Wisteria Event Site AUTUMNN FIRES NEWS October, 12-15, 2017

FACILITIES HOURS Sun sets at 6:52pm Saturday.

Hestia's Hearth Kitchen hours 9:00 am - Breakfast 12:00 noon - Lunch 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Dinner Saturday Autumn Feast @ 6:00 pm Food available in cafe 8:00 pm - midnight

> Caffeina's Cosmic Cafe hours 8:00 am - Midnight

Green Man hours 4:30 pm - 12:00 midnight Happy Hour 5:00 - 7:00 pm Theme Nights and Happy Hour entertainment: Thu - Glam Rock - Megan Bee & Drag Show Fri - Masquerade - Sweet Maple Singers Sat - Say Something Hat Day - Joe Stevens with River Glenn

Kids' Village hours 9:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday and Saturday Closed Thursday and Sunday

Welcome Home Forever reach, the gilded boughs, of Willow caught in Dawn's honey-light. Her roots the valley basin make Her leaves, like Pawpaw dancers shake To greet each day, each day so bright. Forever bloom the Wisterian flower growing in the Hearts of all who arrive. Individual though we are and our roots come from far, Like the bees, we come back to the hive. Ever burn bright, Pawpaw's warm flame which dances to the beat of the drum. And reaches up high To kiss His night sky As His tenders hail the birth of the Sun. Forever span, the familiar, weaving Path from Cove to the Fae Queen's Throne That embraces all who hears its soft call that whispers, "Child, Welcome Home."

s, "Child, Welcome Home." Carver Jenesis Casey

CONCERTS AND SHOWS

Thursday 5:00 -7:00 pm - Megan Bee @ Green Man 8:00 pm - Sweet Maple Singers @ Pavilion 10:00 pm - midnight - Rylee Ja Gypsy presents Pixie's Monster Party and Drag Show @ Green Man

Friday 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Sweet Maple Singers @ Green Man 8:00 pm - The Brickersons @ Pavilion

Saturday 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Joe Stevens and River Glenn @ Green Man



KEYNOTE SPEAKER ERIKA GALENTIN

Saturday 1:00 pm @ Pavilion followed by a Medicinal Herb Walk. Clinical herbalist, aromatherapist, ecologist, horticulturalist, lecturer, writer, gardener and native plant enthusiast. Delightfully lost in the web of our native ecology.

Kids' Village policy

- Children under the age of 3 are not permitted at Kids' Village without a parent present.
- Children that are not potty trained are not permitted at Kid Village without a parent present.
- Children with special emotional, mental or physical needs are not permitted at Kid Village without a parent present.
- Children participating in the drop in program must be checked on by guardians, at minimum, every 2 hours.
- Outside of special circumstances, food is not permitted in Kid Village.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday October 11th

- 12:00 pm Gates Open
- 4:30 pm Happy hour Megan Bee @ Green Man, Theme: Glam Rock
- 5:00 pm Recovery Circle Wren @ Village Green
- 6:30 pm Lighting of Ancestor Altar @ Village Green
- 7:00 pm Women's Circle Jen Capone @ Stone Circle
- 8:00 pm Concert Sweet Maple Singers @ Pavilion 9:30 pm - Fire Eating and Fleshing Performance -

- 3:00 pm Shamanic Crystal Bowl Sound Bath Bryan and Leela @ Green Man
- 3:00 pm Cider Press Kelly @ Pavilion (Apples will be pressed throughout the evening)
- 4:00 pm Photo Safari Nellie and Jess meet @ Pavilion
- 4:30 pm Happy Hour Sweet Maple Singers @ Green Man - Theme: Masquerade
- 5:00 pm Recovery Circle Wren @ Village Green
- 7:00 pm Sweatlodge Doug @ Sweatlodge
- 5:00 pm Floral Arrangements and Feast Prep Michael and Charlene @ Town Center
- 5:00 pm Petite Paw Paw @ Paw Paw
- 5:00 pm Recovery Circle Wren @ Village Green
- 6:00 pm Feast @ Heart Hearth (prepay @ kitchen)
- 7:00 pm Pumpkin Light Up @ Town Center
- 7:00 pm Sweatlodge Doug @ Sweatlodge
- 7:00 pm Descent of Persephone: Light in the Darkness. Main Ceremony @ Heart Hearth, gather @ 7pm, ceremony @ 7:30 pm, Drum Circle follows @

Shane @ Paw Paw 10:00 pm - Drum Circle @ Paw Paw 10:00 pm - Drag Show @ Green Man

Friday October 12th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Forging @ Spirit Forge10:00 am - Ancestor Dolls -- Judi Stoker @ Ancestor Mound

10:00 am - Pagans in Recovery - Donna @ Hickory Grove

11:00 am - 6:00 pm - Clay Building - Jess @ Pavilion 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - Pumpkin Carving @ Town Center

12:00 pm - Sweatlodge Orientation - Doug @ Sweatlodge

12:00 pm - Open Painting - Jen Capone @ Hickory Grove

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Stone Soup - Heather Shannon @ Heart Hearth

