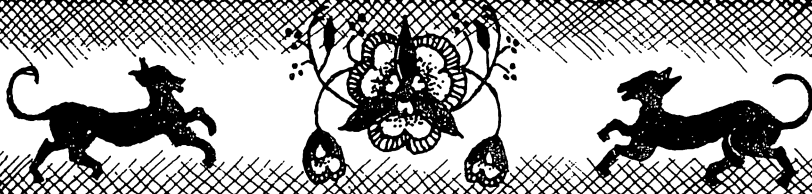



# RECLAIMING

a center for feminist spirituality and counseling



## RECLAIMING means:

- We reclaim the Goddess: the immanent life force, the connecting pattern of all being.
- We reclaim the creative and healing power of women.
- We reclaim the God/dess: the source for nurturing, feeling, healing ways of being male.
- We reclaim our visions, our personal myths, our heritage and lost histories.
- We reclaim our magic: the 'art of changing consciousness at will', the art of training intuition and awareness in order to shape reality.
- We reclaim our personal power, and transform blocked energies into freedom, intimacy and strength to change.
- We reclaim our culture through art, poetry, performance, music, dance, writing, and ritual.
- We reclaim political and social power to counter the destructive and oppressive forces in our society.
- We reclaim the human community of all races and classes, and the interconnected community of plants, elements, animals, energy and resources.
- We reclaim the earth; we reclaim the future.




## WHO WE ARE

RECLAIMING is a collective of four women who combine spiritual and political visions. All of us are Witches: Priestesses of the ancient religion of the Goddess, and have worked together in our own coven for four years. All are licensed ministers of the Covenant of the Goddess.


We use the word 'Witch' as an affirmation of women's power to shape reality.

Diane Adler is a teacher, editor, and National President of the Covenant of the Goddess. Lauren Gale is a poet and teacher. Kevyn Lutton is an artist, illustrator, performer and teacher. Starhawk is a teacher, counselor, and writer, author of The Spiral Dance: A Rebirth of the Ancient Religion of the Great Goddess.

Associated with RECLAIMING are Alan Acacia, men's movement activist, and Bonnie Barnett, vocalist, composer, and teacher of vocal resonance.



## WHAT WE DO



CLASSES: (Six Week Sessions)

THE ELEMENTS OF MAGIC: (For women) History, philosophy, and theology of Goddess spirituality--the principles of magic as the language of the intuitive. Work in the basic techniques of changing consciousness: relaxation, visualization, concentration, sensing and projecting energy, chanting, trance, and the structure, creation and performance of ritual.

NEXT SESSION BEGINS FEBRUARY 5, 1980. 343 Frederick St. S.F. Near Cole and Frederick. Call 564-7066 or 681-5857 for reservations. Fee \$75. Installment payments available. Thursdays.

THE PENTACLE: (For Women) Deeper exploration of sensing and projecting energy, further exploration of trance states as ways of working on self, sexuality, emotions, self-esteem, and effectiveness in the world. Group dynamics and creating a group bond. For advanced students. Contact Starhawk 681-5857 for information. Next session begins Tuesday, January 20.

## CLASSES: (Six Week Sessions)

THE RITE-OF-PASSAGE: (For Women) Dreams, myths and language, fairy tales as a structure for a personal rite-of-passage. Using skills in changing consciousness to discover, explore and transform personal and group myths based on dream material. Culminating in a ritual of emergence created and led by students. Advanced--contact us for information.

MAGIC FOR MEN: The elements of magic for men, taught in the feminist Faerie tradition, with emphasis on male closeness and bonding, developing new perspectives on our cultural conditioning, encountering our nurturing, feeling selves, and exploring political and social implications of changes in men's roles.

CIRCLES: Classes often develop into new circles or covens. Members of RECLAIMING offer consultation and support.

## PUBLIC RITUALS AND POLITICAL/SPIRITUAL EVENTS:

THE SPIRAL DANCE RITUAL: In Celebration of the True Halloween: Celebrated for two successive years. Incorporates music, dancing, a chorus trained by Bonnie Barnett, masks, costumes, banners and sculpture by Eleanor Myers, Kimberly Breese, Medea Maquis, and Kevyn Lutton. RECLAIMING is committed to making the Spiral Dance an annual event--our gift to the community.

Members of RECLAIMING have also been involved in rituals for the National Conference on Women and Violence (1976), the Take Back the Night March (1978), the Inviting In the Light celebration (1979), and were instrumental in organizing the Three Mile Island Memorial Parade (1979).

PERSONAL COUNSELING: Starhawk offers counseling for individuals, incorporating both a magical and a psychological approach, in a framework that honors the spiritual and political as well as the personal. Reclaiming personal power: intimacy, freedom, creativity. One-time and ongoing sessions can be arranged. Sliding scale. Call 681-5857 for appointment.

## ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS:

RECLAIMING THE GODDESS: (For women) An introduction to the heritage and thealogy of Goddess religion. Reclaiming the Goddess as a connection to our own inner core and creative strength. Visualization, raising and grounding energy, and beginning trance techniques are taught in the framework of the day as a ritual.

