

Many Paths to the Sacred

Mystic Mabon Southwest, Sept. 12 – 15, 2024

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday			
8:00 – 9:00		Lotus of Light Sound Meditation, Dru 8:15 – 8:45, Music Tent	Lotus of Light Sound Meditation, Dru 8:15 – 8:45, Music Tent				
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3:30 – 4:00							
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4:30 – 5:00							
5:00 – 5:30							
5:30 – 6:00	Opening Ritual: Honor the Harvest, Ryan 5:00 – 5:45 Ritual Ground						
6:00 – 7:00	How We Gather, Camp Dionysus 6:30 – 7:30, East Pavilion						
7:00 – 8:00							
8:00 and later	Fire Circle West Fire Circle	Dance Party, Clint Ritual Ground, then Fire Circle @ West Fire Circle	Healing Aphrodites' Body Blessing Ceremony, Sarah Heartson 9:00 – 11:00, Vendor Village	Fire Circle After Bardic West Fire Circle			

*Thanks for coming!
See you next year...*

Please note:
Start times for evening events may vary. Events are heralded throughout the day by heralds. Any changes to the schedule will be noted at the gate and announced 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.

Thursday, Sept. 12

RITUAL

“Honor the Harvest,” Opening Ritual, Ryan
5:00 – 5:45, Ritual Ground

It is the time of the Harvest, the time when the Corn Lord, in all his many forms, falls. It is the time of sacrifice, and bringing in the bounty that was planted in the Spring. Let us honor the Gods by bringing forth our particular bounty to honor all the Gods and Goddess of the Harvest and to share with each other. Participants will invite the energies of many gods and goddesses of the harvest. There will be announcements following the ritual.

WORKSHOP

How We Gather: Consent and Honoring Boundaries, Camp Dionysus
6:30 – 7:30, East Pavilion

We will discuss the culture of the festival and community and how we honor each others' boundaries. We love to play and have fun, but we must also follow rules of behavior and etiquette.

Friday, Sept. 13

RITUALS

“The Dionysian Rite of Transformation,” Purna Das
11:00 – 12:30, Ritual Ground

The Dionysian Rite of Transformation is a sacred ceremony to embrace personal change and affirm a new identity. Through invocation, symbolic acts, and celebration, participants honor the transformative power of Dionysus, stepping into their true names and identities. This ritual requires preparation prior to the festival weekend, and all participants must have a mask to use during the ritual. To participate contact Purna Das (aka Joshua Rex) at japajoshua@gmail.com.

“The Great Harvest Gathering,” Crystal Edwards
4:00 – 5:15, Ritual Ground

Have you ever invited your favorite Deity to a gathering? How about Embodying them and letting them celebrate The Great Harvest with other Deities in a safe and joyful sacred space? We will gather, creating sacred space together, bringing special or meaningful costuming, props, and offerings appropriate for a magickal harvest gathering. Each individual will invoke and/or draw down a deity, spirit, or energy (higher self, elements, elementals, etc.) that they feel drawn to or connected with. Participants will share their offerings and divinely connect with each other in this magickal space with the mindful use of our senses.

“The Journey of Mabon and the Transition of Light,” Main Ritual, Jody Masters
6:30 – 7:45, Ritual Ground

Join us in telling the story of Mabon, the light, stolen by Hekate and hidden in the darkness. Dionysus will greet you and animal guides of the forest will help passage past the wisdom of the Crones and through the darkness, into the next season, blessed by our kings and smudged by sprites. We will plant our own seeds for the future as a community and create a ritually charged charm to take with us on our journey.

“Healing Aphrodites’ Body Blessing Ceremony,” Sarah Heartsong
5:30 – 6:00, East Pavilion, Mandatory Orientation, ages 13+
9:00 – 11:00 pm, Vendor Village, ages 18+ (must have attended the orientation or be approved by iRev Heartsong to be admitted)

Awaken and/or heal your sensuality and self-love through this unique Body Blessing ceremony.

- *Prepare yourself:* Join the required Pre-Ritual Teaching (mandatory, ages 13+ admitted) to craft a personal identity statement and explore boundaries for a safe and loving “nest” experience. All questions will be answered during the orientation.
- *Embrace playful connection:* Learn to negotiate touch with others in a beautifully crafted space. Be a Love Bird: Undress to your comfort level (think “skyclad” or “naked”) and engage in gentle, playful negotiated touch (excluding pubic areas). Embrace your sensuality, celebrate your body, and connect with yourself and others in a safe and empowering space.