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Field Day Activities (atlatl, trebuchet, kites) @ Grand Field

2:00 pm - Candle Making - Shala @ Village Green

8:00 pm - Concert - The Brickersons @ Pavilion
9:00 pm - Illumination of Faery Shrine, Labyrinth of the Ways, and Hellenic Shrine (Elliniko Nao)
10:00 pm - Drum Circle @ Paw Paw

Saturday October 13th

10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Forging @ Spirit Forge 12:00 pm - Sweatlodge Orientation - Doug @ Sweatlodge

12:00 pm - Clay Loading and Firing - Jess @ Village Green

12:00 - 3:00 pm - Kids Carnival and Benefit @ Town Center

1:00 pm - Keynote Speaker - Erika Galentin @ Pavilion followed by a Medicinal Herb Walk

3:00 pm - Brewing and Bottling - Jamie and Trevor @ Pavilion

3:00 pm - Face Painting - Jen Capone @ Town Center 4:00 pm - Trick or Treat (kids) - Jen Capone meet @ Heart Hearth

4:30 pm - Happy Hour --Joe Stevens w/ River Glenn @ Green Man, Theme: Say Something Hat Day Paw Paw

10:00 pm - Hellenic Shrine Open House @ Spirit Circle

Sunday October 14th

10:00 am - Opening the Clay Fire Kiln @ Village Green12:00 pm - Closing - Nellie @ Heart Heart3:00 pm - Departure



ACTIVITIES

Candle Making - Shala Hill @ Village Green

Participants will make freestanding candles and enclosed candles using jars and other glass wares as part of this workshop. Participants will be provided with various colors and scents, and some glassware will be provided but participants can bring their own, as well as items they may with to embed in the candles. Creativity is encouraged! \$10 supply fee requested.

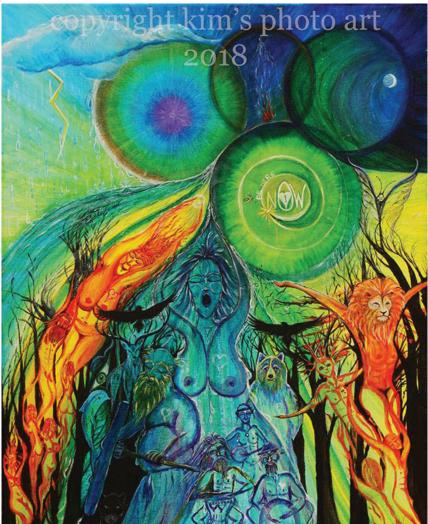
Shamanic Crystal Bowl Sound Bath - Bryan Langsdale @ Green Man

This Shamanic Sound Bath is the meditative experience of being held and caressed by sound. We create an inner journey space through the blending of crystal singing bowls, didgeridoos, shamanic drumming, native flute & vocalizations. Sound is Energy & Vibration. These Vibrations will allow you to enter into an altered state of consciousness & brainwave function through which you may experience personal insights, spontaneous healing, & exciting adventures. Perhaps you may experience something completely different. Come and feel the Magick for yourself!

Brewing with The Blacksmith and Trevor @ Pavilion

Blacksmith and Trevor will be demonstrating how to make indigenous beers using various substitutes for hops. This will involve a demonstration of sanitation practices, brewing, bottling, and of course, sampling!

ART AUCTION!



Cider Pressing with Kelly Sauber @ Pavilion

Kelly Sauber creates high quality distilled spirits made from all natural ingredients farm-raised or wild-harvested close to his distillery. He owns and operates Fifth Element Distillery. Fifth Element offers handcrafted spirits created from near-at-hand grains, fruits, herbs and roots in Meigs County, Ohio. During this workshop, Kelly will demonstrate how to press apples to create traditional cider. Checkout the Westend Ciderhouse in Athens, Ohio, to taste some of Fifth Elements spirits and ciders!

Pagans in Recovery - Donna Donovan @ Hickory Grove

As part of her co-authoring the recently released book, "Steel Bars, Sacred Waters", Donna Donovan wrote a Celtic pagan version of the 12 Steps. This workshop focuses on the different versions of the 12 Steps that those who do not follow an Abrahamic path can utilize in their recovery. We will discuss Isaac Bonewits' 12 Steps for Pagans, Taoism and the 12 Steps, A 9-Step Recovery for Asatru/Odinists by Laurel Owens, as well as Donna Donovan's Celtic Pagan Steps to Recovery.

Despite any differences in beliefs, those in AA/NA are kindred spirits at heart, all struggling to subdue addiction's hold on their lives. And for that, support is essential. Rather than dispute which path is best, we're wise to remember the words of AA co-founder Wilson: "The roads to recovery are many."

KID'SVILLAGE CARNIVAL AND BAKE-SALE

Kids' Village is hosting a fund raising carnival and bake sale on Saturday 12:00 - 3:00 pm

We will have games to play, challenges to solve, crafts to make and fun to be had for every age. We are asking for a five dollar donation, which gives you 30 tickets, enough to play each game twice or more. Save those

winning ticket stubs for a big toy prize raffle.