NEXT SESSION: Saturday, Feb. 21. 10 A.M. -- 6 P.M. Bring lunch. At Journey Inn, 3199 Waverly, Palo Alto Call 494-0253 for info. and registration, or contact Starhawk. Fee \$35. Limit 15.

Journey Inn/Chrysalen is a small community of spirit in Palo Alto, dedicated to evoking and empowering the feminine healing energies as part of the planetary transformation in our time.

WORKSHOPS IN THE WORKS: (No dates set yet, but watch for flyers)

RECLAIMING THE GODDESS (Marin, East Bay--wherever. Will travel).

RECLAIMING MEN'S MAGIC

TRANCE INTENSIVE

ENERGY INTENSIVE

RITUAL MAKING

CIRCLE INTENSIVE: Starting a circle/coven, group dynamics and bonding techniques, leadership, power, and conflict.

## OPEN RITUAL:

BRIGID: 8 P.M. Sunday Evening, February 1

A ritual to unite the political and spiritual--a good one for interested newcomers, sceptics, and people with little experience with rituals. Open to any and all sexes. Focusing on transforming our feelings of futility, despair, burn-out and hopelessness, into energy and strength for change. Followed by a discussion of future tactics, strategies, and possible ongoing actions. Planning meeting 8 P.M. Sunday January 25, at Kimberley's (824-0274) 803 Castro St.

Location for Brigid--5th Floor, Antioch University West, in Cogswell College, corner of Pine & Stockton, S.F. Enter from Stockton St.

## NETWORK/NEEDS:

### RECLAIMING needs:

VOLUNTEERS to help us get out mailing, co-ordinate, organize and publicize events, and generally do what needs to be done. If you can type, count, keep track of details, or are good with publicity, making calls, or just generally cheerful and nice to have around, we could use your help.

CHILDCARE--both volunteers and available space. Our longterm goal is to offer childcare for all of our classes and workshops.

A PERMANENT LOCATION for classes, rituals, and workshops. At very low rent. A shared space could be considered. If you own a building in a neighborhood with safe, convenient transportation, that has a basement, attic or whatever that could be made comfortable, and would like to donate the use of it to RECLAIMING, tax deductions can be arranged through the Covenant of the Goddess.

NAMES for our ever-expanding mailing list.

EAST COAST and MIDWEST contacts--Starhawk would like to plan a summer speaking tour to points east, and would welcome help in setting up speaking engagements, workshops, and personal or group consultations.

OFFICE SUPPLIES, access to xeroxing, printing, typesetting, etc.

MONEY: Your tax deductible donations (made payable to the Covenant of the Goddess, and earmarked RECLAIMING) will be used to support the following:

The cost of mailings and printings to keep you and others informed.

Scholarships for classes and individual counseling, so they can be made available to everyone who needs them.

A fund for public rituals--to cover space rental, insurance, sound equipment, materials, artwork, lights and publicity.

Research and writing into the mythology, history and culture of Goddess-oriented spirituality, and traditions and techniques of healing.

## NETWORK/GOSSIP:

RECLAIMING welcomes Z. Budapest to the Bay Area. On Friday, February 13, Z will perform shaman songs and talk on women's power and women's religion, 8 P.M., Ollie's in Oakland. Tickets \$4.00. Z would like to hear from women interested in the Dianic tradition. Classes begin in February. Write to Z. Budapest 2927 Harrison, Oakland 94611 or call 444-7724.

DEAD ON ARRIVAL: THE FATE OF NATURE IN THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION-- A talk by David Kubrin and Carolyn Merchant, historians of science, discussing how the world-view that sees nature and matter as dead rather than female/alive contributes to the ecological crisis. Friday, Feb. 6, 8 P.M. at the Socialist School, 29 29th St. 22-3333 ext. 153

## RECLAIMING CALENDAR:

THE PENTACLE CLASS: 6 Tuesdays beginning January 20th. Near Church and 30th. Advanced--women. Call Starhawk 681-5857.

PLANNING MEETING for BRIGID--Sunday, January 25, 8 P.M. 803 Castro, Kimberley 824-0274.

BRIGID RITUAL: Sunday, February 1, 8 P.M. 5th floor, Antioch, in Cogswell College, corner of Pine & Stockton, S.F. Use Stockton entrance.

THE ELEMENTS OF MAGIC: (Women--beginning) 6 Thursdays, beginning February 5th. 343 Frederick St. S.F. Kevyn 564-7066.

RECLAIMING THE GODDESS: (Women) One-day workshop, Saturday, February 21. 10 A.M.--6 P.M. Bring lunch. At 3199 Waverly, Palo Alto. Contact Journey Inn/Chrysalen 494-0253 or Starhawk.

DAYTIME CLASSES can be arranged if enough students are interested. Contact Starhawk 681-5857 or Lauren 863-0356.

JOIN THE NETWORK: SEND US YOUR NEEDS OR GOSSIP. THIS NEWSLETTER WILL APPEAR SPORADICALLY AROUND BRIGID, BELTANE, LAMMAS AND SAMHAIN (FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST, AND OCTOBER).

I WOULD LIKE TO BE A FRIEND OF RECLAIMING!

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\_\_\_\_\_ RECLAIMING THE GODDESS (1 DAY WORKSHOP, \$35)

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