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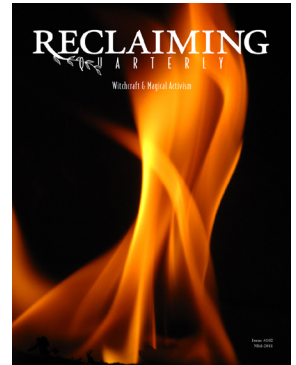
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Black Swan. A psychotic yet beautiful exploration of the professional ballet. The glam dance world opens up to reveal the poignant and devastating wretchedness of competition, sexuality, and the shadow self.

Buitiful, written and directed by Mexican director Gonzalez-Inarritu. An exquisitely raw dive into the eroding life of a man confronted by multiple responsibilities and diminishing capacity. Not for the faint-of-heart.

My Girlfriend's Boyfriend. Heartfelt romance combined with a clever plot. Watch til the very end for a great twist that brings it all together.



MUSIC / AUDIO

Lungs by Florence + the Machine. One of the best albums of the year. Flo belts it out, tender yet strong, to driving rhythms and pretty harp arpeggios. Indie rock has never been this magical.

Treats by Sleigh Bells. Aggressive noise pop that gets the adrenaline pumping. Mad beats, deadpan vocals, and wicked guitar make this album perfectly danceable and interesting enough for repeat listens.

Lunacy by Lunacy. The first Lunacy recording from 1990 is now available as a CD, including all the lyrics as a CD-ROM. Lunacy's second album, *Hand of Desire* (1992), will be available soon. Visit lunacymusic.blogspot.com for ordering information.

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WITCH HOUSE - CHILL DOWNTEMPO ELECTRONICA

Witches finally hit the mainstream of pop music! Witch House, Ghost Drone, Spectral Pop, Were-House, and more. It's occult-oriented, downtempo music that has been compared to Chillwave (always a favorite here at RQ proofing sessions).

Sounds are mixed and remixed. Many bands mix genders as well.

Sadly, reviews are mixed, too. A common complaint is that the music sounds like someone just got a new computer. Find out for yourself by visiting the RQ#102 webpage, where you'll find links to online samples:

www.ReclaimingQuarterly.org/102/

You can also google some of these bands, or the genres above:

Mater Suspira Vision

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Modern Witch

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White Ring

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Five Classic 1990s Hip-Hop Albums

1. Brand Nubian *Everything is Everything*
2. Wyclef Jean *The Carnival*
3. Jungle Brothers *Done by the Forces of Nature*
4. Lauryn Hill *Miseducation*
5. Tribe Called Quest *Low End Theory*

Histories by Herodotus (audiobook). Chatty Mediterranean history plus travelogue from the well-traveled Herodotus, circa 400 BCE. Legend says Herodotus read his work aloud in the marketplace. Here's a chance to listen in.

In These Arms: A Song for All Beings by Jennifer Berezan and Friends. In these times of great sorrow and great fear, works of great beauty soothe the soul. This album, one long chant, is a life saver.

BOOKS / WRITING

Belong to Me by Marisa de los Santos. Pure poetic narrative mixed with an



intimate understanding of the vagaries of the human psyche. Dialogue imbues magical insights and vulnerability of characters living into their own wildness. Highly satisfying.

American Gods by Neil Gaiman. Gaiman is always an amazing storyteller, and he's at the top of his intricate magic-noir game in this road trip through deity and myth in modern-day America.

Sex and Eroticism in Mesopotamian Literature by Dr. Gwendolyn Leick. If you are interested in Inanna, Dumuzi, sacred prostitution, gender roles and the importance of LGBTI folk in Ancient Mesopotamia, this book will be illuminating.

Honeybee Democracy by Thomas D. Seely. A fascinating story of how honeybees produce new colonies by communicating and working together. Honeybees have much to teach us about collective wisdom and effective group decision-making.

The Sorcerer of Sainte Felice by Ann Finnin. Page-turner for ceremonial magick fans chronicles efforts by 15-year-old apprentice Michael to avoid burning at the stake. Alchemy, angels, intense edgy fun.

Phyllida and the Brotherhood of Philander by Ann Herenden. A fun polyamorous bisexual Regency romance novel for those of us with that vice.

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25 Years Ago: a Vintage Reclaiming Newsletter

Reclaiming Newsletter, Issue No. 22 - Spring 1986

Hand-lettered caption on tarot card reads: "Now if you'll all just look down here, I'll turn this stick into a white rabbit."

Feature articles included:

- "Energy Follows Intention," by Cybele
- "Ethics: Dealing with Power Over," by Robin K
- "Prairie Faeries," by Sabra Ravensbeak
- "Hannah's Household Hints," by Hannah Clancy

Advertisers included San Francisco magic shop Tools of Magic, as well as Lomi Bodywork, musician Charlie Murphy, and *The Vigil*, "A Graphic Journal of Wiccaen and Earth Religions" from Omaha, Nebraska.

Classes included Elements of Magic and Ritual as a Tool for Freedom.

Reclaiming Newsletter No. 22 was produced by the RQ production cell's distant ancestors, whom we honor here: Leslie, Rick, Robin, Vibra, Rose, and Roy.



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Write Your Own Egyptian Hieroglyphics by Angela McDonald. Hieroglyphics are partly pictograms and partly alphabetical script. Learn to read and write your name, greetings, and useful phrases for when you find yourself trance-journeying to ancient Egypt.

Love In Abundance: A Counselor's Advice on Open Relationships by Kathy Labriola. Exploring alternative relationships? Here are practical ideas on the complex web of negotiations, agreements, pitfalls, and rewards of polygamy. For individuals, couples, or groups.

FAVORITE UN RESOLUTIONS

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Adopted by the United Nations in 2007 and endorsed by the United States in 2010, this document teaches us right relationship with our Indigenous neighbors.