Please support us as we are saving for a new shed to store all of our Kids Village toys and crafts. We will also have a decorated spot for that perfect fall picture! Hot cider to drink! Costumes encouraged, trick or treating to follow carnival.

Games: ring toss, fishing for skeletons, skull in cup, witch hat ring toss, pumpkin toss, bean bag corn hole game, partner bump, bouncy ball, crafts and more...

Autumn Fires By: Robert Louis Stevenson

In the other gardens And all up the vale, From the autumn bonfires Pleasant summer over And all the summer flowers, The red fire blazes, The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!





Kim Keffer

This painting was made by Kim Keffer, a presenting artist, during Summer Solstice 2018. Inspired by Wisteria Summer Solstice Festival.

She has graciously offered to share it with the Wisteria community. It will be offered for silent auction during Autumn Fires. Bidding starts at \$100. 16" by 20" Acrylic on Canvas

Kim is a visionary artist, a photographer and painter. Kim is on a mission to use her art and her experiences to bring light and healing to all. Her incredibly detailed paintings are inspired by her connection to Mother Nature. Currently Kim lives in her little motor home traveling the country creating and sharing her art. She also loves conducting Guided Painting workshops and facilitates a creative recovery group called Creative Companions. It is Kim's belief that we are all creative beings, that creativity heals and it is her mission to inspire others to free their creative selves.

See the smoke trail!

Something bright in all! Flowers in the summer, Fires in the fall!

House of Gypsy Drag and Glam Thu 10 pm Green Man

We cordially invite you to the Green Man tavern on Thursday at 10pm for the highly anticipated Drag Show featuring the House of Gypsy. Entertainment by Rylee Já Gypsy, Kamen Cinder, Lady Dior Gypsy & making her stage debut Paris Já Gypsy. All ages welcome! Come dressed in all your best Halloween costumes!



PERFORMERS

Erica Galatin (Keynote Speaker)



Sat 1:00 pm @ Pavilion & Medicinal Herb Walk

Erika is a Clinical Herbalist and an ITEC certified Clinical Aromatherapist consulting from Sovereignty Herbs in Athens & Columbus, OH. She holds a degree in Herbal Medicine from the University of Wales, Cardiff, UK and Scottish School of Herbal Medicine, Glasgow, UK. She is a professional member of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists (UK) and the American Herbalists Guild (USA). She is also a proud member of Pi Alpha Xi National Honor Society in Horticulture (USA).

A decade of clinical practice has provided a platform for a deep and influential understanding of the efficacy of medicinal plants within a clinical environment. It is through this clinical practice that Erika is able encourage positive, learned relationships between plants and people. She is a firm believer in celebrating the role humanity plays in the ecology of our landscapes and that our relationships with the natural world should be based upon reciprocity and exchange. In addition to clinical practice, Erika is both a student and teacher of horticulture and native medicinal plant conservation and ecology.

Erika is also deeply passionate about the history of botanical medicine in the United States as depicted by the American Botanical Movement of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and has built her clinical philosophy around the principles and practice of Physiomedical and Eclectic traditions. With her dedication to medicinal plants native to Ohio and the Greater Appalachian region, Erika teaches, lectures and writes on native medicinal plant conservation and applied ecology, propagation, herbalism, and clinical efficacy. Former Course Development Director for the Herbal Academy, Erika is currently a guest instructor at Ohio Herb Education Center, Gahanna, Ohio, Faculty at the Eclectic School of Herbal Medicine, Lowgap, NC, and Course Contributor for the New York Institute of Aromatic Studies. She also participates as a member of the Stewardship Committee for Appalachia Ohio Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of land and water in Southeast Ohio.

The Brickersons (formerly Boys of the Hock)



Fri 8:00 pm @ Pavilion

The Brickersons, based in Athens, Ohio, came about through the decades long musical friendship of hammered dulcimer whiz and avid brick collector Ed Newman and fiddler/guitarist Rusty Smith. The two have played together since the 1980s, in bands like the Deadbeats and Boys of the Hock. They are joined by Adam Rich, whose guitar powers the music forward; Todd Sams on mandolin (a past member of the Rarely Herd and Retrograss, now also playing with String Therapy); and bassist Terry Douds (who plays in every jazz ensemble imaginable). They focus on traditional dance music of Ireland, Scotland, England, New England, and Appalachia, but will stretch in any direction. They play festivals and contra dances through the region, and look forward to playing for you!

Sweet Maple Singers

Thu 8:00 pm @ Pavilion Fri 5:00 pm - Happy hour @ Green Man

With the combination of their uniquely developed abilities on harp, fiddle, mandolin, and guitar, Sweet Maple Singers share the music they love with a repertoire ranging from Traditional Folk music to more progressive feel-good songs.

