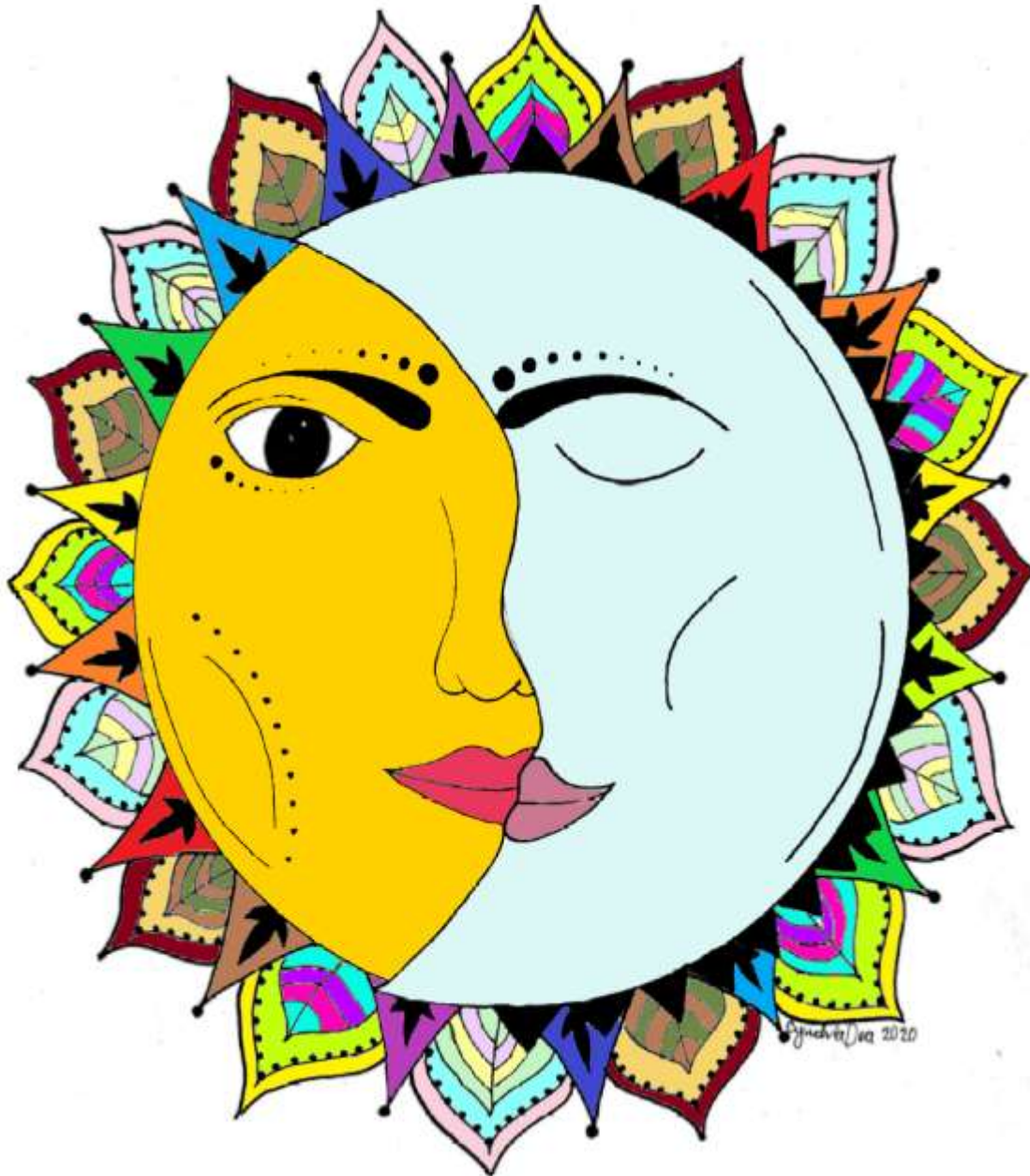


Remember,
Rejoice, Return



Virtual Dragonfest 2020

Welcome to Dragonfest 2020

Remember, Rejoice, Return: celebrating 35 years

Hello Dragonfest,

This year our theme is Remember, Rejoice, Return. This theme was picked because it is our 35-year anniversary and 10 years on the land we use now. As COVID hit we decided for the safety of everyone we would go virtual. We thought about changing the theme however, upon reflection we felt that the theme that once was a declaration to be shouted with vigor and celebration is now a call of self-reflection and bolstering of the good we had and how our future can be better.

