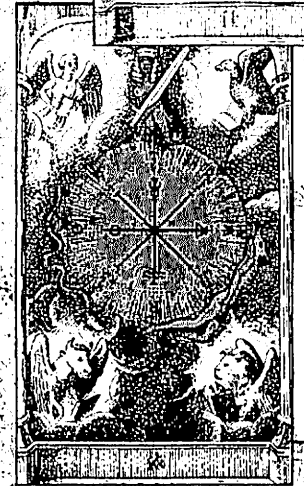
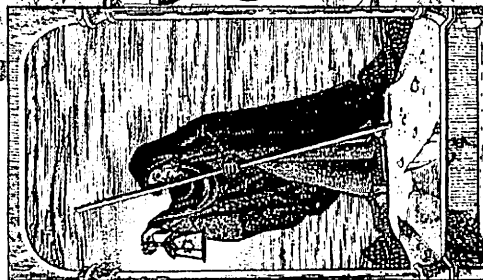


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# To Our Readers...

THIS is the Spring RQ?!

That's what we said. Just when the streets of our hometown were being turned upside down by anti-war protests, just when we most need a shot of magic — RQ has run so low on funds that our only solution was to home-produce this 18-page newsletter.

At our Spring Retreat last month, RQ had to face some harsh realities. Not only had we come up over \$8000 short for 2002 (compared to \$3500 in 2001), but Reclaiming's coffers were unexpectedly low following a smaller-than-usual Spiral Dance this past Samhain.

The newsletter you are reading is one result of this shortfall. We considered skipping an issue altogether, but it seemed especially important at this time to publish something, even if it's a big step back from our usual issues.

Subscribers will get an additional issue — this newsletter will not count against your four-issues. But as you can see, we urgently need your support. This is the moment to make that additional donation you've thought about. Your contribution at this critical moment will in large measure determine the future of the magazine. If you want RQ to resume publication, we need to hear from you now.

AT THE retreat, we reviewed the past six years of Reclaiming Quarterly, particularly at a ritual where we did bibliomancy, opening magically-selected issues at random and letting the magazine speak to us. Some of the results were inspiring, some amusing, and a few disturbing. Harshes of all, we had to face to possibility that RQ as we know it may have reached the end of the line.

On Sunday afternoon, we did a tarot reading around the question, "Where does RQ — the magazine, not the cell-members — want to go?" Having already done an exercise where we keyed issues of the magazine to the major arcana of the tarot deck, we decided to draw only majors for our reading. The result is portrayed on the front cover.

We'll leave it to you to work out the detailed reading, but we had to be struck by the Tower shaking underneath us, Death in the "fears" position, Justice in the "hopes" spot, and Strength ahead of us.

If you have thoughts on the reading, we'd like to hear from you. Email us at [quarterly@reclaiming.org](mailto:quarterly@reclaiming.org), or write to the address on page 3.

THE MOST exciting idea to emerge from the retreat was to make each issue of RQ a spell. We want to weave our usual blend of magic and grassroots activism into more than a magazine. We want each issue to be a magical working — including not only our production of the magazine, but your magical involvement, too. Watch the Summer issue for details.

For now, we wish you a blessed Spring, and thank you in advance for your generous support of RQ.

— the RQ cell

RQ was founded in 1980 as Reclaiming Newsletter, and re-formatted as a magazine in 1997. Of the 100-plus people who have worked on some version, the following worked on this issue: Sunshine Moonbeam, Jim Negrette, Lisa Dillon, JP, George Franklin, Lynx, Lily, Carol Gunby, Cerridwen, Jonathan Furst, Luna Pantera, Joanna Carichner, Jade Paget-Seekins, eM Abuam, Shadow Lotus, Summer, Meredith Special RQ kisses to Elka, Rain, Kat, Georgie, Aimee, Fern, John, Madrone, Urania, Kala, Panthera, Starhawk, Macha, Deborah V, Pam, Mary, Suzanne, Snow, Lothlórien, Robin, and Church Street house.



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# In Search of Parking Goddesses

By Jim Negrette

"Dearest Goddess Squat, Help us find a parking spot."

