



A message from the President:

HAIL FAERIES!!!!

FOLLETERRE!

I first began to dream of circles of colourful merry folk making music and dancing together with spirit back in 1995 - the year of the first eurofaerie gathering at Terschelling. From the solitude of my london flat i was experiencing visions of powerful gatherings oozing love and joy. It was six years before i actually got along to my first faerie gathering. By that time my spiritual studies had convinced me that humanity is heading towards an exciting and dramatic awakening to its true nature, and my desire to prepare for that with other queer folk was firmly set in place.

When folleterre was found i was soon signed up to be a steward, which i have remained ever since. Now i have taken the role of president of the association - a legal role, necessary to fulfil requirements of french law, and also i hope a position from which i can offer perspectives and energy that help to bring our collection of diverse and incredible magical people to a very confident place - where we are sure of the importance of the community project, both for ourselves now and for queers who will come along in the future.

Putting it simply, FOLLETERRE is for me

A SANCTUARY where all queer beings of whatever sexuality and gender can find respite from the insanity and intensity of modern life, and the often shallow hedonism of gay scenes

A SAFE SPACE in which to explore who we are, heal our wounds and celebrate our natural spirit and A HOLY PLACE in which we create community and explore spirituality, free from the judgments and attitudes of religions and mainstream society.

I believe all this is absolutely vital. Someone has to make it happen.. and we are.

I was describing all this to a sexy young queer in london recently, saying that our sanctuary is a home in which we can do what we do best..... he jumped in to say "LOVE". What a possibility - that of all the things that make us what we are, the top of the list, the most significant, durable and powerful - is our capacity to love.

LOVE OF THE PLANET - NATURE

LOVE OF THE OTHERS - COMMUNITY

LOVE OF SPIRIT - TRANSCENDENCE AND LIGHT

LOVE OF SELF- HEALING AND GROWTH

ALL FOLLETERRE WE HAVE A HOME WHERE OUR CAPACITY TO LOVE CAN GROW AND GROW.....

shakti LOVESTAR

An Equinox Gathering report from Harry Being-Sprout:

Hello lovely faeries

so...the autumn equinox gathering just happened

The first days of the gathering we had no car as we had hitch-hiked or cycled to the sanctuary, we found it very easy and enjoyable to cycle down the mountain to melisey to get food and use internet and then cycle back, even stopping in ternuay at the fountain to lay by the river and drink up before cycling or walking up the mountain home. a few days later yan and teacosy arrived with a car and other cars came later in the week. Thankyou to all the drivers who transported faeries, potatoes and other foods during the gathering!

There were 15 people altogether with usually around 9 at the sanctuary, we picked lots of berries, cooked alot of food including pie, crumble, went for walks (some even got lost), relaxed cooked bread and lots and lots of other food and celebrated Yan's birthday. We helped the hosue be warm and dry, we embraced the land, experienced sanctuary, did some ritual and non-ritual, had a couple of heartcircles,harvested beans, onions, flowers and cabbage from the veg garden and even more plants to eat from the wild. Unfortunately the apple harvest didn't do very well this year and the ones that were around had blight, but there were loadddss of elderberries to make into pudding's :O)

The first week was gorgeous sunshien and very very very warm, warm enough to be outside naked and sweat a little! so there was lots of tiem spent laying in the sun and eating outside. The second week was pretty rainy and cloudy and cold..so a few people started to get ill physically and go through journeys through the misty clouds. But outcame the lemon, ginger, honey, garlic and cayenne pepper tea everyday! which kept peoples immune systems ticking.

Alot of time most people spent in the kitchen in these days, perhaps we were in there a bit too much and spent a little too much time preparing food everyday..but actually it was very cosy to do, a sweet way to prepare the body and all the self for the winter with cosy faeries :O)

The gathering made 300euros profit, even though notaflof was emphasised, everyone paid and some paid more than was needed for their stay. We also topped up the cupboards with a bit of storeable food for the lumbers gathering.

So, yes it went well and people enjoyed themselves despite the tumbly weather in the last week.

Thankyou to everyone who came! hopefully next year there'll be another cosy autumnal gathering to relax with no tasks to do.

Big hugs

harry xxxx



After Autumn Equinox came the Lumber Gathering.
Here is a report from Junis !



Lumber jack & Jane's 2010

going with the flow

looking back on a very inspirational and productive lumberweek, one word seems to force itself to the foreground; "flow". Several individuals expressed their arrival in this state of surrender in their lives. Energy which is otherwise lost by too much concern, goal focusing and stress can be replaced by a different state of mind, and thus freeing more energy which is so often wasted by getting tricked into too many mind and ego games.

There was also a more general and gentle flow of working and communicating together amongst all participants. A forward energy which lifted us a bit and fueled us through the days, under changing weather circumstances. Fog, rain, clear blue skies, bright sun and night frosts. Apart from some "die hards" who slept under windy rooftiles, most of us found warmth and comfort in the heated parts of the house. The new insulated floor of the friendship room has turned this space into a comfortable and dry place to be. The Norwegian woodburning stove simmered on for 10 days in a row, without pausing.

With new arrival Fagus from Devon who taught everybody who wanted to know about chainsaw skill's and energetic Akka from Emmental Switzerland the working pace was set. A new corridor and clearings in the pine mono plantation were made, so light can come in to create conditions for more variety and fresh groundcovers to come up next spring.

The little wildflower patch on the left side from the tower of poop has been cleared from long grass and excess growth, with the intention to expand into a larger upmountain field next year, possibly planted with fruit trees in a later stage.

