

OPEN CALL | Established queer/trans collective recruiting new members for art, organizing, and a shared life.

Hi!

We're a queer collective of artists and community organizers, living in and fixing up an old stone mansion and its surrounding campus for community use. The nine of us live on site together and divide the labor and expenses of running the place among ourselves through weekly meetings, consensus decision-making, and each holding a different position of responsibility in the group. We run an art store, animated by an artist collective here that meets regularly for critiques and figure drawing, and several years ago we launched Lupinewood Institute: a nonprofit that helps community projects—currently a print shop and music studio—take root and grow at Lupinewood.

We've been through many challenges and accomplished a great deal in our first decade. If there were the space here we'd get into it:

Our origins as train hopping punks, self-taught tattooers, and activists doing heart-on-the-sleeve solidarity stuff;

The years of searching and close calls that finally led to Lupinewood;

The different approaches to collective labor we've gone through, from chore wheels to our current positions system;

The parties, celebrations, and gatherings we host, from costume-contest log-stacking parties, to acoustic music performances, or community-wide events;

Our vision for the short-, mid-, and long-term for Lupinewood, and what we're doing to get there;

How it has gone with the new members that recently finished their year-long process of joining the group, including the collective's first father/son duo;

And so on.

Instead, we've attached an info package for anyone interested in joining that includes descriptions of how people join, what we expect of each other as members, what positions we're looking to create or fill, what the nonprofit does and how it does it, and other bits that seemed useful to share. If you're interested, take a look.

If you're interested we also encourage you to do your own research online. We have social media, there are articles, exhibits, and video about us around, and our own website (lupinewood.com) hosts a blog with stories and insights from the collective. You'll also likely encounter the remnants of an attempt some years back made by bad actors to disband the collective through an Instagram harassment campaign, which is something we're proud to have survived and see as important for anyone interested in joining to be aware of.

If after looking the materials over and orienting to our public presence you're interested in applying for one of the three positions, send us an email answering the questions asked in the New Member Application attachment and we'll go from there. Of course, if you have any questions before or after emailing us feel free to ask them at: lupinewoodcollective@protonmail.com.

Sending whoever reads this all the best, in whatever place you find yourself, from us to you and yours.

The Collective at Lupinewood
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