For many of us, a common part of our personal practice is invoking the Parking Goddess, hoping to improve our karma in the endless challenge of finding parking in our metropolitan areas. As part of our Elements of Magic class, one of the teachers, Brook, shared the prayer to the Goddess Squat that opens this article. Squat is the Goddess of the homeless folk — since she can almost always find a place for her shopping cart, it is reasoned that she can help find a place for the supplicant's automobile. Having invoked Squat, Brook warned, it is important to leave an offering. He recommended three pennies.

"Hail Mary full of grace, Help us find a parking space."

This prayer to Mary, which has a similar purpose, was an alternative suggested by Brook at the same time. Mary, who succeeded against formidable odds in finding a place to have her baby, may be able help find a place for our car.

Personally, I invoke with, "Oh, Parking Goddess" and a low tone as I search for a place to park my rather large blue vehicle. I usually leave a quarter as offering, reasoning that if the Parking Goddess is indeed the goddess of the homeless, this offering might be a tool for her to help her folk. I have to say that since starting this practice a little more than a year ago, my parking karma has significantly improved.

*What is your personal practice around parking? RQ wants to know! Send your ideas and inspirations to [quarterly@reclaiming.org](mailto:quarterly@reclaiming.org), PO Box 14404, San Francisco, CA 94114.*



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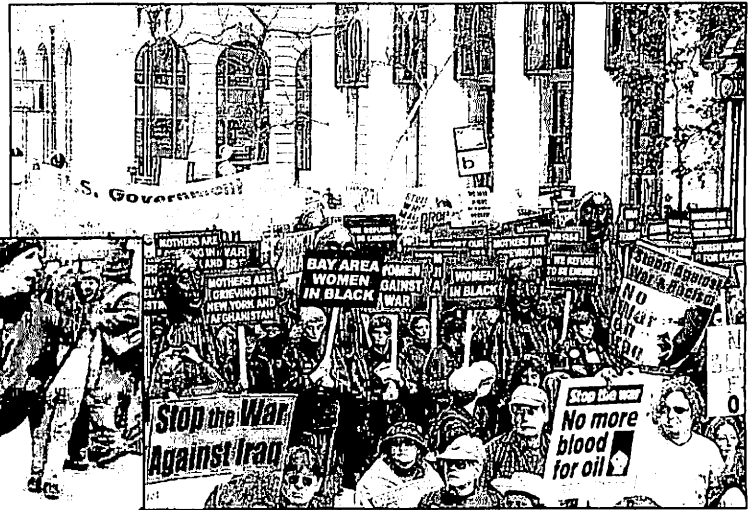
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Right — Thousands of people from all over the West converged on San Francisco in January and February for huge peace marches. Media reported between 60,000 and 200,000 people at each one. In the week following the invasion of Iraq, 2400 people were arrested in San Francisco, disrupting the financial district for two days. Across the country, hundreds more were arrested, and thousands of students walked out of classes in protest of the war. Photo by RQ.



Above, New York City, February 15 — “A police officer on at the United for Peace Rally on First Avenue was heard saying frantically, “We’ve lost First and Second, and now we’re losing Third.” The picture is taken on the “lost” Third Avenue, lost to the overwhelming sea of people who showed up for peace. The Pagan Cluster had circled up, and this was just before we began a spiral dance. I’d say it was a homerun.” Photo and text by Beth Thompson.

## Find the Missing Photos!

RQ USUALLY contains several dozen photos of frontline direct action, street theater, and ritual organizing from across North America. With only 18 pages in this issue, we had to leave a lot of great shots out. Here’s links to photos of several Bay Area Pagan Cluster actions in the past few months:



Witches Opposing War, January 2003.

