

# Autumn Fires 2024

## Revelation



October 9-13, 2024

Welcome to Autumn Fires 2024. The theme this year, *Revelation*, explores a growing awareness that our world is changing, and the value of community, play, and joy as we adapt and thrive. These changes are affecting many of us directly. Wisteria is affected by a state-issued burn ban (see details on how that affects us pink flyers throughout the campground, and below). Hurricane Helene recently devastated Appalachia (donations accepted at a table in the Pavilion). Two special workshops will explore the role of wildland fires both as traditional forest management (A Burning Question, Wed 4PM at Main Stage) and as a threat in our changing climate (Fire Weather, Drought, Flood: Climate Change in Appalachia, Thu 4PM at the Pavilion).

Lunch 11:30a-1p, Dinner 5:30p-7p. Cafe 7:30a-11:30p. Gate 8a-midnight. Green Man Tavern 4p-1a  
Kid Village staffed 9a-5p Fri+Sat, available with parent or guardian Wed+Thur.

## Performances

### Annie Wolfe

*Thu 10/10 4:30PM @ Green Man*

Annie Wolfe is a singer songwriter and multi-instrumentalist influenced by Folk, Jazz, psychedelic rock, and blues.

### Brian Henke

*Fri 10/11 4:30PM @ Green Man*

*Bardic Circle Wed 10/9 8:30PM @ Heart Hearth*

IPMA (International Pagan Music Awards) Best Male Artist winner in 2019, 2020 and again in 2024, Brian Henke composes and performs his music like a painter putting images on canvas, a kind of sonic shaman, drawing his inspiration from the world around him.

His unique guitar style has been called everything from Folk to New Age to Neo-Classical to Pastoral or as Brian likes to call it "a big stewpot of everything, stirred up, simmered and served to taste."

Brian has just released his latest vocal CD "There Beneath the Stars"....2 more vocal albums and one instrumental are written and partially recorded.

He has also released seven instrumental solo guitar and harp guitar albums, two celebrated compilation albums. The Woodchopper's Ball which benefit the Cleveland Ohio area homeless and the Green Album which is still benefiting The Rainforest Trust, one group CD, and three previous vocal albums and....is working on a musical play with writer and playwright Byron Ballard called "Forevermore".

He is also a part of the recently released compilation CD to benefit Women's reproductive rights featuring 19 Pagan artists called The Red Album. The 19 artists include, S.J. Tucker, Mama Gina Lamont, Celia Ferran, Alexian, Spiral Rhythm, Crow Women and many, many others.

Throughout all of his music is an undercurrent of spirituality and mysticism that Brian says is very much a part of the creative process. Because of this he has received radio airplay all over the world on shows as varied as WKSU's "Folk Alley", International Pagan Radio and John Dilberto's "Echoes." A winner of many acoustic and electric guitar awards, he has also been a finalist in the prestigious National Fingerstyle Contest in Winfield, Kansas, the National Guitarmageddon regional finals in Boston and in New Age Reporters Top 10 for 2006 and 2010.

"Brian's fretwork is masterful, elaborate and he makes every note count...His compositions are harmonious, sometimes complicated, but always engaging...Brian Henke's music is organic, mesmerizing and best of all magic." – RJ Lannon - New Age Reporter

Dance with the Fireflies, the album, is fae-magickal throughout its 12 tracks, and it's easy to discern Henke's most prominent spell-casting tool: his stunning virtuosity on acoustic guitar, harp guitar, and his Gibson Les Paul.

Henke is an awe-inspiring picker whose genre is known as "fingerstyle guitar," and he's in the same league with such giants as Alex de Grassi, Will Ackerman, Leo Kottke, and those guys. - Rick De Yampert - Wild Hunt

## Digger T

*Fri 10/11 12pm @ Pavilion Stage*

Digger T. was born in New York on July 4th, 1949. His major childhood musical influences came from his father, Joseph P. Tozzi who played trumpet and his uncles Charlie and Arty Muller who played guitar and washtub bass. A devoted Dylan fan as a teenager Digger learned to play guitar and rack mount harp in the late 60's, eventually refining his technique from the likes of James Cotton, Jr. Wells, Little Walter, to name a few. After 25 Years playing in blues bands T. has gone back to playing solo. Covering songs by the likes of Gillian Welch, Ray Lamontagne, Amos Lee, Tyler Childers, Dylan, and of course The Blues.

[www.facebook.com/DiggerTozzi/](http://www.facebook.com/DiggerTozzi/)

## Drawknife

*Sat 10/12 8:30pm @ Green Man*

An Athens duo of original music by Kyle Lyons and George Van Fossen. Heart beating banjo rhythms and foot tapping guitar and upright bass blending genres old and new.

## Harlot

*Sat 10/12 4:30pm @ Green Man*

From over the hills comes Harlot, the folk Americana duo bringing rich melodic vocal harmonies and intricate rhythmic tones to haunt your local holler. With over 10 years of songwriting, Harlot brings original music and a few unique covers that listeners have described as "mystical and ethereal" and "hauntingly beautiful".

## Hellnaw

*Fri 10/11 8:30pm @ Green Man*

Hellnaw is a two-man rhythm section (bass and drums) that sounds like Les Claypool and John Bonham throwing a temper tantrum in unison. Stationed in Athens, Ohio, Josh Wicker and Wren Fenton combine technical chemistry, improvisation, gritty licks, and filthy grooves to create a powerhouse of sound.

## Sound Bath with Kojun

*Fri 10/11 10pm @ Main Stage - Adults 18+*

Kojun Hayes, a certified Sound Healer and Reiki Practitioner has been working with Quartz Crystal Singing Bowls, gongs, Himalayan metal bowls, and other sacred instruments for many years before finally creating Sacred Waves Sound Healing, a Sound Healing service based in Athens, Ohio, in 2022. Since then, Kojun has collaborated with yoga instructors and Reiki masters throughout Ohio to offer his unique Sound Journey creations in studio settings. Besides offering private sessions for clients, Kojun has also

begun practising Sound Healing within the ceremonial space, providing sonic energy support to shamans of different spiritual paths.

Kojun says, "I am endlessly fascinated by what is created during a sound journey. I never construct them ahead of time, so they are always organic. I have no purpose or intention of fixing or healing someone, but instead, I become a conduit for the energies that move through sound waves. The result is a deeply spiritual, profound and powerful experience for the client(s) and I'm honoured to be able to create a safe space within which any person can begin the deep inner work of healing themselves."

## Megan Bee

*Thu 10/10, 8:30 PM @ Green Man Tavern*

Athens, Ohio based singer-songwriter Megan Bee's work has been called "as real as it gets". Her album "Cottonwood" was listed in the best of 2022 by Americana UK and No Depression Magazine. Her music is a blend of distinctly homespun vocals, acoustic simplicity, yearning soulfulness, and winsome storytelling.

## The Cherry Blossoms

*Friday 10/11 Roving*

The Cherry Blossoms, a musical group featuring Lara Wallace on cello, Captain Patrick McGee on harp, and Karen Richards on violin, pay tribute to nature and spirits of the land through their peaceful musical stylings, ranging from jams to medieval music, English country dances, and beyond.

## Steve Zarate

*Wed 10/9 4:30PM @ Green Man, Thu 10/10 12:00PM @ Pavilion Stage*

Singer-songwriter Steve Zarate taught himself to play guitar and harmonica as a teen, emulating counselors he heard singing around summer campfires. After earning three Ohio University degrees he traveled to Alaska, making his debut CD "Homecoming" in 1995 as a Juneau resident. Since returning to Ohio in 1997 he's released three more, including 2019's "Patchwork Of Light." Playing professionally since 2006, Steve has performed at dozens of southeast Ohio events and venues, gaining a reputation as a passionate songwriter and an engaging entertainer with a vast repertoire.

## Ceremonies

### Opening Circle

*Wed 10/9 1pm @ Heart Hearth*

### Main Ceremony: Crow Creates the World

*Sat 10/12 6:30pm Gather @ Heart Hearth*

Caw! Caw! Wisteria's Wyrd Committee invites you to join in a public ceremony honoring crows at this year's Autumn Fires. Our own autumn crow party!

