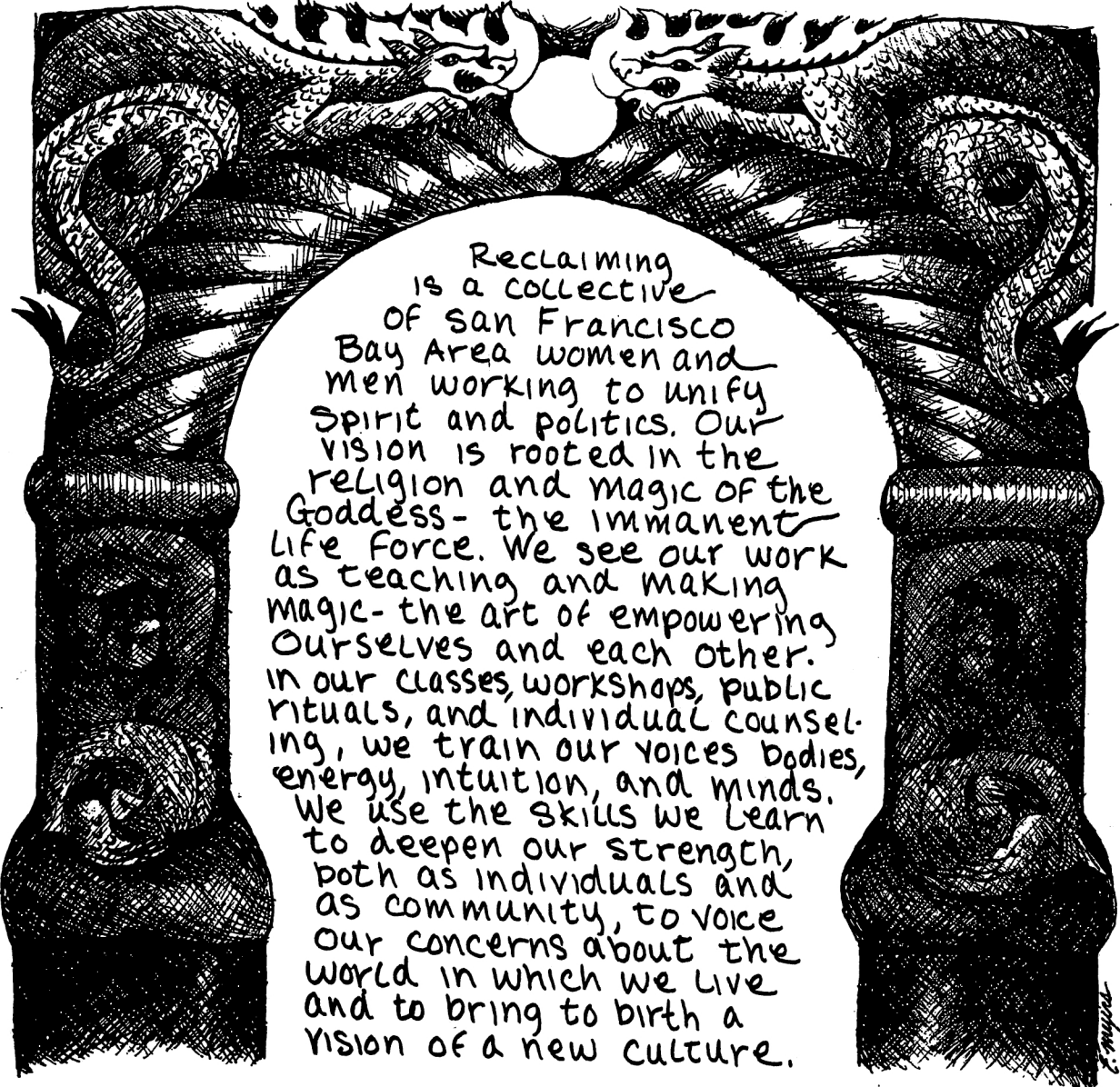


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Reclaiming Gossip

It is Midsummer, and the noonday Sunfire kindles our will, illuminates our hearts.