**January 2003, Witches Opposing War** join 100,000 others in support of peace —  
[www.groundworknews.org/wow/](http://www.groundworknews.org/wow/)

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## silent no longer

we are a chorus of harmonious voices  
 rising up in the streets  
 to tell the world this war  
 is not our war this president  
 is not our president he does not  
 speak for us

we will bare our breasts  
 in the name of our children  
 there is power in love  
 there is peace in compassion  
 there is truth waiting to be heard  
 outside the oval office & air force one

we will not be rendered silent  
 by those who enter our homes  
 uninvited

to strip us of our freedoms  
 we will not be forced to comply  
 with a system of injustice  
 that feeds off of greed  
 & fuels the flames of war

we will not line the silver pockets  
 of corporations that value  
 the bottom line more than saving a life

we will not compromise our bodies  
 for a president who insists  
 that every woman stands behind him  
 it just isn't so

we will sing, cry, drum,  
 dance, march, chant, yell  
 raise our voices to be heard  
 the streets will thunder  
 our hearts & souls  
 will roar like a bonfire  
 we will remain silent no longer

— by Kim Beavers

# Reclaiming the Stars and Stripes

By Lizard

UP UNTIL two years ago, I didn't own an American flag. I refused to fly one outside my house or put it on my car even though I have supported several friends who chose to join the armed forces. With all of my shadow issues, I had made the flag a symbol for the kind of power I wanted to knock down and reconstruct.

This Winter, I marched in the D.C. Peace rally with the Pagan Cluster. I proudly walked between two ex-Special Forces soldiers wearing their green berets and fatigue jackets. We held a whopper of an American flag and one of the guys carried a piece of the magical web weaving. How did this shift in perspective occur?

It took a man who retired after 25 years in the Special Forces to redefine the stars and stripes for me. He gifted me with an American flag two years ago, and I fly it in his honor on Veterans Day. On the 4th of July, I fly it for myself. As Witches, the two of us see all life intrinsically connected, energy across lifetimes deeply interwoven, no light without dark, no gift without responsibility. I've come to a new understanding of the responsibility I hold in exchange for the gift of being born American.

The red and white stripes on the American flag signify my birthright as a revolutionary. Those original 13 states set an expectation for our country — that we speak up for freedom and democracy. Indeed, Thomas Jefferson said that a healthy democracy should have a revolution every 25 years. Perhaps we've taken care of that with presidential elections every four years. Perhaps we're overdue for

wide scale revolution.

The stars on our flag represent the people of this country — not the government. One star for every state. There's a growing schism between the government and the people they're elected to represent. Maybe that's why the policy makers hide behind our flag and wave it around so often. Well, that's our flag. Like the symbolic pink triangle that was reclaimed, I'm stepping forward to claim the stars and stripes back for positive change.

I disagree with the government of this country frequently. I'm fortunate that I can do so and still retain my citizenship and my life. I'm aware of far

too many places in the world where free speech can cost your life. I don't need to burn the symbol of the people to show the government I think they're mistaken. I need to stand up, wave my flag and remind them whom they've agreed to serve.

Last month, my 6-year-old daughter designed a flag for her Brownie Scout project. It turned out to be a round peace sign with the

stars and stripes behind it. I used one of those magnetic car flags, some black electrician's tape and scissors to make one for our car. Now everyone in conservative Hanover County, Virginia knows that we're "peaceful patriots."

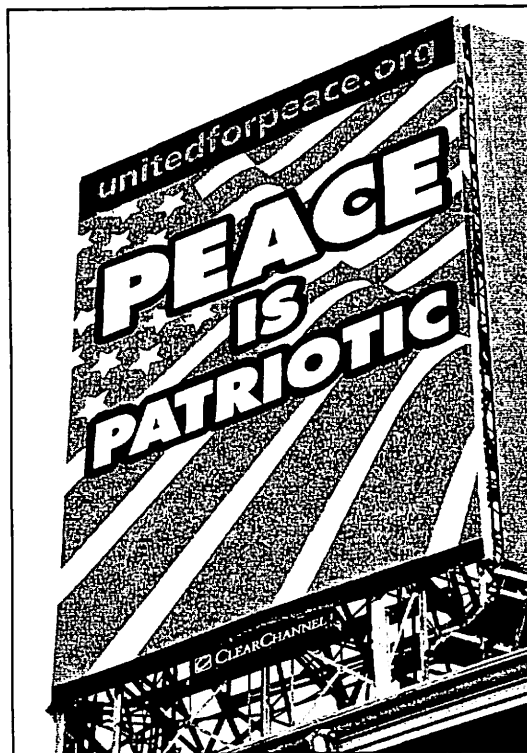
We have resources, means, and good education in this country. As a result we're in a position to do a lot of good — or a lot of harm. Too often, government loses touch with what the people want and makes big mistakes in our name. Driving home on Martin Luther King, Jr. day, I was reminded that government didn't decide to implement Civil Rights. It was a unified uprising on the part of the people that forced change to occur.