After meeting, Jasper and Robbie's love for each other and making music together have created the basis for their sugary band, Sweet Maple Singers. When asked about the band name, Jasper replies, "I remember we wanted to start making music together as a duet, but we didn't know what to call ourselves. We were doing some picking at this gorgeous park one Autumn afternoon in central West Virginia, when I found myself absolutely enamored with the vibrant colors of a tree. Robbie told me it was a Sugar Maple. Inspired, I expressed to him that I would absolutely love to have the word "Maple" in our band name simply because of the precious memories I have of spending time in Vermont as a child with my family, listening to live Bluegrass. Shortly after, he suggested, 'How about 'Sweet Maple Singers?""

Megan Bee



Thu 5:00 pm @ Green Man

Singer-songwriter Megan Bee writes with an unquenchable wanderlust and a raw love for the land. Her latest studio album Like a Canyon (2017) claims both The Ohio Music Awards 2017 Best Americana and Best Singer-Songwriter Album. With folk-Americana roots, she blends a distinctly homespun voice over an acoustic simplicity. Her lyrics continue to carry that yearning soulfulness and winsome storytelling that filled her first release, A Sense of Place (2015) Megan's background as an environmental educator and traveling farmhand once took her into a desert wilderness where she first found her voice around a campfire. That intimacy and sense of community around a campfire emerges through in her writing and performance as a unique perspective and slice of Americana for the wandering soul and nature-lover in us all. Megan bases out of the rolling hills of Athens, Ohio and frequently roams the country playing festivals, coffeehouses, brewpubs, house concerts, and around campfires. Previous to her solo career, Megan fronted the trio Wormz and the Decomposers whose album Grow (2014) won an Ohio Music Award for Americana Album of the year. She continues to collaborate with other musicians such as the Mountain Stage Band who accompany her on her Like a Canyon album. Singer-songwriter Joe Stevens from Coyote Grace is also featured on both solo albums, and they frequently share the stage as a duo. Press Quotes:

"She seems to have nothing to prove and no agenda, just to write her heart and then sing it. The album is beautifully produced, and Megan's voice cuts like a warbling bird through the music, like a line on a map." Hold the Note Magazine "Bee's latest album feels like a drive through the area's modest hills, sipping well water from a tin dipper to take away the taste of those dusty roads." No Depression Magazine "It is Bee's scenicly-lovelorn vocals and the deeply enigmatic portraits she paints with her lyrics that really make these songs come into perfect view." Divide and Conquer Music

"Sweeping the Pagan and festival communities...Recovery Support Bracelets. What started as an idea at Midian, to help support our fellow festival-goers has swept the nation. Midian Monster Support was an idea to give those that battle addictions support with their sobriety. There is green glow in the dark bracelets that are embossed with Monster Support, No Alcohol for Me, etc. The person wearing the bracelet can go to Staff members at the festival grounds, or others wearing the Sweet Maple Singers is the ear candy you didn't even know your life was missing!

MONSTER BRACELETS

bracelet for support when they feel they want to give into their addictions. Those people return the support and will help the person get to a dry area and talk. It is important that everyone feel welcome and not feel worried that they will break their sobriety by attending a festival. I had the bracelets made almost one year ago, I have had people write to me about their gratitude for the bracelets that have never attended the festivals I go to. John Watson, a wonderful and beautiful soul who will always be a good friend to me, supported the idea, and spread it as far as he could. After his passing, his mother, Donna Donovan, has since picked up where John left off and has requested some of the bracelets as well. It is important for those that battle addictions to know that they are supported. Wisteria has adopted support in our community, and it has grown bigger than was ever anticipated. If you would like a recovery support bracelet, please let someone from Midian, Myself or Donna Donovan know that you are interested. I support you, and even people you have never met, support you. Addiction is something not everyone understands, you would be surprised to realize you are not alone."---Soror Pixi Wisteria is proud to support those who battle addictions in their recovery. These bracelets can be obtained at the Gate House upon entry and at First Aid. Even if you choose not to wear one, but need support at any time...do not hesitate to reach out to our Staff.

CEREMONIES AND CELEBRATIONS

7:00 pm - Women's Healing Circle @ Stone Circle

"We are the light in the dark. I am a light in the dark"

There is something magical about a circle of women, within it one can set upon a journey of self discovery and connection. We witness each other, allowing ourselves to be seen and heard, honored, loved and enjoyed.

Our circle for Autumn Fires this year will be to honor ur ancestors. Women who have come before us. Women who, in their struggle and their fight, with their love and their courage, have helped shape our world. We will offer them a moment in time, we will light our flames, and we will give them honor and a place on our altar. we will light our own candle, one for ourselves to honor the divine feminine in each of us, to remind us of our courage, our strength, our light inside us, we join our ancestors in history as we, yet again are making our voices heard.

Listen to your inner voice, speak what is on your mind, each voice and life experience offered to the center of our circle resonates throughout and with each of us. We are a source of light that illuminates within. This has been a difficult year for many. This is a safe place to talk about how you feel, a place to express yourself, a safe place to fill your cup of friendship and connection to hold you through the days and months to come.

