

First Light 5:44 AM Sunrise 6:14 AM		Wednesday - 19 Aug			Sunset 7:56 PM Twilight Ends 8:25 PM
	Dining Hall	Workshops	Field / Firepit / Pool	Ve-Stead	Youth Bldg
12:00	12:00 Registration Opens			Note: Please review the Ve page for more information on Ves and rituals.	The Youth Building is located approximately midway between the cabins and the firepit down the hill, to the right of the path. It will feature hangout space with some games and drawing and painting supplies for anyone of any age who would like to use them throughout the weekend. However please be respectful of the space and the hosts and monitor your own child, particularly if they are in the habit of putting art supplies in their mouth. Older Youth may hang out there on their own as long as at least one of them is over 14 and they don't do anything that would make us want to change that rule.
12:30					
1:00	1:00 -2:00 Lunch				
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2:00	Note: There will be an Art Contest happening throughout NET. Artists, please bring your entries to Sara Perrault in the vendor area where they will be displayed for all attendees to vote upon.				
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6:00	6:00-7:00 Dinner				
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7:30			7:30 - Lakeside Firepit Opening Ritual Welcoming		
8:00			8:30 - Lakeside Firepit S'mores Night & Stories		
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First Light 5:45 AM Sunrise 6:15 AM		Thursday - 20 Aug			Sunset 7:54 PM Twilight Ends 8:24 PM
	Dining Hall	Workshops	Field / Firepit / Pool	Ve-Stead	Youth Bldg
Early					
8:00	8:00-9:00 Breakfast				
8:30					
9:00					
9:30		9:30 - Mike Smith The Rangle in Modern Heathenry	9:30 - Tether Ball Post Tether Ball Free-for-all		
10:00					
10:30				10:30 - Njord Ve Njord Ritual	10:30 - Youth Bldg Draw-along Sing-along
11:00		11:00 - Ellery Thomas Leary Tablet Weaving: What We Know & How To Learn			
11:30				11:30 - Ancestor Ve Ancestor Ritual	
12:00					
12:30	12:30 -1:30 Lunch				
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1:30		1:30 - JT Connecting with your Patron- Guide a Group Discourse	1:30 - Lake Open Swim Time		
2:00				2:00 - Tyr Ve Tyr Ritual	
2:30				2:30 - Eir Ve Eir Ritual	
3:00		3:00 - Mike Hicks, Erika Wren, and Jim Moore-Hodur "It's In The Bag"			
3:30					
4:00					4:00 - Youth Bldg Veistu Hvé Krjósta Skal? / Do You Know How to Squish?
4:30					
5:00			5:00 - Field Bubble & Sprinkler Stations	5:00 - Thor & Sif Vé Thor & Sif Ritual	
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	Dining Hall	Workshops	Field / Firepit / Pool	Ve-Stead	Youth Bldg
6:00	6:00-7:00 Dinner				
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7:00					7:00 - Arts & Crafts Room Art Time for Adults with Maggie Walls
7:30					
8:00				8:00 - Hel Ve Hel Ritual	
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9:00	9:00 - Dining Hall Dance Party/Charcuterie Night				
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First Light 5:47 AM Sunrise 6:16 AM		Friday - 21 Aug			Sunset 7:53 PM Twilight Ends 8:22 PM	
	Dining Hall	Workshops	Field / Firepit / Pool		Ve-Stead	Youth Bldg
Early						
8:00	8:00-9:00 Breakfast					
8:30						
9:00						
9:30		9:30 - Ristandi Let's be Frank: A Deep Dive into Sacred Material Culture				9:30 - Youth Bldg Rune Scavenger Hunt
10:00						
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11:00		11:00 - Perseus Swords! (And Axes and Spears and Other Stabby Things)	11:00 - Field Bubble & Sprinkler Stations		11:00 - Loki Ve Loki Ritual	
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12:00						
12:30	12:30 -1:30 Lunch					
1:00						
1:30		1:30 - Rev. Kyle Aaron Reese Queer Empowerment Sumble	1:30 - Lake Open Swim Time			
2:00						
2:30						2:30 - Youth Bldg Art Time for All Ages with Maggie Walls *Alcohol-Free event
3:00		3:00 - Christine Foltzer Trojeborgs- Labyrinths throughout Scandinavia		3:00 - Field Kubb Tournament	3:00 - Odin Ve Odin Ritual	4:00 - Youth Bldg Crafts! Bracelets & Necklaces
3:30					4:00 - Freyja Ve Frevia Ritual	
4:00						5:00 - Ve-Stead Main Ritual Run-Through (Closed Event)
4:30		4:30 - Canteen Karaoke				
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First Light 5:47 AM Sunrise 6:16 AM		Friday - 21 Aug			Sunset 7:53 PM Twilight Ends 8:22 PM
	Dining Hall	Workshops	Field / Firepit / Pool	Ve-Stead	Youth Bldg
6:00	6:00-7:00 Dinner				
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7:00					
7:30			7:30 - Canteen Ampitheatre Skaldic Competition		7:30 - Youth Bldg Young Heathens Movie Night - "My Neighbor Totoro"
8:00					
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9:00	9:00 - Dining Hall Raffle and Auction				
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First Light 5:48 AM Sunrise 6:17 AM		Saturday - 22 Aug				Sunset 7:51 PM Twilight Ends 8:20 PM
	Dining Hall	Workshops	Field / Firepit / Pool		Ve-Stead	Youth Bldg
Early						
8:00	8:00-9:00 Breakfast					
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9:00						
9:30		9:30 - Annie Cúglas Humphrey A Sprig of Mistletoe: The Story of Norse-Gaelic Paganism				
10:00						
10:30			10:30 - Field Dragon-Slaying for Children			
11:00		11:00 - Acacia Orris Norse Wire Art in Medieval Europe				
11:30						
12:00					12:00 - Ullr Ve Ullr Ritual	
12:30	12:30 -1:30 Lunch					
1:00						
1:30		1:30 - Joshua Dickerson Heathen Hymns	1:30 - Lake Open Swim Time			
2:00				2:00 - Archery Range Youth Archery		
2:30						
3:00		3:00 - Rev. Kyle Aaron Reese Mead Demystified: A Tasting		3:00 - Near the Lake Viking Games Archery Hammer Toss		
3:30						
4:00						4:00 - Youth Bldg Crafts! A Rainbow of Color
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5:30					5:30 - Ve-stead Ritual Set-Up (Closed Event)	