For now, help build a house, sponsor a child, volunteer for a non-profit, or send livestock to a developing country. We can redistribute the resources of our own country's wealth even when our government doesn't seem to have the sense to do so on our behalf. We can find a way to send education and aid instead of munitions to third world countries. I claim the birthright of an American to be a revolutionary. I claim the right of

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*I claim the right of an  
American to make a  
difference*



*United for Peace bought this commercial billboard alongside a freeway in San Francisco. Contact United for Peace, [unitedforpeace.org](http://unitedforpeace.org)*

# THE MONEY TABOO

*As we began work on this issue of RQ, our projected theme was labyrinths and meditations. But we also had blocked out space for an intriguing article that had come to us from one of our readers: "The Money Taboo." As cell-members read the piece, we talked about the possibility of saving the article and building a future theme section around it.*

*When finances forced us to scale back the Spring issue to this newsletter, we decided to hold the labyrinth material for a future issue (probably Fall 2003). But "The Money Taboo" seemed more timely than ever. We present it here, in hopes that it triggers discussion and action in the Reclaiming community.*

*By Psy*

IN A CULTURE of immanence where all things are considered sacred, why do we still consider money to be profane? All about we see powerful Witches doing incredible work on issues big and small, personal and political. But if the subject of money comes up, many of us fall strangely silent. It is a sticking point — something we're not comfortable discussing. It is something that we're not comfortable working with in circle. It is something we rarely address. But money is inextricably tied to spiritual growth. How could it not be? It is how we trade our life energy for the energies of other people, exchanging one of our most precious possessions — the time that we have remaining in our lives and the freedom to use that time however we need to use it. We need to bring money out of the closet, work on our problems with it, and break the money taboo.

The discomfort we often experience communicating about money manifests in many ways. Sometimes this discomfort causes us to lie outright. For example, a friend asks us how our business is going and we lie and say, "Great!" In fact, we're suffering just like nearly every other business due to the economic recession, but it is taboo to show financial weakness. And so we actually lie about it.

A common problem for Witches is

sliding scale class fees where "no one is turned away for lack of funds." How do you know what amount you "should" pay? What if you make a considerable income but you are having a particularly tight month? Is it okay to not pay at all? What if you think too much is being charged for the class or event? What if you have some money saved up, but it's earmarked for some other use? What does "lack of funds" really mean? How many of us can frankly discuss these issues with an instructor without being uncomfortable?

Talking openly about how much we earn at our jobs is also considered gauche. How many of us have been questioned by someone about our income level and felt awkward? We don't know what to say. Why is this? Why do we not want to reveal our income to others?

One area where the silence has been broken for many is in "who picks up the check?" It wasn't that long ago that the only socially accepted thing to do on a heterosexual date was for the man to pay for dinner. That shift in societal values only really started a few decades ago and the transition is still not complete. But most of us can comfortably talk about splitting the bill without it being too uncomfortable and awkward. Many of us can comfortably insist on paying our share, and only our share. Just as we have learned to do that,

we can learn to break the silence about money in other areas of our lives.

## WHERE THERE IS FEAR...

SO WHAT is the root cause of these varying forms of silence about money? They all involve some level of fear. It is fear of being judged by others as better or worse. It is fear of others classifying us as "rich" or "poor" or "failing" or "unfair". It is fear of being stereotyped and stuck in a box by those around us. And in addition to fear, it is guilt. Income level guilt is prevalent: "A billion people live on less than a dollar a day, and I make a hundred times that."

We can use the discomfort and guilt and fear. We can use them as road signs. These things point to areas inside us that are in conflict. They show us where those conflicts are, and what values are in conflict. And by realizing what our internal conflicts are, we can begin to resolve them. The result is a stronger and more powerful self.

One of the hardest things for us is to answer questions honestly. But in coming to terms with our hesitations and speaking openly about our financial situations when it is appropriate, we can experience a snowball effect of increased honesty among the people around us. It can encourage a stronger circle of allies who can discuss money problems, who can ask each other for help with their weak areas, and who can learn from the successes and mistakes of each other.