In this spirit, the ops team welcomes you to Dragonfest 2020 and in the word of my number 2 Rachel Stevenson who has been a significant help in making this year happen.

We love the Dragonfest community and family, and we hope to see it grow in the future.

Thank you,
Vaunder L. & Rachel Stevenson
Directors of Operations



From the Board:

We are excited to welcome everyone to virtual Dragonfest. While we cannot meet in person, we have an amazing online retreat with rituals you can only find at Dragonfest and an excellent lineup of workshops for you to enjoy. This community is what makes Dragonfest happen and, in particular, the community members who volunteer their time throughout the year in service to the rest of us. We would like to thank our Directors of Operations, Vaunder Lake and Rachel Stevenson, and their incredible staff of volunteers for their dedication and commitment in putting on this retreat for our community.

We wish to acknowledge the passing of our community members this past year - Jimmy "Pipes" Saenz, Bryan Fields, and April Peterson.

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PLEASE NOTE: There might be some last-minute changes not listed in this program. Please check the website for the final schedule of workshops and rituals and their posted dates and times. If you have any questions, please see our Support Desk where someone should be able to get back to you right away during our Retreat.

Dragonfest Traditions

Dragonfest Standards

- We must walk lightly on Mother Earth.
- We respect the land, personal property, space and persons.
- We are considerate.
- We honor diversity in *all* its forms.
- We honor all commitments.
- We are responsible for our own actions. Parents are responsible for their children.
- We help and appreciate each other.
- We respect Sacred Space and those within.
- We acknowledge that it takes everyone working together to make this a community.



What you can do to make Virtual Dragonfest a magical community:

- ❖ Familiarize yourself and follow the Dragonfest Rules and Policies.
- ❖ Be respectful to our Elders and be kind to our children.
- ❖ Show RESPECT to all people. Inappropriate behavior seen online or in chat windows is unacceptable. Maligning or denigrating others is not appropriate, especially when they are not present.
- ❖ Include others in your activities and socializing, especially those who are new to Dragonfest. Avoid exclusionary behavior. Encourage people to get involved. Share.
- ❖ Parent(s) - be responsible for your child/children's behavior.
- ❖ Observe ritual etiquette. Officiates vary, it's respectful to follow their lead in what they wish participants to do. They will let you know what to do. Please be cautious when handling your own ritual tools.
- ❖ Respect our volunteer Staff and cooperate with them.
- ❖ Be considerate of fellow workshop and ritual attendees. Virtual space does not allow for everyone to talk at once so be mindful of the chat feature. See if your question has already been asked or answered there.
- ❖ Enjoy your natural surroundings as much as possible. Take a break between workshops and rituals and go outside if only to see the sky and trees or if you can, take a walk.



Rules, Policies & Important Things to Know

BASIC RULES, VIRTUAL ETTIQUETTE, & INFORMATION:

- Inappropriate behavior seen online or in chat windows is unacceptable.
- Be mindful that it might be hard to hear everyone in a virtual setting. Please keep background noises to a minimum especially when you are speaking or asking a question.
- Respect our Nudity Policy as seen below.
- Please mute your microphone when you are not talking.
- If you are going to say something during a workshop or ritual, please speak up so everyone can hear you.
- Stay present and engaged in the event.
- Make use of the chat feature to ask or answer questions to keep the workshop or ritual on track and focused on the presenter(s).
- Feel free to bring a drink but please save food for off-screen. It is fairly distracting to watch someone eating while someone else is talking.
- If you have issues with logging on or running into tech difficulties, please see our support desk here: Tech@dragonfest.org or call 720-586-0397.



NUDITY POLICY FOR VIRTUAL DRAGONFEST

Dragonfest will adhere to clothing required rules for all our virtual activities. This means anyone participating or watching our activities for 2020 should wear clothing that meets the “beachwear minimum” standard for Colorado. Zoom, the application we are using to host our virtual event has specific rules of propriety that we must maintain. We also need to be aware that at any time we might have a child viewing a workshop or ritual event incidentally since we cannot control everyone’s personal viewing experience. We are not responsible for personal fashion choices.

