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## CHARLESTON WIZARDS COME TOGETHER FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL WIZARDING WEEKEND

October 21st, 2023 the Wizards and Witches of Charleston, West Virginia are holding their second annual Charleston Wizarding Weekend. They are encouraging all magic and non magic folk to come and enjoy a weekend of crafts, themed foods, and great adventure.

The Capitol Market will be wall to wall and rails to road packed with magic and fun. The main attraction from 10 AM - 4 PM will be the outdoor artisan market. This year the market is featuring over 30 witchy and wonderful vendors.



Participants will also have the chance to experience or participate in a scavenger hunt, youth and adult costume contests, Headmaster Meet and Greets, and magical musicians.

Students of the Vandalia School for the Arcane Arts will be in attendance, though alumni from other magical schools are welcome to attend and may show their own school pride.

Read on to discover this year's event agenda, vendor list, and Scavenger Hunt information.

## VANDALIA ACADEMY ANNOUNCES NEW HEADMASTER

BY PENNY FOUNTAIN

Following the retirement of the beloved Coriander Grace, The Vandalia School of the Arcane Arts has appointed previous Professor and esteemed member of the Charleston wizarding community, Sylvester Blackclaw as the new Headmaster. Known for his love of animals, his prowess in shifting, and his positive influence on students for years, Blackclaw was the perfect choice to lead Vandalia.



When asked about his new role, Blackclaw said, "I am honored to be named new headmaster. My vision for this school is to foster a culture of excellence, where every student is empowered to reach their full potential. Together, we will build a community that values not only academic achievement but also creativity, and inclusivity. I look forward to working closely with our dedicated staff."



## Saturday October 21st

### Artisan Market

*30+ unique and witchy vendors*

**Capitol Market Outdoors**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Herbology Class

*Color & Clay Class*

**Capitol Market Outdoors**

12pm, 1pm, 2pm, & 3pm

### Potions Class

*STEM and Squish Class*

**Capitol Market Outdoors**

11am, 12pm, 2pm, & 3pm

### Vandalia Visionaries Club

*Charms to enhance the inner voice*

**Capitol Market Outdoors**

12:30 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm

### Face Painting with Alto

*Art Provided by Alto Design*

**Capitol Market Outdoors**

Free: 11am - 1pm

Pay Per Face: 1pm - 4pm

### Costume Contests

*Best costumes win prizes!*

**Capitol Market Outdoor Stage**

Kids 2:00 pm & Adults 3:00 pm

## Sunday October 21nd

### Halloweentown

*Free screening, only 30 seats!*

**Floralee Hark Cohen Cinema**

**Inside Taylor Books**

12:00 pm



## Artisan Market Vendors



The Curiosity Cabinet

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Bird Box Curios

Enchantaporium

Mountain Mini Bows

A Dragons Chest

Hungarian Wand Shop

Cat & Crow Studio

Bead Gurl Art

Black Locust

Honey Paws

The Wizard Clip

Vandalia Emporium

Bonehead Bags

Art By Hailey Fairchild

WV Cakery

Matt Smith Makes

Scorched Earth

Death By Dice

Dottie The Psychic

Eldridge Alchemy

The Two Tinkers

Sugar Shenanigans

SimplyMon

Queen Christie's

Decorative ARTeries



Join the hunt to find the five unique creatures that have snuck into the Capitol Market. Completed Scavenger Hunts can be turned in between 10 AM and 4 PM at the Information Table located at the front of the Artisan Market outside of the Capitol Market.

This year creatures will be hidden inside and outside the market. Find all 5 unique creatures and you will be entered into our magical cauldron. At 4 PM we will draw one lucky winner to receive a bag of fun prizes!

How do you prove that you found each item on our list? You take a picture of it with your phone! **(Please do not touch them, they bite!)** Show all 5 pictures to our witches and wizards at the Information Table outside and they will take care of the rest!

