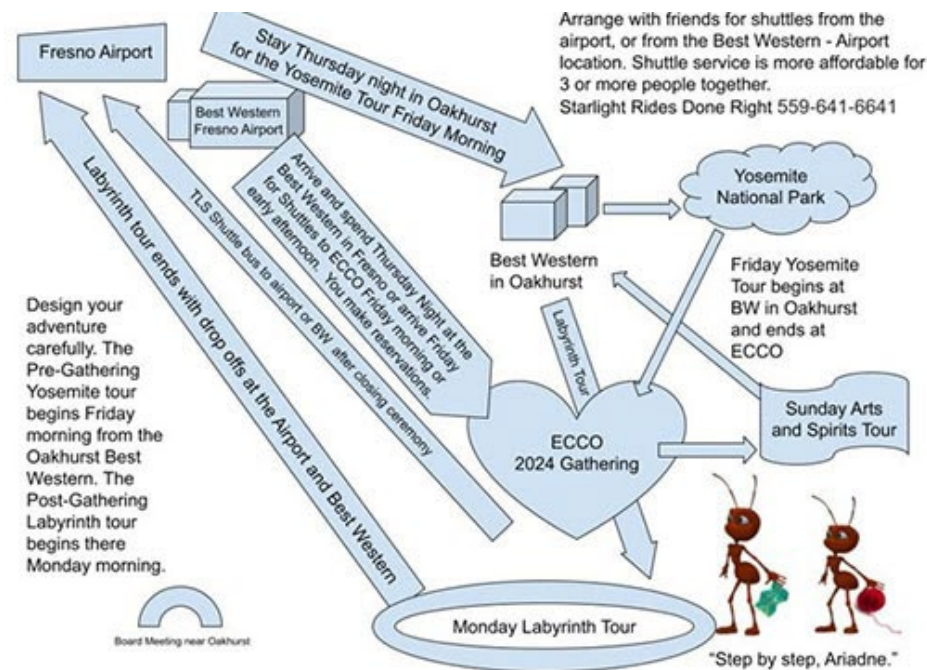




The 2024 Gathering eNews

Understanding Your Choices or...

How to Plan the Gathering Experience You Want





First Things First - Planning your Trip

[Register here.](#)

Gathering Dates: October 18-20, 2024

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[Scholarship deadline is August 1](#)

This Gathering's location is going to be a perfect opportunity to make it a personal "Choose Your Own Adventure" experience where you can stay a few extra days before or after the TLS Gathering and its pre and post tours. There are many things you can do on your own to make this journey a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Think of things you could do in the area with your travel mates or friends you'll meet up with at the Gathering. If the TLS day trip to Yosemite isn't enough, you could make an extended visit to Yosemite, or explore some of the wine country, or even take a journey to San Francisco and its many attractions. Remember you will be responsible for making your own reservations for the off site hotels for the Pre and Post Gathering events.

Decide if you want to take extra time before the Gathering to visit other places in California, and if you'll be driving, flying and renting a car, or flying and using local transportation. Plan your personal excursions so that you will be in Fresno or Oakhurst on Thursday October 17 or Friday October 18.

General travel information here:

<https://labyrinthociety.org/annual-gathering/6034-travel-information>

Arriving and Pre-Gathering Options

You will make your own arrangements for shuttles from Fresno (airport or Best Western).

If you plan to go on the Pre-Gathering Yosemite Tour, you will need to arrive Thursday and stay at the Best Western Gateway Inn in Oakhurst Thursday night or otherwise meet the bus there. The tour will begin at 8:30 am. The tour will end at ECCO, your Gathering destination.

If you're not going on the tour, simply arrange with friends to shuttle to ECCO Friday midday. Registration Check In for the Gathering will begin at 1:00 pm.

Starlight is an Oakhurst based transportation company. Ramji at Starlight will take reservations for the shuttle service from Fresno Airport or the Best Western near the airport to ECCO. For three or more people it is \$55 each, for two people riding together, it will be \$82.50 each. There is a minimum fee of \$165. One person would have to pay the full fee. Starlight will coordinate with callers if someone needs help finding a shuttle to share. When people call to reserve, let them know you are with The Labyrinth Society. When possible the shuttle company will help arrange rideshares with other Gathering participants to cut costs.

