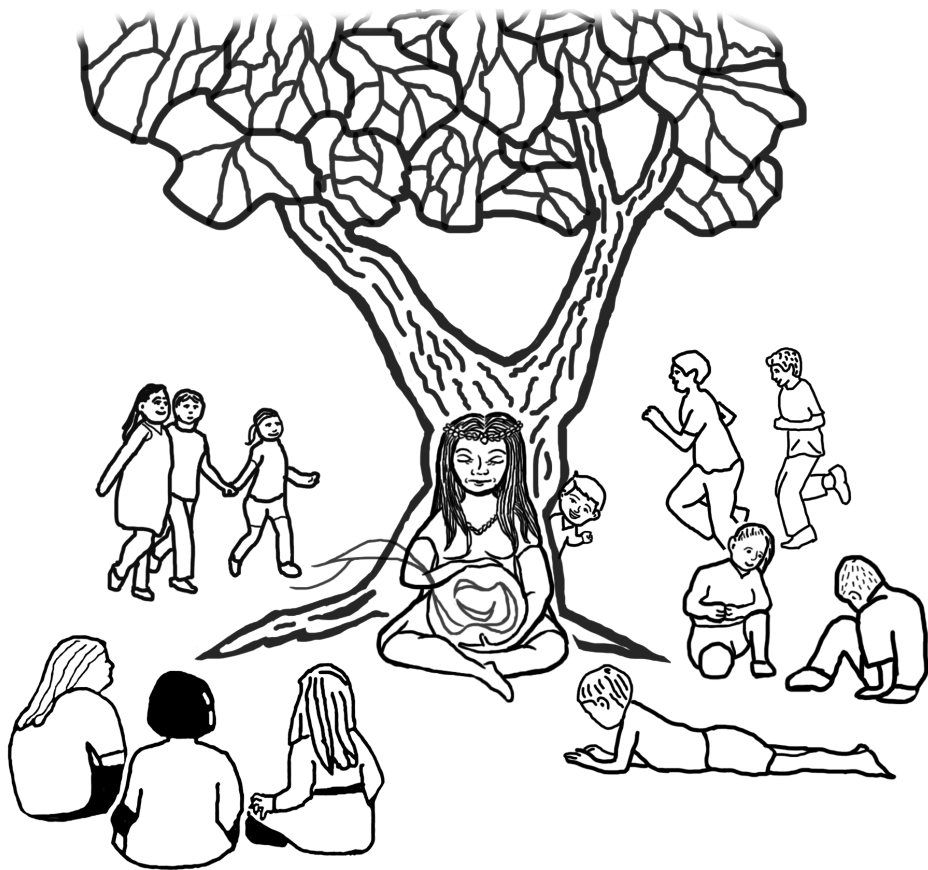


# Pan Pagan Gathering 2023



**July 8-9, 2023  
Decatur, IL**

# Welcome!!!

## To the Midwest Pagan Council's Pan Pagan Gathering 2023!

*The Midwest Pagan Council, an association of Pagan groups in the Midwest, welcomes you to our Pan Pagan Gathering 2023.*

*Our theme this year is "Children of the Earth"*



At Registration, you will receive a BADGE.  
Please be sure to wear your Badge at ALL times during the event.  
If you don't have your Badge, you will not be able to get into the **Vendor Space**, the **Workshops**, the **Concert**, or the **Hospitality Suite**.

Anyone under 18 will also be given a Wrist Band with their parent's name and badge number on it. This is to ensure we know, should you be separated from your child, who said child belongs to. For children 5-17, yes, they need to wear both Badge and Wrist Band.



If you have any questions or problems, find a staff member with a **RED** badge flag!



## Pan Pagan Gathering Hours

<b>Registration</b>	Saturday: 9 am - 7 pm Sunday: 9 am - 12 pm	<b>Vendors</b>	Saturday: 9 am - 8 pm* Sunday: 9 am - 3:30 pm
<b>Hospitality Suite</b>	Saturday: 9 am - 7 pm Sunday: 9 am - 4 pm		

*\*Vendor room will be open at 8am for set up; vendors will have until end of concert if they choose to sell through the concert. 9:30 pm is the hard close for the night.*

# !Special Guests!

## Ginger Ackley

Currently living in Columbus, Ginger grew up surrounded by music. During the Great Folk Revival and folks like Peter, Paul and Mary, Simon and Garfunkel, Burl Ives, Pete Seeger and all the rest, became her teachers. When she acquired her first autoharp, it was love at first sound and she never looked back! It was the same with the pennywhistle, too.