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	Dining Hall	Workshops	Field / Firepit / Pool	Ve-Stead	Youth Bldg
6:00	6:00-7:00 Dinner				
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7:30			7:30 - Lakeside Firepit Main Ritual		
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First Light 5:49 AM Sunrise 6:18 AM		Sunday - 23 Aug			Sunset 7:50 PM Twilight Ends 8:19 PM
	Dining Hall	Workshops	Field / Firepit / Pool	Ve-Stead	Youth Bldg
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10:30	10:30 - 11:30 Brunch				
11:00					
11:30			11:30 - Lakeside Firepit Closing Ritual		
12:00		12:00 NET Planning Team Meeting (Closed Event)			
12:30					
1:00					

We need to be packed up and shipped out no later than 1 PM.
Please leave the camp as clean as, or cleaner than, we found it.
Please sweep up your cabin and drop bagged trash in the dumpster.

SCHEDULE LEGEND

COLOR



MEANING

Main Event
 Ve or Other Ritual
 Workshop or Class
 Social Event

COLOR



MEANING

Youth Activity
 Game or Competition
 Closed Event for Specific Invitees

2026 NET Vé List

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Deity	Ve-Keeper	Ritual Day/Time	About the Ve
Ancestors	Sara Perrault	Thurs 8/20 11:30 am-12:30 pm	A ve for remembrance and telling stories about your ancestors and loved ones. Feel free to make an entry in the journal about any of your beloved dead, their deeds, or inscriptions to them. The journal will be sealed up each night to prevent moisture retention from the evening's dew. Please leave any offerings to be burnt in the basket. Any offerings left in the bowl will be libated at the end of each day. Please do not leave food offerings in the basket to prevent attracting animals and insects. Any items you wish to add to the altar, but plan to return home with, are left at your own risk. Ritual will be one round where we share a story of a loved one who has passed on.
Eir	Sarah Castrovinci	Thurs 8/20 2:30-3:00 pm	A ve for Eir, for health and well-being as well as pregnancy and childbirth, medicinal herbs, plants, and home remedies.
Forseti	Glitnir Kindred	None	A ve dedicated to Forseti, where all strife is settled.
Frey	Kyle Aaron Reese	None	A place to visit with Freyr
Freyja	Patricia Lafayllve	Fri 8/21 4:00-4:30 pm	This ve honors Freyja. The hoard inside the ve is made up of offerings left by individuals for over twenty years. Please use the basket/bucket outside the ve for offerings which should be given to the ritual fire. If you wish an item to be blessed by Freyja, please leave it in the ve, and pick it up no later than Sunday, before the ve is taken down. If you wish to leave a permanent hoard offering, simply leave the item on the altar/in the ve. It will become part of the hoard when the ve is taken down, and will travel with Freyja from that point forward.
Frigga	Erika Wren	None	A ve for Frigga and by extension, her Trusted Counsel. Keys will be available as tokens in exchange for offerings. Food and beverages welcome. Please remove all plastic. In an extension of Frigg's divine hospitality, the community is supporting our kin to support her students. Please consider bringing the following things to donate to our beloved community member Freyjadis Burke-Smith's middle school class: feminine hygiene products, travel sized deodorants, or any travel sized toiletries. Please leave any offered items in the reuseable bags under the ve.