We also have a [Gathering Chat on Facebook](#), where people can discuss ride shares and other gathering-related topics.

Email: crossroadstours@gmail.com

Website: <http://starlightoakhurst.com/>

Call: 559-641-6641

Text: 559-760-5457

Register for the Gathering

Register here. The last day of Early Bird prices is August 15, 2024.

You have options for lodging at ECCO

At the Gathering

Enjoy all the Gathering main events Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. Here's the [Gathering Schedule](#) for your perusal. We have some great programs selected for this Gathering. After checking out the schedule you can learn more about our [workshop presenters](#) and keynote speakers [Lisa Gidlow Moriarty](#) and [Martha Collard](#). Martha will also provide a gong bath for you to experience along with a labyrinth walk. This year we will also have some interesting [poster presentations](#) full of ideas and research.

If you are a lover of Wines and Cheeses, or Wines and notable TLS member authors, we have two "extras" at the gathering on Friday and Saturday nights. [There is an additional fee for each of these two events, and tickets are limited.](#)

Post Gathering Options

For those needing to return to the airport or Best Western near the airport on Sunday after the closing ceremony we will have a shuttle bus (choose this add-on service when registering if needed)...

...Or choose to extend your Gathering experience by adding one or both of our post Gathering tours. Our first optional tour will begin at ECCO after lunch, and end at the Best Western in Oakhurst Sunday. This is perfect for you to be in the right place for the second tour Monday. You could also choose to stay in Oakhurst for personal travel. The labyrinth tour will end at the Best Western in Fresno, perfect if you need to stay overnight for a flight the next day, or you can be dropped at the airport after the tour on Monday if you have a late evening flight.

Hotel information on the website: <https://labyrinthociety.org/annual-gathering/10007-pre-and-post-gathering-hotel-accommodations>

There are no shoulder nights at the Gathering Location.

Make reservations at the **Best Western Gateway Inn, Oakhurst** for Thursday, October 17th or plan to meet the bus there on Friday morning if you are taking the Yosemite tour. Book a room Sunday October 20th or meet us there if you are going Monday Local Labyrinth Tour. Tell them you are with the Labyrinth Society and there is a block of rooms with discount prices. The Yosemite tour bus will leave from there at 8:30 on Friday, the Sunday Arts and Spirits Tour will drop you there, and your Monday Local tour will pick you up there and take you to the **Best Western Plus Fresno Airport Hotel** or the **Fresno airport**.

Call: (559) 683-2378 for reservations at the Best Western Gateway Inn, Oakhurst

You can make Reservations for the **Best Western Plus Fresno Airport Hotel** for Monday night, October 21st if you plan to stay over. Tell them you are with the Labyrinth Society and there is a block of rooms with discount prices. They will have a free shuttle to take you to the airport on Tuesday.

Call: (559) 251-5200 for the Best Western Plus Fresno Airport Hotel

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction at the Gathering is always a highlight for attendees. We receive wonderful donations from our members and vendors and we all have fun bidding, knowing that the proceeds will go to scholarships for next year's Gathering. Christine and Nathan Wiles are our new Silent Auction Volunteers, and we send a big thank you to Annelle and Martin Tanner who oversaw the auction for many years and then found their successors! Christine and Nathan are both nature and labyrinth lovers, and you may recall their forest bathing sessions last year. **If you would like to**

donate an item or items to the silent auction please let Christine and Nathan know. You can contact them using this email address: labyrinthsinVT@gmail.com. If you would like to donate, but aren't planning to attend this year, you can mail or ship things to them, but please do so early. The Wiles are eager to meet you all and wanted to send a Special message to TLS members.



Nathan Wiles



Christine Wiles

Dear Labyrinth Society Members,

We are delighted to introduce ourselves as the new husband wife team volunteers to manage the Annual Gathering's Silent Auction. We are stepping into the shoes of Annelle and Martin, whose contributions have set a high standard.

Nathan Wiles: I bring over 30 years of experience in building and designing, with a specific focus on labyrinth design and construction for over 15 years. My background as an Interior Designer and Project Manager has equipped me with the skills to create impactful labyrinth builds and facilitate engaging workshops. My passion lies in blending secular and non-secular approaches to expand the labyrinth community through collaborations with public schools, corporations, churches, and wellness facilities.

