



Wild Pure Heart and Slí An Chroí present

Irish-Celtic Winter Solstice Gathering

To Nourish Your Soul

with **John Cantwell and Karen Ward**

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Open Winter Solstice Gathering

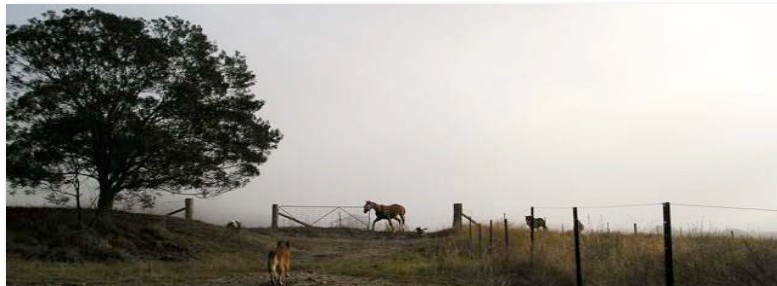
Friday, June 18th (12 pm) – Sunday, June 20th (5 pm)

Advanced Gathering Drawn from Medicine Ways of the Irish Lineage

(By Application Only)

Monday, June 21st (1 pm) – Wednesday, June 23rd (5 pm)

*Taking place upon the sacred earth of
“Ballyoncree”, Braidwood, NSW*



An Spiorad dhuitse ár chairde, (“Great Spirit be with you, friends”),

Join us along with our dear hosts Billie Dean and Andrew Einspruch as we call in a *tuatha naofa* (“a sacred tribe”) to adventure into connection with *Danú* (Great Mother Earth), *Daghda* (Great Father Sky) and *Dia* (Great Spirit) at the poignant time of Winter Solstice.

Our Irish tradition holds great store in the *meitheal* (“a collective gathering”) that arises from many individuals hearing the call of community. Having contributed the blessing of the talents of all talent, there was reward in the shared feast and the celebration of togetherness. What was created belonged to the *tuatha*.





We drum our *bodhrán* to invite your heart to lead you for a journey along ancient Celtic trackways. This will be a time for deep personal transformation, for alignment with the energies of mid-Winter and for consolidation of the dream we hold as the children of *Danú*, *Daghda*.

Step into a cherished time dedicated to the holding and honouring of your heart. There will be Irish-Celtic ritual and ceremony and invocations to the magic and wildness of *an Sí* (the Faerie Folk). As we say in Ireland, we will have “a time”, a wonder journey into sacred energies that promises and yields expansion and growth. We call this place The Otherworld, the land of alchemy that lies beyond ordinary time and space.

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June 18 – June 20, 2010

Our Journey Together Will Include :

- **Solstice Fulacht Fia.** A ritualistic opening of the Earth, a sacred pit to place our prayers and harvest the blessings of the darkest night and the rebirth of the Sun.
- **Danú – Daghdha - Dia.** Celtic honouring of our universal sacred Mother and sacred Father as parental composites of Great Spirit for their weaving through us in the darkness and returning light of Solstice.
- **Immrana.** “Wonder Voyage”, journeying to realms of The Otherworld on the bodhrán drum.
- **Faerie Rites.** Energetic transmissions to awaken consciousness and integration with *An Sí*, The Faerie Kind.
- **Step Into Our Ancestors.** A ritual for deep connection to those who lived so that we have life today.
- **Anamcara.** The nurturing principle of “Soul Friendship”.
- **The Tree People.** The Irish-Celtic shamanic tradition is held and organised by the spirits of the trees.
- **Celtic Myths, Stories and Poetry.** A sharing of tales and rhymes that offer stepping stones and guidance for our journey at this seasonal time.

- **Earth, Water, Air and Fire.** Embracing the four elements for personal and collective balance and alchemy.
- **Cauldron.** Using the honoured Celtic vessel for harmony and transformation.
- **Time In Nature.** We gather not to be “on the land”, but “in the land”.
- **Medicine Bundles, Solstice Wreaths & Totems.** Looking to our sacred, personal power items during our journey and making traditional Celtic Solstice prayer artefacts to honour our personal rebirth at this time.
- **Ruaille-Buaille.** The only translation is another Gaelic word, *craic*. A letting go into our innate wildness, opening the Celtic heart to release the ecstatic.

Gathering Cost: \$695.
Includes three shamanic meals.

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Our Journey Together Will Include :

- **Screeing.** An ancient Irish word for divination. The Winter Solstice is an auspicious time for opening awareness and envisaging our journey forward. We will work with revered, traditional methods of *screeing*.
- **Ireland-Australia Heartline.** Exploring the luminous thread between two ancient lands as an energy meridian connecting hemispheres, that calls us to harvest from what is known and unknown of this artery of Light.
- **Healing With An Sí.** Developing a healing relationship with the Faeries for oneself and as a power ally for your healing of others.
- **The Sacred Tree.** Navigating the Lower World, the Middle and Upper World along pre-Celtic and Celtic maps. Here, we will connect with archetypes revered for their power and wisdom.
- **Tuatha De Danann.** Bringing an understanding of the myth of ‘the tribe of Mother Earth’ to the literal level of our lives.
- **Immrama To An Cailleach.** Translating as the ‘hag’, ‘crone’ or ‘witch’, *an Cailleach* as a seasonal and location bound personification of *Danú*, the *Cailleach* is a powerful teacher for us particularly at this time of year.
- **The Irish Lineage and Sacred Time.** We will embrace mythic maps, archetypal energies and wisdom teachings to support our grounding, understanding and vision during the cycles of change to 2012 and beyond.
- **The Seven Doors.** How the ancient Irish concept of what we commonly call the “chakras” can develop our understanding of personal energy fields and transformation of energy.

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Book Now!

To book or to get a Participants Information Sheet covering venue, lodging and meal information, and to get an application form for the Advanced Gathering Drawn from Medicine Ways of the Irish Lineage , please email Andrew on info@wildpureheart.com, or phone 0409 609 428.

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A deposit of \$200 holds your place. Payment plans available.

“The space we will hold for you will be one of warmth, compassion and trust. We know that healing takes place only when our hearts are held with unconditional acceptance. We look forward to bringing that space to you.”

-- John Cantwell and Karen Ward