This Saturday evening main ceremony is titled "Crow Creates the World." As a community, we'll explore the spiritual roles, legends and nature of CROW around the world.

Feel free to wear crow costuming if you have it. Basic black is ALWAYS appropriate when we honor the dark-feathered corvids.

We'll gather at 6:30 near the Heart Hearth and process as a community to the Stone Circle around 7 pm.

We have surprises galore . . . Caw! Caw!

### Ancestor Shrine

*Lighting - Thu 10/10 7pm @ Village Green*

The Ancestor Shrine is housed at the Village Green (across from main stage). All are welcome to visit this self-serve shrine open 24/7. This is a place to venerate and grieve ancestors with a variety of love actions: talk, laugh, cry, mediate, talk in groups and share stories of loved ones – whatever helps you in your life's journey. Visit to light a candle or write letters to loved ones or just enjoy the healing space.

Feel free to bring mementos (pictures, small objects) to leave at the Shrine for the weekend as a point of focus and honor for the dead. We will formally open the Shrine at 7:30 on Thursday. (Note: In addition to the Ancestor Shrine, there is a permanent Ancestor Mound next to the Stone Circle that is dedicated to the same purposes of ancestor veneration).

### Men's Circle

*Fri 10/11 1pm @ Spirit Circle*

Men's Circle is a dedicated sanctuary for men, where we gather to embark on a profound journey of self-discovery, emotional exploration, and genuine connection with one another. In this nurturing environment, we prioritize love, compassion, and an atmosphere free of judgment. Our circle is a safe haven, deliberately devoid of external distractions, fostering an ideal setting for healing and growth.

## Women's Circle and Ritual for Connections: Building a Magical Ladder for Focus

*Fri 10/11 2:30pm @ Stone Circle - Teens+Adults*

Join Jennifer for a powerful women's circle and ritual designed to foster deep connections and enhance your focus. In this gathering, we will create a "magical ladder," a symbolic tool to help you climb towards your intentions and goals with clarity and purpose.

Circle Highlights:

Engage in guided meditations and rituals that strengthen your connection with yourself and others.

Learn the significance of the magical ladder and how it can be used as a tool for focus and intention-setting.

Participate in a hands-on activity where you'll create your own magical ladder using natural materials, beads, and symbols that resonate with your personal journey.

This women's circle is a sacred space for sharing, support, and inspiration. Come ready to connect, create, and climb towards your highest potential.

## Closing Circle

*Sun 1pm @ Heart Hearth*

## Workshops and Activities

### General Daily Activities

Helene Donations - Coordinated by Jess

Bring items to be donated to those affected by Hurricane Helene to the donation table at the Pavilion. Last time to donate is Saturday at 10am.

Flow Toy Jam - Coordinated by Whitney

*Wed 10/9 - Fri 10/11 7:30pm @ Above Green Man*

Bring your flow toys – Poi, fans, staff, darts, whatever you have. Fire toys may be used unlit.

Pumpkin Carving and Gourd Decorating

*Thu 10/10 - Sat 10/12 all day @ Pavilion / Heart Hearth area*

Come carve a pumpkin, or express your creativity with a decorative gourd or ornamental corn. Pumpkin carving tools and other art supplies will be available. Pumpkins will be lit with LED votives Saturday at 7:30pm.

Clay Making

*Thu 10/10 10am @ Main Stage - orientation w/ Jess Fritz, then all day at Main Stage*

Come make something out of clay! We'll fire them in our pit kiln once the burn ban is over and show everyone the results, or take home your creation to fire in a kiln or air dry.

Crafting

*Thu 10/10 - Sat 10/12 all day @ Pavilion / Heart Hearth area*

We'll have general craft supplies available, or bring your own

Happy Hour - 4pm-6pm @ Green Man Tavern

Happiest Hour - 11pm - 1am @ Green Man Tavern

Discounts on local craft beer and other adult beverages

, served by Tent City Boosters Club. All alcohol profits go directly towards harm reduction, safety, and other charitable works. Come down to Green Man to see the theme night schedule!

Paw Paw Drum and Dance Circle

*Nightly starting about 9pm @ Paw Paw - Adult 18+*

Part ceremony, part rhythm jam session, part collective trance experience. All rhythm instruments welcome (but go easy on the cowbell there pardner)

## Betty L. Kiser-Hoschar

32yr licensed cosmetologist and 27yr licensed educator of Cosmetology in Ohio. My passion is making people feel amazing about themselves and allowing them to vent about their experiences and accomplishments while allowing my art to develop as a relationship grows between clients and myself! I am a wife, mother, of 4 beautiful daughters(with many God children) and grandmother (Mimi) of 4 (as well as several God grandchildren) and friend of whomever makes themselves a present part of my life! Some

say I am a healer. Some say an empath-I'd like to think so! My twin flame is Dolly Parton of whom I have looked up to since I can remember. She made it okay to be different! She made it okay to be unique! She made it okay to be proud of being from the hills of Appalachia where we grew up poor in material things and rich in LOVE!

## **BRAIDS! VIKING HAIR?!? Learn techniques for developing your own creations!**

*Fri 10/11 1pm @ Green Man*

Learn three different types of braids (French, Dutch, fishbone) to create your own style and creative expression! Learn how braids played a role in leading others to freedom from slavery and how to care for your scalp and hair while keeping your braids fresh! Combs bands, some hair decorating jewelry will be available. If you're interested in learning how to incorporate your synthetic hair into your braids, you should bring your own hair decorating items and create your own style and creation! I might learn something from you as well!

## **Brian Henke**

See bio under Performances

## **Magical Musical Composition and Songwriting**

*Thu 2:30pm @ Heart Hearth*

Many of you are accomplished witches. You can cast a spell either that you picked from a book, the internet or that you made up yourself. What we composers/songwriters/singers and musicians do is magic too. Whether we know it or not. It's all about vibrations and intent. Whatever musical abilities you have or don't have (or don't THINK you have) if you want to know more about making magic with music then this is the workshop for you!

## **Charlene Suggs**

Charlene Suggs has devoted much of her adult life envisioning and manifesting ways for people to share land, life, and vision. To help grow public awareness about modern deathcare practices and observances, Charlene has been presenting introductory workshops since the late 1990s. Her ongoing work emphasizes meaningful and less costly experiences with death that contribute to the health of the Planet and our own well-being. She is a community organizer and likes to write. Charlene is particularly fascinated by insects, nature, biological processes, reimagining cultural and economic systems, words, unseen worlds and general details of life.

## **Nature Preserve Waterfall Hike**

*Fri 10/13 2:30pm Meet @ Pavilion*

Ever wondered about the rest of Wisteria? Join us for this special tour of select areas of the usually off-limits Wisteria nature preserve. Led by Charlene Suggs, the hike goes through many scenic regions including a waterfall, stone features, and gorgeous undisturbed areas, accompanied by stories about Wisteria's founding and the land.

We'll start and return to the main pavilion. Wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes. Optional: water, hat and camera. Too taxing for children or adults who cannot navigate natural terrain and/or walk for a sustained time.

## **Dawn Parsons**

I've been a part of Wisteria for almost 6 years and am excited to be able to offer my time and add to the event.

See under Kids Activities

## **Donna Donovan**

Rev Donna Donovan is the founder of Appalachian Pagan Ministry whose focus is on pagan prison ministry, reentry, and substance abuse recovery.

Donna is a follower of Irish polytheism and practitioner of Sinnsreachd. She walks the path of a warrior...encompassing the values of Honor, Justice, and Courage, as well as the path of a healer. Donna is also a follower of the Northern Traditions, considering herself a Heathen in those practices. Ordained as Ban-Draoi in her tradition, she is also ordained and acts as Gythia for various Kindreds across the nation.

## **Pagan Recovery Circle**

*Daily 9am @ First Aid*

## **What is Winternights/Vetrnætr?**

*Sat 10/12 4pm @ Heart Hearth*

"Odin established the same law in his land that had been in force in Asaland... On winter day (first day of winter) there should be blot for a good year, and in the middle of winter for a good crop; and the third blot should be on summer day, a Victory-blot." [Ynglinga Saga, ch 8]

Winternights is the first celebration that happens during the Norse/Germanic winter, culture-wide. Like many of the Winter celebrations, it is one of coming together as a community and boosting the morale of everyone to aid in the survival of winter.