Bringing money out of the closet helps us all.

Facing the fears of what others may think of us is hard. What is easy to do is to look at it from the other perspective. We can't stop others from judging us, but we can stop judging others. How often do we put other people in boxes when we learn about their income? Rich. Poor. Wasteful. Ruling class. Pitiful. Beneath us. How often do we make judgments about what we think another person should be able to afford? Or judgments about what we should be able to afford in our tireless addiction to keeping up with the Joneses?

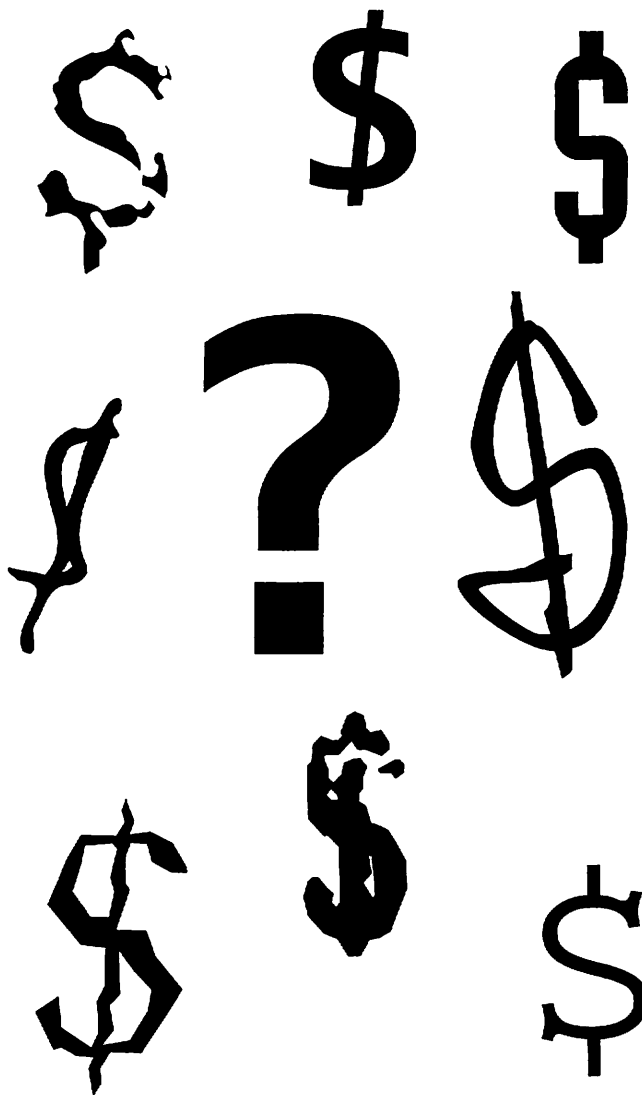
The key is to remember that each of us is on a different path. Each of us is at a particular place on our path. We cannot sit in judgment about where another person should be and what issues they should have solved by now. They are struggling with precisely what they need to be struggling with. They are doing the work that they need to do and the work that they are able to do. We don't know their situation. We cannot presume to. When we see the external appearances of how the Joneses live, we cannot really know their complete situation. It is very different from ours. Apple to apple comparisons cannot be applied. We certainly cannot use guilt and intimidation to coerce people to change their lifestyles to be closer to our own ideals.

### ...THERE IS POWER

HERE IS A situation that we have all experienced in one form another. A friend has problems holding down a job or spending within his means. He is a Witch. While going through a particularly hard time financially, he decides to work some magic to bring more money into his life. His work with money ends there. But he is still not comfortable talking about it. He isn't better off when he actually gets more money. His desire for more money does

indeed get fulfilled. But that wasn't actually what he needed. His money problems are still there. Working on our money issues must entail more than merely asking the universe for more of it.

How can we change our perception



of money and our relationship to money into something positive? Where do we even start?

There is another dominant way of thinking in our society that believes "Money is the root of all evil." Many of us grew up with that view, and it is very hard to change it. That is a view where money is one of the worst profanities. It is certainly not life affirming. This is a tradition of money guilt — that much is

obvious.