Since Spring we've been growing like the Summer fruits. Our meetings have always been marathons, and we have recently been troubled by the fact that we have been so busy with the business of rituals and classes and newsletters that we have not had time to tend and to nurture ourselves as a group, have not had time to get to know each other in depth, have not had time to study and to learn together.

So we went to the woods. High points:

- . As a part of our effort to explore the issue of class and how it affects us in our lives and in our work together, we spent one night in a ritual talk-story circle, sharing our personal histories. Wow! A most magical act, a gift from all of us to all of us, to be continued soon;
- . In an effort to solve the not-enough-time blues, and as a way to facilitate our expansion and outreach, we came up with a new structure for RECLAIMING. We will be a network of small circles, each circle dealing with a special interest (teaching, public ritual, children, music, to mention a few), with each circle sending a representative to a general spokescouncil each month. We have agreed to try this structure for a quarter. We think it will foster the kind of growth and vitality we seek, and we foresee wider community participation in our activities.

Some of our visions for the future:

- . Country retreats and weekend workshops;
- . Cross-country and community networking;
- . More healing work;
- . Community gardens;
- . Survival skills.

We had a good time at the retreat, sharing the children, soaking in mineral baths (we had one red hot teachers' meeting in a hot pool - we'd tell you more but no one took notes), eating really inspired feasts, and learning some great songs.

We have taken a deep breath now and are ready to begin.

Blessed be, Rose and Macha

Who? What? Is Reclaiming?



We are one heart and many minds. In the broadest sense, we are who we say we are on the cover of this newsletter, and within that broad definition we have many and diverse faces and voices. When we speak in an individual voice, using our personal name, we speak only as that individual; we are not necessarily in agreement with everything each other says, even in this newsletter. We respect our differences as being the aspects of The Goddess that they are, the facets of the gem of all existence. Our personnel for the current quarter are: Pandora Minerva O'Mallory, Sophia Moondragon, Rose May Dance, Mighty Macha the NightMare, Bonnie Mara, Beth Bone Blossom, Peggy, Faun Dawn (Shawn Usha), Starhawk, Ed Lubin, Anna Korn, Cerridwen Fallingstar, Raven Moonshadow, Lauren Gale, feather singing (Richard Anderson), Linda Hitt changing woman, Erica Fielder, John Gall, Boudica RavenWarrior (Suzanne Cole), Judy Foster, Kevyn Lutton, Eleanor Myers, and assorted others as the occasion arises.

HOW CAN PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN RECLAIMING'S ACTIVITIES PLUG INTO THEIR AREA OF SPECIAL INTEREST? People interested in music (including traditional seasonal songs) call Macha at 433-1499; community gardens call Linda at 552-7641; children call Raven at 584-6988 (ask for Leonard); starting covens call Peggy at 848-8652; faerie men's network call Shawn at 848-3084; The Spiral Dance Ritual call Macha at 433-1499.

OUT REACH/OUT THERE

For those of you who want to know more about RECLAIMING, past, present and future, The Collective Networker Newsletter will be featuring the Reclaiming Collective as part of their ongoing featured collective series. The piece is written by Lauren Gale (who is, as they say, solely responsible for its contents) and will appear in the June issue. The newsletter is in general a good contact point for those interested in collectives. If you would like a copy of said newsletter, please write to The Collective Networker Newsletter, P.O. Box 5446, Berkeley, CA 94705 or phone 681-7563 and Tom, Nadine, Phil or Joan will send you a sample copy.

Open Letter to the Pagan Community

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Summer Solstice is traditionally our time of sacrifice and renewal. This year the threats to the Earth's survival grow in magnitude. Nuclear arms increase, and Reagan mounts war preparations for Latin America. Food is taken out of the mouths of the hungry, and America turns her back on the struggles for justice of women and people of color. Native American lands and ways of life are being destroyed at Big Mountain and in the Black Hills. Everywhere environmental damage becomes critical, and the likelihood of continued renewal seems dim.

