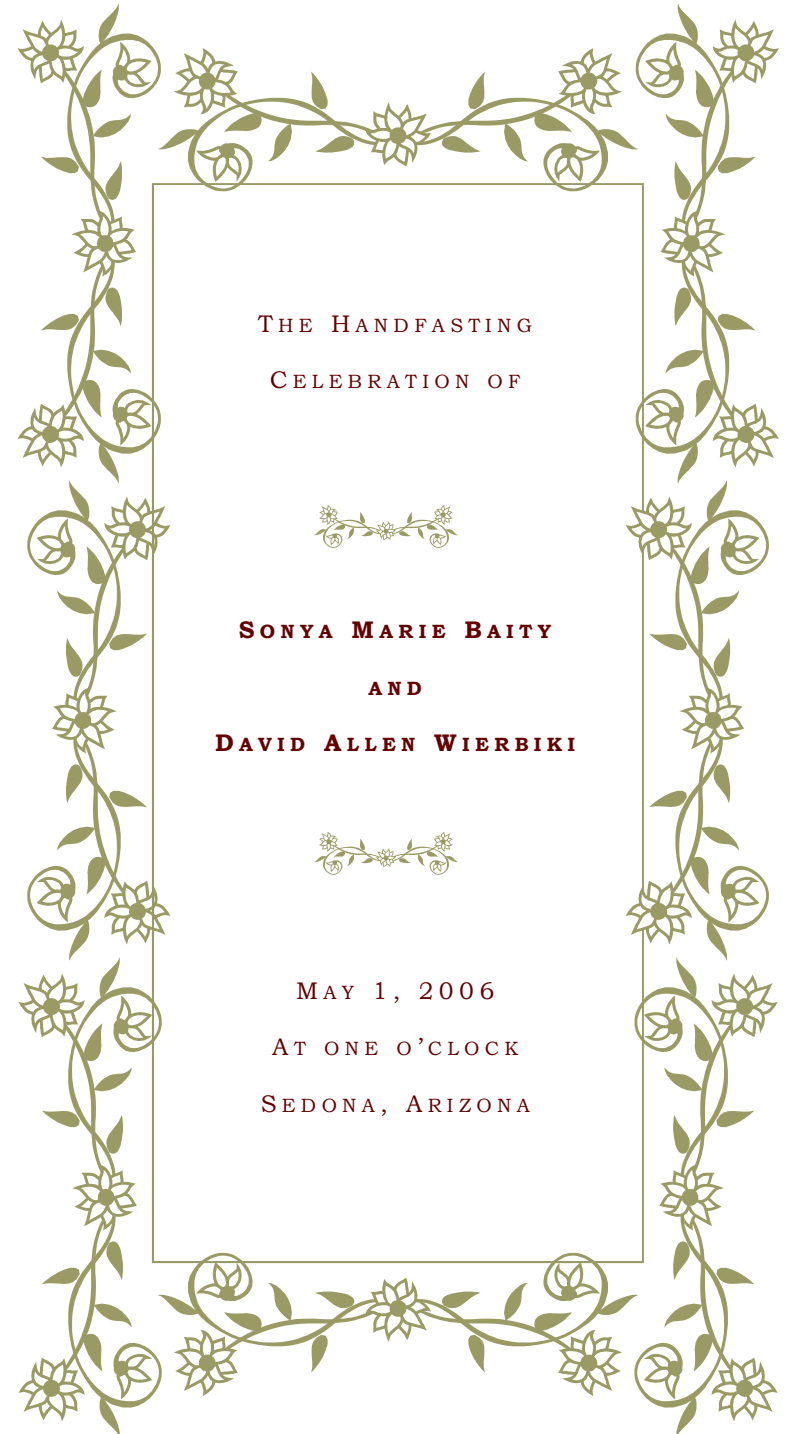




THANKS AND DEDICATIONS

*We would like to express thanks to our
parents, family, and friends for all their
love and support.*

Blessed Be!



THE HANDFASTING
CELEBRATION OF



**SONYA MARIE BAITY
AND
DAVID ALLEN WIERBIKI**



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AT ONE O'CLOCK
SEDONA, ARIZONA



THE CEREMONY

Consecrate Sacred Space

Cast a Circle

Invoke Guardian Spirits

Sweetgrass Offering

Declaration of Intent

Exchange of Vows

Exchange of Rings

Declaration of Marriage

Blessings

Close the Circle



IF YOU'LL HAVE ME

*The thoughts I have around your eyes
 the way you laugh or needn't lie,
 the magic of your touch or scent
 to my bones such chills you send
 to my heart, there heaven sent
 the love to endure beyond the world's end
 to change lives, stars and dreams
 to bring hope, peace and tolerance
 to see more than what seems
 to climb to peaks, and even beyond
 to the gate of forever lasting
 entrancing, enrapturing, ever dancing,
 ever growing, becoming more
 with each moment that we adore
 each other, forever more.
 And with that, sealed with a kiss,
 I give you my hand, my heart, my life
 I give you all and everything,
 to be your heart, to be your wife,
 your partner for all this life.*



CAST THE CIRCLE

*Round the space with salt and water.
 Say aloud, "With Earth and Water, and
 with the cleansing winds, and also
 with the fire of our intentions, we
 cleanse this space of all that is
 negative - you cannot stay nor cross."*

*Hail, Guardians of the East, Element
 of Air! We invoke you and invite your
 presence; Charge and protect this
 space with your essence of
 purification and knowing.
 Welcome and Blessed Be!*

*Hail, Guardians of the South, Element
 of Fire! We invoke you and invite your
 presence; Charge and protect this
 space with your attributes of will and
 transformation.*

Welcome and Blessed Be!

