

We Are the Weavers

Mystic Mabon Southwest, Sept. 14 – 17, 2023

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8:00 – 9:00	No scheduled activities	Lotus of Light Sound Meditation Dru 8:30 – 9:00 Music Tent	Lotus of Light Sound Meditation Dru 8:30 – 9:00 Music Tent	No scheduled activities
9:00 – 10:00	Camp is open for vendors and RVs from 9:00 on	Drum Circle Practice Jonathan 9:30 – 10:30 East Fire Pit	No scheduled activities	Next Year at Mabon Coordinators 10:00 – 11:00 East Pavilion Closing Ritual & Thanks Joshua and Coordinators 11:15 – 11:45 Ritual Ground Camp Cleanup and Pack Up Noon – 3:00 Please spend time walking through the camp and picking up trash before you leave. Camp Closes 3:00 PM Thanks for coming! See you next year... Please note: Start times for evening events are approximate. The schedule will be announced throughout the day by heralds. Any changes to the schedule will be broadcast at the gate and by heralds. The gate closes Thursday at 10 PM. It opens on Friday and Saturday at 8:00 AM and closes at 10 PM. The gate opens at 8 AM Sunday and closes at 3 PM. Report to the gate to begin and end your community service. If you have been loaned a radio, please return it to the gate. No fires permitted except in fire rings tended by festival staff. Do not bring glass to fire pits or the ritual ground.
10:00 – 11:00	No scheduled activities	The Generations in a Fishbowl (or the Magic of Communication) Faellina Rose 10:45 – 12:30 East Pavilion Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 A Taste of Slovenian Folklore and Magick Azrael & Amber K 1:45 – 3:15 West Pavilion	Drum Circle Practice Jonathan 10:00 – 11:00 East Fire Pit	
11:00 – 12:00	Camp is open for tent campers from 2:00 on No scheduled activities		The Alchemy of Visionary Group Poetry & Art Bethany 11:15 – 12:45 West Pavilion	
12:00 – 1:00		Communal Lunch 1:00 - 2:00 East Pavilion Main Ritual Rehearsal Susanne 2:15 – 3:30 Ritual Ground		
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2:00 – 2:30		Nature-Based Practices 101 Bridget, Amber K, Azrael, others 4:00 – 5:00 Happy Cauldron Brewers & Makers Gathering (21+ only) Donna Johnston 4:15-6:30 West Pavilion	Ardantane Auction Amber K, auctioneer, and her helpers 3:45 – 5:45 East Pavilion	
2:30 – 3:00				
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4:00 – 5:00				
5:00 – 6:00	Opening Ritual Joshua and Coordinators 5:15 - 5:45 Ritual Ground	Dinner 5:00 – 6:30	Dinner 5:45 – 6:45	
6:00 – 7:00	Nature-Based Practices 101 Bridget, Amber K, Azrael, and others; Bring your dinner! 6:00 - 7:00 East Pavilion	Bardic Circle Billy Stewart 6:45 – 8:00 East Fire Pit	Main Ritual 7:00 – 8:00 Ritual Ground	
7:00 – 8:00	Building Altars Create an altar to represent your traditions and practices Camp-wide			
8:00 – until	Fire Circle West Fire Pit	"I See You" EXPRESS YOURSELF DANCE PARTY 8:15, Parade from East Fire Pit to the Ritual Ground	Fire Circle Directly following Main Ritual West Fire Pit	
Even later...		Fire Circle After Dance West Fire Pit		

Thursday/Friday Workshop & Altar Building

**Nature-Based Practices 101, Bridget, Amber K, Azrael
Arynn K, and others**
Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00, East Pavilion
Friday, 4:00 – 5:00, Happy Cauldron

Join representatives of multiple Pagan paths (Wiccans, Druids, Heathens, etc.) to learn about their practices. This workshop will introduce you to folks of like-spirit. Other opportunities to explore various paths include the Community Tent, the communal lunch, and altar building following this workshop.

Altar Building, Camp-wide
7:00 – ongoing

Groups and solitaries are invited to build an altar in their camp that expresses their tradition's vision and practice of Paganism; leave altars up throughout the festival and use them as a gathering place.

Friday Workshops

"Lotus of Light" Sound Meditation, Dru
8:30 – 9:00, Music Tent

Begin your day centered, balanced, and energized with a bija (*pron. beej*) sound meditation. Each bija (seed) sound corresponds to a petal of the chakras and a specific body part. Using the bija sounds as recorded by Layne Redmond on the track "Lotus of Light" (~16 minutes), we will awaken and tone our energy centers. Additional chakra toning exercises may follow. No preparation needed; bring a comfortable chair.

Drum Circle Practice, Jonathan
9:30 – 10:30, East Fire Pit

Learn several core drumming patterns that you can use at the fire circles. Drum patterns for Arabic, Norse, and others will be presented and practiced. Drum circle etiquette will be covered. Some loaner drums will be available; bring your own drum and other percussion instruments.

**The Generations in a Fishbowl (or the Magic of
Communication), Faellina Rose**
10:45 – 12:30, East Pavilion

We've all felt the isolation of pandemic. But there are many prevalent forms of alienation and division within everyday society.

At one time we lived in villages where everyone was interconnected. The elders were the oracles, the historians, the night watchmen, and the grandparents. The youth and their rites of passage were what bonded the community. Their fertility and strength was the lifeblood!

We, as a pagan community, recognize this loss of family structure in American society and do have an appreciation for the variety within our community: the colorful white-haired characters strolling, gallivanting adults, bucking teens and frolicking babes among us. But do the youth and elder have a culture of connection?

Here's your chance to meet the generations!

I invite you to really lean into this. If you could ask a person of another gen one question, what would it be? Visualize sitting in the village of ancient times, where we are all interdependent, all trusting, and all family.