In these times we feel that to claim a commitment to the Goddess places on us a responsibility to truly be guardians of the Earth, to take action to prevent Her destruction. In that spirit, on June 21 many of us in the San Francisco Bay Area will be taking part in the nonviolent blockade of the Livermore weapons lab, where many of America's first-strike nuclear weapons are designed. We expect to be arrested and to spend our Solstice - and perhaps many days thereafter - in jail. This is a very small sacrifice, measured against holocaust, and we make it willingly.

We ask you to join us, first with the support of your magic. We envision a national spell, a web of magic, of pagans all over the country working together, focusing their Midsummer ritual on the dismantling of nuclear weapons, and inspiration and empowerment for all those who work for peace.

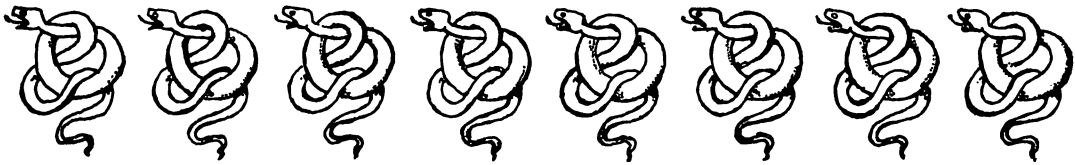
Magic is strongest when linked with action, and we also ask you to join us in taking action - whatever the next step is for you, either openly as a pagan or simply as a citizen. If you have never thought about these issues, it is time to read, to discuss, to become informed. If you have been worried but silent, and felt powerless, now is the time to speak out - by writing letters to President Reagan, your Congressperson, Senators, local politicians and papers (Contact the League of Women Voters for addresses.) If you have written, organize others to write. Join a local group - or start one! Attend a demonstration - or organize one! Or come to Livermore with us, to offer support, or to blockade. We will help organize pagan affinity groups (call Rose at 415/626-9238).

The Goddess, the Gods in our tradition have never been omnipotent. They have always needed human help to bring growth and health to all creatures. The enormous powers of destruction at loose on the Earth today can only be checked if we raise another kind of power - the power of magic, of knowledge, will, courage, love and action - the power that comes from within.

Thou art Goddess,

Starhawk, Rose May Dance, Beth Bone Blossom, Carol McAnnally,
J. Planet McAnnally, Pandora Minerva O'Mallory, M. Macha NightMare

Donations: Livermore Action Group, 3126 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley,
CA 94703, 415/644-2028



June 21 Blockade Summer Solstice Ritual

This Summer Solstice many people in the Reclaiming community will be blockading at the Livermore Weapons Laboratory. We see this act as our celebration of this season of sacrifice and renewal. We invite you to join us at the lab at 6 am on June 21 to offer support. If you would like to prepare to blockade, contact Rose or Pandora at 626-9238 for information on nonviolence training. If you can't come to the blockade itself, we ask you to join your energy with ours by focusing some part of your own Solstice ritual on ending the threat of nuclear war.

Honor Gaia, our Earth Mother

FROM MEGALITH TO METAPHOR: A TOUR OF IRELAND
18 days of magic, mythology, history, stories and ritual with
STARHAWK and LAUREN GALE of RECLAIMING and MARIAN SIOBHAN MARSHE.
September 1 - 18, 1982. Detailed information available by
writing RECLAIMING, P.O.Box 14404, SF, CA 94114, or Return to
the Earth, 320 Judah St., SF, CA 94122, or phoning Return to the
Earth at 415/661-8671.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: This may be your last newsletter if you have not renewed your subscription in the last year. If you wish to continue to receive our newsletter, you need to send \$3-\$5 donation or request a free subscription. The newsletter is costly and we would like to make it self-supporting so that it does not take money away from public rituals and class scholarships.