Friday

12:00 noon - Stone Soup, Story and Participation @ Heart Hearth and Town Center

Bring your ingredients, hear the story as we help prepare food for the Community.

6:00 pm - Stone Soup and Community Potluck.

Saturday

4:00 pm - Community Trick or Treat. Please bring treats for all, because there will be tricks....5:00 pm - Petite Paw Paw. We will light the Paw Paw fire for the kids to drum and dance.

Main Ceremony -- The Descent of Persephone: A light in the darkness

Meet @ Heart Hearth at 7:00 pm, ceremony begins 7:30 pm.

In the Hellenic Tradition, the start of autumn is marked by the descent of Persephone into the Underworld. For one half of the year, Persephone leaves her mother, Demeter, the goddess of earth's fertility and grain, to live with her husband Hades, the god of the Underworld. Participants in the ceremony will become members of Persephone's court and accompany her into the Underworld. Participants will undergo trials as they pass over the River Styx, through the Passageway of the Ancestors, and arrive at the Great Crossroads. The ceremony will lead into the last lighting of the Pawpaw fire for the season.

Sunday

12:00 noon - Closing Ceremony -@ Heart Hearth

CUSTOMS

We are delighted to have you as guests. Please be aware of our customs during your stay.

Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace is a set of principles for participation in outdoor recreation that seeks to minimize the impact on the natural environment. Proponents of Leave No Trace believe that individual impacts caused by recreation can accumulate to degrade the land. Therefore, the Leave No Trace message encourages people who spend time in the out-ofdoors to behave in such a way that they can minimize unavoidable impacts and prevent avoidable impacts. It is often summarized: "Take only photos,

leave only foot prints." Clothing/Nudity

Wisteria's events are clothing optional in designated areas, generally past the shower house. Please keep in mind that just because someone is nude, however, does not mean he/she is inviting you to have sex with, harass, touch, or leer at him/her. Be respectful of all attendees.

Self Safety

We hope that your time here is meaningful, safe, fun ,and transformative. Please use your best judgment in your dealings with all people and beings. Our customs include non-violent interaction and respect of each others diversity on many levels. Please uphold the tradition of keeping the scene clean. If you have problems or issues with others, please try to settle the matter with a direct, fair and honest approach. Mostly, very nice people come here but if any of them make you feel uncomfortable, emotionally or physically, please feel empowered to keep your boundaries kind and firm. If you want to talk about an incident, please go to the Wisteria Office when open or talk with a Wisteria Security staff who patrol 24 hours a day. We all protect and grow the beauty we make together by keeping the space safe and beautiful. Be safe, be smart, and be happy.

Drum Circle Etiquette (courtesy of Sara Balz) We envision a drumming experience that is inclusive of everyone who has a desire to participate, regardless of experience or skill level! In order to make this vision come to life, an awareness of some unwritten "rules" is helpful, so we're going to mention a few of them in the following:

- If it is not yours, please leave it where it is. This could be a chair, a drum, a blanket, or other instruments. The owner WILL return for that item, whether it be tonight, tomorrow, or next year. Please help us maintain the trust we hold with our attendees that their things will be safe with their neighbors.
- Please ask permission before playing anoth-

Wisteria Event Photo Policy and "No Photos" Red Wristbands

We understand that safety and privacy are very important to many of you. Unfortunately due to the size of our events and venue, we CANNOT guarantee that no photos of you will be taken or posted to social media. However we encourage a culture of respect for privacy:

- Be polite! Please obtain the consent of all involved before taking photos or posting to social media.
- Absolutely no photographs during rituals, unless explicitly approved by the person or people running the ceremony. This includes the Paw Paw Drum and Fire Circle!
- Red wristbands will be available at the gate. A red wristband means NO PHO-TOS (they can be temporarily turned inside out if you want your photo taken). Absolutely no photos may be taken of someone with a red wristband, or posted to social media! Please bring any violations of this rule to the attention of staff or security.
- Wisteria staff photographers may be taking photos during our events for social media and marketing purposes. They will be clearly identified by badges, and will follow our photo policy rules.

er's instrument, be it bells, rattle, tambour, drum, fife, or shaker. In particular, if a drum or instrument is covered, it means the owner does not wish it to be used.

- While you play your chosen instrument, whether it be a drum, tambour, harp, guitar, didgeridoo, please listen as much as you play, in order to best support the fundamental groove that you are helping to create with everyone.
- Be empowered to play -your- rhythm, whatever that may be, from whatever knowledge of rhythms you own. Share it with everyone, so as to contrib-

ute new knowledge to the circle. While you play, listen to the musical conversation, leave room for others to speak in it, and meld your voice into the whole in such a way as to allow others the same freedom to express themselves.

While you are dancing in the circle, please allow slower dancers to move to the outside of the circle, faster dancing nearest the fire. Please don't stop in place to traffic jam the dancers behind you. Please do dance with abandon. Please don't touch other dancers without their consent.