Christine Wiles: My journey spans a rich tapestry of experiences, including a distinguished 25+ year career in Human Resources across diverse industries. Currently, I manage a halotherapy wellness center in northern Vermont and work

as a Reflexologist. I am a Veriditas accredited workshop leader with additional certifications in Reflexology, Soul Collage, and a Nature Therapy Guide. Leading wellness workshops and engaging in non-profit endeavors brings me immense fulfillment.

We are both deeply committed to fostering wellness and community connections and are excited to bring our expertise and enthusiasm to The Labyrinth Society's Annual Gathering Silent Auction position. We look forward to meeting many of you and continuing the tradition of excellence established by Annelle and Martin.

In community,

Nathan and Christine Wiles

Gathering Images



All Members are invited to Share photos with attendees at the Gathering.

The Member Images are a great way to share your labyrinth adventures and work with those attending the Gathering. We are asking members to send new images for the 2024 Gathering. Images should be sent to [Dan Niven](#). **Please limit your photos to six of your favorites.**

Include:

- a brief description of the Image (to confirm photo and info are matched correctly),
- Name of Site/Venue (ie. Grace Cathedral),
- Location of Site/Venue (ie. San Francisco, CA),
- Your Role (designer, builder, caretaker, photographer -- ie. photographer) and
- the Labyrinth Name or Type (Chartres Medieval).

[Additional information for member images can be found here.](#)

Labyrinths on the Grounds



We will have plenty of space for **Labyrinths on the Grounds** at ECCO. If you want to install a temporary labyrinth, please be in contact with [Stephen Shibley](#) before September 30, 2024. More information can be found at :_

<https://labyrinthociety.org/annual-gathering/3199-call-for-labyrinths-on-the-grounds>

3 Ways to Promote Your Products and Services at the Gathering

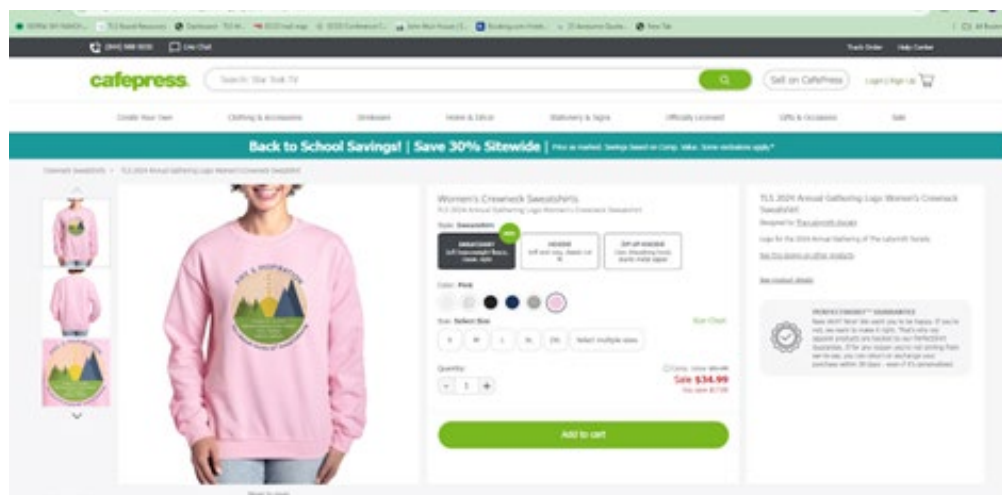
Plan now to support TLS and highlight your business.



- Program Ads from business card size to full page available! Special rates for TLS Members. More information about **Program Ads** [HERE](#). **Program Ads will need to be confirmed before August 15th!** Ads start at \$20 for the business card size.
- Vendor Table space \$50 per table (half tables available) 6' x 30" tables:
 1. 2 for \$100,
 2. 1 for \$50,
 3. 1/2 table for \$25
- Participate at the TLS store \$20 (new this year - no volunteering necessary)

Get in the mood for Gathering!

Visit our **Cafe Press Store** for Gathering-related merchandise. <https://www.cafepress.com/tlsstore>



**Whatever options you choose,
Enjoy your visit to the beautiful state of California.
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