Classes & Workshops

rites of Passage for Women: Once upon a time... The Rite of Passage focuses on dreams, myths and language, using traditional and non-traditional tales and techniques to create a personal rite of passage. Through story-telling, trance, release work and dream we get our challenge, meet our helpers, work through our blocks and emerge renewed, reborn. Class ends with ritual created by students. For those who have taken Elements and/or Pentacle. Six Mondays, beginning 12 July. Call Rose at 626-9238 or Lauren at 863-0356. ROSE MAY DANCE is a healer, teacher, and writer; LAUREN GALE is a poet, storyteller, ritual maker and teacher.

Daughters and Sons Coming of Age: 11 to 13-year-olds interested in studying magic, getting to know the Goddess, and making rituals, please contact Rose, 626-9238. Let's get a class together. (If you don't already know Rose, this is your chance; among other things, she is a Priestess of Thalia, the Muse of Comedy. Eds.)

It Makes Cense: A practical, hands-on workshop in the making of incense. We will explore the historical, personal and imaginative correspondence aromas, culminating in the making of incense within a sacred circle. Two sessions - Mon., June 28 and Mon., July 5. For information and registration call Raven at 584-6988 (ask for Leonard) on Mons. or Tues. RAVEN MOONSHADOW is a gentle faerie, scentmaker and active participant in reclaiming the mysteries.

THE RESOURCE POOL: Reclaiming teachers are available as resource people for ongoing or newly forming groups. Your group can make a contract with one or several of our teachers for a class series or specific sessions that meet your particular needs. Contact Rose, 626-9238, for more information.

Apprenticeships: If you live far away and can spend a block of time in the SF Bay Area, Reclaiming can arrange a period of intensive magical study and practice, tailored to your experience and goals. The program might involve classes, workshops, individual sessions, readings and/or student teaching. We are especially interested in training people who will return to their home communities to share their skills. Contact Judy Foster, 2925 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705, 415/843-9722 or 849-0994.

Note: Some barter is available, for up to half the amount of tuition. Sometimes full tuition may be exchanged for classroom space in your home. Ask your instructor about arrangements. Call for class fees.

Lughnasad Ritual, 1 August 1982

RECLAIMING's Lughnasad (Lammas) ritual will take place on the beach near the Judah St. pedestrian tunnel, in San Francisco, immediately following Tunnel Hum II (see "Music and Art"). Please bring a snack lunch and also a dinner feast to share. This will be a long day, beginning with Tunnel Hum II at noon, this ritual and a book party for Starhawk's Dreaming the Dark: Magic, Sex and Politics (see below).

The Lughnasad ritual, in honor of the Gaelic Sun god Lugh, will be a bonfire celebration, when we will consider the crops we have planted and the Mother will be asked to winnow, that our harvest may be good. Anyone wishing to bring dough people (symbols of our fears, to be sacrificed) or stars (to be shared and eaten), please do so.

This ritual, like all our work, will have some political content, especially when we deal with our fears.

We suggest dressing in layers, as the beach could be windy and cold as easily as it could be balmy. Bring a towel and your musical instruments. Travel heavy!



Book Party

Dreaming the Dark: Magic, Sex and Politics (Boston, Beacon Press, 1982), Starhawk's second book, is not only completed, it will be printed, bound and available in bookstores in July. Official publication date is 1 August, Lughnasad. Reclaiming invites you all to celebrate with us at a party and booksigning at Ft. Mason Center, Bldg. C, Room 260, from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. Starhawk will read from the work, and we will end the evening with a ritual. Proceeds from book sales will benefit Reclaiming. Free, wheelchair-accessible.



Reclaiming Travels

STARHAWK will be attending the National Women's Studies Association conference in Arcata, June 16-20, where she will present a workshop, "Education for Empowerment: Issues of Process and Structure in Teaching Feminist Spirituality," which will focus on our experiences in Reclaiming. She will also facilitate a Summer Solstice ritual. On July 11-17 STARHAWK will be at a conference in Grailville, Ohio, called "Womanspirit Bonding for a World in Need," where she will lecture on the Goddess as a force uniting the spiritual and the political. For information, contact Feminist Theology Workshop, St. John's University, Jamaica, N.Y. 11439. Afterwards she will be in the following cities, offering a lecture entitled "Reclaiming Our Power: Uniting the Spiritual and the Political" and one-day and evening workshops: Minneapolis, Minn., July 18-20, contact Mary-Lee George-G at 612/339-6242; Madison, Wisconsin, July 21-26, contact Kate Kaufman at 608/241-3972.