Heimdall	Erika Wren	None	A ve for Heimdallr, who stands at Bifrost guarding the Gods from their enemies. He watches ready to blow the Gjallarhorn to alert the gods of the coming of Ragnarock. No weapons. All food and drink (including alcohol) offerings are welcome, but also consider having a cup of morning coffee with Heimdall.
Hel	Alfredo Porta	Thurs 8/20 8:00-8:30 pm	A history of funerary practices for the NE United States from original tribal settlers to today. Offering bowl for libation and a basket for burnables will be available.
Idunna/ Bragi	Joshua Dickerson	None	A Ve honoring Idunna & Bragi. Please bring a small offering of poem, or song to be given to the gods.
Landvættir	NET Planning Committee	None	A ve to honor the Landvættir.

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Deity	Ve-Keeper	Ritual Day/Time	About the Ve
Loki	Erika Palmer	Fri 8/21 11:00 am-12:00 pm	Liquid and physical offerings are welcome. No open food. Please remove all plastic from offerings. No weapons.
Mani	Mike Hicks & Nancy Lucas	None	Source of magic and mystery, inspiration and ecstasy. In addition to the altar and offering baskets, Mani's ve will feature a gently illuminated night scrying bowl for those seeking the ineffable.
Mimisbrunnr	Perris Savagetusk & Three Wells Kindred	None	A ve to meditate with Mimir. This ve will be part of a new Three Wells ve space. Due to absence of running water this year, Mimir will be set into standing water. There will be an offering bowl for Mimir outside of this water. Liquid or food offerings are preferable.
Nerthus	Stephanie Sugars	None	A ve for Nerthus. DO NOT REMOVE HER VEIL!!! Violaters will be drowned (seriously — on the one occasion when someone did this at a festival, it rained nonstop for days). No metal weapons in the ve (ever). Offerings to be burned in the main ritual fire should be placed in the basket.
Njord	Alfredo Porta	Thurs 8/20 10:30-11:00 am	A ve to honor Njord, the god of prosperity, seafarers, and coastal waterways. Bowl for libations and basket for any burnt offerings. Offer coins to Njord's chest for success in business and wealth. Please be sure that offerings are burnable, no plastic materials please. Tokens will be available to remind us of Njord's frith.
Odin	Ristandi	Fri 8/21 3:00-4:00 pm	A Ve to honor Odin as god of Mystery and Magic. There will be a ritual as well. There will be a container for offerings to be immolated in the main ritual.
Rán	Kat McDermott	None	A ve to honor Rán, the goddess and personification of the sea, wife to Ægir, mother of the waves. There will be an offering bowl for liquid offerings and a basket for solid offerings. Please, no food offerings at this ve, even if they are wrapped. All offerings in the bowl and basket will be burned in the main ritual fire. If you would like to leave rocks, shells, or beach glass on the altar to become a part of the ve, these will not be burned if they are not placed in the basket or bowl and will become part of the ve. Please do not remove any of these items from the altar.
Sif	Dan Heichel	Thurs 8/20 5:00-6:00 pm	A ve to honor Sif, golden-haired goddess of the earth and the harvest, wife of Thor. There will be a basket for offerings, preferably of grains, breads, flowers, hairbands and hair care product, to be collected for the main ritual offering. A ritual will be held that combines Thor and Sif.