Following the workshop, we will hold a blot.

## **Donna Murlin**

Retired Dialysis Nurse. Married to my Soulmate. Have 2 adult daughters. Holy Fire Karuna Reiki Master/Teacher. Access Consciousness Bars Practitioner, After being a nurse and dealing with so many pharmaceuticals for years, I love to share Reiki and other modes of alternative and holistic physical and spiritual healing modalities. My garden is one of my true loves. I grow herbs and make my own teas, smudging wands, sweetgrass braids and other crafts from my garden. Last year was the first time I'd attended an event at Wisteria and it truly was like coming home.

### **Cacao Meditation Ceremony**

*Sat 10/12 1pm @ Spirit Circle - Teens+Adults*

Beautiful healing music playing in background. We'll start with a sage smudging for anyone that would like to be participate. Each person will get a cup of Ceremonial Grade Cacao. Ask everyone to get comfortable. We will get acquainted with Mama Cacao as we set our intentions for the upcoming autumn season and anything else each person feels called to set an intention for. We will continue to drink our warm cacao, feel the warmth of the cup, inhale the rich fragrance of the warm liquid. I will explain some history of cacao and it's health benefits. Then I will lead participants into a guided meditation, stop talking, then let them continue their journey for fifteen minutes or so, call them to come back into themselves and anyone that wants to share their journey may do so. Discussion and more cacao for anyone wanting a second cup.

### **Holy Fire Reiki Healing Experience**

*Fri 10/11 2:30pm @ Spirit Circle - Teens+Adults*

Quiet music playing. Ask everyone to get comfortable. Short explanation of Reiki and the Holy Fire Healing Experience, which may provide a deep healing experience. Holy Fire Healing Experience may be used to remove negative energy, may be used to empower goals, heal past traumas, to remove blocks to the physical body and chakras, etc. We will write on paper (for each person their self only to see) what the problem we wish to fix, eradicate, help, etc. is and we will give it substance, such as, what/where/shape/color/size of problem to work on healing. I will lead with a short guided meditation and then will stop talking to allow the Reiki energy to guide the process and provide the healing experience. After 15 minutes, I will call participants back and ask them to bring their awareness to their eyes and open them when ready. Everyone that wishes to will be given time to share their healing experience. Discussion.

## **Doug Sundling**

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.

### **Sweatlodge Orientation and Sweatlodge Ceremony**

*Thu 10/10, Sat 10/12 noon @ Sweatlodge - Adults 18+*

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 ORIENTATION of the day you wish to participate in a sweatlodge ceremony. Orientations are held at the Sweatlodge Site.

Thursday, October 10: Orientation at 12:00 NOON for an open sweatlodge to be facilitated Thursday evening. Time of the sweatlodge will be determined at NOON ORIENTATION. Open to adults 18 years old or older.

Saturday, October 12: 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 afternoon or evening. Time for the sweatlodge ceremony will be determined at NOON ORIENTATION. Open to adults 18 years old or older.

## **Eric Hart**

Environmental Engineer for 30 years. Bachelor's in Engineering and Master's in Biological Sciences. Performing ecological restoration activities in local forests for past 25 years, focusing on the prairie and open oak woodland habitats which support many of our rare plant species.

### **A Burning Question - Fire in Eastern Forests**

*Wed 10/9 1pm @ Main Stage, walking into adjacent woods*

Learn about the fire ecology of the oak-dominated forests of the central Appalachians and the Midwest. Explore the historical composition of the forest and the ecological forces that shaped it. Learn about the impact of European settlement, the massive changes that are currently happening in the forest, and the actions we can take to minimize loss of biological diversity.

## **FireMama (Shannon)**

Shannon, also known in the community as FireMama, is a long time participant of Wisteria in many capacities, one of her favorite is creating her version of Stone Soup every Autumn Fires. She wears many different hats which keeps her busy, such as mother, veteran, advocate, student and is always up to "Shannonigans".

### **Stone Soup**

*Fri 10/11 1pm @ Heart Hearth - Prep & Story*

*Fri 10/11 5:30pm @ Heart Hearth - Serving*

Come join in the storytelling of a special Wisteria version of Stone Soup! This is a participation event that results in a cauldron of soup to feed the everyone later in the evening. Donations of sturdy vegetables (carrots, potatoes, onions, beans, etc.) are necessary and will need to be dropped off at Heart Hearth the morning of. Please no seasonings. Rice, barley, and other grains can be dropped off to be cooked separately from the storytelling. Please contact Shannon if you wish to donate meat.

## **Hayseed**

I am a multidisciplinary artist with a passion for transformation. I have been focusing on using skin art as medicine for the past four years, and am excited to spread this knowledge.

### **Bespoke Stick and Poke: The Art and Science of Single Needle Tattooing**

*Friday 10/11 10am @ Green Man - Adults only 18+*

Non-machine tattooing is an atavistic process that has been used in one form or another since our earliest days. In this workshop you will learn not only the practical applications of this process but also safety protocols, history, and the special way that ink on skin can heal us spiritually as well.

## **Jen Capone**

Jennifer has been a part of the Wisteria community for 20 years. As an artist, Jennifer creates intentional artworks that honor goddess energies, incorporating those energies into her fiber arts and painting. She is dedicated to creating sacred spaces that foster connection, community, and inspiration among women, emphasizing the importance of sacred women's rituals. , blending her love of nature with a deep reverence for the divine feminine in her practice.

### **Intentional Crafting Workshop: How to Incorporate Spirit into Your Art**

*Thu 10/10 10am Teens+Adults @ Green Man*

Join Jennifer for a transformative workshop where you'll learn to infuse your art with spiritual intention. Jennifer will guide you through the process of connecting with the divine feminine and nature to create meaningful, inspired artworks.

**Workshop Highlights:**

Explore the concept of intentional art and how to incorporate goddess energies into your creations.

Learn techniques to create sacred spaces that enhance your creative process.

Participate in a guided meditation to connect with your inner muse.

**Craft Project:**

Create a fiber art wall hanging that embodies your personal intentions and spiritual connection. Using a variety of natural fibers, beads, and symbols, you'll craft a unique piece that serves as a visual reminder of your spiritual journey.

Whether you're an experienced artist or a beginner, this workshop will help you deepen your connection to Spirit through the power of intentional art.

Crafting supplies have been donated by Gaia

Inspirations, a place where Spirit, and art converge in harmony. Here, inspiration flows freely as the sacred and artistic realms unite.

### **Painting with the Goddess Workshop**

*Sat 10am @ Green Man - Teens+Adults*

Join Jennifer for an inspiring workshop where you'll paint within a sacred space, accompanied by songs that connect you with goddess energies, the divine feminine, and healing.

**Workshop Highlights:**

Immerse yourself in a sacred space designed to enhance creativity and spiritual connection.

Listen to music that inspires and connects you with goddess energies and the divine feminine.

Learn techniques to infuse your paintings with intention and healing.

Whether you're an experienced artist or new to painting, this workshop will help you create meaningful, spiritually enriched artwork in a supportive and uplifting environment.

While some art supplies will be provided, please bring your own or some to share. Easels are a plus. Canvases in different sizes are available for purchase.

## **Jenny Jean Crawford**

Jenny was born and bred in the Allegheny Mountains of Pennsylvania, and she is the clinical herbalist, medicine maker, and Appalachian Sophianic medicine woman behind Herbal Appalachia. Stepping into her role as a healer has been the culmination of a personal journey rooted in loss, resilience, and a commitment to prevent suffering. It began with the painful experience of losing her mother to inflammatory breast cancer. Witnessing her mother's struggles with modern cancer treatments fueled Jenny's quest to explore more natural approaches to illness and ways to prevent it. Through the process, her own family's Appalachian medicine roots were revealed through both the accounts of living family members and ancestral journey work. Jenny's healing practice is a harmonious fusion of scientific rigor and spiritual connection with plants, the land, the ancestors, and the multidimensional nature of the cosmos. Her current herbal practice stands at the intersection of science and spirit, offering a transformative experience focusing on both the physical and spiritual root causes of dis-ease. Her workshops often have a focus on bioregional herbalism, emphasizing the medicinal wealth of the Appalachians, promoting health sovereignty, and empowering individuals to actively participate in their well-being, in both the physical and spiritual realms.

