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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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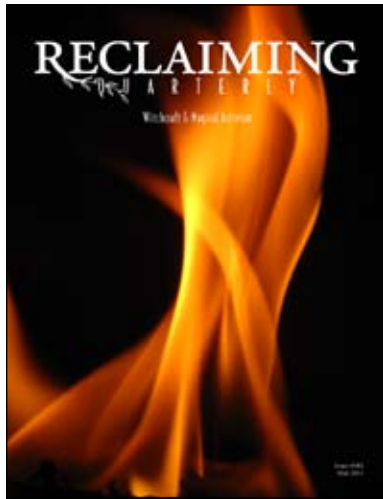
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Our Founder

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 latest edition of *Reclaiming Quarterly* — issue #102, dating back to *Reclaiming Newsletter* in 1980.

Before we go any further, we must correct an important magical error in the last issue. In this very space, we stated that issue #101 was the first since #69 to read the same upside down as right-side up. We went so far as to call readers' attention to the bibliomantic implications of this rare conjuncture.

Well, as alert readers noticed, we missed a number — and a really good one at that. We overlooked issue #88, with a theme section on Reclaiming's history (just about our only theme ever to actually focus on Reclaiming). You can see the issue for yourself by visiting the Archives section of RQ.org.

We offer numerological apologies to friends and fans of 88, and cast an eye forward to issue #111, which at the current rate of publication should appear late in Obama's second term.

## FIRE — AND LOTS OF IT

Our theme this issue is Fire in all its aspects. The section begins on page 26. See page 27 for an introduction.

Our Youth section brings a fresh spirit to the magazine. Youth and young adults are specially invited to submit writing, photos, and artwork to these pages.

Our activism pages bring frontline coverage of the Wisconsin protests and a disabled rights action in Berkeley.

You'll also find feature articles and a photo essay by Michael Starkman. The issue rounds out with Reclaiming news and info, including a sampling of Michael Rauner's Spiral Dance photos.

Ah, yes — the Vanguard, as always, brings up the rear — see announcement to right.

## WHY SUBSCRIBE IF IT'S FREE?

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 looks to our readers for crucial support — equipment, internet costs, travel to events and gatherings, and office expenses.

Almost all of the work on RQ is volunteer. But we need your support for equipment, software, website hosting, and many other aspects of our work.

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.

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



## Revolutionary Pagan Workers Vanguard

Yes — contained on page 84 of this issue of Reclaiming Quarterly is the latest edition of the RPWV — issue #35 of this crucial compendium of Alchemico-Leninist analysis, theory, and muckraking.

For 35 issues of RQ, the RPWV has upheld the sacred tenets of magical materialism as the final page of the magazine. It's still there — the voice of the Pagan proletariat!

## FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE (SEE PAGE 84)

- Illegal Brigid Pledge Coaching Raises Furor
- Dandelion Gathering Weighs Revisions to Principles of Unity — including eliminating language suggesting that Australian Witches are standing on their heads
- Photo — the Right Ancient Order of the Bristling Broom sweeps up after PaganFest

## WANT MORE OF THE VANGUARD?

You can read our collected works — the back issues of the RPWV, exactly as they appeared in RQ beginning in the late 1990s. Read all the news at: [www.ReclaimingQuarterly.org/archives/](http://www.ReclaimingQuarterly.org/archives/)