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Sigyn	Erika Wren & Lea Svendsen	None	A ve to honor Sigyn, Loki's wife, our Victory Woman who demonstrates unwavering loyalty, love, and compassion. Rather than gather and celebrate in ritual as a group, you are encouraged to honor Sigyn in a quiet, reflective way. The last few years, months, and weeks have been overwhelming to many, and so many of us are frazzled, stressed, and scared. Take a moment or two to sit with Sigyn and learn that when she holds the bowl for Loki, she holds it for us, as well. Let this be a chance to reciprocate for her: relieve her of her physical burden and hold the bowl. As you do so, relieve yourself of your emotional burdens: funnel your fears and anxieties out of your head and heart and into the bowl. Picture them melting into the acid that drips from the serpent above, listen to them fizz away and disappear into the venom that will soon be emptied from the bowl. When Sigyn ends her break and takes the bowl back from you, leave that space feeling lighter and renewed – and ready to hold the bowl for our allies in the fight for humanity and compassion. We're all overwhelmed, we all need moments of peace, and we can all hold the bowl for each other.
Skaði	Joe Mandato & Kat Ybarra	None	A ve to honor Skaði. Hail the huntress, strong of limb and spirit. There will be a basket to make natural/flammable offerings, and a blot will be held in her honor to thank her for the gifts she bestows on the community.
Sunna	Phish and Tim KnightMoore	None	Sunna's ve is a place to honor the sun. You are encouraged to sit here for morning meditations, a round of stretches, a sun salutation, your first cup of coffee, or whatever other rituals you have to start your day. Enjoy a cup of sunflower infused sun tea or sun lemonade and let the light of the sun warm your day.
Syn	Cat Burke & Freyjadis Burke-Smith	None	A ve for Syn who guards the doors of the hall and denies those that should not enter.
Thor	Dan Heichel	Thurs 8/20 5:00-6:00 pm	A ve for Thor, red-bearded God of thunder, rain, strength, healing, and noisy goat-chariots. There will be receptacles for offerings for Main Ritual. There will also be a ritual that combines Thor and Sif.
Tyr	Kyle Aaron Reese	Thurs 8/20 2:00-2:30 pm	A ve dedicated to Tyr, god of the thing and oaths kept. A one round ritual will be conducted, feel free to bring an offering.
Ullr	Corrine Johnson	Sat 8/22 12:30-12:00 pm	Come honor Ullr. As god of competitions, participants in the Viking Olympics (or Ullympics) may wish to bring offerings to seek his blessing. As the god of archery and skiing, this son of Sif is still widely revered by the modern skiing community who have been known to wear his image for protection and hold huge celebrations in his honor to "pray for snow."

Youth Activities

ONGOING - Youth Bldg

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ONGOING

Swim Time - Lake

Each day will have time where all at the event can swim. A lifeguard will be present during these times, but we request that each child under the age of 12 have adult supervision arranged for them while at the lake.

Thursday 1:30-3:30 pm

Friday 1:30-3:30 pm

Saturday 1:30-3:30 pm

ONGOING

Bubble & Sprinkler Stations

Cool off in the sprinkler or chase bubbles... why not both? All ages welcome but an adult **MUST** be present if kids want to use the sprinkler or bubble blower outside of the scheduled time.

Thursday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Friday 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Wednesday 8:30 pm - Lakeside Firepit

S'mores Night & Stories

We'll meet at the firepit closest to the cabins for some s'mores! Anyone can volunteer to tell a story, whether scary or just fun. All ages welcome.

***Adult Supervision required for children under 12 years**

Thursday 9:30 am - Tether Ball Post

Tether Ball Free-for-All

Meet at the tether ball post for time when kids can be kids with balls and parents can socialize with other adults who are forced to be up before noon. All ages welcome.

Thursday 10:30 am - Youth Bldg

Draw-Along Sing-Along

Can you draw AND sing at the same time? Come find out! Jen will lead kids in some favorite Heathen children's songs while everyone is free to create whatever artwork calls to them — no rules, just fun.

Thursday 4:00 pm - Youth Bldg

Veistu Hvé Krjósta Skál? / Do You Know How to Squish?

Using three-ingredient playdough, children can explore making runes in soft air-drying “clay”.

Younger children will have sensory fun as they roll out and inscribe their favorite rune. Older kids can learn the basics of galdr and sigilcraft to make their own bindrunes. The final product can be kept as a personal amulet, worn as a pendant, or given as an offering to a vé for the main ritual fire.

All ages welcome; Annie will make sure no runes go awry!