FEATHER SINGS OF HIS SUMMER TOUR: Feather singing will be feather flying this Summer, spreading faerie wings and sharing the Goddess' transformative magic along the West Coast and Southwest. In each area feather will be facilitating men's weekends, "The Magic of the Goddess for Men: Connecting with Our Selves, Each Other and Mother Earth," and leading events for women and men, "Reclaiming The Goddess: An Introduction to Feminist Spirituality, Magic and Ritual." He will also be training facilitators and available to work with individuals. Schedule: Seattle/Northwest, June 2-14, contact Good Fairy Productions, 206/329-4863; Mendocino County, June 16-18, contact Ed Lubin, 707/964-4630; Albuquerque-Santa Fe, June 23 - July 5, contact Raven Moonsilver, 505/247-2861; Los Angeles, July 6-12, contact Don Kilhefner, 213/464-7400. To arrange for workshops in the Mid-Atlantic states in late Aug., or the Northeast in mid-Oct., write Richard Anderson, 2042 Weberwood Dr., So. Charleston, WV 25303, 304/344-1446. FEATHER SINGING is a teacher, artist, writer, reclaimer of men's myths and mysteries, Celtic seasonal customs and rituals, and geomancy.

CERRIDWEN FALLINGSTAR, of Reclaiming and Coven Holy Terrors, will be at the 1982 National Pagan Spirit Gathering on June 18-23 in Circle, Wisconsin.

Thanks

HONORS, GRATITUDE, BLESSINGS to those of RECLAIMING and other supporters who put their lives on the line with the blockading of Lawrence Livermore Lab in the effort to end nuclear proliferation and save Mother Earth.

THANKS TO THE MAY CAROLERS WHO SANG AT OUR BELTANE RITUAL: Rowan, who also taught us the traditional songs, Macha, Prudence, Glenn, Tara, John, Boudica, Peggy and Anna.

GRATITUDE AND BLESSINGS TO FOREVER FORESTS for planting nine trees on land which can never be commercially logged in honor of Reclaiming. We are most honored at this gesture of love. If you would like to plant trees in anyone's honor, contact Forever Forests, Box 212, Redwood Valley, CA 95470.

Reclaiming Recommends

PRE-CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND RITUAL IN NORTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE. An introduction to early religious systems and their survivals into the present, focusing primarily on Finno-Ugric peoples (especially Lapps), Balts (Latvians and Lithuanians), Slavs in general and the peoples of the Danube basin and the Balkan peninsula. Discussion of the relationship of their beliefs to those of the Celtic and Germanic tribes. Enhanced by listening to traditional music which can be linked to the archaic myths and rituals of the area. To help participants to explore what has been written on pre-Christian religion with confidence and discrimination. 10 am - 5 pm, Sat., 7 Aug., SF. \$20 plus pot luck. Call Jim at 535-1086 for more information. JIM DURAN, Ph.D., is a Gaelic singer with Sheila na Gig and a teacher of Gaelic language, pre-Christian Gaelic traditions and European pre-history. He is a doctor of linguistics and has done field work in East Africa. Highly recommended!



Music & Art

TUNNEL HUM II, an outdoor participatory vocal ritual by BONNIE BARNETT, will take place on Sun., 1 August (Lughnasad) at noon, in the pedestrian tunnel under the Great Highway at the foot of Judah St. in SF. All are welcome to come and add their vocal vibration to work toward positive change and to open the Lughnasad festivities. RECLAIMING's Lughnasad ritual will take place on the beach nearby shortly after. Please be prompt, as TUNNEL HUM II will be finished by 12:30 pm. Windy, dress warmly. BONNIE BARNETT is the musical director of The Spiral Dance.

