NOW MARKED WITH THE PLANTING OF THIS BIRCH – THE SYMBOL OF BIRTH, AND THE TREE THAT SYMBOLIZES MYSELF AS I AM NOW.

I ASK THE SPIRIT OF THIS PLACE TO BLESS THIS GROVE AND ALL THE VEGETATION PLANTED IN IT AND ALL THE PEOPLE, ANIMALS AND SPIRITS WHO ENTER INTO IT.

I ASK FOR THE BLESSING OF THE INNER GUARDIANS OF OUR ORDER AND OF OUR DRUID FOREBEARS THAT THIS GROVE MIGHT BECOME A TRULY HOLY AND SANCTIFIED PLACE.

WE RESPECT AND HONOUR AND ADMIRE YOU O TREES. YOU REPRESENT BOTH PEACE AND POWER. YOU SUSTAIN US WITH YOUR BREATH; YOU GIVE YOUR LIFE TO HOUSE AND WARM US; YOU FEED US, YOU TEACH US; FARE WELL IN THE CHOSEN PLACE.

I DECLARE THIS CEREMONY OF THE CREATING OF THE GROVE OF MACHLUD HAUL GARRD TO BE CLOSED. MAY MACHLUD HAUL GARRD BE FOREVER OPEN TO ALL WHO SEEK HER

This beautiful ceremony was sent in by an Ovate member who wrote this to bless and concecrate the planting of the grove earlier this year.



Reports



CONTINUING A LONG TRADITION IN New Zealand, THE FOUNDING OF FISHER-KING SEED GROUP AND THE DISCOVERY OF AN ARCH DRUID IN THE SOUTH ISLAND.

BY Akkadia and Zan

A recent fist to New Zealand was made with the joyful proclamation of New Zealand's first seed Group, Fisher King, in Nelson, being witnessed and a focus of the trip.

Caroline, founder of the Fisher King seed group is currently so-ordinating the visit of the Chosen Chief to New Zealand, and members are encouraged to contact Caroline as soon as possible, as there is much to be done leading up to his visit. Discussions of this important event were punctuated with walks around Carolina's garden, which boasts Apple, Oak, Hawthorn, Whitethorn, Walnut, Elder, and faries, to name a few of its' delights.

As Phillip s visit will require much preparation Caroline would welcome other members assistance. New Zealand members may phone Caroline on (03) 548 1616 or write to
Caroline Williams
12 Sowmans St.
Brook Valley
Nelsen New Zealand
Or email Fisher King @xtra.co.nz

Another druidic feature of our journey was the discovery of a certificate dating from July 5th 1890 From the United Ancient Order of Druids. This commemorated the passing of the Arch Druid's Chair to a fellow senior Druid.

This certificate was discovered inside the magnificent "Larnach castle" in Dunedin, in one of the rooms just off the main foyer. We were very excited at seining such an ancient certificate, as these are usually held in private collections.

The image n the certificate shows two senior, white robed Druids passing an emblem between them, and the whole certificate is enclosed in a blue border. That either Larnach or someone connected to the castle is thus documented as being connected to Druidry represents a most important link for New Zealand members, and illustrates that Druidry has a long history in these islands.

If members find other such evidence of Druid history in the Southern Hemisphere please share them with us all. Perhaps with time an archive of druidic sites of interest in this part of the world will be built up.

Editors note; In the Druid Source Book, compiled by John Matthews, it is recorded that in 1869, Nicholas Drummer, an American member of the United Ancient Order of Druids, founded a lodge in Paris, Afterwards lodges were established in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand.

Australian Native Tree Essences: a New Path to Union

Rosemary Nissen Wade.



'The trees are talking', wrote my friend Judi in October, on a postcard from Findhorn. "There are European Ogham essences and Irish Green Man essences. This is an amazing conference." She was there to present a workshop on the Australian Native Tree Essences which have just come on to the market after five years of research into their effects. They are produced by the Sabian Trust, a group which was formed to meditate for personal and planetary healing.

The trees began talking to us at that time, via the nature spirits, and asked us to create particular essences for particular purposes. Now we have a whole range of essences, not all of which have been released to the public yet. The Australian Native Tree Essences, which we first referred to as Southern Hemisphere Oghams, are associated with the 13 lunar months and also with a set of symbols which we were told were an Ogham alphabet for the Southern Hemisphere. They include curved lines, unlike the ancient Ogham alphabet of the Northern Hemisphere.

Most of our information was channeled through certain members of the group. Judi had trained with Ian White in Australian Bush Flower Essences, therefore she is the actual maker of the essences. We regard them as being co-created with the deva kingdom, under the particular supervision of a being named Lady Faery, who has been in frequent communication with us.

We don't envisage selling the essences in shops, but through workshops and via health practitioners (who will have done a special practitioners, workshop). They are particularly subtle, and of a high vibration. Each months essence has a "waxing" and a "waning" form, to be taken in turn for a fortnight. They may be taken in conjunction with the lunar calendar, or at any time appropriate to the persons own needs. They are related to the choker system and can help with various kinds of emotional imbalances as well as the physical effects of imbalances.

Because each essence has an intimate connection not only to particular trees but also to specific Australian birds, animals, insects and even crystals, we can use them in conjunction with meditation to send healing to these "kingdom collectives"- and they can, on the other hand, connect people to the healing councils which we have received from these beings. They also connect to specific places on the planet which need healing- places for instance, of repeated warfare over the centuries.