The Dragon’s Lair (Services)

DRAGONFEST T-SHIRTS: This year we are doing t-shirts a little bit differently; they are print on demand and you can order yours here: <https://www.redbubble.com/people/Dfestops/shop>

SUPPORT DESK: If you have any questions or need help please contact our staff at the help desk. We will do everything we can to get your questions answered or help with any tech issues.

VIRTUAL MERCHANT CIRCLE: We have gathered some like-minded vendors for some fantastic online shopping. Here is an opportunity to shop for a variety of wares from our merchants and artists from the comfort of your home while benefitting Dragonfest – best of all worlds, right?

MODERATORS: Our Moderators are here to help you. Moderators make sure attendees are mindful of our rules and being safe while making sure the workshop or ritual is running smoothly. Moderators make sure everyone is enjoying their experience and enforces any rules being broken.

THE VIRTUAL FIRE CIRCLE: Keep a look out for Virtual Fire Circles that will happen throughout the retreat. These special sessions are a social space for you to chat, share, dance, and connect with other attendees in real time. Because of Zoom’s audio delay, drumming and singing is best done individually or by taking turns. Enjoy the space respectfully with no unsolicited personal contact. All Virtual Fire Circles should be considered All Ages - there is no version of Freedom Fire Circle for the virtual retreat



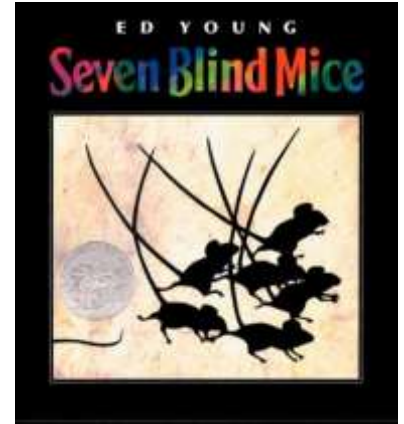
Virtual Youthfest



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Stories of the Constellations

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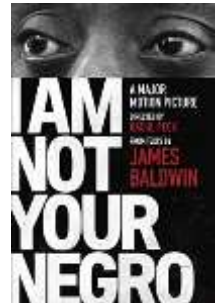


Virtual Teenfest

Teenfest is the Future of Dragonfest, on the way to becoming the Present. Our teens are an important part of our spiritual community, and every year they perform the Closing Ritual for Dragonfest.

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Events, Rituals, and Workshops Schedule

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Thursday

7pm

Community Get Together: Welcome to Dragonfest Social - Thursday Night on Zoom, come be in community with other festival attendees. We will welcome Newcomers and reunite as a community. This event will be a low-key way for folks to get to know each other and welcome everyone into community. So, fill up your horn and gather at the virtual fire circle.

Rituals

Friday

8:30-9:30am

Opening Ritual Remember, Rejoice, Return!
Presented by the Directors of Operations – Vaunder and Rachel

Join us for our opening ritual and help celebrate 35 years of Remembering, Rejoicing, and Returning to the magic that resides in each of us and in our community! Let's create this intention for a great retreat!

10-12pm

Meditation with Rowdy

6:30-8:30pm

Main Ritual - Join us for a rite dedicated to the Earth Mother, known in this place as Colorado, and share in the community and fellowship.

Mountain Ancestors Grove, ADF is an early-stage, grassroots, polytheist church. While we currently meet for classes and rites online, we are a 501c3 not-for-profit organization offering Colorado's Front Range community a meaningful, polytheist, inclusive religious experience, rooted in virtue, fed with hospitality, and one that works to build a just society. Our way is a liturgy of offerings, and a practice of relationships with our gods, our ancestors and honored dead, as well as all beings of this world, seen and unseen, of all species.



As a church, we have goals and dreams: land, a building fund, our own burial ground, continued thriving community, adult and children's religious education, and well-educated, professional clergy. What we offer to the community are the same things that anyone would expect from well-established religious organizations around the world. We dream big, and we're moving towards our goals!

8:30-11:59pm

Spiritual Guidance Sessions - Drawing Down the Moon has been a beloved Dragonfest tradition since its inception. It is life changing for many who attend. This year, going virtual, offers unique challenges to this tradition. In response, we offer space with individual intuitives and readers who have volunteered their services to the community in this space. Those who attend will have the opportunity of one on one confidential time with someone who will help you find insight into your life and pass on wisdom specifically for you from Spirit, Gods and Goddesses, and the world around us. Here are the readers you can choose from. You may select one specifically or ask to be placed randomly.