Many of us feel this way still. We think about money as being a "necessary evil". We hate it for the power it has over us, and for how it controls every aspect of our lives.

Wouldn't the world be better if we could just go back to bartering for what we needed?

Money can be used to control others and great harm can be done with it. It is not by itself evil. It has power and that power can be corrupted and perverted. It can have power over us if we do not confront it. But the power of money can also be used for immeasurable good. By changing our view from money being evil to money being sacred, we can't help but use it in a life affirming way.

A great concern of magical people in many cultures is power. Gaining power. Conserving power. Being powerful. Many of the ethics of that sort of power apply to money as well. Are we careful about harming others when we use our

monetary power? Are we careful with our use of monetary power, considering the effects and ethics of every use of it? Do we conserve our energies by avoiding debt? Do we wield our financial power with a solemn sense of responsibility? These practices are incredibly empowering. Having the discipline to save money for a rainy day, retirement, and for uses that contribute

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to our life's purpose is important power building. When we conserve our money and use it for what is truly important to our lives, our lives become more passionate and amazing and purposeful.

Let's go back for a moment to that Witch who crafts a spell for getting more money. Think about all it takes to become a powerful Witch. What if you naively thought that it was as simple as casting a spell to "get more power" and then sat back and waited? Too often that's exactly what Witches do to deal with their money issues. Spells to get more money may manifest in many ways. But more money rarely helps the bulk of our money issues. It probably makes most of them worse.

### MONEY IS SACRED

MONEY IS NOT profane. It is crucial to learn to view money as sacred. If a tree is sacred and a baby is sacred and if even baby shit is sacred — if everything is sacred — money certainly must be as well. It is part of the stuff of life.

Money is among our most sacred things because it is actually a representation of life force itself. The key to understanding this is to take a step back and to ask, what is money really? How do I get it? How do I use it? A particularly insightful question to ask is, "How much do I make?" Your answer will most likely be something like, "I make \$10 per hour," or, "I make \$45,000 per year." And what that answer would clearly show is that you exchange time itself for money — the time remaining in your life. While it would be going too far to say that money actually is life force, it certainly represents it and is a primary means by which we exchange our life's energy with that of other people. It is often how we exchange our life's energy for the energy of the Earth itself. How can money not be a key spiritual aspect of our lives?

When we receive money from our jobs — from exchanging our precious and finite time and energy for it — we don't hoard it. We use some of that money for our survival needs and some for special treats. Maybe we save some

or invest in a business or in education. When we spend money, we give it to other people in exchange for them using their precious time and energy to serve us. We pay people to bake us bread, build us homes, teach us, pave our roads, design our web sites, and make us chocolate bars.

When we incur debt we literally owe parts of our lives: time that we have not yet lived that must be given up to repay that debt. "Wage slave" takes on a whole new meaning. What is paying for a home loan, or a car loan, or a student loan, or a credit card but literal



indentured servitude? How much of hating our job is due to that knowledge in our bones that we are slaves unable to escape our masters?

How much money (i.e. time) does it take you to live the lifestyle you are living? Many expenses don't serve us, like that light bulb that is on in the other room. How much less would it take if you cut out most of the waste? How much would it take to meet your needs if you wanted to spend every possible moment working on the truly important things in your life?

We all know how "voting with dollars" affects the environment and society. When we purchase gasoline, we contribute to air pollution. When we purchase a hamburger, we are eating higher on the food chain than is

sustainable. But what about how "voting with dollars" affects our own lives? When we spend money on something that is good for us, that helps us grow, and that contributes to our community, we are affirming life. We are focusing our life energy on adding to our lives and growth. What about when we waste our money? It does not add to our lives to spend money to power a light bulb nobody is using. In fact, it hurts us twice: once when we spent our time working for the money that we wasted, and again with the negative social and environmental consequences that come from energy over-consumption. Every expense we incur is paid for by a bit of our lives. Time lost at work, commuting, and job training is time that we never get back. Except in the rare cases where people have jobs that are perfectly matched with their individual paths in life, that time spent is time lost — time they cannot devote to what really matters.

When we waste, we literally pay for that indiscretion with our lives.