Now she has several albums including, All Earth's Children, Elf King's Horn, Wee Folk Stomp and the latest, EnCHANTica, is a collection of chants and songs that come from Spirit.

In 2020, She was voted Best Female Artist by the International Pagan Music Association.



## Sue Balaschak

Sue Balaschak is the creator of Primal Rhythm and a founding member of Burning Sage. She has produced and engineered many CDs and records. She owns her own record label, Fireband Records. Her first CD received rave reviews in national publications and is featured in the Cleveland documentary, "Return of the Cuyahoga" which aired on PBS.

Sue has been playing the drums professionally since the age of 12 and has taught drumming since she was 17. She has facilitated drum circles and drum workshops within the Pagan community for the past 20 years. She has taught accredited classes for Licensed Music Therapists. She has facilitated healing circles at Memory Care facilities and has performed journey work. Sue blends her professional musical career and her spiritual life.

She lives in Cleveland with three canines, one feline and a turtle, her totem. If she is not drumming, she can be found hiking in the National Parks or on the Appalachian Trail, with her backpack and her dogs. She hosts the show "Drumming Ceremony," an internet radio show that airs on International Pagan Radio on Sundays.

# Pan Pagan Gathering Rules



We're all here to share knowledge and traditions, celebrate life and commune with the Lord and the Lady and each other. It is important to remember that by attending Pan Pagan Gathering (PPG) you are agreeing to abide by the following rules to ensure the gathering is enjoyable for everyone.

We are all guests of the Decatur Convention Center. We ask that you respect the facility and its employees.

Here are a few Rules to be aware of:

1. All PPG attendees must purchase a badge and wear it at all times in order to enter or stay in any event space. Forging, duplicating, or sharing PPG badges is not permitted and is grounds for removal from the gathering without refund. If your badge is not clearly seen, you must be able to present your badge to any member of the staff, including our door guards, who requests it.
2. A lost badge may be replaced at Registration for the cost of an at-the-door badge.
3. No real weapons or anything that can be mistaken for one can be carried on premises. Athames may only be worn for ritual use. Any real smithery purchased weapons must be taken directly to your hotel room or car.
4. The Decatur Conference Center has a restriction allowing only dogs on the property; no cats, rats, spiders, snakes, ferrets, birds, unicorns, etc. are allowed. If you have a dog accompanying you, you must take it from your room for its walk and then back to your room. Please be sure they are properly harnessed and identified according to the relevant statues, and be sure you clean up after your dog.
5. Smoking is prohibited by local law and ordinance within the Conference Center and your private rooms. Doing so **will** result in a fine, please check hotel rules. There are designated areas with the appropriate refuse bins for those who wish to indulge outside.
6. The Decatur Conference Center does **not** allow vaping of any sort in their facilities.
7. People commonly wear robes at PPG. Please be respectful by not touching a person or their clothes without a clear invitation. Silence does not imply consent.
8. The PPG and the Conference Center requires that all attendees must wear footwear on the main floor at all times. Failure to be properly attired could mean immediately removal from the premises by the hotel without refund.

9. Children (minors) under the age of 17 are welcome at the gathering. Minors must have a parent or guardian on the premises. Minors under 13 must be accompanied by a badged guardian at all times when not in gathering space. Minors under the age of 13 must have parent or guardian contact information on their wrist band.

10. Please consider that some gathering topics may not be appropriate for young children, and that some evening functions may involve attendee activities possibly inappropriate for children. MPC/PPG cannot be held responsible for any unaccompanied minors

11. The code of conduct shall not apply to otherwise legal interactions between a parent and/or legal guardian and their minor children in their custody, e.g. disciplinary actions that fall within the bounds of municipal, state, and federal law.

12. PPG recognizes that the use of alcoholic beverages by those of legal age is a matter of personal choice. PPG expect such individuals will conduct themselves responsibly and respectfully in regard to others and to their environment, including the physical property of Decatur Convention Center. Please follow the law and hotel rules in regard to open containers of alcohol.