### **Herbal Ancestor Connection Ceremony**

*Wed 10/9 2:30PM @ Ancestor Mound - Teens+Adults*

Come experience a Shamanic Ceremony to connect with the Ancestors. We will use herbs to facilitate this experience and have a discussion about how to use them in your own ancestral connection practices. We will also talk a bit about what types of ancestors you might experience, as our ancestral lineages include not only our genetic bloodline ancestors, but also our spiritual lineage ancestors as well. This time of year, the veil begins to become thin, so this is a wonderful opportunity to nurture these important relationships.

## **Jenny Sieck**

I have been working in metaphysical and counseling circles for years. I have my master's in counseling with an emphasis in Depth and Archetypal Psychology. Unlike psychics that focus primarily on divination and prediction Inner Voice offers a heart centered approach that opens the client up to follow their unique path more deeply, clearly and readily. Listening is at the heart of my work. As a practicing intuitive tarot reader, counselor and meditation instructor I offer my intuitive gifts to help you discover your unique soul path so you can recognize and listen to your higher self. I can gently tap into your energies and help you explore choices and possibilities that will lead to greater inspiration, clarity and focus. This in turn helps you to shift dysfunctional patterns and create a more authentic, clear, and intentionally driven life. I am clairsentient (clear feeling), clairaudient (clear hearing) and clairvoyant (clear seeing). I am passionate about helping people achieve greater awareness of their needs so they can greet life on their own terms. I love beading, singing and swimming. I make my home in Columbus with my bunny, Alexandra and kitty, Cassiequinn as companions.

### **Chakra Balancing Meditation**

*Wed 10/10 1pm @ Hickory Grove. Bring chairs.*

I will lead the group through an introductory discussion of the strengths and growing edges of each chakra. I will lead them in toning each chakra and encourage them to drop down into a felt-sense space and notice which are speaking intuitively already, and which have shy energies, when they show up. I will discuss shifts and lifts, animal totems, source messages and clearing unwanted energies. I will then explain the affirmations that go with each chakra, or what I call, zipper songs, and show the group how to use these to amplify and raise energetic vibrations. As well as how to create zipper songs that are fine tuned to your purpose. There will be a time for questions as well. I hope to create a fun, helpful and interactive experience.

### **Alchemical Psychology**

*Fri 10/11 4pm @ Main Stage*

In this Workshop we will look at the work of the medieval alchemists in relationship to the four sacred elements; earth, air, fire and water as well as how these functioned as an overarching ritual practice for early people's. We will then address how and why these same principles act as a tool for our modern psychological evolution today. We will discuss how and why base qualities in varying different concentrations were paramount to quality of life for early nature based people's. We will revisit these 'stages of readiness' as they relate to spiritual evolution and character; what we would now call development of psyche. Understanding and working with these four elemental correspondences through the Myers Briggs, astrology and the tarot will help determine where your dominant type is: as well as where your subtypes and growing edges lie. Come prepared to roll up your sleeves. We will start with an



elemental meditation and leave with at least some clues as to your individual recipes for greater attunement with your authentic self. This workshop is based on the seminal work of Thom Cavalli from his book *Alchemical Psychology: Old Recipes for Living in A New World*.

## **Kelly Lawrence**

Long time Wisteria attendee. I own my own business, Green Mantle Studio, where I make ceramic and mixed media functional and whimsical art pieces. I have been teaching art to all ages for over 30 years.

### **Weaving Mini Baskets**

*Sat 10/12 10am @ Pavilion - Teens+Adults*

Using a kit, 9 attendees will learn one type of basket weaving. Each person will leave with a mini basket for themselves.

### **Celebrating Samhain**

*Sat 10/12 8pm @ Pavilion*

An overview of the holiday of Samhain (Halloween). Its origins and traditions around the world. A description of rituals that can be done for the celebration. There will be a traditional craft or two created by attendees. All ages but kids need to be accompanied by adults to help with crafts.

## **Kim Keffer**

I'm a hippie, gypsy, visionary, folk artist. I utilize the creative process as a significant part of my self care. At festivals I show and sell my art, and I guide painting workshops where participants learn a variety of painting techniques and complete a painting of their own.

I also live paint at festivals. Festival goers get to watch my process and bid on the painting, it goes home with the highest bidder. In these live paintings I depict the feel of the festival and include real characters, like the musicians on stage, street performers, and attendees.

"It is my desire to inspire the creative spirit in all.

### **Creative Companions/ creative recovery**

*Fri 10/11 10am @ Main Stage - Teens+Adults*

I will be facilitating a creative recovery group. This group is based on Julia Cameron's book, "The Artist's Way" and encourages creative expression. In this group I share recovery tools that work for me; creation, meditation, journaling, yoga, walking, and positive affirmations, all while I guide participants in completing a piece of art of their own.

## **Lara Wallace**

Part of the Cherry Blossom Trio, Lara is a classically trained improvisational cellist who enjoys playing music from the Middle Ages and across the pond under the trees and with the breeze

### **Fireside cello: rekindling your musical spirit through skills and stories**

*Sat 10/12 2:30pm @ Heart Hearth - Teens+Adults*

Gather around the fire for a workshop that blends storytelling and cello tips. Whether you're revisiting the instrument or curious to learn, discover five simple ways to improve your playing, care for your hands, and find joy in the music.

## **Leisa Coffman**

I am a creator, writer singer/songwriter I have my own form of meditation that helps our energy that oscillates around us. I also sing and perform and mix the the two in my performance as my music is relaxing and positive.

### **Luna Lum's Spotted Cardinal Meditation**

*Fri 10/11 1pm @ Stone Circle*

Learn how to utilize your oscillating energy. Enjoy music and moving with meditative movements that are mindful and helps to center, ground and relax you

## **Lena Delaney**

Lena Delaney is a long time member of Goddess Collective Burlesque troupe based out of Athens, Ohio. She uses her creative skills in the art of seduction, dance, and costuming to present unique and sensual performances. Lena's burlesque persona lies heavily in the embodiment of the elements. She is excited to bring her inner fire and burlesque experience to you!

### **Glamour & Glitz: Crafting Your Burlesque Look**

*Sat 10/12 1pm @ Green Man - Adult 18+*

This creative session is perfect for beginners eager to learn how to design eye catching costumes that captivate and enchant. Join us as we explore the essential elements of burlesque attire. You will gain insight into layering, accessorizing, and personalizing your ensemble to reflect your unique flair. Whether

you are preparing for a performance or simply want to enhance your wardrobe, this workshop invites you to unleash your creativity and embrace the glamour of burlesque!

## The Art of the Tease: Intro to Burlesque

*Sat 10/12 2:30pm @ Green Man - Adult 18+*

Unleash your inner performer! This workshop is designed for beginners to explore the enchanting world of burlesque. Through a combination of instructional techniques and playful exercises, you will discover how to embrace your body and express your individuality. Whether you aspire to perform on stage or simply want to celebrate yourself, this workshop will provide you with the tools and inspiration to create your own unique burlesque persona. Come dressed to move and ready to have fun - no prior experience necessary!

## Liz Southard

I moved to Northeast Ohio between Cleveland and Pennsylvania about six years ago. In the time I have lived here, I have spent many hours and days exploring the beautiful natural wonders in this area. A day at the beach, a walk in the woods, a hike on the many, many trails in the Natural Parks let me feel that I am where I belong. My family shares my love of nature and when they visit, we explore the trails and streams in the area.

## Animism Rock Painting

*Sat 10/12 4pm @ Pavilion - Teens+Adults*

Discover the concise history of Animism, the belief that all entities, from rocks to trees, animals, and humans, are imbued with a spirit or life force. I plan to integrate contemporary Animism into a workshop, which will include painting rocks with motifs and symbols reflecting nature, spirituality, and human identity. Participants will be supplied with clean, smooth rocks and painting materials to craft an artwork that expresses their personal beliefs and showcases their creativity.