WORKSHOPS

“Lotus of Light” Sound Meditation, Dru
8:15 – 8:45, Music Tent; repeats Saturday at same time

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.

Labyrinths: Paths to the Sacred, Azrael
9:00 – 10:30, East Pavilion and Vendor Village

The basic “Cretan” labyrinth is found in indigenous cultures all over the globe. We will briefly review its history and uses as a path to the sacred within each walker, then practice drawing it. We will also explore the sacred geometry of the double spiral and create one for use throughout the weekend. Everyone can help; everyone will transform!

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Wildcrafting Vinegar & Tasting, Noelani Clough
11:00 – 12:00, East Pavilion

Learn how to make your own wildcrafted vinegar at home from fruit scraps and other plant material with an emphasis on seasonal ingredients. Sample over 20 different vinegars and peruse reference books. Noelani will also be vending; check out her booth in Vendor Village and her Instagram @NoelianisKitchenCauldron.

The Butzemann, Ryan Swank
12:45 – 1:45, East Pavilion

Butzemann is a Pennsylvania Deitsch tradition. Germans migrated to Pennsylvania in the 1600s and brought many old country pagan practices, such as the Butzemann, with them, which they still observe. The Butzemann, stuffed with last year's harvest, is like a scarecrow that's activated through a kannsege that serves as a spiritual ward and protector of the garden and fields for the season. An oath is sworn to burn the Butzemann before what's known as Halloween so the spirit can join the wild hunt. If you don't burn it, bucklich mennli will take over the scarecrow body and cause trouble during winter.

Main Ritual setup and rehearsals, Jody Masters
12:45 – 3:45, Ritual Ground

Ritual ground is reserved for setting up the circle and rehearsals; check with ritual leaders for schedule and activities.

Drum Circle Practice, Jonathan
1:30 – 2:30, 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
2:00 – 3:30, East Pavilion

At one time we lived in villages where everyone was connected. We, as a pagan community, recognize the loss of family structure in modern society and seek to create community. But do our youth and elders have a culture of exchange? Here's your chance to meet the generations!

If you could ask a person of another gen one question, what would it be? Visualize sitting in an ancient village 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.

Chants for the Fire Circle Sharing, Kim
2:45 – 3:45, Music Tent/Hive

Bring your favorite chants to share and learn a few new ones that you can use at the fire circle and through the season. Bring a chair. There will be a few handouts available, too.

Saturday, Sept. 14

RITUAL

"The Wild Hunt (or The Story of the Great Hunt, originally written and performed by Solaria of Silver Crescent West)," Faellina Rose
4:45 – 6:15, Ritual Ground

The Wild Hunt is a rite found throughout the cultures of ancient Europe, which honors the sacrifice of both the hunter, the hunted and those who support them. It encompasses the essence of community, as all must participate to live and thrive. The parts played by four clans, each representing a cardinal direction, are a unification of our pagan community as it relates to Mother Earth. Together we create a powerful bond while honoring our rich cultural heritages and traditions. It is truly a Convergence of the Many Paths to the Sacred!

WORKSHOPS

"Lotus of Light" Sound Meditation, Dru
8:15 – 8:45, Music Tent; see Friday for description

Learning the Witches' Dance, Jeanette Lloyd
9:15 – 10:15, Ritual Ground

We will teach the Witches' Dance that groups around the world are doing. It will be a fun and musical event. There are 8 sections to the dance (it's a workout!), and the tutorial will go through all the steps involved, culminating in a group performance. Bring a broom or grab a stick from the camp. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Tarot Reading Jam, Mychos
10:30 – 11:45, East Pavilion

Bring your favorite tarot and oracle decks, runes, ogham sticks, and whatever other divinatory tool you'd like to use. This is an open space where everyone can read, be read for, and share. No experience needed, just a willingness to play and engage your intuition. For a portion of the time, we will try a few techniques to break "readers block," such as quick-turnaround reading cycles.

Drumming the Cone of Power for the Wild Hunt, Issa
10:30 – 12:00, Ritual Ground

This workshop will focus on raising energy/cone of power in ritual through music. We will be learning to feel the energy and working with the energy of the group within a ritual setting. All musicians welcome.