13. Shoes/sandals, shirts and skirt/pants are required for entry into the Hospitality Suite. Alcohol is not allowed in the Suite per the Conference Center unless is it purchased in the hotel.

The MPC President has the final word on what is and is not acceptable in the gathering space.

If you feel uncomfortable trying to handle a situation yourself, report the incident to PPG staff or security (red flag on PPG badge).

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you should fall ill at the event, you are asked to remove yourself from the gathering area. If you do so voluntarily, MPC/PPG will roll-over your registration in full to 2024. You are responsible for working with the hotel if you need to applicable. Failing to remove yourself voluntarily or when asked by MPC will be considered a violation of our Rules and any necessary action will be taken to protect the remaining attendees.

Pan Pagan Gathering (PPG) and the Midwest Pagan Council (MPC) reserve the right to revoke the membership of anyone failing to conform to the letter and spirit of these policies, those of the Conference Center, and the laws of the City of Decatur and the State of Illinois. If there are any questions, please ask the folks at Registration or anyone wearing a red flag on their badge.



# Vendors

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## Besom Boutique

Eclectic Accessories Boutique

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## Charlie Rainbow

Handmade pottery, candles, incense, herbal teas, & herbs

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## Egerias Well

Semi precious stone jewelry & pendants made from recycled vintage books, tarot cards, and other ephemera.

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## Elfie's Hand Creations

Tiedye for EveryBODY. Skirts, shirts, bandanas, and more!

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## Follrod Sales, LLC

Grounding jewelry that protects you and for healing work

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## Green Witch Studio

Handmade wreaths, boxes, brooms, signs and more!

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## Healers In A Handbasket

Crystals, witch kits, spell kits, chair massage, jewelry

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## Heathens Song

Crafts, jewelry, & fine art.

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## HerbsbyErb, LLC

100% organic herbal blend teas

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## Magickal Designs

Magickal tools, jewelry and home decor

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## M Benson Creations

Author and crafter of books, art, and jewelry

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## Raven and Rogue

Tarot decks, candles, crystals, ritual supplies, and more!

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## Readings by LJ

Card readings and palmistry.

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## Reiki Bear Healing Center

Hand wrapped gemstone pendants, feather fans, runes, tarot and oracle cards, ingredients, and art.

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## Rhiannon's Apothecary

Hand-made magical goods, including ogham, runes, and other magical items. Pagan books and unusual items for the magically inclined.

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## Satyrs Horde

A variety of esoteric trinkets, tools, accessories, and art

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## Scrapsmith Curiosities

Traditionally smithed weaponry, pagan prayer beads, and jewelry

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## Summer's Crystal Box

Crystals, jewelry, and decor

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## The Lost Peddler

Paintings and wrapped jewelry

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## Toni Reedy

Hybrid readings combining tarot and Akashic Records

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## Treva Rhodemaker / Witch's Closet

Author of the Pirate Empire / Ritual and festival clothing

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## Wicked Treasure

Handcrafted jewelry, fairy crowns, fans, trinket boxes and scarves

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## Wyrms Roost Gifts

Handmade crochet and kandi accessories

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# Schedule



## Saturday

9:30 am

### Opening Ritual

Join us as we open the Gathering and the space.



### 10:00 am Beginners Guide to the Elements – Lady Anna

This is for young and old, novices and solitaires. We delve into and peel back the layers of all the elements, one at a time.



11:00 am

### Stone Power – Cheryl

Stones to use for healing, positive affirmation, and other uses. Workshop will consist of a Power Point Presentation, lecture, various stones to see and feel, as well as reference materials.



12:00 pm

### Open



### 1:00 pm Between the Poles - Continuum in Magick – Taz Chance

Paganism is often seen as a dualistic or polarized religious practice, a place where only the male/female energy exists within its movement. However, this is only the tips of the Poles. In this workshop, we will talk about energy working in the world and specifically in magickal practice. The mystery of working with the energies of the circle, the divine, and all the other layers of correspondences has so much to reveal to us about the abundant and varied continuum of energy. The information can be applied to all levels and paths in the Pagan world, but will be discussed in a Wiccan context.



### 2:00 pm Dive into Drumming – Sue Balaschak

Ride the wave of energy created by drumming. Expand the connections between yourself, your drum, and Mother Earth's energy as we focus on the spirit of the drum, drumming techniques, and basic rhythms. This is an introductory class suitable for all levels.