As well they may be used as an "ascension" method. When they are taken for a whole year according to the specific lunar month for each essence, there is a gradual raising of one's frequency. It is my understanding that the planet as a whole is making this journey to a higher vibration; the essences ease the process for us so that we may keep pace as efficiently as possible.

At an introductory talk at the Inaugural Australian Druid Assembly, one of the Ovates was interested in the information that Black Wattle is connected with the dingo (amongst other creatures). He saw a resemblance to the connection between Oak and dog, suggesting to him a correspondence between Oak in the Northern Hemisphere and Black Wattle in the Southern Hemisphere. He now has some of our notes to explore this and other such possible correspondences.

To my mind the ideal way to work with the essences is to form your own meditation group to do so, or to use the essences in any group you already have. You can do this in conjunction with using the essences for your personal healing, if necessary. In that case you would eventually go on to our series of solar and stellar essences, with new levels of healing for yourself and your environment.

Although subtle, the essences are powerful. Several of the people who began the Sabian Trust are reiki channels. We find the essences extremely compatible with Reiki energy, very much on the same wavelength, so to speak. They can also be used safely in conjunction with any healing modality including orthodox medicine.

If you are interested in working with the Australian Native Tree Essences, you would do best to contact the Sabian Trust direct, at PO Box 527, KEW VICTORIA, 3101 AUSTRALIA. There are now distributors in other parts of Australia and in other countries, and the details are available from the Trust; otherwise distribution can be arranged from Kew.

As the essences lead us into the knowledge of our union with other living beings – a union which only the human race has forgotten – I'll leave you with the counsel of the Victorian Christmas Bush for Lunar Month 13, the counsel of Union. As well as taking the essence, visualizing the colour leaf green and chanting "OM" to the note of C can help attune you to the energy of the tree.

13. Victorian Christmas Bush *Prostanthera lasiantha*

5m shrub or small tree

Bark green to light brown, smooth

Mature leaves opposite, lanceolate, serrated margins, soft green, fragrant

Flowers white to mauve, deep throat, clusters at top of branchlets.

Flowers triangulated

Flowering summer

Habitat favors sheltered slopes, in dense substrata of forest floor, Victoria.

Victorian Christmas Bush/ Union.

A small shrub or small tree found in sheltered slopes of the dense substrata of forest floors in Victoria (protected, nurtured and sharing). Often it has two trunks (union) formed from primary trunk.

The leaves are soft green with serrated margins; they give off a fragrant spearmint scent stimulating the senses



They protect the deep throated pale mauve flowers (serene) from the heat and the rain, clustering at the top of branchlets (chakra 7) connecting to the higher realms of consciousness of the planet Uranus (chakra 13) and the universal principle of wisdom.

Attribute / Positive outcome.

- protected
- * nurturing
- * serene
- sharing
- * * Humane

The devas say: "We bring you the gift of eternal life, where there is no beginning or end, just one continual flow. This is our gift for all humanity to enjoy. We help you to focus as One, remembering that you are all gifts and that you have a lot to share with all your loved ones and all living things. Keep this in mind when you are feeling lost or alone, as the gift is everflowing. There is no way to turn it off. We help you to build your goals and strengthen your soul's focus. Know that you are never alone and that you are supported by all, in all that you think, say and do"

The tree spirit says "My tree is of great enthusiasm, in that it keeps you nurtured – a reassurance that there is protection, security and all the things that make you feel full of wellbeing. This is what we want you all to concentrate on, being able to draw on the energy of my tree. To do this, focus on that place you go to for serenity. Visualize your garden or beach, or even the womb, wherever you are safe. Imagine you are greeted by someone or something that is special to you. Allow them to take you on a journey through the nature kingdom. Now that you are home, familiar people, places things to greet you. You do not speak. But all are able to know just what you are thinking. You are related to many living things on earth."

The realization of this counsel is Remember this is the gift that you are all separate and whole. Give yourself that chance to call all your friends to you at that safe place that is home. Know that there are others flowing within your very being. Go as gifts, sharing and caring in humanity". The affirmation, which you may use to integrate this counsel within us is
I am one with the All That Is."

c. Rosemary Nissen Wade 1997



Members Skill Share (not a member, but a good resource)
Bookworks Studio.

cnr. Weedons And Main South Roads, R.D.5
Christchurch, New Zealand. Phn/fax (03) 3478458

Tania Doyle

Artist and Designer- majored in bookbinding and print making with a diploma in craft design. She is the proprietor of Bookworks Studio, a work shop that is situated in a rural atmosphere in Christchurch, New Zealand. It is where she can take you back into time in this ancient art.

Tania's books are made from a range of acid free paper, as well as recycled and/or textured flax paper. Leather from pig, goat, sheep, cattle and exotic animals are bound with decorative ornaments of brass, copper, bone, wood, and unusual materials such as feathers and beads.

Celtic, Viking and Scandinavian artists and crafts people from ancient times influence Tania's designs. Sources for ideas and inspiration for her Talismans and hand-crafted rune sets come from the mythical, religious, sorcery, magical, astrology and alchemy symbols of these people.

Personalized items can be from your own inspirations or by using one of her original designs. Non-traditional bookbinding, boxes, scrolls, portfolios, and books in miniature, along with jewelry and printmaking are also created at Bookwork's Studio.