## Luna NightShade

A practicing witch for 31 years I bring modern witchcraft blended with the old into my practice to share with others. 2nd degree reiki practitioner, crystal energy healer, witch.

## Bringing our modern mythologies into ancient practices

*Thu 10/10 1pm @ Village Green - Teens+Adults*

Learning to add our modern mythologies into our spiritual life. Using their energy and power. Bringing help to your practice and enhancing your spiritual journey. Pop culture has seeded its way into the world, the energy is strong and ready!

## Lynx

Druid of the Cervidae and Steward of the Labyrinth of the Ways (Located on the road to the Fairy Shrine). Ecstatic Animist, all around lover of earth and stone.

## Lit Labyrinth Walk

*Sat 10/12 8pm*

Join us at the Labyrinth of the Ways (located on the road to Fairy Shrine) for a lit walk through the Ways. We will start with a small opening blessing then process through the Ways and meet in the center. This will be the last lighting in Her Ways until next season, and as such, we will take a moment to thank & honor the Land and Wisteria for all the magic, growth and change that has happened this year.

## Mike Broecker, Gary Conley, & Jess Fritz

Fire Weather, Drought, Flood: Climate Change in Appalachia: An Interactive Discussion

*Thu 10/10 4pm @ Pavilion*

## Nikki

Filling in for Byron Ballard, who unfortunately cannot make it due to the colossal damage from Hurricane Helene, our own work barter coordinator, Paw Paw girl, and all around nice lady.

## Ghost Stories

*Thu 7:30pm @ Heart Hearth*

## Penny Goody

Presenter, entertainer and teacher, sharing Magical life for many decades. Friend of Wisteria from the beginning, supporting the development of our community.

## Ribbon dance

*Wed 10/10 10am @ Flow Jam Space above Green Man*

Go with the Flow as we use 9 and 13 foot ribbons to draw in the Space around us. Color and rhythm combine as we learn the techniques of drawing dragon tails and creating vortexes. We will share some magical chants and incantations to incorporate into the Dance too. Bring water to drink! Ribbonsticks provided. Kids and adults

## **Zimra**

Zimra has been a practicing pagan for close to 40 years. In that time she has been in Wiccan covens, womens' spirituality groups, and ADF Druid groves. Mundanely she has been an anthropologist, a dancer, a costumer, and a writer. Folklore of the British Isles and the Celtic Nations has been a life-long interest.

## **Halloween in the Seven Celtic Nations**

*Thu 10/10 2:30pm @ Hickory Grove - Teens+Adults*

From the bonfires in Ireland to carved turnips on the Isle of Man, we find Halloween traditions that are secular or sacred, familiar or strange. We'll look at folk practices in the seven nations of Celts, and talk about how they have informed our own customs and traditions.

## **Kids Activities**

Hosted by Dawn Parsons

### **Making a Piñata**

*Wed 2:30PM @ Kids Village - Kids*

We will make a piñata. Piñata breaking on Fri 10/12 4pm @ Kids Village

### **Mask Making**

*Thu 1pm @ Kids Village - Kids*

Make masks out of paper plates and decorate them with paint, feathers, gemstones, etc.

### **Mad Hatters Tea Party**

*Fri 10/11 10am @ Kids Village - Kids*

Come one, Come All to the Mad Hatters Tea Party! Costumes and Finery encouraged for all ages

### **Movie/Popcorn night**

*Fri 10/11 7pm @ Pavilion - Kids*

Movie and Popcorn (\$2/bag)

### **Music Making/Song Learning**

*Wed 10/9 2:30pm @ Kids Village*

*Thu 10/10 11:30am, 2:30pm @ Kids Village*

*Fri 10/11 11:30am, 2:30pm @ Kids Village*

Come be a part of learning a song to sing during mealtime

### **Kids Lunch Music Performance**

*Sat 10/12 11:30am @ Pavilion*

### **Kids Drumming Workshop**

*Sat 10/12 1pm @ Paw Paw*

### **Kids Costume Workshop**

*Sat 10/12 2pm @ Kid Village*

### **Kids Costume Parade and Trick or Treat**

*Sat 10/12 3pm @ Kid Village*

### **Petite Paw Paw**

*Sat 10/12 4pm @ Paw Paw*

An annual tradition. Bring your kids down to Paw Paw to dance, drum, and burn off all that Halloween candy.

### **Haunted Hayride**

*Sat 10/12 8pm Meet @ Pavilion*

Tour our beautiful land and learn some of its lore and mysteries. There are surprises along the way!

# 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 as 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.

Please do not bring motorized vehicles for driving on-site. Bicycles are encouraged. Bicycle travel may be temporarily restricted when campground roads are wet. Staff vehicles (utility vehicles and golf carts) will be operating throughout the event, and golf cart shuttle 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 [events@wisteria.org](mailto:events@wisteria.org) for info.

## Creatures Great and Small

Be tick-smart! We recommend insect repellants for your body and permethrin clothing treatments to protect yourself from ticks and mosquitos. Check your body daily for ticks. Nymph ticks, which can carry Lyme disease, are as tiny as a pinhead! If you get a tick, go to First Aid! 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. For help 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

Meigs County is currently under a total burn ban due to unprecedented drought. No wood, candles, or any other solid fuel fire, nor any open flame such as tiki torches or open flame heaters, are permitted. Propane and liquid fuel are acceptable for cooking, grilling, etc. Non open flame heating such as electric or catalytic are allowed. We all need to take this ban seriously as this part of the country is NOT prepared for wildfire risk. More information on the burn ban is posted at the Gatehouse, the Pavilion, and the Office.

## Practice Enthusiastic Affirmative Consent

We strive to make a safe, welcoming space for everyone, and do not tolerate harassment or predatory behavior. While you're here, please play nice, and follow our culture of affirmative, enthusiastic consent. This applies not just to adult experiences, but to everything. Not everyone is comfortable being hugged or touched, for example. If you have questions about consent culture, please don't hesitate to ask. If you feel your boundaries have not been respected, or you wish to report a consent violation, please come to First Aid, or if you'd rather give anonymous feedback, look for the QR code link to our feedback form on your event program. Safety is everyone's responsibility, let's take care of each other.

## Radios

The Wisteria staff uses two-way radios to communicate. We may be using any odd-numbered FRS channel, so if your party uses these radios, please use only even numbered channels

# Customs

## 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-of-doors 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."

## Photography and Electronic Recording

Please be respectful of the privacy of others while photographing and recording. There will be three staff photographers on site taking photos and videos, and an authorized video drone in operation during this event. If you do not wish to be photographed, please ask for and wear a solid red "No Photos" wristband, available at the Gate or the Market.

## 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 they are inviting you to have sex with, harass, touch, or leer at them! 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 other's 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 Safety 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 another'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 contribute 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.
- Feel free to make vocal sounds in rhythm with the drumming! Please don't monopolize the music for your own vocal concert performance. Please do clap your hands and stomp your feet, but please make sure your tambourine and other very high pitched, loud instruments meld with the rhythms of the drums. We invite you to move in whichever direction you prefer, but mind that if you're dancing in an opposite direction as other dancers, the potential for collision is higher.
- Everyone who is not dancing, drumming, or tending the fire, please don't feel as if you need to stay still! Clap along with the drumming! Do sway, stomp, shuffle and swing your hips to the rhythm! Please avoid encroaching on the dance space, or sitting/standing in front of other participants; everyone wants to feel the fire and benefit from the energy that the dancers are moving. A circle allows everyone a front-row seat.
- Please do not touch anyone without their consent, be they dancer, drummer, or other energy worker. You are also an energy worker, and please feel empowered to speak to any of the staff nearby, or a fire tender, if you are made to feel uncomfortable. Please do be aware that

drummers, dancers, and energy workers may be on their own journeys, and attempting to engage them is a form of energetic touch which also requires consent.

