

AUTUMN GATHERING

11-20 October 2022



The Call

YooooooooooooHoooooooooooo!

Calling to queer spirits, gay witches, flower children, faggot farmers, treehuggers, sacred boundary crossers, drag creatures, gatekeepers, ceremonial queens, tricksters, wild womxn, hippies, new age enbies, pagans, lesbian lightworkers, activists, sissy shamans, transgender priestesses, ecofeminists, genderqueers, walkers between worlds, rainbow warriors and whoever else you are!

In October, the Radical Faeries of Albion will be returning to our magical home, Featherstone Castle, for our Autumn Gathering.

You are invited to Come Home to the Castle Hearth and the Faerie Tribal Heart.

Let's join hands, minds, bodies and souls and celebrate nature, flaming and fruiting in all its Autumnal glory. Let's settle into the warmth of the tribe once again, and gather as a community. Let's feel the healing colours of the great outdoors.

YOU are invited to the AUTUMN GATHERING to relax, love, play and celebrate!

TO JOIN THE AUTUMN GATHERING YOU NEED TO REGISTER VIA THE FAENET FORM.

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE GATHERING?

All faerie gatherings have their own structure and vibe. It is our intention for this gathering that faeries feel welcome, warm and held in a communal space of togetherness. Gatherings flow in the spirit of collective faerie responsibility and teamwork, they are magical happenings, full of spontaneous fabulousness, but some structure is needed to keep faeries fed, warm, safe, well and loved. We would like all faeries at the gathering to feel that they have come Home to the HEART.

For many, this may be your first gathering in faerie space, for others a welcomed return. We wish to celebrate that Spring 2022 at Featherstone was our most diverse and inclusive gathering yet, and we are excited to build upon this. Albion Faeries have our doors wide open to all who feel called to the magic. We acknowledge that creating a space fully outside the oppressive structures and traditions that we have been taught from birth is not always easy – even for us fae folk. We know the Radical Faerie identity is available to claim by anyone, and we will come together to help address any barriers that marginalised groups face. If you have any specific requirements, please let us know.

Closer to the time we will send a mail-out looking for registered faeries to join the teams that are essential to the smooth-running of the gathering – The Kitchen Kollektive, The Woodpigs and the Wellfaeries. Feel free to let the organisers know if you would like to be involved in one of these teams.

Breakfast is self-service, while lunch and dinner creation is led by a Kitchen Witch and their volunteer helpers. Helping with food preparation is a lovely way to nurture the community and get to know other faeries.

The bedrooms have heaters, but the communal rooms need to be kept warm with open, log-burning fireplaces. The wood is chopped and transported into the castle by a team of Woodpigs.

Other volunteering roles could be cleaning, helping set-up the No Talent Show and other events, creating rituals etc.

A typical Faerie Gathering day begins with a Morning practical circle:

Starting the day as community in a checking-in, practical circle helps us bond and plan the tasks for the day. Part of faerie community life is sharing responsibilities. And if you see something that needs to be done you are encouraged to make it so. The circle is also a good way to find out what is going on.

Other gathering activities include the

Heart Circle:

At the core of faerie life is the heart circle. It is a sacred, safe and non-judgemental space for sharing emotions, where we build community through simply listening to each other. There will be heart circles scheduled into the programme and these may be daily. It is an opportunity for all in the circle to feel heard, held and supported.

Rituals:

As faeries we are reclaiming and exploring the natural earth-and-sky connecting spirituality of queer people creating rituals that affirm who we are and our connectedness to each other, the earth and spirit.

Workshops and other offerings

Faeries are invited to offer workshops throughout the gathering. These can range from yoga or meditation sessions, workshops in healing, art, drumming etc, walking trips, drag catwalks, naked karaoke and whatever you like to offer. We faeries are a creative tribe and the castle is a perfect environment to share our skills and ideas with the community.

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Much love from your FeathersHOME: Autumn 22 organising team

Information about The Castle

Featherstone Castle lies in the stunning Northumberland countryside. The Castle is vast and atmospheric with real fires, cosy rooms for heart circles, a magnificent ballroom for dancing, mysterious nooks and crannies, a drag space and an excellent kitchen. Featherstone Castle is near to Hadrian's Wall and close to Haltwhistle, centre of the sacred Isle of Albion.