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# RECLAIMING'S Weather Report

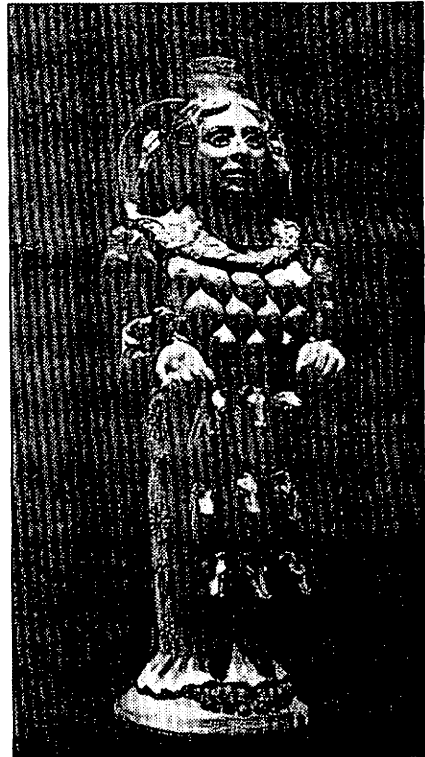
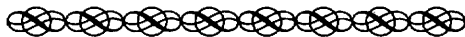
## SHE CHANGES EVERYTHING SHE TOUCHES

Inhale, exhale, inhale, exhale, take a deep breath, let the sound out. I am writing this just past Lughnasad (August 1) the suspended time of great hope and great fear. You will be reading this closer to Mabon (fall equinox) time of harvest and balance. Like new farmers we scattered seeds, so much decision making and weeding was required. O but the bounty that survived (thrived). New circles spawned (we say we are like mint and send out strong runners), a summer solstice ritual filled with the vital/life-affirming/erotic pleasures of the season (we say our talking and our action can lead to great changes) and healthy babies born into this world (we say our magic, our healing, goes beyond the medical into the abundance that is Her/our touch. Welcome back to the body to Eleanor and David's girl baby to whom a name will not stick and to Morgan Sean Coble-Garrett born to Isis and Duncan.)

The news from Starhawk is we are every where. She went to the Pagan Spirit Gathering in Wisconsin and writes "Not true that the Midwest is empty - sense that pagans, as a whole, are seeing the trip in a broader more political viewpoint." Her workshops in Madison and New York were "exciting, exhausting, wonderful. Thanks to Earthsisters and Circle in Wisconsin, and Blue Star in New York. Barbara Blair also."

Back home in SF more changes. Three graftings (Diane is moving to LA, Susan has already left for a new job, and Bonnie Barnett has joined the Reclaiming collective), two new classes (see classes) and lastly, one Third Annual Spiral Dance Ritual. (Hooray!) So if you want to participate in public ritual making and are an artist, dancer, musician, possible chorus member or general helper please check announcement and call appropriate number.

So the circle is open, unbroken and continuing. And blessed be.



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Reproductions of sculpture in this issue were given with permission of the artist, Medea Maquis. Medea, who lives in San Francisco, has "apprenticed herself to artists who wrought spiritual images from the ice ages to the beginning of the Christian era." Her work gives a sense of connectedness to the mother cultures, and insight into the powers that have always sought expression through female images. She has worked mainly in ceramic and is presently working in metals.

## CLASSES, WORKSHOP, and LECTURES

**RECLAIMING THE MOON** (more than an image): We flux with the moon through her/our quarters. We move from the waning moon - the Crone, she who cuts the cord, who ends, through the new moon warrior - the birth of vision, and the waxing quarter - she whose power grows and glows to the fullness of our abundance, to the full moon circle that we have become. 4 Tuesdays, 8pm beginning September 22, San Francisco, call Lauren 863-0356 or Kevyn 564-7066 for registration. \$50 - \$60 sliding scale.

**THE PENTACLE FOR MEN:** (Advanced, students must have taken the Elements or talk to instructors about previous experience.) Deepening our skills in trancework and moving energy, to explore the Mysteries of the Pentacle: sex, self, passion, pride and power. How can they work for men who are struggling to break through patriarchy and transform male energy? Emphasis on group bonding, nurturing, and building trust to create a new personal and political framework. Taught by Richard Anderson and Starhawk. 6 Thursdays beginning September 17. 8pm - 11pm. SF location. Sliding fee scale \$75--\$90. Phone Richard 658-5327 or Starhawk 681-5857 for reservations or information.

**THE GODDESS IN ASTROLOGY:** The Asteroids, a one-day workshop. Beyond the conventions of planetary astrology there are the asteroids: Lilith, Ceres, Pallas, Vesta, Juno and more; old names for ancient possibilities of female strength, insight and process. What you always thought was missing from your natal chart. Taught by Yana Breeze. Saturday, September 26, 10am - 5pm. Castro and 21st. \$30 - \$40 sliding scale (natal chart and reading included). Call Mary 824-8938. She must have registration and birth data by September 16. Sponsored by Reclaiming.