- Do make vocal sounds in rhythm with the drums and others making rhythmic vocal sounds, but please make these vocal sounds as a contribution to the energy, and not a distraction from it. Loud socializing about the mundane happenings of the day can detract from the euphoric experience of the person beside you.
- Please be responsible for your beverage containers; trash and recycle bins are present for your use.
- Please do take frequent breaks from the circle to relax, but mind that your relaxation doesn't leave human waste near the circle or the paths where someone's bare feet may tread, or near someone's campsite. There is a portable toilet at the top of the pathways, marked by tiki torches. Please don't go down the hill to pee, as these areas are private campsites for staff and volunteers.
- Please also be respectful when enjoying cigarettes, cigars, incense, sage, or other smoke-releasing items, as the smoke may be an irritant that could detract from the happiness of others. Some people are allergic to white sage in particular. There are cigarette butt receptacles located outside of the circle.
- Please do enjoy the fire. Let the energy of the blaze renew your soul and fuel your catharsis. Please allow the fire-tenders plenty of space to dance into the circle with fresh wood, and safely out again. Fire-tenders should mind the flow of the dancers, and avoid stopping up the energy by standing in their way if they can help it. Fire-tenders will be wearing work clothes, and often have red suspenders.
- Everyone please feel free to share water freely. There is a clean spigot nearby for fresh refills of containers. Stay hydrated as the beats drive the sweat from our pores and the movement of our feet. If passing around other beverages, please make sure you let people know what's in them, and be aware that not everyone at the circle is legal drinking age.

## Facilities

### Caffeina's Cafe

Usually 8am-midnight

Prepared food, coffee and specialty drinks, and baked goods. Cash or credit/debit cards.

### Hestia's Hearth

Lunch 11:30a-1p, Dinner 5:30p-7p

Operated by Febe and Sonja. Delicious meals, a la carte items, and more. Meal plans available.

### Green Man Tavern

4pm-1am, happy hour 4-6pm, happiest hour 11pm-close

Local craft beer and cider, mixed drinks, snacks, soda, and more, plus music, games, and community.

Operated by Tent City Boosters Club, a nonprofit providing harm reduction and safety education and services. All alcohol profits go directly towards charitable works.

### Electricity

Ground-fault protected power outlets are available in the center camp area for temporary use. Permanent power connections may be available for a daily fee (free for those with medical needs); ask at Market for details. Most receptacles are 20A 120V; there are limited numbers of 30A and 50A hookups available.

Unauthorized electrical connections will be removed or cut.

### First Aid

A First Aid station is located in the trailer next to the Caffeina's pavilion. 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 / Security Team member (usually on golf carts). Do not attempt to move an incapacitated person unless they are in immediate physical danger.

### Gate / Registration

Usually 8am-Midnight

Access to the campground is available 24 hours a day. You must register when you arrive. Registration is available from 8:00AM 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/debit cards accepted.

### Ice and Wood

Ice and wood are available. Pay at Mercury's 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.

## Kid Village - Hours and Rules

Usually 9am-5pm. When staff is unavailable, kids may use Kid Village when attended by a parent. During most festivals the playground is open daily with supervised activities (see schedule). Children under the age of 3, who are not potty trained, or who have 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. Parents, please drop off and pick up your children at the playground during the time specified to respect Village staff.

## Mercury's Market & Information

Usually 10am-6pm

Mercury's 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 (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

Open daylight hours 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

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. ALWAYS close the lid when finished so the fumes go up the stack!

## First Aid / Security Team

Wisteria patrols 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. FAST team members can be recognized by badges with "Security", "First Aid", or "FAST".

## Showers and Rinse Stations

The shower house has six showers with unlimited hot water and plenty of pressure. Note, **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. Rinse stations are available throughout the campground, for cooling off or warming up. Rinse stations are located by the Main Stage (heated), Meadow / back entrance to Paw Paw (heated), Pirates' Cove (heated), and Grand Field (not heated). **No soap or other bath products may be used at rinse showers. This includes Dr Bronner's!**

## Trash, Compost, and Recycling

Usually 5pm 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 the 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 offer high speed service over much of our campground area You may purchase wifi access at the gate or market. Wifi service may also be available via online purchase with a credit card. Connect to the Wisteria Guest network to use a wifi voucher or make an online purchase. 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 (safe to drink) water is available throughout the campground. Turn the small green spigot valves to obtain water; do not attempt to use the large blue handles. All water at spigots is safe to drink! RV / Camper water hookups are not permitted. Unauthorized hose connections will be removed or cut. There is a filtered water tap on the side of Caffaina's Cafe. Bring your water bottles and fill up for free!

## Wisteria Is...

an event site and campground, nature preserve, and residential community, nestled in the Appalachian foothills of SE Ohio. Founded 1997 with a land purchase including reclaimed mining areas, Wisteria is dedicated to cooperative ownership, sustainability, education, and responsible stewardship of the land. The campground is a private, secluded, and beautiful area which hosts Summer Solstice, Autumn Fires, and several other festival events throughout the year. The campground includes many amenities such as a stage, a large covered pavilion with a commercial kitchen and coffee shop, shower house, hiking trails, and natural swimming pond. For private events, Wisteria can customize its services to accommodate everything from a small woodland wedding to large events with 1000+ attendees.

Our nature preserve covers 200 acres. This preserve is dedicated to protecting the diverse species of vegetation and wildlife unique to this area. Wisteria is also a residential community, with families living on the land and in the surrounding areas. Many Wisterian families practice sustainable living, utilizing alternative energy sources such as solar power.

The Campground is 80 acres of meadows and woodlands nestled into the foothills of the Appalachian mountains. In addition to the natural beauty, it offers many wonderful amenities. The main stage is a covered performance area and amphitheater with a fully equipped sound booth and lighting. A centrally-located pavilion has a full commercial kitchen and coffee house, stage, snack bar, and seating for hundreds. There are numerous unique forest spaces and sacred sites for workshops, gatherings, and celebrations. Some of our facilities include potable water spigots throughout the campground, hot showers, internet service, trash and recycling.

Wisteria has nearly a mile of beautiful and peaceful forests and fields. Our hiking trails wind their way through old and new growth forests and down creeks and past ponds. There are many opportunities for hiking, bird watching and other outdoor pursuits. The campground includes a swimming pond with a beach area surrounded by trees.

## Sacred Sites

There are several sacred sites located throughout the campground, ideal for gatherings, ceremonies, workshops, or meditation. We welcome your stories about these spaces; please share via [events@wisteria.org](mailto:events@wisteria.org) or post on Facebook.

### Stone Circle

Wisteria Stone Circle is a gathering place with a stone ring and larger stone structures. Oak trees have been planted at the quarters and cross-quarter positions. As the campground is largely situated on a reclaimed strip mine, the growing oaks demonstrate new growth and healing for the land and visitors. In this open area, there is room for hundreds to gather. Stone Circle has a 125 foot (37.8 meters) inner diameter stone ring within a 140 foot (42.6 meters) outer diameter space. The inner circumference is 382 feet making each degree around the calendar about 1 foot long.

### Ancestor Mound

Begun in 1997, the Ancestor Mound was the first mound project at Wisteria. As Wisteria is located in an ancient Native American mound-building region, the Wisteria Community was very interested in constructing a modern mound. At the first Pagan Spirit Gathering held at Wisteria, Circle Sanctuary wanted to dedicate a place where people could leave offerings and Wisteria suggested a mound. The two organizations collaborated; Wisteria provided materials and logistics while Circle directed the ceremony to build the mound. Hundreds of people worked the soil mostly by hand and basket; it was a wonderful evening of sacred work. In addition to offerings, people started burying ashes of departed loved ones in the mound. The mound was then called Ancestor Mound. Through the years, benches and a stone staircase have been added. Ancestor Mound is now a site for ceremonies each year as well as a quiet place to sit and reflect.

### Turtle Mound

After the Ancestor Mound was built, Wisteria wanted to undertake a larger mound. Within two hours of this land lies the Serpent Mound, the largest effigy mound in the world. In honor of this ancient mound-building region, Wisteria Community decided to build a turtle effigy mound. In collaboration with PSG (Pagan Spirit Gathering) and hundreds of guests over three summer solstices, Turtle Mound was constructed in a series of ritual work ceremonies. It contains many personal offerings, a prayer pole from the Harmonic Convergence Celebration at Serpent Mound and a ceramic heart made for the turtle. The



Turtle is about 60 feet long (18.3 meters) from head to tip of tail and about 40 feet (12.1 meters) across. The head faces the Summer Solstice sunrise.