>>Rae Blaisdell practices Druidry, is ordained as a secular minister, and today is offering oracle readings with the Druid plant or animal oracle decks. These readings often provide insight and clarity, giving guidance for your inner work and also the outward actions you are called to take.

>>Emberle (ember-lee) reads tarot cards to answer questions, and channels guidance. Her website is emberlesenergyshop.net.

Saturday

1-3pm

Warriors of the Sun Ritual - Here at the height of summer, let us draw down the power of the Sun to fuel our will to create positive change in the world. This is the time, and we are the people we have been waiting for! Empower yourself as a spiritual warrior, a Warrior of the Sun, to amplify the Black Lives Matter movement and all of the world's collective efforts to create more justice for all. It is imperative that we dismantle systems of oppression, and we magical workers can help to give birth to the new paradigm of inclusion, equality, and justice.



Join Tanaria Lightbearer of the Clan of the Wildlings for this activism ritual. Tanaria is an animistic witch, and a part of the Pulsar Tradition, with over 20 years of experience as a practitioner and priestess. She is also an environmental educator, an instructor in the primitive skills community, and a lifelong activist. Come ready to use your Voice! This ritual is open to all genders, but is only appropriate for adults/teens

6:30-8:30pm

Sacred Feminine Ritual - This Woman's Mysteries Ritual will be presented virtually this year. It will involve clearing the space, calling the quarters, casting a circle of protection, a grounding meditation and calling the Goddess to be with us. There will be a brief description of the nurturing and healing nature of the Goddess and how she wants to guide us to our highest good. Each participant will both give messages to others and receive messages from the Goddess. After the messages have been received, participants will have the opportunity to share a reflection of this experience both verbally and through art expression using the medium of your choice. Supplies may include a journal, parchment, or some form of special paper that may be decorated. Feel free to have drawing paper or canvas with paints available if you prefer this mode of expressing your experience.



Lady Athena is a solitary practitioner that was trained in a Celtic Pantheist Tradition by The Circle of the Winged Lion. She has been a member of Covenant of the Goddess (CoG) since 2001 and has held Ministerial credentials with CoG since 2004. Lady Athena was an active member of the Pagan Community in South Florida until moving to Colorado in 2015. Since her move she has been involved with Chamisa Local Council of CoG, currently serving as an Interfaith and Public Information Representative. Lady Athena has been an attendee at Dragonfest with her family since 2016 and is excited to be a part of this spiritual family-centered community. Lady Athena has a personal experience with addiction recovery since 1993 that provides her with a unique insight on healing and altruism in which she feels a great commitment to share her experience, strength and hope to help others.

Sacred Masculine Ritual - This ritual is designed to guide participants in looking deeply at their lives through the lens of 6 masculine archetypes. It is open to folks of all genders who are interested in learning more about the masculine selves.

Tal is a musician and producer from Lawrence, Kansas. He has been leading a chanting workshop at Dragonfest for many years.



Sunday

3:30-5:30pm

Pride Ritual with Mark - This Ritual is made of three parts: One part remembers the fires in our souls kindled by Stonewall, those still burning in our struggle for justice, and the flames we need to allow us to heal. The second acknowledges the struggles of all those in the LGBTQI and other communities and honors all who continue to struggle. The third raises energy to empower ourselves as we move forward. The ritual will involve using candles and a sigil which was created by Faery Ravenwolf and he has given permission for its use by any and all who would like to take part.

Mark Lewis is the high priest of the Order of the Cauldron of the Sage located in Northwest New Mexico.

6-7pm

Closing Ritual- As we end our time together, we gather one more time to say goodbye to both old and new friends. Please join us as we end Dragonfest 2020 on a high note.



Workshops

Friday

10-12pm

Welcome and Orientation with Phil - This is both a welcoming for new Dragonfest attendees as well as a refresher for all attendees. We will discuss all facets of the Retreat - what to typically expect throughout the event, its history, the organizational structure, current events, and activities. It will also include a "Dragonfest Ethics" discussion and handout, "Circle Etiquette," Drum Circle etiquette and related Do's and Don'ts – including Safety & Security around the fire ring. We will have a review of rituals, including what to expect, and what is expected of the participants. Discussions will also include workshops, the timing of events and activities. We will also discuss the staff functions and leadership roles. All ages welcome.