TUNNEL HUM II is the culminating event of the SF Movement Arts Workshop, an intensive program (80 hrs.) integrating contact improvisation and composite theater (Ernie Adams, Bob Rease), experiential anatomy (Gail Turner, based on Bonnie Cohen's work), and vocal resonance (Bonnie Barnett). The workshop takes place at the Mariposa Studio in SF from July 18 through August 1 and costs \$250 (\$275 after 6/15) and is sponsored by Umbrella for the Performing Arts Productions and Mixed Bag Productions. For further information, call Ernie at 626-5052.



- ★ HELP! WE NEED YOUR BLOOD! If you can donate blood into RECLAIMING'S account at Irwin Memorial Blood Bank (567-6400 for information and/or appointment), please do so. If, on the other hand,
- ★ you or a loved one need blood for surgery, etc., contact Macha at 433-1499 for transfer. If The Lady blesses you with good
- ★ health, please share and give the gift of life.

People who worked on this newsletter are Macha, Rose, Peggy, Boudica, Kevyn and Eleanor. We encourage your feedback, donations, blessings and other correspondence. Send to RECLAIMING, P.O. Box 14404, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Announcements

THE FOURTH (previously mistakenly called "third") ANNUAL SPIRAL DANCE RITUAL is being planned for Sat., 30 October 1982 at The Women's Bldg. in SF. Interested participants call Bonnie (922-0763) for music; Pandora (626-9238) for sets and dancing; Sophia (824-0274) for costumes; Macha (433-1499) for anything else; or contact RECLAIMING, P.O.Box 14404, SF, CA 94114.

CLASSES, CIRCLES, RITUALS AND HEALINGS FOR MEN offered by Faerie Tradition Men's Network for the purpose of developing a community of feminist men who are combining politics/spirituality/magic. Healing services during times of transformation guided by Shawn Usha. Initial facilitation of new circles. Occasional Full Moon and seasonal rituals. Call to let us know of your interests. We notify the network of specific events by phone and would appreciate having other dedicated feminist men join the core group in birthing this community. Shawn 848-3084 or 849-1187.

SOUTHWEST FESTIVAL ASSN. is sponsoring an enchanted mountain gathering of pagans in a secluded section of the Jemez Mts. in central New Mexico, July 30 - Aug. 1. \$15 registration. Contact Southwest Festival Assn., Box 4006, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87196.

PERFECT CIRCLES: Personal horoscope necklaces duplicate your chart exactly (including house cusps) in beautiful glass beads. Chart, necklace and consultation \$60. Variations possible, open to barter. Call Judy Foster at 849-0994 or 843-0722.

SUMMER MOON RITUALS FOR WORKING CLASS WOMEN. Call Peggy 848-8652 or Kevyn 564-7066.

SUMMER MOON RITUALS FOR LESBIANS. Call Peggy 848-8652 or Kevyn 564-7066.

A WITCHES' COMMUNITY GARDEN is underway in a backyard in the Haight. Interested people call Linda at 552-7641.

BLESSINGS upon anyone who can help me find a 1-bedroom place in Berkeley only. Peggy 848-8652

FAMILIARS? 3 black kittens, born at Beltane. How can you resist? Genny and Alicia 681-2734

CALENDAR

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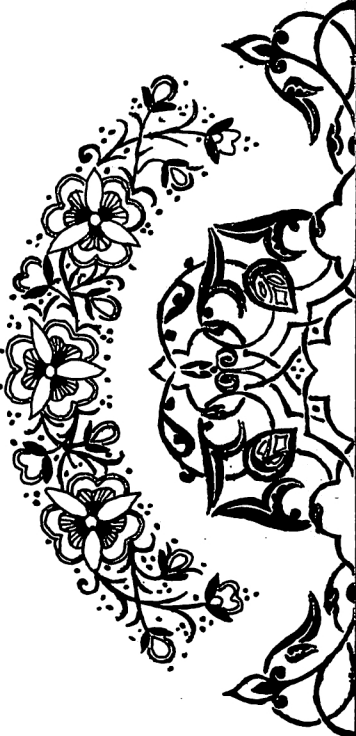
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