### RECLAIMING recommends...

The Institute of Celtic Studies is sponsoring the following lecture discussions at Fort Mason. Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, \$2.00 each. Sept. 15: The Supreme Trance Dancer: The Three-Fold Goddess of Celtic Myth by Padraigin McGillicuddy, author, feminist and radio producer. Nov. 17: Broceliande, Forest of Arthurian Enchantment by Laurie Fadave. Talk with slides on lore, past and present, associated with various sights in this Breton forest where Merlin became enchanted by the fairy Viviane. Laurie teaches Celtic Studies at SFSU.

*A new circle of lesbian working-class women is forming under the midwifery of Kevyn. We are committed to political/social change and action, and come together for support and magical empowerment. For more information call Kevyn, 564-7066. Cost of childcare, and safe transportation, if needed is shared.*

**GOSSIP:** The Spiral Dance has gone into its fifth printing at Harper & Row.

**CIRCLE NETWORK NEWS:** Quarterly newspaper of Positive Magick, Witchcraft and Paganism, with articles, rituals, contacts and resources. \$5/year, \$2 sample copy. CIRCLE, Box 9013, Madison, Wisconsin 53715.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Covenant of the Goddess is combining a festival with their annual Grand Council Meeting, September 10, 11, 12, 13. We'll spend four days in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Dorms and meals are available if you pre-register (\$4.00 per bed, per night, \$8.00 a day for all your meals. There is some free camping.) We'll enjoy rituals, music, beaches, festivities, plus workshops and meetings. RECLAIMING will most likely lead workshops in teaching the craft, ritual planning, group bonding/group conflict, and chanting for ritual. Write C.O.G. for a registration form. P.O. Box 1226, Berkeley, CA 94704, or contact RECLAIMING.

FALL EQUINOX, September 20. Good time for banishing the weeds that choke our summer gardens, the noose we carry inside our throats that keeps us swallowing our love and our collective power. Also time of harvest, thanksgiving, the balance of day and night. We meet to turn the Wheel and weave the cord of life that will sustain us through the dark. And this year as added attraction we will name the baby. Meet at Rodeo Beach, south end (by the two huge rocks), Sunday, September 20, at 1 pm for ritual planning. Ritual to begin at 3 pm. Bring food for picnic, musical instruments for pleasure, ritual objects for props and inspiration. Kids most welcome.

FULL MOON RITUALS. The Wind Hags, whose name is derived from the inclement weather which inevitably accompanies their outdoor rituals, invite you to celebrate full moon rituals with them. The first ritual will be held Sunday, September 13. Women, men, children welcome. If you are interested, please call Gweneth 626-9238, within two days before the moon is full.

MEN'S OPEN CIRCLES. Men who are interested in open moon circles or healing circles call Richard Anderson 658-5327 or Shawn 849-1187 or 848-3084.

THE THIRD ANNUAL SPIRAL DANCE RITUAL: In Celebration of The True Halloween is happening October 30th. We welcome everybody who would like to be part of creating this ritual. If you are interested and would like to join:

The Chorus and instrumentalists: Contact Bonnie Barnett 922-0763. Rehearsal dates: Friday, Sept 25; Friday, Oct. 9; Friday, Oct. 23.

Artists, maskmakers,  
costume makers: Contact Kevyn 564-7066

Dancers: Contact Kevyn 564-7066.

Setting up/taking down/  
keeping order: Contact Suzanne Cole Gall 775-7054.

Men are involved and welcome.

For the Litany of Grief: Send us the names of your beloved dead.  
For the Litany of Life: Send us the names of babies born this year.

For advance tickets, send \$5.00, include self-addressed stamped envelope. The hall holds only 500 people--advance tickets will assure your place. Proceeds benefit RECLAIMING's scholarship and public rituals funds.

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A tape of Starhawk's Madison Wisconsin talk on "Reclaiming the Goddess, Witchcraft and Social Change," is available through CIRCLE Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715. \$8.95 postpaid U.S.A.; \$9.95 postpaid Canada; and \$12 postpaid overseas.



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## CALENDAR

Sept. thru Oct. 1981

### September

- 10, 11, 12, 13 G.O.G. Grand Council Meeting and Festival, Marin Headlands.  
13, sun. Full Moon Ritual, S.F.  
17, thurs. "The Pentacle for Men" advanced class begins. S.F. 8 p.m.  
20 sun. Fall Equinox Ritual, Rodeo Beach, Marin Headlands, 7 p.m. planning 3 p.m. Ritual begins.  
22 tues. "Reclaiming the Moon" class begins S.F., 8 a.m.  
25 fri. Chorus rehearsal for SPIRAL DANCE RITUAL. S.F. 8 p.m.  
26 sat. "The Goddess in Astrology" workshop S.F. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### October

- 9 fri. Chorus Rehearsal for SPIRAL DANCE RITUAL. S.F. 8 p.m.  
23 fri. Chorus Rehearsal for SPIRAL DANCE RITUAL. S.F. 8 p.m.  
30 fri. Third annual SPIRAL DANCE RITUAL Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, S.F. 8-11 p.m.

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