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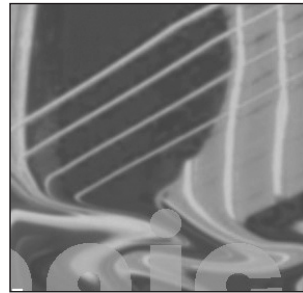
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**Reclaiming** is a community of women and men working to unify spirit and political action. Our vision is rooted in the religion and magic of the Goddess — the Immanent Life Force. We see our work as teaching and making magic — the art of empowering ourselves and each other. In our classes, workshops, and public rituals, we train our voices, bodies, energy, intuition, and minds. We use the skills we learn to deepen our strength, both as individuals and as community, to voice our concerns about the world in which we live, and to bring to birth a vision of a new culture.

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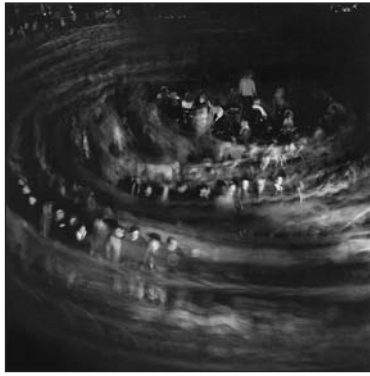
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RQ is descended from *Reclaiming Newsletter* (1980-1997), itself a distant offshoot of *Ye Olde Gazetteer & Reclaymer* (1613-1776), which sprang from *Dog's Life*, the late-Hellenistic Anubian Cult newsletter. The latter traced its roots to neolithic petroglyphs in southern Bohemia, before which RQ's past is shrouded in mystery.

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# Who are we (and what is this magazine)?

*Reclaiming Quarterly* returns with our 100th issue, dating back to our beginnings as *Reclaiming Newsletter* in 1981.

Are we a quarterly? Not at this point. We are presently publishing only in “selected quarters.” But we are attached to the “Q” in RQ, so we retained the title.

RQ is produced by a work cell based in San Francisco, with co-conspirators around North America, Europe, and Australia. We see our magazine not as “the” Reclaiming publication, but as one of many forums, both print and online.

Our mission is to bring together Witchcraft and magical activism. Our focus, developed in response to past reader-surveys, is on practical articles about magic in the world — from household magic to community rituals to grassroots activism.

RQ works together with Reclaiming's websites and elists to serve Reclaiming as well as the wider Pagan and activist worlds. We hope you'll find our feature articles interesting and challenging whether or not you walk the Reclaiming path.

In response to past experience and reader feedback, we have decided to omit several topics from our slender allotment of pages. Poetry and fiction ranked low in our surveys, and will appear rarely. Book and music reviews didn't fare much better, so we will offer only capsule announcements of releases.

Similarly, discussion and analysis of Reclaiming organizing takes place on the Reclaiming elists, where everyone can take part in a timely and democratic way. For information on the elists, contact RQ or visit [Reclaiming.org](http://Reclaiming.org)

Speaking of timely and democratic, we close with the Revolutionary Pagan Workers Vanguard — sacred guardians of the dialectical materialist interpretation of Reclaiming's Principles of Unity.

Want to know anything else? Contact [quarterly@reclaiming.org](mailto:quarterly@reclaiming.org)

## Submissions

RQ welcomes articles, photos, artwork, etc., related to activist, cultural, or spiritual happenings. You'll save yourself time if you contact us for submissions guidelines.

Submit via email or mail to the address below. For emails, copy and paste text into the message rather than sending word-attachments. We love photos of all kinds! Please query about how to send them. Print-photos will be returned on request. All other submissions are eventually used to line hamster cages, so save a copy.

We accept submissions anytime. When we're close to publication, we announce a deadline. Articles are sometimes held for another issue as space and topicality dictate. We reserve the right to edit for length, grammar, or readability.

Anything submitted to and/or appearing in RQ may be posted on our website. If you do not want your article or name to appear on the website (i.e., to show up on Google searches), please let us know in writing at the time you submit it.

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# To Our Readers

Welcome to the first-ever online edition of Reclaiming Quarterly.

This is a big jump for RQ, one that we believe will make the magazine more sustainable and increase our circulation.

Naturally we hope that you will immediately print the entire issue and treat it with all the love, honor, and respect that has always welcomed a new print edition of RQ!