Imagine that a rich relative left you an inheritance. There is enough money that you never have to work again if you keep your expenses low by sharing an apartment with roommates, using the bus instead of owning a car, cooking your meals at home, and so on. What would you do with your time? Would you work at all? Learn to play the piano? Backpack around Europe? Crisscross the country attending anti-war demonstrations? Be a full time parent? Volunteer in a soup kitchen? Where do your passions lie? Why aren't you following those passions right now? Why aren't you living that life? Is your path in life more important than living a lifestyle that obscures it? Can you make some changes to your lifestyle to rebuild your life around your passions? Will you?

Money is a sacred representation of life force. We need to explore this terrain and be able to speak openly about it, without fear and without judgment. We need to bring money out of the closet.

*Psy is a debt-free adventurer following his passions and living deliberately. Contact him at psy@psyber.com*



# SPRING'S DELIGHT FRITTATA

by Lily

FRESHLY PICKED asparagus is an early Spring treat. The smell, taste, and texture of pencil-thin stalks that were harvested just hours before reminds us of delicious things to come as the ground warms up and vegetables are planted.

To grow asparagus in a home garden is a commitment. The asparagus crowns are planted in a sandy trench, slowly filled in with soil, and then carefully watered and tended for up to three years before a decent-sized crop will be ready to pick and eat. The plants don't like to be moved about, so once you pick a spot and plant them, be prepared to leave them there.

What we eat as asparagus are the young, tender shoots of a member of the lily family. If you left a few shoots on the plant they would grow into lacy, fern-like fronds up to five feet high.

I haven't planted asparagus in my yard yet — I haven't decided on a permanent spot — so my bunches are instead purchased from the Farmer's market. When you buy asparagus, look for

thin (a little larger than a pencil) bright green, firm stalks. Try to get them small, fresh, and tender.

A great way to enjoy asparagus is steamed until just tender. You could eat it plain or with a little bit of butter or margarine as a side dish or a snack, but to me Springtime asparagus is best in a

frittata. Serve yourself a slice on a cheery plate and eat it outside in the crisp Spring air.

## INGREDIENTS

1/2 lb. tender young asparagus  
 4 large eggs  
 2 Tbsp. fresh tarragon (2 tsp. dried)  
 1 Tbsp. fresh dill or 1 tsp. dried dill  
 a dash of salt and pepper  
 1/4 c. grated sharp cheddar cheese  
 1 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese  
 6 green onions  
 2 tsp canola oil  
 a pinch of salt  
 2 tsp butter or margarine

into 1/2" pieces.

3) Chop herbs finely. Mix eggs, herbs and dash of salt and pepper. Set aside.

4) Wash onions. Grate cheeses and chop one onion. Mix and set it aside.

5) Chop remaining onions into 1/4" pieces. Sauté in oven-safe pan with canola oil until tender. Put into the last bowl.

6) Now for the fun part. Melt butter/margarine in the oven-safe pan. Swirl it



around in the pan so it's well-coated. Pour in egg mixture and cook over low to medium heat until the eggs begin to firm up. The eggs will be somewhat runny on top. Take pan off heat, sprinkle the asparagus on top of the eggs, then sprinkle the onions. Top it off by sprinkling the cheese and reciting a spell:

Bright green life after Winter's dark,  
 Tender earthy shoots of Spring.  
 With fertile eggs provide the spark,  
 Creative possibilities bring!  
 As Earth warms and thaws cold ground,  
 May spirit delight and joy abound.  
 Blessed be.

7) Pop the pan under the broiler for 3 to 4 minutes so the eggs puff up and the top turns a golden brown color. Take it out of the oven and serve immediately. Breathe deep and enjoy!

## Witches Are...

Witches are healers.  
 Witches are Pagans.  
 Witches believe in the Goddess.  
 Witches are very magical.

Witches are ceremonial.  
 Witches are not Native Americans.  
 Witches are honorable to Native Americans.  
 Witches are known to be ugly, but they can be anything.  
 Even beautiful.

— by Emily Deva Barkin, age 10. Written for a school assignment, based on her life experiences and her readings in Circle Round.

