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**Reclaiming** is a community of people working to unify spirit and political activism. 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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# Witches' Brew

## New songs, chants, and meditation music

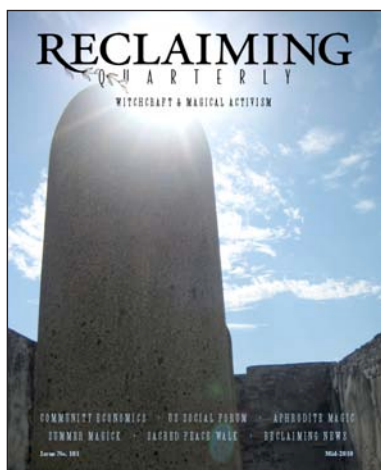
Witches' Brew, Reclaiming's first musical release in eight years, features fifteen outstanding songs and chants from over a dozen of Reclaiming's favorite musicians and teachers.

Performers include many who appeared on earlier Reclaiming recordings, and who have since released their own CDs. This beautiful new CD is a virtual "Best of Reclaiming since 2000."



Featuring: Beverly Frederick • Brook • Evergreen Erb • Danielle Rosa • David Miller • Evelie Delfino Sáles Posch  
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Hear samples and order this beautiful new CD at [www.ReclaimingQuarterly.org](http://www.ReclaimingQuarterly.org), or send \$16 per copy to RQ, PO Box 14404, San Francisco CA 94114



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Our Founder

RQ is descended from *Reclaiming Newsletter* (1980-1997), itself a distant offshoot of *Ye Olde Gazetteer & Reclaymer* (1613-1776). The latter traced its roots to neolithic petroglyphs in Anatolia, before which RQ's past is shrouded in mystery.

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

*Reclaiming Quarterly* is a magazine/website dedicated to Reclaiming-tradition witchcraft and magical activism. What that means to us can be seen in this magazine and on our website, [ReclaimingQuarterly.org](http://ReclaimingQuarterly.org).

RQ began its life as *Reclaiming Newsletter* in Winter 1980-81. Today, the magazine 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.

Are we a quarterly? It depends on your definition. We are presently publishing in “selected quarters,” of which this is one. We are also quite attached to the “Q” in RQ, so we retained the title.

Our mission is to bring together Witchcraft and magical activism. Our focus 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 generally omit several topics. Poetry and fiction ranked low in our surveys, and appear rarely. Book and music reviews didn't fare much better, so we offer only capsule reviews.

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 joining the elists, contact RQ or visit [Reclaiming.org](http://Reclaiming.org).

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. Submit via email or mail to the address below. We love photos of all kinds! Please query about how to send them. Print-photos will be returned on request. Old paper submissions are used to line our 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 second online edition of *Reclaiming Quarterly* — issue #101, dating back to *Reclaiming Newsletter* in 1980.

We are struck by the fact that 101 is the first since issue 69 to read the same upside down as right-side up. In bibliomantic terms, this lends special power to the current issue, particularly if you are someone who can read upside-down print.

This being our first issue in eight months, we wanted to include as much as possible. By the time we finished, the issue had grown to 77 pages — a record we look forward to not breaking for a while.

Our theme this issue, starting on page 26, is “Community Economics.” You’ll find hard-boiled analysis of the current economic debacle side by side with articles on “Money Magic” and “Coming Clean” — ways to apply our values to our personal economic relations.

We also welcome our new “Youth Pages,” which feature writings and artwork from the growing number of teens and young adults in our communities. Please let young friends and family-members know that we welcome writings and artwork.

## RQ’S ONLINE EXPERIMENT

Whether you read RQ online, print a few pages at home, or (like us) take the file to Kinko’s and have them print and bind a copy, thanks for joining our experiment.

RQ#100 (the first online issue), published Winter Solstice 2009, has been downloaded over 20,000 times. Considering that our largest print run was 2000, this seems to represent a great increase in distribution (even allowing for repeat downloads).

## 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.

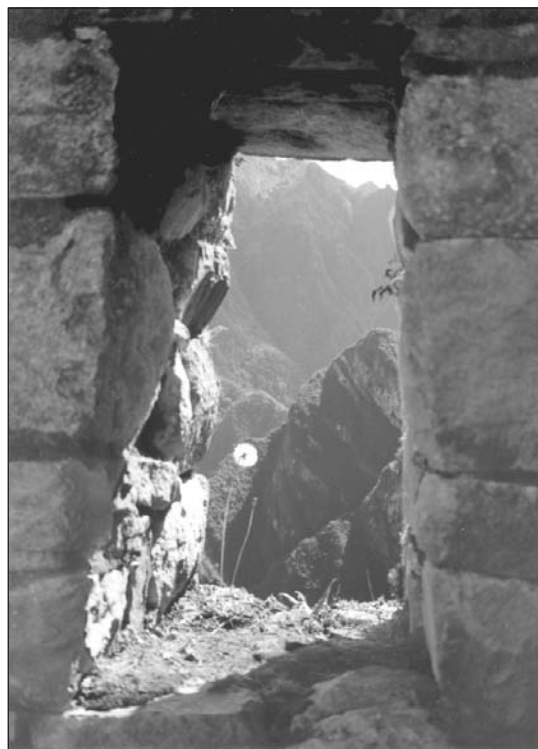
Your support of RQ underwrites all of Reclaiming, from the camps and classes we publicize, to the Pagan Cluster activities we cover, to services like nonprofit status that RQ helps maintain.

## 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 copy of the current 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!

See you next time! — *the RQ production cell*



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## Dandelion Gathering 2010

The fourth biennial Dandelion Gathering (an all-Reclaiming conclave first held in Spring 2004) is just about to get underway as RQ heads to press.

Dandelion 2010 will be held September 8-12 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, long sponsored a year-round Mystery School, and has been the site of Reclaiming’s Midwest Witchcamp.

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 staffers plan to be at Dandelion — hope to see you there!

*For more on Dandelion 2010, see page 64 and/or visit [www.dandeliongathering.org](http://www.dandeliongathering.org)*

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