### 3:00 pm Kitchen witchery: The art of magic on a budget – Whispering River

This workshop/presentation will be interactive with those who attend. I will present practical options on substitutions for spell and ritual workings, with things commonly found in the kitchen or around the house. Present ideas on how to switch hard to find, expensive items, or things one may not be comfortable using for items some might not think of or feel would work and explain why they do. I look forward to spending time with fellow practitioners showing how to “make do” or substitute items or elements with your everyday kitchen and pantry finds.



### 4:00 pm The Inner Temple: Cultivating the Sacred Space Within – Rev. Mx. Amy E. Rhea

Cultivating the Inner Temple is a powerful exercise in getting your spiritual life in order. One part dream house, one part mind palace, one part power reservoir, and one part whatever you need it to be, the Inner Temple is as much a magickal tool as it is a creative expression of the practitioner who builds it. In this workshop, we'll delve into the different functions that you can incorporate into your Inner Temple and go over the step-by-step process of creating it. We'll also discuss best practices to keep your Inner Temple orderly and secure and what to do if you find that your Inner Temple needs some cleaning, repair, or refreshing.



5:00 pm

### Closed for Main Ritual Prep



6:00 pm

### Main Ritual

A ritual of connection. As children of the Earth, we will embrace our connection to each other and the Earth. Come prepared for a spiritual mystery ritual.



7:30 pm

### Concert – Ginger Ackley

Join us for some amazing music from Ginger Ackley! And don't be surprised if the beat gets you up and moving!



## Sunday

### 10:00 am Revealing the Mysteries: Getting Specific About Mystical Experience – Rev. Mx. Amy E. Rhea

Words cannot describe the full experience of the Mysteries. But words can describe the general concepts that serve as a foundation for understanding them. In this workshop, oriented in the Traditional Wiccan worldview but open to initiates and non-initiates alike, we'll cover some of those concepts so that you can better orient yourself toward experiencing the Mysteries as you travel your own path.



### 11:00 am Learning Lenormand: Tarot's Secret Cousin – Ves Cherry

Ever wanted to learn to read tarot cards but just couldn't pull a meaning out of them? Maybe it was too difficult to connect ideas and feelings to numbers and suits? If you still want to give cartomancy a try, come and learn about Lenormand! The standard 36 card deck caters to a practical and logical reading style. Divination might just be in your cards afterall!



### 12:00 pm Chakra Balance and Healing Circle – Joe Follrod

Joe will talk about healing then lead the group in a Chakra Balance then phase into a healing circle.



### 1:00 pm Witch Ready to Go – Taz Chance

This workshop will talk about the basics needed for an altar/magick/apothecary to go. We will go over tools, herbs, oils, stones and other items that you can store in your box, so no matter where you go, you are a ready witch!



### 2:00 pm Closing Ritual

As our gathering comes to a close, join us as we close ourselves and our space, thank everyone for attending, and say farewell until next year.

## Restaurants That Offer Delivery

Decatur Conference Center and Hotel's Address:  
4191 W US Highway 36  
Decatur, IL 62522

*\*Hours of delivery vary by restaurant*

### Pizza Factory

(217) 428-4400

Fri & Sat: 10:30 am - 1 am

Sun: 10 am - Midnight

### Monical's Pizza

(217) 423-2333

Fri & Sat: 11 am - 10 pm

Sun: 11 am - 9 pm

### Papa John's

(217) 872-7722

Fri & Sat: 10 am - 1 am

Sun: 10 am - Midnight

### Pizza Hut

(217) 422-2600

Fri & Sat: 11 am - 11 pm

Sun: 11 am - 10 pm

### Jimmy John's

(217) 425-2755

Fri: 10 am - 9 pm

Sat: 10 am - 8 pm

Sun: 10 am - 6 pm

### Godfather's Pizza

(217) 875-7000

Fri - Sun: 10:30 am - 10 pm

*\*DoorDash and UberEats are available if you have an account through their app.*

The Midwest Pagan Council sincerely hope that your time at our **Pan Pagan Gathering 2023** was both enjoyable and relaxing.

Watch our website for 2024 dates!  
[midwestpaganCouncil.org](http://midwestpaganCouncil.org)