Friday 9:30 am - Tetherball Post

Rune Scavenger Hunt

Runes are all over the place! Follow the clues to find them. Meet at the tether ball but be prepared to walk or run all over camp to find them all. All ages welcome.

Youth Activities

Friday 1:30-3:00 pm - Youth Bldg

Art Time for All Ages

Maggie will bring some art supplies (colored pencils, gel pens, round paper both black and white, and possibly a few other options). And stencils (which are great for those looking to have something to help kickstart the creative mindset). People are welcome to use some of her stuff but could also bring their own art stuff they happen to be working on. You can work on something else entirely. Or just be in the space, enjoying the creative atmosphere.

Art's also a good way to process. We'll be surrounded by sacred spaces and loved ones and rituals and stuff, and sometimes arting it out is a good way to work through some stuff and get in touch with one's gods and stuff. Maybe find an answer to a question that way too. Sometimes, it's just really nice to color and doodle.

Friday 4:00 pm - Youth Bldg

Crafts! Bracelets & Necklaces

Want to put the rune you made yesterday on a necklace? Braid or knot a bracelet? Meet in the Youth Building for craft time focused on making string and bead creations we can wear! All ages. Those under 3 may require extra parental supervision due to choking hazards.

Friday 4:30-6:00 pm - Canteen

Karaoke

Come out to the Cove for an all-ages sing-a-long. Earplugs optional.

Friday 7:30 pm - Youth Bldg

Young Heathens Movie Night - "My Neighbor Totoro"

Skaldic competition not what your kids is into? Bring your little ones down to see "My Neighbor Totoro".

Saturday 10:30 am - Field

Dragon-Slaying for Children

Children will work as a team and use foam weapons to fight against horrible monsters (adult volunteers) to make a magic sword, climb a mountain, and slay a dragon. Children younger than age 6 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Saturday 2:00 pm - Archery Range

Youth Archery & Thrown Weapons

Archery & thrown weapons for the children. Come out to learn or practice your skills!

Saturday 4:00 pm - Youth Bldg

Crafts! A Rainbow of Color

Let's make art to honor the gods, and talk about the significance of rainbows and color within heathenry. What colors do you associate with the God or Goddess you want to honor? All ages welcome.

Workshops

The Rangle in Modern Heathenry – Mike Smith

Thursday, 9:30 am

“What is that jiggly metal thing they keep shaking around?” In this workshop, Mike Smith will explore the use of the rangle in modern ritual, from the religious to the folklore to the practical. Beginning with glimpses of the rangle in history and moving to the experimental archaeology conducted here in the Northeast, Mike will also discuss its introduction by the Úlfar af Jera Þjóð, a well-known Norse Heathenry group in our community.

Tablet Weaving: What We Know & How To Learn – Ellery Thomas Leary, M.A.

Thursday, 11:00 am

This workshop will involve a presentation of historical/archaeological examples of tablet weaving in the Viking age; an explanation of how to set up a project; and a demonstration of weaving based on a grave find. Materials will be provided for a sliding scale materials fee for anyone wishing to follow the demonstration.

Connecting with your Patron- Guide a Group Discourse – JT

Thursday, 1:30 pm

This is an open, group-based discussion where we can talk about our individual paths and how we found connections to the powers that guide us on it. Including how they help us and help those seeking to find their own connections to the divine.

"It's In The Bag" (aka You've Got This) – Mike Hicks, Erika Wren, and Jim Moore-Hodur

Thursday, 3:00 pm

Community members Mike, Erika, and Jim will discuss and demonstrate various intuitive divination methods based on their personal experiences. The workshop goals are to move beyond basic memorization and technical descriptions, to encourage exploring new divination systems, to provide useful advice and insights, and to foster creativity and wonder. Participants are welcome to BYOB (bring your own bag).

Let's be Frank: A Deep Dive into Sacred Material Culture and Germanic Religious Tradition – Ristandi

Friday, 9:30 am

Modern Heathens tend to foreground sacral verbal texts - myths, saga literature, legends etc - when we build a modern Heathen praxis. We love our stories!. But what can happen when we interrogate material objects as evidence of our ancient traditions. - from the Kragehul spearhead to the The Rök Runestone to the Ribe Cranium? This workshop invites a deep dive into specific objects that shed light on our shared traditions and invite conversations into how diverse and intersectional our traditions actually are...

