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We are a network of urban and rural dwellers, workers, artists, drag-queens, pagans, organic gardeners, witches, political activists and more, who see queers as a people with their own culture, spirituality, and ways of becoming.

Radical

Being radically (i.e. at the root) decentralised and anti-authoritarian we have no leaders. Each faerie is divine and speaks for themselves. To be a faerie is an act of self definition.

While we have no dogma, there are common visions we share and celebrate. Some of these are: a belief in the sacredness of nature and the earth, honouring the interconnectedness of spirit, an understanding that each one of us has our own path (or paths) which leads to the garden of who we are, and by uniting with each other in circles, gatherings and sanctuaries we can increase the joy of weeding and tending our gardens together, with a commitment to the process of group consensus and a belief that we are each other.

Faeries

As gay people we feel it is necessary to address the question of our identity. As a people we have ways that are peculiar to us, a language that characterises us. We have our own past and more importantly, our own future.

We have searched through our childhoods for clues to our special identity and we have come up with the idea of faeriedom. As gay children we delighted in stories of faeries, those playful, magical, pansy-faces beings who assumed human shape. Some of us have been known as faeries throughout our lives to those around us. As faeries our aim is to explore our truth and celebrate our nature. We want to build real community on the fullest possible understanding of who we are.



Nature

We feel a special connection to nature- Growing up we played amongst the trees and stones as all children do. But unlike mortal children we still share thoughts and feelings with the trees and stones and vice versa. We walk between the worlds recognising ourselves as a part of the balance. Our experience in nature is exhilarating, awesome and humbling. We know that when we lose part of nature's sacred theatre to the ravages of aggressive masculinity, we have lost a part of ourselves. Faeries therefore are curious, caring and defenders of the land, living lightly on the earth.

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Magic

We faeries are keen to explore our magical powers. Our ability to communicate, organise, to heal and create exceeds the limitation of mortal reality. We engage in meditation and group ritual to celebrate our selves. Magical awareness is the connection to the immanent power in all of us.

Sex

It cums as no surprise that faeries love sex. In sex as in all things, we enjoy variety and sense the sacredness of the experience. Our sexual relations are characterised by an enjoyment of each others enjoyment.



Genderfuck

We love trying on all sorts of clothes/ drag, often becoming possessed with the magic of dressing up or down. Society often has confined notions of clothing and gender. Exploring these boundaries it can be liberating and fun.



Politics

Politically, faeries incline toward cooperation. We protest against the abuse of power. When we come together, faeries do so as a circle. We link all around, with neither a head or a foot, neither a leader or a follower. We prefer to make decisions based on loving, caring, sharing consensus. We find that consensus serves our circles excellently.

We have many aspirations and ideals which we've discovered in our attempt to explore who we are and what we would like to become. However, we are not perfect in living them out. We experience our anger and sadness and we have internalised aspects of the dog-eat-dog world. Faeries come together to examine their projections and their sense of truth about who they are. We work to integrate the dark side of ourselves into our awareness.


Community

While the radical faerie community in the U.S. has been gathering for around twenty years, Australia has experienced its own history of faerie gatherings, circles, communities and networking. The seeds of interest for starting a sanctuary/community have been planted in north eastern N.S.W. If you're interested in this project or finding out more about the radical faeries write to us, and tell us a bit about yourself.

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