You can also browse it online and print just those pages you want. The new RQ should print on any laser or inkjet printer. See page 2 for print-tips.

If downloading proves impossible, we are standing by to help, including printing the issue ourselves and mailing it to subscribers who request it. See “Assistance” section below.

## DECENTRALIZED PRINTING

The decision to decentralize the printing of RQ was made for both economic and ecological reasons.

Decentralizing the printing of RQ reduces the number of unread copies, and eliminates the costly mailing of print editions.

It also makes our issues instantly available to readers anywhere on the planet. Older editions of RQ are being archived and made available online. Someday, readers will be able to access any issue of the magazine at the click of your mouse.

That’s right – every issue of RQ, 24/7.

## WHY SUBSCRIBE IF IT’S FREE?

That’s a common dilemma faced by all media today. With print declining and the internet unable to produce income, once-proud titles are disappearing under the weight of their budgets.

RQ’s response is to minimize our already-low costs.

Almost all of the work on RQ is volunteer. Unlike professional publications, we are not saddled with high production costs.

But we still look to readers for crucial support – equipment, internet costs, travel to events and gatherings, and office expenses.

Your support of RQ underwrites all of Reclaiming, from the camps and classes we publicize, to the Pagan Cluster activities we cover, to services like nonprofit status that RQ helps maintain.

A donation to RQ, or an advertisement in the magazine, supports these crucial functions for all Reclaiming communities.

## ASSISTANCE FOR THE COMPUTER-CHALLENGED

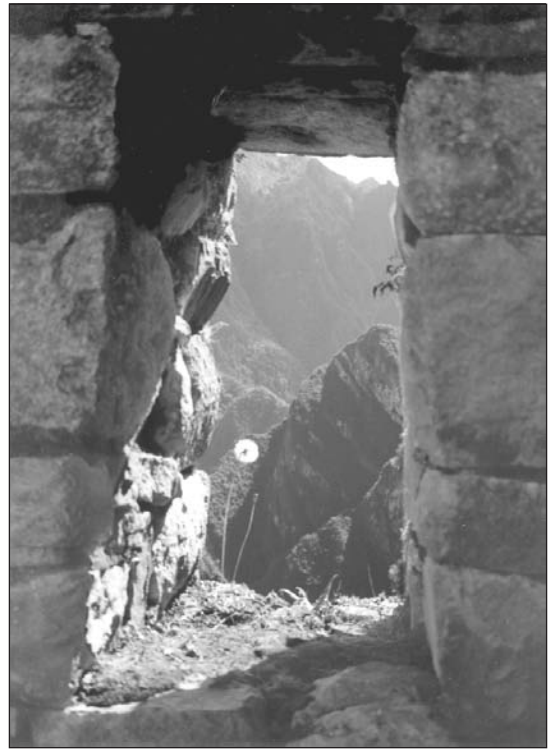
RQ honors the Luddite movement, and proclaims our kinship with those who would impede the march of dehumanizing technology.

As a special service in solidarity with the computer-challenged, RQ will print and mail a complete copy of the new RQ to anyone who requests it. For subscribers, this service is free. For others, we will ask a donation.

We want everyone to have access to RQ!

Please contact us with feedback about the new online RQ.

Until next time — *the RQ production cell*



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## Dandelion Gathering

Plans for the fourth biennial Dandelion Gathering (an all-Reclaiming conclave first held in Spring 2004) are underway as RQ heads to press.

Dandelion 2010 will be held at Diana’s Grove in central Missouri, a 102-acre sanctuary “dedicated to the magical work of personal and community development.”

Diana’s Grove, located two hours southwest of St. Louis, sponsors a year-round Mystery School, and is the longtime site of Reclaiming’s Midwest Witchcamp. (*See page 41 for more info, or visit [www.dianasgrove.com](http://www.dianasgrove.com)*)

The first agenda item at the Dandelion Gathering is building community. Rituals, workshops, and shared meals are favorite activities.

Reclaiming’s evolving BIRCH council will convene again at Dandelion. Any Dandelion participant can take part in BIRCH. Reclaiming communities are encouraged to send a spoke.

As always, RQ reps plan to be at Dandelion — hope to see you there!

*See article on Dandelion 2010 on page 38.*

*For photos of past Dandelion Gatherings, visit [www.reclaimingquarterly.org/web/dand06/](http://www.reclaimingquarterly.org/web/dand06/)*