Swords! (And Axes and Spears and Other Stabby Things) – Perseus

Friday, 11:00 am

I hand out swords and tell people how to use them in a manner which is historically attested around the time the sagas were written down. Then I talk about how it may have been different during the era of the sagas.

Queer Empowerment Sumble – Rev. Kyle Aaron Reese

Friday, 1:30 pm

The second of our Queer Empowerment, we'll join together in community to honor the gods, our ancestors, and experiences. This can get very emotional, but we'll all be there for one another.

Trojeborgs- Labyrinths throughout Scandinavia – Christine Foltzer

Friday, 3:00 pm

Most people usually associate labyrinths with Ancient Greece. In particular Crete and the story of Theseus, Ariadne and the Minotaur. It can be surprising to learn that there are archeological records of over three hundred historic labyrinths throughout Scandinavia, another 200 in Finland and even more throughout the British Isles, Northern Continental Europe and Russia.

While most of these are only dated back to the 13th-18th centuries, some are thought to pre date Christianization. Even more peculiar, many of these more modern labyrinths have been built adjacent to ancient cult and burial sites. What sort of practices were they used for? And if we choose- how can we incorporate labyrinths into our practice today?

A Sprig of Mistletoe: The Story of Norse-Gaelic Paganism – Annie Cúglas Humphrey

Saturday, 9:30 am

In 2006, Annie attended their first blót. In 2026, their publication appears on bookshelves across the nation. This workshop serves as both introduction to the book Norse-Gaelic Paganism as well as the history - or is it their story? - of Norse and Irish/Scottish/Manx religio-cultural fusion conducted over the past two decades.

Workshops

Norse Wire Art in Medieval Europe – Acacia Orris

Saturday, 11:00 am

Wire art is ubiquitous these days and can be found at many markets, craft fairs, and art shows, but where did it come from? We'll talk about how the Norse made wire, see examples of wire art from Norse and Anglo-Saxon grave goods, and touch on the techniques we think they used to make that art. Wire knot work, "Viking Knit," and hand-spun precious metals will all make an appearance!

Heathen Hymns – Joshua Dickerson

Saturday, 1:30 pm

This is to be a workshop/showcase for heathen musicians and song writers to present songs of honor and worship for our goddesses, gods, ancestors and spirits. Spectators are welcomed and encouraged.

Mead Demystified: A Tasting – Rev. Kyle Aaron Reese

Saturday, 3:00 pm

Last year, Kyle and Nancy ran a workshop to make meadmaking within reach for more people. This year, participants will bring bottles of their own homemade mead for a tasting. Critiquing is allowed ONLY at the consent of the meadmaker in question.

All of this is to culminate in a reboot of the meadmaking contest next year!

Presenter Bios

Dr. Annie Cúglas Humphrey, Ph.D *(repeat presenter)*

Annie Cúglas is the goði of the Kindred of Mann, vice president of Northeast Thing, and author of the forthcoming book Norse-Gaelic Paganism. Their PhD was about the Norse in Ireland and they teach world history at Kean University and Ocean County College.

Joshua Dickerson

Joshua is a Generational Appalachian. He ran a DIY venue in Southwest Virginia. From hardcore punk to blue grass and folk music has always been the gambit he's ran and he wants to start the process of forging a community collection of songs we associate and have created for our religious practices. Not so much a drum circle or jam session as it is a presentation.

Christine Foltzer

Christine Foltzer has been a member of the Northeast Heathen and Pagan community since 2005. She was a member of the former Vingolf Fellowship, where she helped facilitate rituals, classes, and the East Coast Thing. She was also a member of Oakridge Fellowship. Currently, her spirituality incorporates Hellenistic as well as Heathen practices. She remains dedicated to researching ancient practices and how they apply today.

Mike Hicks

Mike Hicks of Rune With A View has attended the annual community Thing since 2004 and hosted Heathen Happy Hour on Zoom since 2020.

JT

JT is a Craftsman- Silversmithing is his original background, Shaman and Practicing Heathen who seeks to make connections within the community and with others who walk the paths of our ancestors. He feels a deep connection to Vidar in his aspects of perseverance, endurance, and creation.

James Moore-Hodur *(repeat presenter)*

James Moore-Hodur is a practiced fiber artist with skills in knitting and some hand spinning. He is currently learning to crochet. He started his fiber journey on his own and is self taught through various online and offline instruction. Today, he makes various knitted projects from hats to blankets.

Ellery Thomas Leary, M.A.

