

Festivals

JANUARY

January 27-28 Art & Craft BeerFest

Lansing • (517) 331-0528

www.artandcraftbeerfest.com

The fifth annual Art & Craft BeerFest is an indoor art, beer and music festival where you can go back and forth between four venues. All venues are located on the same block, just a short walk from one another.

FEBRUARY

February 23-25 Fun on the Rocks Winterfest

Grand Ledge • (517) 627-2383

www.grandledgechamber.com

An amazing festival held at The Opera House and includes a singing competition, chili cook-off, craft beer and wine event, live entertainment, cardboard sled race and a wine and chocolate event.

February 24-26 Michigan Nordic Fire Festival

Charlotte • (517) 543-8853

www.michigannordicfirefestival.com

A fun, family-friendly adventure including a Viking ship burning, spear throwing competitions, sword fighting demonstrations, fire dancers, kid's events, horn blowing, reenactment camp and dozens of other high-energy hands-on activities. Adult mead hall with entertainment Saturday night. #BeAWeekendViking

MARCH

March 9 Forks & Corks

Lansing • (517) 487-3322

www.downtownlansing.org

Enjoy wines from around the world at this upscale food and wine pairing showcasing Lansing's best restaurants. The event will be held at Cooley Law School Stadium, where each suite will have a different food and wine. Sommelier's will be on hand to describe the wine pairings and how it complements each food item.

March 10-11 St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Grand Ledge • (517) 627-8360 or (517) 627-0758

www.glstpats.org

This annual celebration is set in historic downtown Grand Ledge and consists of an Irish cook-off, live music, Irish dance performances, a grand parade and pub crawl.

March 18 Maple Syrup Festival

Lansing • (517) 483-4224

www.mynaturecenter.org

Celebrate nature's own "Liquid Gold" at Fenner Nature Center's Maple Syrup Festival! Participate in demonstrations in our Sugar Bush, try your hand at tapping a tree and treat your taste buds to savory treats like maple crème and maple cotton candy!

March 23-25 March Magic Hoopfest

East Lansing • (888) 326-5590

www.marchmagichoopfest.com

The March Magic Hoopfest is an interactive basketball playground for children of all ages at MSU's Jenison Field House during the MHSAA Boys' Basketball Semi-Finals and Finals. This event includes a variety of basketball skill games, displays and educational activities and is located adjacent to the Jack Breslin Student Events Center where the tournament games are played.

APRIL

April 5-9 Capital City Film Festival

Lansing • (517) 483-4058

www.capitalcityfilmfest.com

The Capital City Film Festival (CCFF) is a multimedia showcase of films and live touring bands that engage audiences in Michigan's capital city. CCFF celebrates independent artists from around the world by curating outstanding multimedia experiences for the

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community.

April 7-23 MSU Science Festival

Michigan State University-East Lansing • (517) 353-8977

www.sciencefestival.msu.edu

The MSU Science Festival is a multi-day series of event, talk, demonstrations, tours, open houses, guest speakers and hands-on activities highlighting the fascinating, though often overlooked, fields of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (a. k. a. STEAM) Great for the whole family.

April 8 Lansing Lugnuts Opening Day Celebration!

Lansing • (517) 485-4500

www.lansinglugnuts.com

Join in the fun at Cooley Law School Stadium as the Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball team celebrates opening day! Enjoy free activities and entertainment from 3-6 p.m.

April 28-30 Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival

Vermontville • (888) 482-8780

www.vermontvillemaplesyrupfestival.org

Celebrate 77 years at Michigan's original Maple Syrup Festival. Enjoy pancakes with real maple syrup, rides, talent show, arts and crafts, flea market, two parades, petting zoo, princess pageant, fireworks displays, 5K run, games and more. Syrup producers are located throughout the village selling syrup, candies, crème and the ever-popular maple syrup cotton candy.