*Hail, Guardians of the West, Element
 of Water! We invoke you and invite
 your presence; Charge and protect
 this space with your gifts of intuition
 and compassion.*

Welcome and Blessed Be!

*Hail, Guardians of the North, Element
 of Earth! We invoke you and invite
 your presence; Charge and protect
 this space with your qualities of sta-
 bility and empowerment.*

Welcome and Blessed Be!



*Draw the circle from East to (S,W,N)
 East with wand and salute Sky and
 Earth, and say:*

*"The Circle is cast. We are between
 the worlds, beyond the bounds of
 time, where all forces are even and
 meet as one."*

*Place rings on wand and place wand
 before the priestess.*





THE PRIESTESS

Burn the sweet grass as an offering to all benevolent spirits present.

May the place of this rite be consecrated for we gather here in a ritual of love with two who would be wed.

A circle symbolizes the continuity of life, the never-ending nature of the universe and the constancy of this couple's love for one another. Within this circle is sacred space; within this circle is perfect love and perfect trust.

Also, today is Beltane, a time for the re-birth and regeneration of the plants, animals, people, and the land. It is a time to celebrate sexuality and community, the balance between sacrifice and rebirth. This is the time when sweet desire weds wild delight.



O beings of Air, with your clever fingers, tie closely the bonds between these two.

O beings of Fire, give their love and passion your own all-consuming ardor.

O beings of Water, give them the deepest of love and the richness of the body, of the soul, and of the spirit.

O beings of Earth, let your strength and constancy be theirs.

Bright and loving Divine Source, ancestors and benevolent spirits, give to these before you your love and protection.

Blessed Be.



(Priestess holds up the wand with the rings upon it and blesses them.)

Place your right hands over this wand and rings, his hand over hers.

Above you are the stars, below you are the stones.

As time does pass, remember:
Like a star should your love be constant.

Like a stone should your love be firm.
Be close, but not too close.
Posses one another, but be understanding.

Have patience each with the other,
For storms will come, but they will go quickly.

Be free in the giving of affection and warmth.

Make love often, and be sensuous with one another.

Have no fear and let not the ways or words
of the unenlightened give you unease,
For the Goddess and the God are with you,
Now and Always.



Is it your wish, Sonya, to become one with this man?

(David, place the ring on her finger.)

Is it your wish, David, to become one with this woman?

(Sonya, place the ring on his finger.)

Do any say nay?

Then, as the Goddess and the God and the Old Ones are witness to this rite, and Aunt Janet and Uncle Bob are witness to this promise, by the power vested in me by the state of Arizona, I now proclaim you husband and wife.
You may kiss your bride.





BLESSINGS

(Aunt Janet and Uncle Bob read the Apache union blessing)

Now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be shelter for the other.

Now you will feel no cold, for each of you will be warmth to the other.

Now there will be no loneliness, for each of you will be companion to the other.

Now you are two persons, but there is only one life before you.

May beauty surround you both in the journey ahead and through all the years.

May happiness be your companion and your days together be good and long upon the Earth.

Congratulations and many blessings.



SHARE THE MEAD

David pours and passes the chalice to Sonya and says,

“May we share in all things from this day forward...”

She drinks and passes the chalice to David and says,

“...and may we prove to be better individuals for it.”
Forevermore.”



CLOSE THE CIRCLE

We call to the Guardians of the North,
Element of Earth,
To thank you for your presence and blessing.

May our love for one another grow with you.

Farewell and Blessed Be!

We call to the Guardians of the West,
Element of Water,
To thank you for your presence and blessing.

May the promise we have made endure as the oceans.

Farewell and Blessed Be!

We call to the Guardians of the South,
Element of Fire,
To thank you for your presence and blessing.

May the spirit of our union burn bright in the Universe.

Farewell and Blessed Be!

We call to the Guardians of the East,
Element of Air,
To thank you for your presence and blessing.

May our own spirits soar on your breath to new heights.

Farewell and Blessed Be!



(Sonya and David hold hands) Lord and Lady, we are honored by your presence and blessing. May you guide us always in goodness and love.

Farewell and Blessed Be!

Withdraw the circle from North to East:

This circle is open, but never broken.
May we all leave in peace and joy.
Blessed Be.