Ellery Thomas Leary, M.A. is a cultural heritage professional, fiber artist, and lifelong animist. An archaeologist who trained at University College London, their work involves museum education, public history, and Indigenous advocacy. They live in Quinnetukqut with their family, two cats, and an astonishing amount of wool.

Acacia Orris

Acacia is an animist flavored Pagan practitioner and gender cryptid living in Southwest Virginia. A self-identified wire witch with 21 years of experience, their art focuses primarily on the use of drawn metal and cold connections through wire wrap and wire weaving. Their interest in the history of wire in art comes from a desire to honor and connect with the human ancestors of their art and materials.

Perseus

Perseus has been teaching HEMA (Historical European Martial Arts) for 14 years as the head of a youth sword school in Massachusetts.

Kyle Aaron Reese *(repeat presenter)*

Rev. Kyle has been a practicing heathen for about 15 years. He sits on the NET Planning Committee and serves as the Associate President of The Troth, where he is also ordained clergy. Rev. Kyle is also a queer transgender man with decades of activism experience and a heart for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Ristandi *(repeat presenter)*

Ristandi has been working with the Northern Mysteries for well over two decades. He holds a Ph.D. in Folklore and Mythology from UCLA, with a particular specialization in the study of Vernacular Religion, Folk Belief, and Ritual. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion and co-chair of its Folklore and Religion seminar. Ristandi is also a Master in the Rune-Gild (which he joined in 1993) and currently serves as a member of its standing High Rede. Over the years, he has presented on various aspects of Germanic magic and religion at events like Pantheacon, the Feast of Aegir, Starwood, Rites of Spring, Hail and Horn, Trothmoot, Summer's Wane, East Coast Thing, and multiple years of Northeast Thing.

Presenter Bios

Mike Smith (*repeat presenter*)

Mike Smith has been an open, public member of the Norse Heathen community for over 35 years. Once a member of Raven Kindred North in the mid-1990's, he left to be the founder of Athelingúlf Fellowship, which upon moving to New Hampshire, evolved into the Úlfar aff Jera Þjóð in 2005. Over the years, Mike has written many articles, free booklets, participated in Pagan Pride Days, and has been a regular presenter at major heathen regional events since 1999. He has also been interviewed and featured in many articles, text books, podcasts, and symposiums concerning Norse Heathenry over the years.

Erika Wren (*repeat presenter*)

Erika Wren is a Heathen, a podcaster, and a mom. They are active in the Northeast Heathen community, Gothi of House of Nine Waves, and Secretary of Northeast Thing.

Extra Events

Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm - Youth Bldg - Maggie Walls

Art Time for Adults

Maggie will bring some art supplies (colored pencils, gel pens, round paper both black and white, and possibly a few other options). And stencils (which are great for those looking to have something to help kickstart the creative mindset). People are welcome to use some of her stuff but could also bring their own art stuff they happen to be working on. You can work on something else entirely. Or just be in the space, enjoying the creative atmosphere.

Art's also a good way to process. We'll be surrounded by sacred spaces and loved ones and rituals and stuff, and sometimes arting it out is a good way to work through some stuff and get in touch with one's gods and stuff. Maybe find an answer to a question that way too. Sometimes, it's just really nice to color... and maybe drink... and doodle.

Thursday 9:00 pm-12:00 am - Dining Hall - Erika Wren

Dance Party/Charcuterie Night

Dance the night away with friends new and old at our Thursday Night Charcuterie and Dance Party! Bring a shareable treat (if you want) and your drinking horn!

Friday 1:30-2:30 pm - Firepit - Rev. Kyle Aaron Reese

Queer Empowerment Ritual

The second of our Queer Empowerment, we'll join together in community to honor the gods, our ancestors, and experiences. This can get very emotional, but we'll all be there for one another.

Friday 2:30-4:00 pm - Youth Bldg - Maggie Walls

Art Time for All Ages (*Alcohol Free Event)

Maggie will bring some art supplies (colored pencils, gel pens, round paper both black and white, and possibly a few other options). And stencils (which are great for those looking to have something to help kickstart the creative mindset). People are welcome to use some of her stuff but could also bring their own art stuff they happen to be working on. You can work on something else entirely. Or just be in the space, enjoying the creative atmosphere.

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Friday 4:30-6:00 pm - Canteen

Karaoke

Come out to the Canteen for an all-ages sing-a-long. Earplugs optional.