April 29 Beerfest at the Ballpark-Spring

Lansing • (517) 331-0528

www.beerfestattheballpark.net

This spring festival is held in the 360 concourse and front lawn of Cooley Law School Stadium and provides attendees the opportunity to taste more than 300 craft beers, ciders, meads, spirits and wine from over 70 Michigan breweries while enjoying the ballpark atmosphere.

MAY

May 4-7 Spring Fling Festival

Mason • (517) 676-1046

www.masonmi.org

Come to Mason to experience all that Spring Fling has to offer. Includes a 5K run, the Courthouse craft show on Saturday, pie sale, duck race and much more—there's something for everyone.

May 6-7 Victorian Days

Grand Ledge • (269) 749-9791

www.victoriandays.org

Enjoy a taste of Victorian life, featuring High Tea, Grand Ball, carriage and riverboat rides, quilt show, Civil War encampments, May Pole dance, period craft demonstrations and vendors, and more. Come as you are, or deck out Victorian.

May 12-14 Mighty Uke Day 7

Lansing • (517) 896-4025

www.mightyukeday.com

Mighty Uke Day is a celebration of the diminutive yet dynamic ukulele and honors its unique ties to Michigan culture as well as its contributions to music education and appreciation in the schools and community.

May 20-21 East Lansing Art Festival

East Lansing • (517) 319-6804

www.elartfest.com

Join in celebrating the highly anticipated 54th annual East Lansing Art Festival. This mid-Michigan, two-day event features fine art, music, art activities, live demos, poetry and an international-style food court in downtown East Lansing.

May 20-21 Michigan State University Spring Arts and Crafts Show

East Lansing • (517) 355-3354

www.uabevents.com

One of the largest arts and crafts shows in the state that includes a broad range of vendors selling handmade items including:

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candles, furniture, jewelry, home and yard décor, aromatherapy, clothing, children's toys, painting, photography, pottery, sculpture and much more!

May 26-28 Cristo Rey Fiesta

Lansing • (517) 394-4639

www.cristoreychurch.org

This annual fiesta features authentic Mexican folkloric dancing as well as dancing in the evenings to live Tejano and Salsa Merengue bands. Proudly serving the finest in homemade Mexican dishes.

JUNE

June 3 Be A Tourist In Your Own Town

Community-wide • (517) 487-6800

www.lansing.org/batyot

Explore a world of possibilities in Greater Lansing from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Purchase a \$1 “passport” for free admission to over 75 attractions. Enjoy interactive activities and giveaways for the kids! CATA Be A Tourist bus routes provide transportation to most attractions for just 50 cents. Collect ten stamps in the “passport” to win great prizes!

June 3-4 Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow

Lansing • (517) 721-1502

www.nativeamericanacc.org

Experience the Woodland Indian cultures of Michigan with programs that highlight dancing, drumming, singing, arts and crafts, food and more.

June 15–17 Lansing Juneteenth Celebration & African American Parade

Lansing • (517) 394-6900

www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org

Commemorating the end of slavery in the United States by celebrating the joys of liberty, educating the community about African-American heritage and promoting positive cultural interaction. This three-day event includes music, dance, entertainment, educational exhibits, a parade and entertainment. Celebrating 24 years in the Lansing area!

June 15-18 Yankee Doodle Days

Grand Ledge • (517) 627-2383

www.grandledgechamber.com

The premier summer-fun festival! Live music, parade, kids day, fireworks, entertainment tent and more!

June 16-17 Michigan Pride March, Rally & Festival

Lansing • www.michiganpride.org

A statewide celebration of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community and allies. The festival kicks off Friday night with the White Party. Saturday, take part in a march to the Capitol, a rally on the Capitol lawn, then head to the festival complete with all-ages entertainment, vendors and a beverage tent.

June 17 Lansing Beer Fest

Lansing • (517) 331-0528

www.lansingbeerfest.com

The fifth annual Lansing Beer Fest is an outdoor beer festival on Washington Ave. in REO Town featuring 25 Michigan breweries and 100+ craft beers. Also find cider, mead, spirits, wine, a food truck court, live music, vendors and more!