1-3pm

DAN Dialogues - The DAN Dialogues are an array of informative presentations from members of the Dragonfest community, with a focus on Dragonfest, Arts, and Neopaganism. Think of it as the Dragonfest version of TED Talks. Everyone is invited to listen or present topics they are passionate about. To present a short topic of your own, contact Dan at dfin@dragonfest.org to find out if an 18 minute speaking slot is open.



Sharing Memories – With Joseph/Themon the Bard - Joseph joined Heather, Workshop Coordinator, for a conversation about his memories and adventures with Dragonfest starting in the late 1990's.

Hello! I'm Joe Nemeth, sometimes known as Themon the Bard. When pressed to label myself, I'm a neopagan druidic bard in the OBOD tradition. I first encountered Dragonfest -- and the neopagan community -- in 1996 at Dragonfest. Some of you may remember me from the Yeast Herder's Gatherum, and from some of the druidic workshops the Treehenge Grove offered over the years. I met my wife, Marta, at Dragonfest in 2004, and we were regulars there until 2015, when we moved to California. It was a good move for us, but every August, we remember Dragonfest, and sometimes the missing is intense. Blessings to all of you.

3:30-5:30pm

Anti-Racism for Pagans - Systemic racism has been around for a very long time, and a lot of people are just recently becoming aware of how their behavior, thoughts, and actions continue to uphold systemic racism, and how they themselves can be perpetuating subconscious racism. This workshop is intended to be a safer space for folks in the mostly white pagan community to learn and grow together, to challenge ourselves and each other to do better. We will cover topics like White Supremacy, Implicit Bias, White Fragility, and Cultural Appropriation within the pagan world.

If BIPOC folks wish to attend, you are certainly welcome, and your voice will be amplified as much or as little as you wish it to be. We want to make clear though that this is a space for White folks to do the emotional labor that they need to do in themselves and with others.



Rachel is an active anti-racist activist. They are constantly learning how to be better and to do better regarding Anti-Racism within the US. They want to help bring other white people into the Anti-Racism fold.

Heather has been on a path of education and understanding around racism and white supremacy for about 6 years. They specifically like to invest in helping other white people uncover hidden pockets of oppressive beliefs and patterns within themselves.

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Saturday

10-12pm

The Power of Myth - Transformative power can be found in a number of well-known myths. We will talk about a couple of these myths and suggest ways to access their power.

Robin and Mary have been Wiccan Priest and Priestess for several decades.

Sharing Memories – With Hawk Shadow - Listen in on Hawk Shadow's conversation with our Heather, Workshop Coordinator, about Dragonfest in its earlier days.

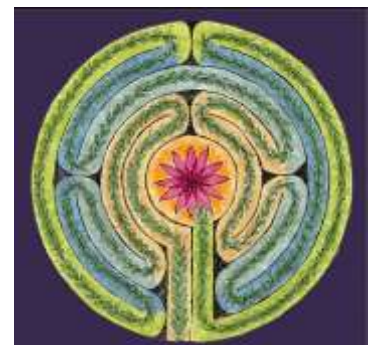


I first attended Dragonfest in 1991, at the Meadows Campground. The experience of arriving was very much a “Hey!! Here are my people!” moment. The Community Center quickly became my favorite place, and I apprenticed to Bob Key in 1993 (I think it was '93...). Then he moved away, and in 1994 I took over for a few years. The move to Wellington Lake in 1995 brought with it a huge increase in attendance size, and we grew the kitchen to accommodate that growth. I wrote the original contract with Wellington Lake. I facilitated the first few large Drawing Downs (growing from 3 Priestesses to 12, which included a couple of Priests), taught workshops, facilitated and attended many rituals, and also performed my first wedding (a same-sex wedding that wasn't legally recognized at the time) and my first Wiccaning at Dragonfest. I didn't attend for a year, then came back and headed up the Earth Team. The next year served as Co-Director of Ops. I served a 5-year term on the Board, two of those years as President, during which we pursued and achieved the 501(c)3 designation. In 2007, I did not attend due to my mother's rapidly failing health (she died that November), and then for a variety of personal reasons didn't make it back. In 2018 I attended for Saturday overnight, and wanted to attend in 2019 but was sidelined by major hand surgery. I look forward to reconnecting with the Dragonfest community

