



Jo demonstrates doing the Phytala

Feraferia traveled to Earth Spirit People's Festival on their land near Austin, TX to offer blessings, healings, and set up a henge in their Grotto. It was all part of The Maiden Awakens festival in honor of Beltaine; a bit early this year, but set up to catch the beautiful full moon weekend. We camped by the Reflecting Pool, close enough to the drum circle to easily take in nightly belly dancing around the fire. Acacia Thorndragon was the Festival Organizer and chief emcee; she is a fine and dedicated lover of the land. We enjoyed many a conversation with her on what it takes to keep a sanctuary like this going. And her daughter does provide excellent coffee!

At Feraferia's first event, we showed how to lay out a Faery Ring Henge so the stones would be in the right place to mark the eight directions. First Jo painted them with directional, planetary and alchemical symbols (for N, S, E, and W) to help keep everyone oriented. Here are four of the eight, using the symbols from Fred's *Four Elements*, *Four Goddesses* painting:





Blessing the land around the "Grotto"