June 17 Oldsmobile Homecoming

Lansing • (517) 645-7438

www.reolds.org

The 25th annual car show and swap meet for all Oldsmobile and Oldsmobile-powered vehicles. The event will feature 1967 Oldsmobiles celebrating their 50th anniversary and all Curved Dash Oldsmobiles.

June 18-25 Red Cedar Jubilee

Williamston • (517) 655-3831

The Red Cedar Jubilee features parades as well as craft shows, an enduro derby, lawn mower races, a duck drop and a food and beverage tent with live music.

June 23-24 Summer Solstice Jazz Festival

East Lansing • (517) 319-6980

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www.eljazzfest.com

A free two-day music festival in the heart of downtown East Lansing, featuring the best in local, regional and national talent, children's activities, a traditional New Orleans-style Second Line Parade and more. Presented by the city of East Lansing, Wharton Center and the MSU College of Music, with artistic direction by Rodney Whitaker.

June 23 Festival of the Moon

Lansing • (517) 485-4283

www.festivalofthemoon.com

Make one of the shortest nights of the year count at Festival of the Moon. Cool off on a warm summer night with a glass of cold craft-brewed beer while listening to rockin' regional and national bands.

June 24 Festival of the Sun

Lansing • (517) 485-4283

www.festivalofthesun.com

Celebrate the summer solstice with the Festival of the Sun, a premier beer, wine and gourmet food-tasting festival. Enjoy fine wine, craft-brewed beer and the Lansing area's best cuisine and live entertainment.

June 24 Delta Rocks! Family Festival

Delta Township • (517) 323-8555

www.deltami.gov

A free family festival featuring a petting zoo, make-it take-it crafts, trackless train, 10-ft super sling shot, games, tot spot, inflatable attractions, business expo, music, easel painting, concessions and more. Almost all attractions are free.

JULY

July 6-9 Common Ground Music Festival

Lansing • (517) 267-1502

www.commongroundfest.com

Join us for the 18th annual Common Ground Music Festival. See some of the best rock, pop, country and hip-hop stars in the world take the stage in downtown Lansing along the Grand River in a setting unlike any other.

July 10-15 Eaton County Fair

Charlotte • (517) 543-4510

www.eatoncountyfair.com

Whether you enjoy tractor and truck pulls, motor-cross races or demolition derbies, you can find it all at the Eaton County Fair.

July 14-15 Old Town Scrapfest

Lansing • (517) 485-4283

www.oldtownscrapfest.com

Teams have two weeks to create art out of recycled materials that will be displayed during event. Food, music, beverages and more!

July 29 Car Capital Auto & Bike Show

Lansing • (517) 372-0529

www.reoldsmuseum.org

Classic car show open to all years and all makes of cars, trucks and motorcycles. Over 95 classes and over 200 awards. This show helps support the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum.

July 31-August 5 Ingham County Fair

Mason • (517) 676-2428

www.inghamfair.org

Celebrating 163 years, the Ingham County Fair offers something for everyone; including hundreds of exhibits, exciting grandstand events, the spectacular midway, the free family fun zone, daily cooking contests and more!

AUGUST

August 4-5 Bath Days Festival

Bath • (517) 712-8942

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www.bathdays.com

Bath Days is a two-day festival offering midway rides, food, entertainment, car show, parade, games and most of all...Bath Tub races for all. Enjoy cold beverages, hot food and shopping amongst the many vendors featuring home/hand made items you can only buy during Bath Days.

August 4-5 Lansing JazzFest

Lansing • (517) 371-4600

www.jazzlansing.com

Located in Old Town, surrounded by the best of the Capital City's art galleries and unique retail stores and grand architecture, the 23rd annual Lansing JazzFest's multiple stages offer outstanding talent, from local favorites to regional and national acts.

August 5 Island Art Fair

Grand Ledge • (517) 627-9843

www.ledgecraftlane.com

The oldest fair in mid-Michigan and a state-wide favorite! Over 100 artists and craftsmen, music, food and riverboat rides. Free shuttle provided. Located on The Island, downtown Grand Ledge.