SWEATLODGES AT WISTERIA

Doug Sundling has been involved with sweatlodges since 1986. Since 1997, he has constructed and maintained a sweatlodge site at Wisteria. While he has facilitated sweatlodge ceremonies at various other festivals, he currently has focused on facilitating sweatlodges for events held at Wisteria.

2018 Wisteria Autumn Fires Sweatlodges

The sweatlodge is a ceremony to ascertain balance through cleansing and renewal. It is a ceremony to celebrate being human. A sweatlodge ceremony is shaped by both the past and the present. Your spiritual sincerity is the most important thing you can bring to a sweatlodge. No drugs or alcohol; just the 4 Elements – Earth, Air, Fire, & Water. You must attend NOON ORIEN-TATION of the day you wish to participate in a sweatlodge ceremony. Orientations are held at the

Sweatlodge Site. Friday, October 12: Orientation at NOON for an open sweatlodge to be facilitated Friday evening. Time of the sweatlodge will be determined at NOON ORIENTATION. Open to adults 18 years old or older. Saturday, October 13: At the 12:00 NOON orientation, facilitators and participants will decide whether to have a SILENT SWEATLODGE (no talking during sweatlodge ceremony!) or an open sweatlodge on Saturday late afternoon or evening. Time for the sweatlodge ceremony will be determined at NOON ORIENTATION. Open to adults 18 years old or older. Unless arranged otherwise with the facilitator, you must attend the NOON ORIENTA TION if you wish to participate in a sweatlodge ceremony. If a particular group or individual or couple desire a sweatlodge ceremony for a specific purpose, please talk with me to see if such a ceremony can be arranged.

INFINITY FORGE Demonstrating Artist Blacksmith O'Kelly has been fabricating and welding metal crafts using modern methods since 1993. He has been demonstrating traditional coalforge blacksmithing at Renaissance Fairs since 2004. Wisteria Solstice 2007 was his first Earth-based festival . Introduction to Blacksmithing

Daily 10:00 am -2:00 pm, Spirit Forge. Signup required; age: Teens and Adults.

Participants will be offered the opportunity to forge an athame' or bolline from a railroad spike, or make tiki-torch holders and gardening tools, or suggest their own projects. These sessions will be held for approx. 2 1/2 hrs daily. Available for all ages (under 18 requires written parental permission). Registration signup for all classes starts on the 1st day of the festival. Shoes that cover feet fully/long pants/shirt required. Safety glasses provided and required during forging. Forging is free, but a material fee of \$5 to \$30 (depending on the craft) will be charged if you wish to keep the finished product. Sign up in advance is required and class space is limited.

FACILITIES

Caffeina's Cafe

8:00 am - midnight **P**repared food, coffee and specialty drinks, and baked goods. Cash or credit/debit cards. Afterhours food 8:00 pm - Midnight

Electricity

Ground-fault protected power outlets are available in the center camp area for temporary use. Permanent power connections are available for a daily fee (free for those with medical needs); ask at Market for details. Unauthorised electrical connections will be removed or cut.

First Aid

A First Aid station is located in the trailer next to Caffeina's. In case of injury, report to First Aid where you can receive basic first aid treatment or be routed to a local hospital. In the event of a medical emergency, if you are not near First Aid, summon help immediately from a First Aid (Redbadge) or Safety Patrol (green badge) staff member, or use FRS radio channel 3. Do not attempt to move an incapacitated person unless

they are in immediate physical danger.

Gate / Registration

(8:00 am - midnight) Access to the campground is available 24 hours a day. You must register when you arrive. Registration is available from 8:00 am to midnight most days. After hours, there will be a two-way radio in a box; park your car, call security, and someone will assist you. Cash or credit/deit cards accepted.

Ice and Wood

Ice (\$2.50/7lb bag) and wood (\$15/level cartload) are available. Pay at the Wisteria Market, or at Caffeina's when the market is closed (cash or credit/debit cards accepted). Carts are available to haul wood; please return promptly.

Kids' Village (9:00 am - 7:00 pm Fri+Sat)

The playground is open from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm with supervised activities on Friday and Saturday. This timeframe is to permit parents/guardians to drop off children and still get to workshops on time. Parents, please drop off and pick up your children at the playground during the time specified to respect Village staff.

Market & Information

(10:00 am-7:00 pm) The Market offers camping goods, personal supplies, tee shirts, and local artists' goods, as well as general Wisteria information. Cash or card.

Parking

Park in the designated area, or at your campsite if you purchase a parking pass (\$10, available at the gate or Market). Once your car is parked, IT STAYS PARKED. Parking rules will be strictly enforced. If you are caught using it for transportation once, your pass will be revoked (It is non-refundable) and your car will be moved to parking.

Pond (10:00 am - 6:00 pm weather permitting) Swim at your own risk and do not allow children to swim unattended. Do NOT enter the pond area after it is closed. Really.

