

Hecate Winter Gathering 2023

27 NOVEMBER - 3 DECEMBER



YooooooooooooHoooooooooooo!

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

As the days grow shorter and darkness embraces the land, the winter months can be challenging for some of us. Thus, we invite you to join us for a wondrous gathering in the heart of the Belgian Ardennes from November 27 to December 3, 2023. Let's come together to ignite our inner lights, share in warm meals, perform sacred rituals, and connect with the nurturing embrace of nature while supporting one another. Let's unite as a tribe, drawing strength from each other and the wilderness. Let the spirits of Hecate, Persephone, Baba Yaga, and others guide us in understanding the cycles of life and death and dance to the rhythm of our life's transitions.

Here are some of our shared intentions for this gathering:

- * **Community Bonding** * Foster unity and support.
- * **Comfort Sharing** * Create a welcoming, warm space.
- * **Holistic Well-being** * Explore practices for mental, emotional, and physical well-being.
- * **Restorative Rituals** * Create rituals for restoration and set winter intentions.
- * **Natural Immunity** * Share insights for staying healthy during winter.
- * **Herbal Wisdom** * Learn about winter herbs and remedies for common ailments and foster a connection with nature.
- * **Homemade Remedies** * Exchange homemade wellness products.
- * **Emotional Support** * Provide a safer space for compassionate listening.
- * **Seasonal Feasting** * Share nourishing, seasonal meals.
- * **Vegan Exploration** * Explore veganism as a holistic path to well-being.
- * **Skill-Sharing** * Exchange practical skills like knitting and cooking.
- * **Creative Expression** * Encourage artistic exploration and stress relief.
- * **Dance and Movement** * Uplift spirits through movement.
- * **Ancestral Wisdom** * Learn from elders' stories and traditions.
- * **Unity Farewell** * Conclude with a shared sense of purpose and ongoing support.

This is a vegan and substance-free gathering held at **Château de Scry** in Mettet, Belgium. The space will be open for arrivals and setting up from Monday, November 27, 2023. The gathering ends on Saturday night, December 2, with a closing dinner and an ending ritual. Departure day is Sunday, December 3, with check-out at noon. We encourage you to stay for the whole gathering to maintain a close communal spirit.

🌟 **Capacity:** Due to the venue's capacity, this gathering will be limited to 40 participants. We appreciate your understanding.

🌟 **Accessibility and Inclusivity:** We recognize that fully escaping the oppressive structures we inherit from society is a complex journey. Yet, we are committed to questioning and transforming them. Therefore, to ensure accessibility and inclusivity, we will prioritise

underrepresented faeries for half of the available spots. In general, your presence is important to us, so if you have specific requirements or considerations, please get in touch with us! We are here to support you.

☀️ **Contribution:** We share costs (including house rent) collectively, ensuring affordability. Therefore, we suggest a contribution of EUR 25-40 per day or EUR 175-280 for the entire stay, covering meals and accommodation.

We have a NOTAFLOF policy: No One Is Turned Away For Lack Of Funds. So if you cannot contribute the above amount, give less, as you are able. If you can contribute more, please provide more and help support low/no-income faeries.

Wherever you find yourselves, please always give something. If there is any surplus after the gathering, it will go to the *EuroFaeries Fund* to help other faeries organise regional and national workshops & gatherings.

☀️ **Faerie Spaces:** Two more essential things you should know, especially as a new Faerie! A Faerie gathering is a body-positive and naturist-friendly space, embracing faeries of all genders and identities. Here, you are free to be your authentic self, celebrating the beauty and uniqueness of your being in harmony with nature.

Further, it's a shared co-created community experience. We invite you to contribute to the collective magic in any way you can and wish. Whether it's assisting in meal preparation, hosting workshops, or helping maintain our enchanting home for the week, your involvement is deeply appreciated. Let's make this winter gathering a luminous and charming experience that will shine in our hearts long after it ends.

↪️ [REGISTER HERE](#) ↩️

We can't wait to share this experience with you!

With love and faerie blessings,

Your Facilitation Team (*Chanel, Diane Princess, Faeral, PanPan*)