August 11-13 Great Lakes Folk Festival

East Lansing • (517) 432-GLFF (4533)

www.greatlakesfolkfest.net

The MSU Museum presents this three-day celebration of culture, tradition and community. Find music, dance, food and more with the roots, the rhythms and the richness of cultures across America and around the world.

August 10-12 & 17-19 Renegade Theatre Festival

Lansing • (517) 927-3016

www.renegadetheatrefestival.org

Two weekends of free theatre showcased in Lansing's most artistic district—Old Town; featuring a wide range of performance styles from comedy, puppet shows, musicals, improv, staged readings and more!

August 11-13 St. Johns Mint Festival

St. Johns • (989) 224-7248

www.clintoncountychamber.org/mint-festival

Each year the mint farming heritage is celebrated at the St. Johns Mint Festival. Arts and crafts, flea market, food concessions, parade, four sports tournaments, free entertainment, quilt show, car show, carnival and tons of activities for kids.

August 17-19 DeWitt Ox Roast

DeWitt • (517) 669-8156

www.dewittoxroast.net

For over 70 years downtown DeWitt celebrates the DeWitt Ox Roast with an arts and crafts show, food and beverage tents, a parade, classic car show, entertainment, a carnival, fireworks at dusk and more!

August 19 ArtFeast

Lansing • (517) 485-4283

www.iloveoldtown.org

This exciting art fair coincides with the Renegade Theatre Festival, a deal-seeker's Sidewalk Sale and a mouth-watering Food Truck Rally. Find over 30 artists booths representing photography, wood, leather, metal and other mediums of art.

August 23 Old US 27 Motor Tour

DeWitt • (517) 881-2329

www.old27tour.com

View hundreds of classic cars as they travel through Michigan on historic Old US 27 for a five-day tour (Aug. 22-26), stopping in Lansing mid-tour. This is one of the premier classic car events.

August 25-27 Sun Dried Music Fest

Mason • (517) 676-1046

www.masonmi.org

This free music event features many bands, food vendors, a beer and wine refreshment tent and a variety of items for sale. Located in the streets of Mason, next to the Ingham County Courthouse; downtown shops and restaurants will be open.

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September 7–10 Frontier Days

Charlotte • (517) 543-3325
www.charlottefrontierdays.com

A 47-year-old festival that's an end of summer celebration! Entertainment for all ages starting with an award-winning rodeo, The Saloon (largest bar this side of Texas), a parade, Family Fun Day at Bennett Park, car show, arts and crafts on the courthouse lawn and The Frontier Market! Make sure to stop on out for some family fun!

September 14-17 Down Home Days

Mason • (517) 676-1046
www.masonmi.org

Check out fall colors and join Mason folks for a free outdoor concert Thursday, family activities on Friday and craft show on Saturday at the historic Ingham County Courthouse Square, along with so much more!

September 15-16 Michigan BluesFest

Lansing • (517) 371-4600
www.michiganbluesfest.com

What started in 1994 as the Michigan BluesFest and then transformed in 2003 into the fall Old Town BluesFest has now come full circle and is known as the Michigan BluesFest to reflect the wide audience the festival draws from around our great state.

September 23 American Heritage Festival

Lansing • (517) 322-0030
www.woldumar.org

A celebration at Woldumar Nature Center of Mid-Michigan heritage through crafting demonstrations, live entertainment, a market of local vendors and family-friendly activities.

September 29 Board of Water & Light Chili Cookoff

Lansing • (517) 702-6377
www.lbwl.com

Local businesses compete to win the hearts, palates and votes of attendees. Competitors showcase culinary skills at a downtown party with chili, cold beer, margaritas and live bands.

September 29-30 Oktoberfest

Lansing • (517) 485-4283
www.oldtownoktoberfest.com

Old Town Oktoberfest, Lansing's only German-style festival, features all things German, including live polka, German fare and, of course, wonderful German beers in souvenir mugs to remember the event.