## Sweat Lodge

Sweat lodges at Wisteria are coordinated by Doug Sundling and other facilitators. Sundling's ongoing relationship with the sweat lodge began in 1986. He brought the sweat lodge to Wisteria in its initial year of 1997 and has maintained the sweat lodge's presence here. While there is no one way to conduct a sweat lodge, and no one tradition has a monopoly on the truth of the lodge, there are basic underlying principles that do not change. It is wise to listen and learn from others, yet, ultimately, the lodge teaches you what is appropriate for your relationship with it. This wisdom belongs to the sweat lodge experience and should be shared appropriately. Use discretion and exercise your own spiritual freedom.

## The Fairy Shrine

If you keep walking along the campground road past the swimming pond, you will come upon the park area of the campground. Nestled in the pines near Firefly Field is the enchanting Faerie Shrine. Established May 1997, the Wisteria Faerie Shrine was the first place at Wisteria dedicated for sacred use. The dedication was a simple ceremony with singing and stories and a few stones and crystals. Since then, thousands have journeyed to the Faerie Shrine to bring all kinds of treasures to leave for the Fey. The Shrine is also a working interactive outdoor art project with many statues, faerie houses, stone structures, paths, altars, chimes, and other contributions. A series of solar-powered streetlights gently lights the Shrine at night for an otherworldly feel. Wisteria Faerie Shrine is simply a must-see experience for all who love the Faerie Realm! If you feel inclined, bring offerings, chimes or other gifts. In the coolness of the Shrine, you can meditate a little, enjoy socializing, play like a child (or bring children!), build faerie houses or just drift away in your imagination.

## Paw Paw Drum and Fire Circle

Tucked into a grove of Pawpaw trees is the Paw Paw Drum and Fire circle. In this clearing, the sound of the drums is naturally echoed and concentrated by the landscape. Paw Paw is often the heartbeat of Wisteria, and many people gather to dance and drum through the night and even into morning. Warm summer nights can bring forth owls and coyotes to join the song.

## Shrine Valley

Shrine valley, the original spirit circle, is in the heart of Wisteria. Positioned between the sacred sites of Turtle Mound and the campground proper, Shrine Valley connects to the yellow trail via black trail.

Wander this path and you will find

- The Hellenic Shrine, an evolving space that pays homage to the Greek Olympian gods
- Monument to a Fallen Giant, an art installment by Casey Bradley that captures the cycle of life, death and rebirth
- The Apacheta, built as a way of giving gratitude to the mountain spirits and to mother earth
- Harriet Tubman Memorial Shrine, paying homage to the struggles of America to overcome the blight of slavery and racism
- The Between the Worlds Shrine, representing the queer spirit and Wisteria's presence as a place for all people to find solace and restoration in their life's journeys

and more. This the heart of spirituality at Wisteria. Positioned between the world's of the mundane and our treasured sacred sites. It is a place of communion and meditation. We ask that you enjoy this space, leave no offerings that aren't made of natural materials (no plastics), and take the time to absorb what Spirit has to teach you.

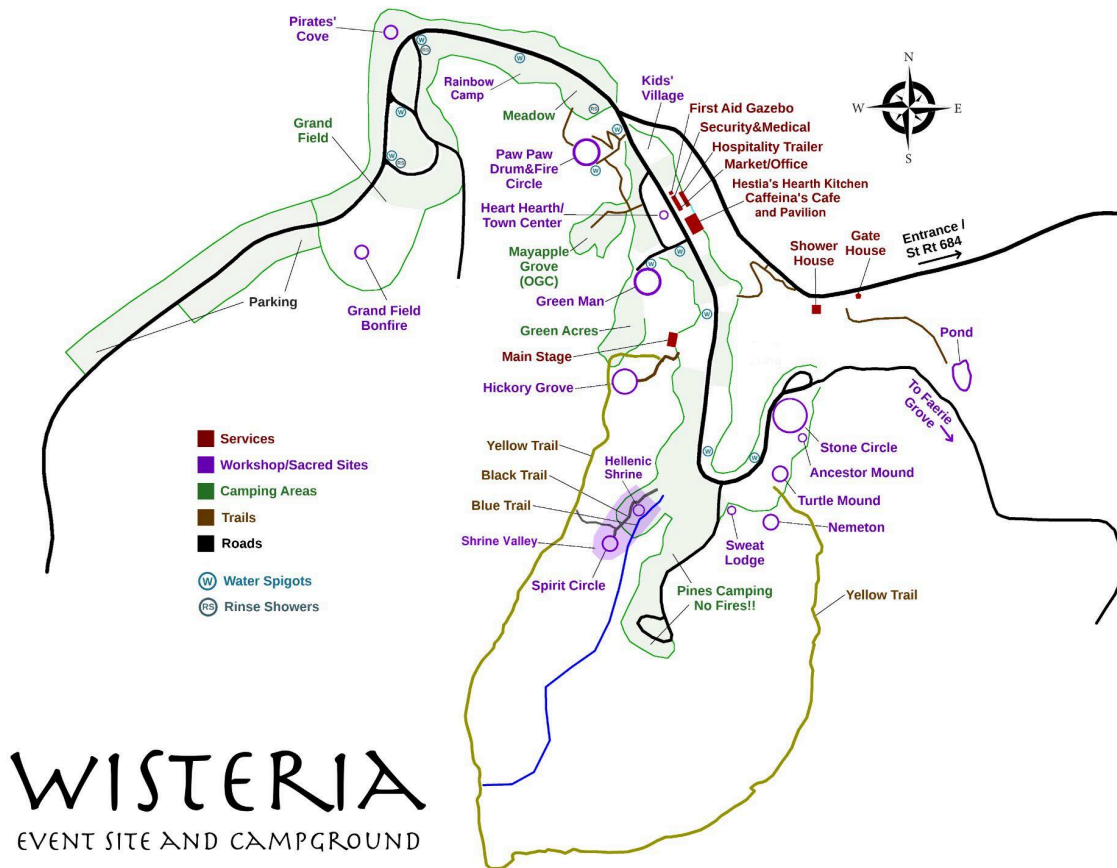
## Labyrinth of the ways

The Labyrinth of the Ways was gifted to Wisteria in celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Between the Worlds gathering, as well as in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the finding of the Land. It was built on behalf of Nemeton of The Ways, Green Faerie Grove and the Between the Worlds Community. It took 2 years of communicating ideas, waiting for life & lives to align, over 11 ton of stone, 3 ton of sand & 6 months of labor. On September 14th, 2016 the capstone was placed and She was consecrated and gifted to all. "The Ways" is symbolic of all the Ways of which came together to make this project. There are stones from over 30 states and 5 countries, even more that hold memories, wishes and blessing for all. All of the Ways came together, for all of the ways that walk her paths

## Crystal Grove




Crystal Grove was established in 2010 with the initial hanging of chandelier crystal points on a tree in Firefly Field (part of the Faerie Shrine area of Wisteria campground). Crystal Grove is maintained as a reflective and natural place gently sculptured to highlight the landscape, living bouquets and encourage interaction of local flora and fauna. Offerings of crystals (both leaded and natural) are welcomed. Note: Other things that aren't crystals that inevitably get draped there are moved to fairy to maintain the look of natural items and crystal objects.

# Wisteria Map



## Quick Links

For the full online program, daily schedule grid, or our anonymous feedback and suggestions form, use the following links

Full Program	Daily Schedule Grid	Give us feedback!
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# Schedule of Events

## Tuesday 10/8

The campground will be open Tuesday for early arrivals (\$20 camping fee, free for work barter folks), but limited services will be available. Make sure to bring food and everything else you need to be self-sufficient.

7:00 PM - Work Barter Orientation Meeting @ Pavilion

For our work barter volunteers, meet at the Pavilion for dinner (7PM) and orientation (8PM). Dinner will be available at the end of the meeting.