Portable Toilets

(pumped every morning) There are portable toilets located throughout the campground for your convenience. Disability accessible toilets are next to First Aid and the Shower House. If the toilet paper runs out, please let any Wisteria Staff know and we need to replace it promptly. ALWAYS close the lid when finished so the fumes go up the stack!

Safety Patrol (green badges)

Wisteria Safety patrol the campground for your security 24/7. Our team is friendly and willing to help in any situation. Please don't hesitate to ask. Security golf carts will be clearly marked. Safety Patrol can be recognized by green badges.

Showers

The shower house has been improved with new heaters and a pressure booster! You no longer need to turn on a sink faucet to get hot showers. Water is treated by a constructed wetland; use only biodegradable / phosphate-free soaps / shampoos. Four rinse stations are available throughout the campground for cooling off (no soap please!)

Trash, Compost, and Recycling (5:00 pm daily)

A truck trailer goes through camp daily. Bring your trash and recycling curbside as recycling run passes. Recyclables include paper, plastic bottles (no lids), cartons, steel, tin, aluminum cans, and glass bottles (all colors). Don't let your trash pile up! Keep the scene clean! Place compost (organic matter, no sewage or meat!) in buckets located next to wastewater stations. Pour organic liquids (not sewage) into the blue barrel wastewater stations located throughout the campground.

Trails

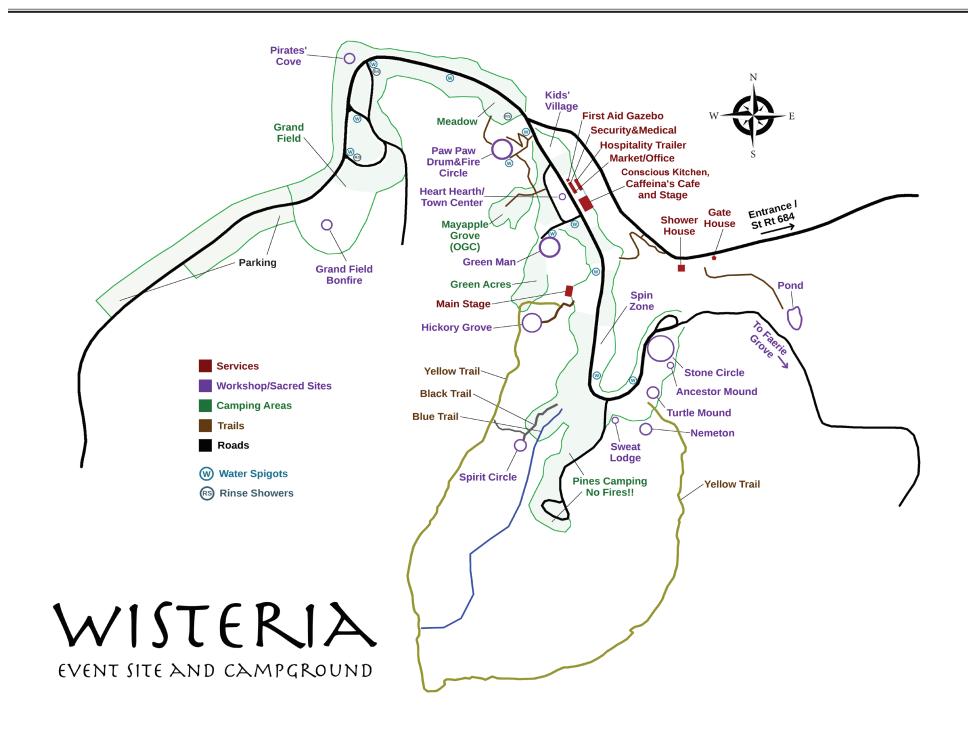
Enjoy a walk on the campground trails, all of which loop back to the campground. Maps are located at Wisteria office. The Yellow Trail has identification signs for Appalachian trees, plants and woodland herbs. Please respect the creatures that live here year round.

WiFi and Cell Service

We have completed major upgrades to our WiFi internet service, and now provide high speed service over much of our campground area! You may purchase 7- or 10-day internet access at the gate or market, or purchase online with a credit card using your computer or mobile device's web browser (e.g. http://www.wisteria.org/). Cell phone coverage is spotty but improving all the time. Please be considerate when using cell phones, radios, and other electronic devices. Many enjoy being unplugged for the week and do not welcome the intrusion of the outside world.

Water and Wastewater

Potable water is available throughout the campground. Turn the small green spigot valves to obtain water; do not attempt to use the large blue handles. RV / Camper water hookups are not permitted. You may run a hose for your campsite for a daily fee (free for those with medical needs); ask at Market for details. Unauthorised hose connections will be removed or cut.



CAMPGROUND RULES

Failure to comply with these rules may result in corrective action or ejection from the event.