OCTOBER

October 13-15 Color Cruise and Island Festival

Grand Ledge • (517) 627-2383
www.grandledgechamber.com

A three day fall pioneer festival at Island Park. Riverboat rides, horse-drawn wagon rides, fur traders, candle making, pumpkin painting, food, music and more.

October 14-15 Apple Butter Festival

Lansing • (517) 483-4224
www.mynaturecenter.org

Embrace our ties to the land at Fenner Nature Center's 44th annual Apple Butter Festival! Help stir the apple butter, cooked the old-fashioned way in a copper kettle over the fire, or try your hand at the cider press. The beauty of nature in autumn, coupled with heritage artisans, local musicians and savory food is sure to be a memorable event!

October 14-15, 22-23 Boo at the Zoo

Lansing • (517) 342-2710
www.potterparkzoo.org

Little ghouls and boys will enjoy two weekends of spooktacular fun. Noon to 5 p.m. Lots of fun for the whole family including a straw maze, hayrides, the Boo Tunnel and more!

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November 7-14 East Lansing Film Festival

East Lansing • (517) 980-5802

www.elff.com

Celebrating its 20th year, this world-class film festival showcases independent features, documentaries and shorts as well as offering tributes, seminars, premieres and parties.

November 17 Silver Bells in the City

Lansing • (517) 487-3322

www.silverbellsinthecity.org

The city will glow with thousands of lights for the Silver Bells in the City celebration, bringing together family and friends from across Michigan and beyond to kick-off the holiday season. The Electric Light Parade, Silver Bells Village, lighting of the State Christmas Tree, fireworks over the Capitol dome and musical entertainment are all part of this Lansing tradition.

November 17–Dec. 31 Wonderland of Lights

Lansing • (517) 342-2710

www.potterparkzoo.org

Potter Park Zoo is transformed into a magical winter wonderland with thousands of holiday lights and extraordinary visual displays Thu.–Sun. 5–8 p.m. only! Kids activities, entertainment and your festive animal friends make this a fun event for the whole family. (Lights are on Thu.–Sun. nights only) Closed Christmas Day.

DECEMBER

December 2 Winter Glow

East Lansing • (517) 319-6888

www.cityofeastlansing.com/winterglow

Enjoy magical, winter-inspired activities in downtown East Lansing from 2-5 p.m., including carriage rides, roasted marshmallows, pictures with Santa, a special outdoor holiday farmers market, ice-carving demonstrations, live music, children's activities and much more.

December 2-3 MSU Arts & Crafts Holiday Show

East Lansing • (517) 355-3354

www.uabevents.com/retailad/arts-and-crafts-show

The MSU Arts & Crafts Holiday Show is one of the largest in the state. This year's show will include many returning favorites as well as brand new artists. There will be a broad range of vendors selling handmade items, including: candles, furniture, jewelry, home and yard decor, aromatherapy, clothing, children's toys, paintings, photography, sculptures and more!

For a complete list of events please visit www.lansing.org.

2017 PUBLIC SHOWS

The Lansing Boat Show 'H2O-17'

Jan. 13-15 • Lansing Center

www.lansingboatshow.com

Family RV Show

Jan. 19-22 • MSU Pavilion

www.lansingrvshow.com

Mid-Michigan Women's Expo

Feb. 3-5 • Lansing Center

www.kohlerexpo.com

Field & Stream Deer & Turkey Expo

Feb. 17-19 • Lansing Center

www.deerinfo.com/michiganhome.asp

22nd Annual Quiet Water Symposium

March 4 • MSU Pavilion

www.quietwatersymposium.org

Stallion Expo

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March 10-12 • MSU Pavilion
www.michiganhorseexpo.org

Lansing Home & Garden Show

March 16-19 • MSU Pavilion
www.showspan.com/LHG

Lamafest Showcase

Sept. 2-3 • MSU Pavilion
www.lamafest.com

Michigan International Alpaca Fest

Oct. 7-8 • The Summit Sports & Ice Complex
www.alpacafest.org

Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show & Pull

Oct. 19-22 • MSU Pavilion
www.mgli.org