Our questions will be put into two hats: one for the elders to answer and one for the youth to answer. We will be practicing Active Listening, so as one group answers a question from the hat, the other group will sit quietly around them.

Afterwards we'll share refreshments for a meet and greet.

May this gathering promote many an enduring friendship amongst the ages!

**A Taste of Slovenian Folklore and Magick, Azrael
and Amber K**
1:45 – 3:15, West Pavilion

Take a brief tour of the sights, sounds, stories, and tastes of Slovenia, a fascinating European country with a deep and layered history and re-emerging Pagan traditions. From the sea coast at Piran to the dark underground river of Skocjan Cave, to the hillside vineyards in the east, to the towering peaks of Triglav in the Julian Alps, experience a glimpse into this enchanting country through stories, music, photos, and tastes!

Saturday Workshops

The "Lotus of Light" Sound Meditation, Dru
8:30 – 9:00, Music Tent See Friday for description.

Drum Circle Practice, Jonathan
10:00 – 11:00, East Fire Circle See Friday for description.

The Alchemy of Visionary Group Poetry & Art, Bethany
11:15 – 12:45, West Pavilion

Come add your energy to a collaborative group Poetry & Art process that brings forth our collective Creativity, Magic & Manifestation. Guided visualization, poetry & art! Let's join forces and see what's coming through! All are welcome!

Bethany is an Artist, Art Therapist and Self-Healing Guide that is passionate about the transformational energy of reclaiming creativity and empowering expression.

More Gatherings and Activities

Thursday, Sept. 14

Vendor Village, The Hive, and Music Tent

2:00 – Ongoing

Visit the vendors to peruse and purchase their wares. Play at the Music Tent, where you can jam, explore instruments you're curious about, and share songs and chants. The Hive is a hang out space for all members of the community to meet and share their interests. The goals are relaxation, communication, connection. In the hubbub of the weekend, the Hive is a place where you can take a time out. Talk, hook up with your tribe, practice your divination skills, work on your craft projects, simply relax. Bring your beautiful self!

Opening Ritual, Joshua and Coordinators

5:15 – 5:45, Ritual Ground

We will set up our ritual space, calling in energy for a successful festival of fun, learning, and sharing. There will be announcements and introductions.

The Happy Cauldron, located in the RV area near the East Pavilion

7:15 – Ongoing

The Happy Cauldron is open to everyone—the more the merrier! We're open throughout the weekend, so stop in whenever you feel like it. Sponsored by Ardantane Retreat and Learning Center (www.ardantane.org). We offer cookies, snacks, tea and even coffee in the morning. BYOB if you like.

Friday, Sept. 15

Brewers & Makers Gathering, Donna Johnston

4:15 – 6:30, West Pavilion

If you brew, distill, or make anything with yeast, you are invited to compare potions with your fellow wizards. Bring your own drinking vessel and a sample of your brews and fermented goodies to share. **21+ only; we will check wristbands.**

Bardic Circle, Billy Stewart

6:45 – 8:00, East Fire Pit

Share a joke, song, poem, etc., at the bardic to a very friendly audience cozied around a fire. If you are not attending the bardic, we ask that you keep noise low nearby so those sharing can be heard.

"I See You!" Express Yourself Dance Party

8:15 – 9:00, Ritual Ground

Step into the heart of the festival and let your spirit run wild at our enchanting dance party! Don your most outrageous Pagan garb or express yourself in mesmerizing drag as you join the parade from the East Fire Pit to the mystical Ritual Ground. Get ready to groove to the beat, strut your stuff on the runway fashion show, showcasing your captivating witchy wears and spellbinding costumes. With support from the Temple of Dionysus, everyone can feel empowered and confident in their attire. Embrace the magic of the night as we dance under the starlight, uniting ancient traditions with

modern celebration. It's a transformational experience where acceptance and freedom reign supreme!

Fire Circle

9:00-ish, West Fire Pit

Drum, dance, and sing into the night. Bring drums, other percussion instruments, costume, chants and songs to weave the energy of the fire and community.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Communal Lunch

1:00 – 2:00, East Pavilion

Bring your lunch to the pavilion and share conversation and make new friends in the community.

Main Ritual Rehearsal, Susanne

2:15 – 3:30, Ritual Ground

If you have a role in the ritual, put this time aside for a rehearsal and dry run.

Ardantane Fundraiser Live Auction, Amber K and helpers

3:45 – 5:45, East Pavilion

A community favorite! A fabulous fun auction brimming with magical items the likes of which you will not see elsewhere. Auction of donated goods to benefit Ardantane. Bid on your favorite items. It's a fun way to donate to Ardantane. Cash, checks, and plastic accepted. www.ardantane.org.

Main Ritual, EVERYONE!!!

7:00 – 8:00, Ritual Ground

Celebrate Mabon!

Fire Circle

8:00, West Fire Pit

The main ritual will flow directly to the fire circle, taking the energy created in the circle to the fire. Bring drums, other percussion instruments, costume, chants and songs.

Sunday, Sept. 17

Next Year at Mabon, Festival Coordinators

10:00 – 11:00, East Pavilion

MMSW coordinators are interested in what your experience of the festival was like, as well as hearing your ideas for next year and vision going forward. And, if you are interested in being a coordinator, teacher, ritualist, or vendor for the 2024 festival, plan to drop in!

Closing Ritual, Joshua and Coordinators

11:15 – 11:45, Ritual Ground

Release ritual space and give thanks for a successful festival. Hail to new friends and a growing, vibrant community!

The MMSW Board, Coordinators, and Volunteers sincerely thank everyone who has taught, vended, attended, and done a ton of work to get this festival off the ground. THANK YOU! And thank you for coming!

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