8:30 PM (approx) - Paw Paw

Chances are pretty good folks will gather down in Paw Paw after the meeting. Bring your drum but probably don't dance your pants off, no fires 😞

## Wednesday 10/9

Daily Activities - Free form crafting @ Pavilion

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch @ Pavilion

1:00 PM - Opening Circle @ Heart Hearth

2:30 PM - Herbal Ancestor Connection Ceremony w/ Jenny Crawford @ Ancestor Mound

2:30 PM - Music Making w/ Dawn and Kris @ Kid Village (Kids)

3:00 PM - Piñata Making w/ Dawn @ Kid Village (Kids)

4:00 PM - A Burning Question - Fire in Eastern Forests w/ Eric Hart @ Main Stage, walk in woods

4:00 PM - Happy Hour @ Green Man

4:30 PM - Steve Zarate @ Green Man Stage

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Dinner @ Pavilion

7:30 PM - Flow Toy Jam @ Above Green Man

8:30 PM - Bardic Circle w/ Brian Henke @ Heart Hearth

9:30 PM (approx) - Paw Paw

11:00 PM - Happiest Hour @ Green Man

## Thursday 10/10

Daily Activities - Pumpkins, crafting @ Pavilion, Clay @ Main Stage, Helene Donations @ Pavilion

9:00 AM - Pagan Recovery Circle w/ Donna Donovan @ First Aid

10:00 AM - Intentional Crafting Workshop w/ Jen Capone @ Green Man

10:00 AM - Ribbon Dance w/ Penny Goody @ Flow Jam Space (above Green Man)

10:00 AM - Ceramics Intro w/ Jess Fritz @ Main Stage

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch @ Pavilion

11:30 AM - Music Making @ Kid Village

12:00 PM - Sweatlodge orientation w/ Doug Sundling @ Sweatlodge

12:00 PM - Steve Zarate @ Pavilion Stage

1:00 PM - Chakra Balancing Meditation w/ Jenny Sieck @ Hickory Grove

1:00 PM - Bringing our Modern Mythologies into Ancient Practice w/ Luna Nightshade @ Pavilion

2:30 PM - Magical Musical Composition and Songwriting w/ Brian Henke @ Heart Hearth

2:30 PM - Halloween in the Seven Celtic Nations w/ Zimra @ Hickory Grove

2:30 PM - Music Making w/ Dawn and Kris @ Kid Village

3:00 PM - Mask Making w/ Dawn @ Kid Village

4:00 PM - Fire Weather, Drought, Flood:Climate Change in Appalachia w/ Broecker et al @ Pavilion

4:00 PM - Happy Hour @ Green Man

4:30 PM - Annie Wolfe @ Green Man Stage

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Dinner @ Pavilion

7:00 PM - Ancestor Shrine Lighting w/ Charlene Suggs @ Ancestor Shrine (Village Green)

7:30 PM - Ghost Stories w/ Nikki @ Heart Hearth

7:30 PM - Flow Toy Jam @ Above Green Man

8:30 PM - Megan Bee @ Green Man Stage

TBD - Open Sweat w/ Doug Sundling @ Sweatlodge

9:30 PM (approx) - Paw Paw

11:00 PM - Happiest Hour @ Green Man

## Friday 10/11

Daily Activities - Pumpkins, crafting @ Pavilion, Clay @ Main Stage; Helene Donations @ Pavilion

Roving Performance - The Cherry Blossoms

9:00 AM - Pagan Recovery Circle w/ Donna Donovan @ First Aid

10:00 AM - Bespoke Stick&Poke: Art&Science of Single Needle Tat w/ Hayseed @ Green Man (18+)  
 10:00 AM - Creative Companions/Creative Recovery w/ Kim Keffer @ Main Stage  
 10:00 AM - Mad Hatter's Tea Party w/ Dawn @ Kid Village  
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch @ Pavilion  
 12:00 PM - Music Making @ Kid Village  
 12:00 PM - Digger T @ Pavilion Stage  
 1:00 PM - Luna Lum's Spotted Cardinal Meditation w/ Leisa Coffman @ Stone Circle  
 1:00 PM - Viking Hair Braids w/ Betty L. Kiser-Hoschar @ Green Man  
 1:00 PM - Stone Soup Story @ Heart Hearth w/ Fire Mama  
 1:00 PM - Men's Circle w/ Blacksmith @ Spirit Circle  
 2:30 PM - Waterfall Nature Hike w/ Charlene Suggs, Meet @ Pavilion (2hr+, wear good shoes)  
 2:30 PM - Holy Fire Reiki Healing Experience w/ Donna Murlin @ Spirit Circle  
 2:30 PM - Music Making w/ Dawn @ Kid Village  
 2:30 PM - Women's Circle w/ Jen Capone @ Stone Circle  
 4:00 PM - Alchemical Psychology w/ Jenny Sieck @ Main Stage  
 4:00 PM - Piñata Breaking w/ Dawn @ Kid Village  
 4:00 PM - Happy Hour @ Green Man  
 4:30 PM - Brian Henke @ Green Man Stage  
 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Dinner @ Pavilion  
 5:30 PM - Stone Soup w/ Fire Mama @ Heart Hearth  
 7:00 PM - Kids Movie Night w/ Dawn @ Pavilion  
 7:30 PM - Flow Toy Jam @ Above Green Man  
 8:30 PM - Hellnaw @ Green Man  
 9:30 PM (approx) - Paw Paw  
 10:00 PM - Sound Bath w/ Kojun @ Main Stage (18+)

## Saturday 10/12

Daily Activities - Pumpkins and crafting @ Pavilion, Clay @ Main Stage  
 9:00 AM - Pagan Recovery Circle w/ Donna Donovan @ First Aid  
 10:00 AM - Weaving Mini Baskets w/ Kelly Lawrence @ Pavilion  
 10:00 AM - Painting with the Goddess w/ Jen Capone @ Green Man  
 10:00 AM - Deadline for Helene Donations @ Pavilion  
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch @ Pavilion  
 11:30 AM - Kid Music Performance @ Pavilion Stage  
 1:00 PM - Cacao Meditation Ceremony w/ Donna Murlin @ Spirit Circle  
 1:00 PM - Glamour & Glitz: Crafting Your Burlesque Look w/ Lena Delaney @ Green Man (18+)  
 1:00 PM - Kids Drumming Workshop @ Paw Paw  
 2:00 PM - Kids Costume Workshop @ Kid Village  
 2:30 PM - Fireside Cello: Rekindling Your Musical Spirit w/ Lara Wallace @ Heart Hearth  
 2:30 PM - The Art of the Tease: Intro to Burlesque w/ Lena Delaney @ Green Man (18+)  
 3:00 PM - Kids Costume Parade and Trick or Treat - Start @ Kid Village  
 4:00 PM - Animism Rock Painting w/ Liz Southard @ Pavilion  
 4:00 PM - What is Winternights/Vetrnætr? w/ Donna Donovan @ Heart Hearth  
 4:00 PM - Petite Paw Paw @ Paw Paw  
 4:00 PM - Happy Hour @ Green Man  
 4:30 PM - Harlot @ Green Man Stage  
 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Dinner @ Pavilion  
 6:30 PM - Pumpkin Lighting  
 6:30 PM - Main Ceremony: Crow Creates the World - Meet @ Heart Hearth  
 8:00 PM - Celebrating Samhain w/ Kelly Lawrence @ Pavilion  
 8:00 PM - Lit Labyrinth Walk w/ Lynx @ Labyrinth  
 8:00 PM - Shrine Lighting @ Shrine Valley, Fairy Shrine  
 8:00 PM - Haunted Hayride - Meet @ Pavilion  
 8:30 PM - Drawknife @ Green Man Stage  
 TBD - Silent Sweat w/ Doug Sundling @ Sweatlodge  
 9:30 (approx) - Paw Paw  
 11:00 PM - Happiest Hour @ Green Man

## Sunday 10/13

9:00 AM - Pagan Recovery Circle w/ Donna Donovan @ First Aid  
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch  
 1:00 PM - Closing Circle @ Heart Hearth