## SCAVENGER HUNT

Boil Boil Frog and Toil

Molly the Mushroom

Billy the Belting Baby

Dorcha (*Breather of Fire & Eater of Chocolate*)

Gloomflutter

## BREWING SUCCESS: THISTLEWOOD BREWS

BY LUCIUS PENUMBRAM

In the enchanting heart of downtown Charleston, a remarkable business has risen to prominence. "Thistlewood Brews," a magical apothecary, has been brewing its way to success with a blend of innovation and tradition.

Founded by the enterprising witch, Elara Thistlewood, Thistlewood Brews has become a household name among West Virginia wizards and witches seeking the finest potions and elixirs. But the story of this thriving establishment is more than just the sum of its magical ingredients.

Elara's journey began with a vision, one that combined her deep-rooted love for potion-making with a modern approach to business.

Armed with an arsenal of traditional recipes handed down through generations, she set out to create a unique magical experience for her customers.

The first innovation that set Thistlewood Brews apart was its "Potion of the Month" subscription service. Subscribers receive a freshly brewed potion delivered to their doorstep each month, carefully selected from a rotating menu of rare and exciting concoctions. This venture not only brings in consistent revenue but also fostered a sense of community among loyal clientele.

Another key aspect of their success was the incorporation of sustainable and ethically sourced magical ingredients.

The brick-and-mortar store is a sensory delight. It boasts an extensive collection of enchanted cauldrons, potion ingredients, and spell books. The store's interior is designed to reflect the charm of an old-world apothecary, with its antique oak shelves and softly glowing vials.

As Thistlewood Brews continues to thrive, Elara Thistlewood's story serves as an inspiration to aspiring magical entrepreneurs. Her unique blend of tradition, innovation, and ethical responsibility has not only enchanted the wizarding world, but also set a new standard for magical businesses. In a realm where spells and charms are common, it's the enchantment of a well-brewed potion and a passionate entrepreneur that truly make the difference.

## YOUTH & ADULT COSTUME CONTESTS

Witches and wizards, come in your best dress, your spookiest costume, your witchiest wares. October 21st at the Capitol Market outdoor stage there will be a costume contest.

**Kids 2:00 pm      Adults 3:00 pm**

The favorite for each age category will win a bag of prizes. **Please line up at the stage ten minutes early!**



## A LOVE SPELL WITHIN THE FOG

BY LEANDER GROVE

In a spellbinding celebration of love and unity, Olive Bramblewick and Megwen Ashcroft, two Charleston witches, exchanged vows and sealed their commitment in a ceremony that left their guests bewitched.

Surrounded by lush and mystical woods, the wedding took place within a lovely cottage. The air was filled with the scent of fresh rain, the soft hum of enchantments setting the stage for a truly unique and mystical event.

Olive and Megwen, both accomplished practitioners of their craft and nature enthusiasts, met at a mushroom hunt several years ago. Their connection was instant, as they bonded over their shared love for nature and their dedication to making the world a better place through their use of magic.

The officiant, a close friend and fellow witch, led the couple through a ceremony personalized to

compliment the amazing brides. Their vows were deeply personal, each pledging to support and uplift one another, to grow and evolve as individuals and as a couple, and to always cherish the magic they found in each other's souls.

The wedding attire was a feast for the eyes, blending modern fashion with mystical flair. Olive and Megwen wore flowing gowns. Olive's was a traditional white, while Megwen's was a stunning and earthy green. Their guests, many of whom were also witches and wizards, were encouraged to wear their most enchanting attire.



After the ceremony, the celebration continued with a feast that featured a menu inspired by herbs and plants associated with love and passion. Guests were treated to an array of magical cocktails infused with their favorite florals and infusions.

The couple's first dance was nothing short of enchanting, as they moved gracefully under the soft glow of fairy lights. As the night wore on, guests joined in, dancing and casting spells to create an atmosphere of joy and love that was palpable.

Olive and Megwen Bramblewick-Ashcroft, now bound together in a magical partnership, look forward to continuing their journey through life side by side, exploring the mysteries of the universe.

Everyone at The Daily Dreg wishes them the best of luck on this new journey and congratulations!

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