- No firearms, no fireworks.
- Pond is swim-at-your-own-risk. No access when pond is closed. Follow posted pond rules.
- No unregistered attendees.
- No pets of any kind. •
- No digging fire pits. Use fire rings provided. Use only established rings in wooded areas. Do not leave any fires unattended.
- No firewood is to be harvested from the forests of Wisteria, with the exception of small dead twigs and branches. No firewood is to be brought in from outside Wisteria.
- Stay within campground boundaries and marked trails. Maps are available. •
- Do not block gates or roads. .
- Glass is discouraged, please limit its use and dispose of glass properly.
- Do not litter, including cigarette butts.
- No dish washing at potable water stations. Use only low-phosphate soaps.
- Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult. If the responsible adult is not the child's parent or legal guardian, you will need a Parental Permission Form signed by the parent/ guardian for each minor child present without a parent or legal guardian.
- You must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws at all times.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Campground and Boundaries

The campground area used for events is only a small part of Wisteria's 620 acres. Do not stray from the clearly marked event areas shown on the map. Other areas of the land are off limits because they are private sites, rugged terrain or are part of the wildlife habitat/nature preserve areas. Wisteria land has many cliffs and ravines and other natural features. Loose footing on unfamiliar ground can result in catastrophe.

Camping

Most camping at Wisteria is primitive tent camping. Please take good care of your campsites and practice Leave No Trace principles, removing all ropes and cleaning up trash when you leave. Please use light-colored marking material to flag your ropes and tent stakes. Be aware that centrally located areas may be noisy well into the night; for a quieter camping experience, consider remote woods camping in the Pines. For a full list of campground rules and regulations, see our Campground Rules.

Vehicles

If you are camping in your vehicle or wish to keep it parked at your campsite, you will need a parking pass. To avoid damage to our roads and land, please do not drive once you have unpacked and parked your car.

Camper vans and recreational vehicles are permitted, but there are no septic, water or electrical hookups. You may be directed to a designated location for RVs.

driving on-site. Bicycles are encouraged. Bicycle travel may be temporarily restricted when campground roads are wet. Staff vehicles (such as utility vehicles and golf carts) will be operating throughout the event, and golf cart bus service may be available at some events.

Minor Children

Kids are welcome! Kids under 3 are free, but we'll need to register them. Kids age 3 and up will need tickets. During our events, discounted rates are available for children 3-12. Please note, all attendees under 18 will need to have a responsible adult on site at all times. If the responsible adult is not the child's parent or legal guardian, you will need a Parental Permission Form signed by the parent/guardian for each minor child present without a parent or legal guardian. Contact info@wisteria.org for more information on guardians and what is required. Children will need colored wristbands to indicat their level of supervision,

Creatures Great and Small

Insect repellent may be needed to repel mosquitoes in wetter months. Check your body daily for ticks. Keep food stored securely with lids to discourage raccoons, ants, and other creatures from visiting camp. Be careful around wood piles and downed trees, as these may be habitats for wildlife. Please treat all local wildlife and insects with respect and remain calm if you have encounters. if you are concerned about an encounter please contact Wisteria Security for assistance, so that no harm comes to campers or resident wildlife.

Disability and Medical Needs

Wisteria is a rustic licensed campground and may not be suitable depending on your condition and level of mobility. If you have special needs, please call us prior to registering to see if we can accommodate your needs. Those with highly specialized diets need to provide for themselves rather than depend on the food vendors. Bring your medications and take them as directed.

Fires and Firewood

Firewood is sold near Caffeina's Coffee House for \$15 a cartload. Carts are available. To avoid infestation from invasive insects, do not bring in firewood from other areas! No firewood is to be harvested from the forests of Wisteria, except for small dead twigs and branches. DO NOT dig fire pits. A limited number of fire rings are available for sharing. Do not leave unattended fires burning (this includes lamps and candles). In wooded camping sections, use only established fire rings and circles. Absolutely no fires in the pine forest!!!

Should a fire get out of hand, immediately shout for help, and call security on duty. Fire extinguishers are available at Caffeina's Cafe and throughout the campground on poles underneath RED fire buckets. Keep water handy near fires. Please use caution when kindling fires of any size, and be careful with candles, torches and cigarettes.

FRS Radios

Please do not bring motorized vehicles for

The Wisteria staff uses FRS radios to communicate. If your party uses these radios, please use only even numbered channels.

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2019

Schedule is tentative - like us on Facebook (Wisteria Event Site) or see our website for updates

- Mar 22-24 Spring Equinox Community & Work Weekend
- Apr 19-21 Easter Community & Work Weekend
- May 3-5 Beltane Community & Work Weekend
- May 23-27 Memorial Day Awakening Community & Work Weekend Jun 14-17 - June Community & Work

Weekend Jun 17-23 - Appalachian Summer Solstice Jun 23-Jul 9 - Wormhole Jul 5 - X Day Jul 9-14 - Starwood Aug 1-31 - Open Camping (posible extension into September Aug 2-4 - Barleycorn Community

Weekend / Mini-Fest

Aug 23-26 - Manifest Sep 9-15 - Between the Worlds Sep 20-22 - Fall Equinox Community Weekend / Mini-Fest Oct TBA - Autumn Fires (early Oct) Oct 25-27 - Closing Community & Work Weekend