Safety and the Wild Hunt, Ryan
10:30 – 12:00, Ritual Ground

This workshop teaches our hunters to work as a team, using the concept of controlled abandon to keep us aware of our terrain and the folks around us. We will learn how to use hand signals, graceful movement and peripheral vision to

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keep ourselves and others safe, while enjoying the adrenaline of power raising through the hunt itself. Everyone welcome.

Dancing the Wild Hunt, Radahn
10:30 – 12:00, Ritual Ground

Come learn the Wild Hunt dance! First you'll be stretching and limbering up your body, mind, and spirit. Then Radahn will teach some simple dance movements that you will perform in the center of the circle as the hunters embark on the chase. Choreography combines with the hunters' exit and re-entry into the circle, so all dancers please attend!

Wild Hunt Choir Rehearsal, Alane Brown
10:30 – 12:00, West Pavilion

Come practice the magical songs that are in the Wild Hunt ritual. Lyric handouts with chords will be provided. Then, during the Wild Hunt, you'll be part of the ritual, performing songs to ignite the magic. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome.

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Closing Ritual, Festival Coordinators
11:15 – 12:00, Ritual Ground

More Gatherings and Activities

Thursday, Sept. 12

Vendor Village and Music Tent/Hive
2:00 – Ongoing

Visit the vendors to peruse and purchase their wares. Play at the Music Tent, where you can jam and share songs and chants. The Hive is a hang out space for all members of the community to meet and share their interests. Talk, hook up with your tribe, practice your divination skills, work on your craft projects, simply relax. Bring your beautiful self!

The Happy Cauldron, in the RV by the East Pavilion
Ongoing, Mad Tea Party on Friday, 4:00

The Happy Cauldron is open to everyone—the more the merrier! We're open throughout the weekend, so stop in

Wild Hunt Full Dress Rehearsal for All Players
3:30 – 4:30, Ritual Ground

All-player rehearsal for the Wild Hunt ritual.

Dance Jam, Juli
2:30 – 3:30, Music Tent/Hive

Experience the joy of movement! Come dance and sway to music that is sure to lift your post-lunch lethargy and connect you with the sacred inside you and around you.

Next Year at Mabon, Festival Coordinators
2:30 – 3:30, West 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. You can turn in your surveys here or at the gate as you leave. If you are interested in being a coordinator, teacher, ritualist, or vendor for the 2024 festival, plan to drop in!

The Elements: Beyond Ritual, Kalisha
2:45 – 3:45, East Pavilion

Our magick and spiritual practices don't stop at the rituals' end but carry into our every day mundane lives. Learn that the Elemental Kingdoms are in our every day life and all we do. This workshop is designed to help us transcend our mundane routines and activities into recognizing the sacred all around us by making connections never considered by many.

We will formally close our ritual circle, reflect on the weekend, and bid goodbye for this cycle. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone for coming and working behind the scenes and on the scene to make the festival a success! See you in 2025!

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.

Fire Circle
8:30-ish, West Fire Circle

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.

Friday, Sept. 13

Pagans in Recovery 12-Step Meeting
1:30 – 2:30, Cauldron of Clear Celebration

Are you in recovery or looking for a space free from alcohol and intoxicants? Join us at The Cauldron of Clear Celebration Hearthcamp. We support community members who need

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grounding and support for mental health and sobriety. You are welcome to camp here, hang out, and attend a meeting.

Brewers & Makers Gathering, Camp Dionysus 3:45 – 5:30, 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. There will be a silent auction to benefit MMSW. **21+ only; we will check wristbands.**

Merry Meet Mabon Mad Tea Party 4:00 – 5:15, The Happy Cauldron

You are invited to a Merry Meet Mabon Mad Tea Party on Friday at 4:00. The Happy Cauldron is a great place to meet new people and find your tribe. Hats and gloves welcome! Use your imagination!

Dance Party, Clint 8:00 – 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 and groove to the beat. The dance will follow the main ritual and then carry that dance vibe to the night's fire circle.

Fire Circle 9:00-ish, West Fire Circle

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Ardantane Fundraiser Live Auction, Amber K and helpers 12:30 – 2:30, 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.

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Open Mic 1:00 – 2:15, Music Tent/Hive

Rehearse your performance for the bardic circle, premier a new song or poem. Originals are welcome, but not required. Here's a daytime chance to shake off the performance nerves and share your art.

Bardic Circle, Oak 7:00 – 8:15, 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.

Fire Circle 9:00, West Fire Circle

Cap off your weekend and Mabon experience with drumming, singing, and dancing at the fire. Bring drums, other percussion instruments, costume, chants and songs.

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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