Grass and bush mowing of the entire entree road, around the house and the entire Faerie Prairy were completed by EW and Tumble Weed. Fruit trees pruned, nest boxes cleaned (all of them have been inhabited this year) Several wood stacks were set up. As well in the pine growth as near the tower and behind the fire pit. Bernalotte created a new butterfly on the sliding door in striking colors, the EF symbol which stands for change and metamorphose.

The water drainage canal along the entree road was opened and cleaned again to keep the road in a better and dry condition.

With Giuseppe from California, Alexis from Venezuela, Tricky from Belgium, the boys from UK , Germany and Holland, we were with 7 different nationalities, brought together under one multicolored rainbow flag. Kwai a long term faerie from the US stayed a couple of days during his travels through Europe and cooked a great dinner. He wrote an article in RFD in '97 about the EF on Terschelling. With his photo's and interviews he can possibly promote Folleterre and the EuroFaeries a bit more through different faerie channels in the States.

Apart from various projects there was also time to actually swim in the lake, at this time of the year(!) Intimate heart circles, and a trip through the thousand lake area to visit EW and Famous at their farm in LaMontagne, we enjoyed their land and animals and good cooking. The week was closed by a last ritual and singing around a big bonfire slowly losing heat to turn into a red glowing patch under starry sky.

Once again the magic of undertaking a communal project, inspired by each other's commitment to do a good job, was experienced by all participants. Thank you all, Yan, Alexis, Fagus, Mark the lark, Giuseppe, Tumbleweed, Bernalotte, Akka, Tricky, Kwai, EW, Famous and Metta B for contributing and making our sanctuary a more beautiful place to be.

much love to all,
Junis

YOO-HOO! - There are still two more calls for 2010...

Call for VISION CIRCLE 2010

from Friday 10 till Monday morning 13 December in Udem, Germany.

As the 'visionkeeper' of our Sanctuary, I ask attention from all members of Folleterre, inclusive the stewards.

Like last year, we organise a vision circle for stewards and those members who want to become active as well to take responsibility for the overall policy and executive tasks for the benefit of Folleterre.

The vision circle is mainly for making the daily policy for 2011: the schedule for the gatherings, the workweeks for land and house and organising the facilities for a good functioning and welcoming accommodation. Being 3 days together for the benefit of the sanctuary, the circle works as a teambuilding moment, to become a good crew for 'running the Sanctuary'. It is also wintertime, where the physical distance to the executive work is far ahead and our minds can dream and get vision for the (nearby) future; evaluation and learning from experience, sharing thoughts and wishes. Yes together we get brilliant ideas and empower each other for the work to be done. I believe in it!

ALL THOUGHTS WELCOME: All members are kindly requested to send ideas, visions and please give us feedback! Put your contribution in a email to me and I'll bring it in the circle.

ALL STEWARDS, and MEMBERS who like to take part in the circle, please be in time to let me know that you would like to come. As the circle works effectively with a maximum of 15 participants, I arranged accommodation limited to this number. I do hope we will be complete.

PRACTICAL:

All written contributions for the agenda: before 22 November to faunfun@hotmail.com marked VISION

If you want to come: before 15 November to faunfun@hotmail.com marked PARTICIPANT

Udem is the village where we come together. It is close to the (Ryan Air /Berlin Air) Airport Weeze, good to book if you want to fly from London or Berlin. We arrange a transfer from the airport by our car. It is about 40 km from Nijmegen in Holland. It is next to the motorway from Duisburg to Nimwegen (ausfahrt 4). It is all very easy, Pika and me will help you. Faeries who come with public transport don't need to bring sleeping stuff, we'll provide. Pika is doing shopping's during the circle, we have our own kitchen. We share the costs for food. The accommodation is simple but well equipped for meeting, bonfire, dancing and sauna.

I hope to send the Agenda and further details about participants list, accommodation and travel before 29 of November.

SO, LETS COME TOGETHER AND LET OUR HEARTS BEATS AND BRAINS STORM

Fauny

Vision keeper faerie

Olliebollen Snow Gathering

28dec - 2 Jan

Lets celebrate New Year at Folleterre and enjoy the cold snowy nature.

A winter faerie tale; if you wonder if there are gnomes, faeries, elves walking in the woods, its now the right time to track them in the snow, little footprints help you to get in contact with them. bring your flute, warm tights and snow boots.

Bring warm clothes, cross country skies, sledge or any thing to play inside or outside. This gathering we cook all day around the most amazing pastries, soups and veggie meals. making our own glue wine and for the last day of the year we have to make lots of Oliebollen and Appelflappen, a dutch treat of my grand mothers receipt.

This is a DIY gathering notaflof included. this gathering has a maximum of 12 people, more will be to crowded, only a small part will be heated in the house to make it comfortable. To organize this gathering it will be helpful if you let me know asap when your travel dates are and if you need a ride or a pick up from Lure.

We only do one shopping in advance so it would be helpful if you let me know soon. Yan and maybe me are at Folleterre direct after or during Christmas to heat up the house and leave 3 jan or later, so if you wanne come earlier or leave later you have to let me know.

Access to the House can be very difficult, if you plan to come by car, make sure you have winter tires and or snow chains at least.

contact mail direct to : mdewolf@xs4all.nl

And Finally...

Hey Faeries! In the New Year there will be another longer, more beautiful e-newsletter, that will be sent to everyone in the wider Eurofaerie community.

Please send in your photographs, stories, poems and other texts, your drawings, recipes, gardening talk, Gathering reports - anything and everything that you want to share with the community. We need **your** contribution to help make it fabulous!

NOW is the time to get working - we should gather everything together in time for Chrstitmas! Email your contributions to White Rose/Thames at dazflint@hotmail.com

If you would like to help out with editing and producing the newsletter, please also let Thames know!