1-3pm

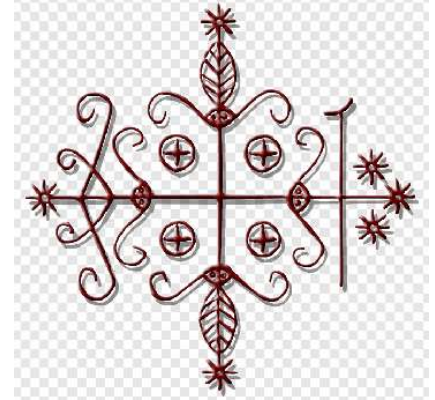
Crafter's Gathering - This is a gathering for all kinds of crafters, fiber artists, jewelry crafters, sewers and anyone else who considers themselves a crafter. Come to discuss what it is that you do and how it may or may not cross over with your spiritual path as well as bring an example to share if you like.

Ellen Valentine “I help with registration and I am the Board Secretary, but more than that I am a crafter. I picked up a crochet hook nearly 2 years ago, and although I'm no expert, I love to crochet! I also enjoy making wire wrapped jewelry, some polymer clay work and some sewing. I also love to sit with others who are knitting crocheting, or doing other crafts and discuss what's frustrating, what's working, what's not. I have two weekly online groups that I meet with, which I find to be really helpful whether in person or face to face.



3:30-5:30pm

Foundations of Sanse: Puerto Rican Vodou - Sanse originated in Puerto Rico and is comprised of Espiritismo, 21 Divisiones, Taino practices, and brujeria. Sancistas serve the Lwa who bestow protection, prosperity, health, and many other blessings. This presentation explores the origins, history, basic tenets, practices, ceremonies, and seven divisions of Sanse. Participants learn about the Lwa, their feast days, altars, colors, offerings, lore, and how to begin a relationship with them before a Sanse initiation. We also explore working with ancestors and the commissions of spirit guides. During this presentation, Sancista Jennifer shows participants how to work with Papa Legba and make products for engaging with the spirits.



Jennifer Medway began practicing the occult and esoteric arts at a tender young age when her mother gave her a tarot deck. Rootwork and hoodoo run in Jennifer's family in Louisiana. Her mother's cousin, Maybelline, was a professional rootworker whom locals called The Swamp Witch. Jennifer carried on her family tradition and works as a rootworker as well as a Sancista, Reiki Master, witch, ceremonial magician, and bruja at her company Serpentine Spiritual Arts. She trained with some of the top occult professionals internationally and is a member of the Ordo Templi Orientis. Jennifer presented working with La Santa Muerte during the Daisy L. Machado lecture at Vanderbilt University. She is researching the occult sciences and folklore while a Master's candidate. Jennifer attended Stanford, UCLA, and UC Berkeley, where she earned her BA in English. She has published spiritual poetry, fiction, and narrative nonfiction in several journals, including Cornell's Rainy Day and Goddess and The Moon Metaphysical Journal. Jennifer is also a successful equestrian with many championships, and her students have won five state championships.

Yeast Herder's Gatherum - The Gatherum is a place for brewers of all levels to share experiences, techniques, and discuss the craft of brewing. In this moderated discussion forum, we will cover topics involving wine, beer, cider, and mead. Those new to brewing and those who have gallons of experience are sure to find new ideas and inspiration. In this virtual Gatherum, we will have the opportunity to showcase our brewing spaces, gear, and even more. Pour yourself a glass and Zoom on in! This will be a Gatherum you will not want to miss!



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10-12pm

Membership Meeting - The Annual Membership Meeting is for you, the members of Dragonfest. Presented by your elected Board of Directors, you will learn about the current state and direction of the Dragonfest organization and opportunities to deepen your involvement. We will present the Heart of the Dragon Award at this meeting.



1-3pm

Life and Work with The Morrigan - If you're someone who already works with The Morrigan, or someone who is interested in hearing what it's like to have Her in your life, join us for this discussion-based session. How does She show up in your life? What kind of work does She ask of you? What are your thoughts on how She is portrayed in writings?

Heather is a witch and priestess who has been working with The Morrigan for 10 years. They are passionate about helping people find their inner Warrior and learn to incorporate that part of themselves in everyday life.



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Chanting with Taliesin

Simple chants to nature (the Green Man, Lord and Lady, sun and moon, the elements), and toward further self-empowerment. It's all about opening your heart to the beauty and wonders of the world.

Tal is a musician and producer from Lawrence, Kansas.



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Merry Retreat Everyone!