RQ welcomes reviews! It doesn't need to be "pagan," and it doesn't need to be "art." If it's exciting you, let us know about it. Send title plus 25 words to quarterly@reclaiming.org

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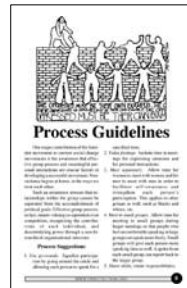
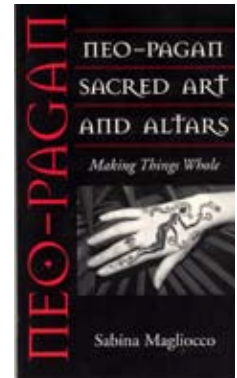
Neo-Pagan Sacred Art and Altars: Making Things Whole

by *Sabina Magliocco*

With grace and tact, anthropologist Sabina Magliocco's short book provides an intelligent introduction to the material culture of neo-pagans. Each sentence gives the reader keys to better understanding the history and social context of not just pagan art, but paganism in general.

Lovingly and meticulously researched, Magliocco's book combines her knowledge of modern paganism with anecdotal experience. The result is a perfectly distilled anthropological work that tempers readability with intellectual rigor — and a gorgeous series of photographs for good measure. For those with a keen interest in art, folklore, history, or spirituality in general, this book is a gem not to be missed.

Reviewed by *Arcadia*

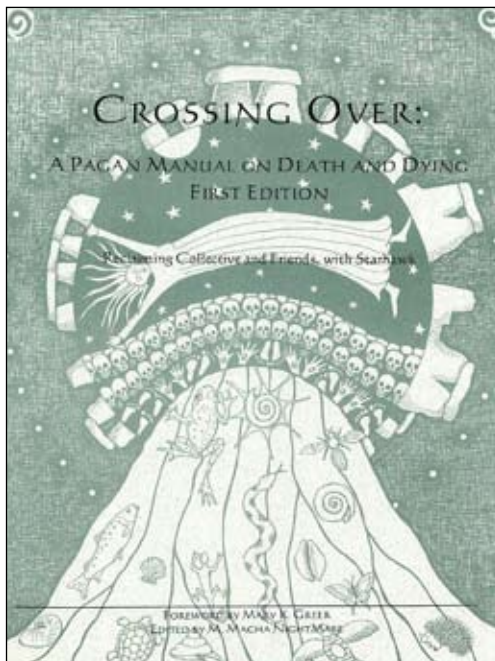


Consensus & Feminist Process

Free download at RQ.org

This 16-page handbook is distilled from direct action handbooks. Sections cover nonviolence in action and in our relationships, consensus and group process, affinity groups, working amid diversity, and confronting oppression.

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Reclaiming classic fetches top dollar online

Dear RQ,

Recently I searched for *Crossing Over* on ABEbooks.com.

(*Crossing Over* was the prototype, self-published by Reclaiming, of the book that was eventually published by HarperSanFrancisco as *The Pagan Book of Living and Dying*, co-authored by M. Macha NightMare and Starhawk. — RQ)

ABEbooks lists a single copy available — for \$140! Yes, that's one hundred forty dollars.

So if you happen to have bought a copy the year that came out, you may wish to hang onto it. *Crossing Over: A Pagan Manual on Death and Dying* was published in 1996, and *TPBOL&D* in 1997. In 2010 the latter book was translated and published in Poland.

Tickled,

Macha

If you didn't buy a copy back in '96, you'll find one in Reclaiming's archives, conveniently located on the RQ website: www.reclaimingquarterly.org/archives/



Portland Reclaiming is excited to welcome the larger Reclaiming Community to the Pacific Northwest for Dandelion 5.

What is Dandelion?

Like the seeds of the healing Dandelion plant, the Reclaiming tradition has spread all over the world. The Dandelion Gathering is a gathering of the international tribes within the Reclaiming tradition occurring every two to three years. Dandelion has been hosted all over the US: in the Southwest, the Northeast, the Bay Area, the Midwest. We are so excited to announce that for the 5th biannual gathering in 2012, Dandelion will be held in the Northwest US just outside of Portland, Oregon.

Dandelion is an open format event which means that the programming of Dandelion comes together from you, the community of participants. Past gatherings have seen ecstatic, healing, and political rituals, skill-building workshops, hilarious entertainment, networking between groups all over the world, children's programming, social gatherings for teachers and community leaders, and lots of time to meet new folks and connect together as an international community. Dandelion also hosts the BIRCH meeting, the Broader Intra Reclaiming Council Hub, a council who represents many different parts of Reclaiming including witchcamps, guilds, cells, event and action organizers and Reclaiming communities from all over the world. At the meeting this year, we will make some edits to our Principles of Unity to include our multiplicity of gender and reflect our changing culture.

When and Where is Dandelion?

Dandelion 5 will be held August 1 – 5, 2012, in Molalla, Oregon. We will be at the beautiful Camp Adams, Milk Creek Site, located about 45 minutes from the Portland, Oregon, International Airport. For more information on Camp Adams visit <http://campadams.org/>

Registration is now open. Early bird pricing is available through February 15th, 2012 so if you know you are coming, please take advantage of the discount! For full information on rates and contact for volunteer roles, scholarship and accommodations information please see the website. There are many opportunities for being a part of Dandelion and we need YOUR help! We are seeking folks to volunteer with one of the organization cells, offer a workshop at the event, and fundraise in their communities to help send more witches to the gathering. Are you ready to get involved? More information is available on the website. Visit <http://dandeliongathering.org/index.html>

For questions contact: dandelion5.magic@gmail.com

We look forward to working with you and seeing you at Dandelion!

- The Dandelion 5 organizing cell