## Clothesline Revolution

I picture you  
 Holding our children  
 Ruffling our daughter's curls  
 And kissing our baby son  
 Goodnight  
 Your strong arms  
 Holding them safe  
 You are not a fighter  
 Oh you believe in the cause  
 But bedtimes and spaghetti  
 Are more real than civil  
 Disobedience and protest signs  
 You are the clean sheets

That will enfold me  
 After the grime of the  
 Street time washes off  
 Exposing the bruise  
 Of the peaceful warrior  
 You are the fort  
 To which I return  
 And over which  
 Our children climb  
 Laughing and calling  
 Daddy!

— Carissa Samara

# Regional Pages

Regional Events and Classes in the Reclaiming Tradition

THE FOLLOWING pages highlight regional Reclaiming tradition groups. These groups are anchored by Reclaiming teachers and organizers.

Regular issues of RQ have detailed listings for several dozen locales. This issue will offer only contact information and Witchcamp dates.

For five years, RQ and the Bay Area community have subsidized the regional listings as a service to the whole Reclaiming network.

Now, with the magazine steadily growing and encompassing more and more local communities, we need your support to make these pages possible.

Please donate as generously as you can and help us restore RQ and the Regional Pages — where all the Reclaiming groups come together!

## Witchcamp 2003

*These camps are for adults (some include 16 and up). For all-ages family camps, see page 34.*

### **MidWest/Missouri** • June 7-14

*Dreamweaving, (515) 233-1216, Camp@dreamweaving.org, www.dreamweaving.org*

### **California** • June 29-July 6

*Madrone Productions, (415) 789-7674, madrone@mindspring.com, www.reclaiming.org*

### **Germany (women)** • July 25-August 1

*Christa Boeckel, 011-49-4723-2339, Christa.Boeckel@t-online.de*

### **British Columbia** • July 27-August 3

*Pat Hogan, (604) 253-7189, path@lynx.bc.ca, www.BCWitchcamp.org*

### **SpiralHeart/MidAtlantic** • August 2-9

*SpiralHeart, (202) 728-7510, info@SpiralHeart.org, www.spiralheart.org*

### **Avalon/England** • August 14-21

*011-44-020-8667-1525, camp@reclaim.demon.co.uk, www.reclaim.demon.co.uk*

### **Vermont** • August 23-30

*Raven, (802) 425-2984, moleknol@together.net or Evergreen, (802) 899-3231, evergreen.erb@adelphia.net, www.vermonthwitchcamp.net*

### **New York** • October 11-18

*www.wyldgoddess.net, (646) 250-3377, camp@wyldgoddess.net*

### **Samhain Witchcamp/Texas** • October 18-25

*Moonwing, (713) 668-2721 or Deer Runner, (512) 731-8737, witchcamp@tejasweb.org*

## Witchcamp

### A Week of Earth-Based Spirituality and Magic

Study magic and ritual in a week-long intensive that includes trancework, healing, drumming, dancing, chanting, storytelling, guided visualization, and energy work.

Witchcamp is offered to women and men at all levels of experience.

Newcomers can learn the basic skills of magic and ritual, working with the elements, movement, sound, and the mythological and historical framework of the Goddess tradition.

Advanced paths offer the chance to apply the tools of ritual to personal healing and empowerment, or to focus on taking the Craft out into the world, creating public ritual, and healing issues surrounding leadership and power.

## What Is an Intensive?

SEVEN DAYS OF ritual and magic designed for people who are dedicated to powerful spiritual learning experiences and personal growth.

This intensive is not a festival. It will expand your unconscious awareness, push your edges, and likely change your life. The intensive is sequestered for the entire seven days. Please plan to attend the entire week. Also, we don't allow children due to the intensity of the work.

## Reclaiming Family Camps

(Reclaiming Family Camps are all-ages Witchcamps)

**Wild Ginger** — May 29-June 1 in Eastern Canada. Contact Connie Boles, 455 Picadilly, London, Ontario, N5Y 3G4, connie.boles@lhsc.on.ca

**Witchlets in the Woods** — August 20-24. Contact WITWoods@yahoo.com, (415) 664-4382

**Cascadia Village Camp** — August 24-29 in Washington. Contact (360) 379-6579, CascadiaVillage@attbi.com

**Tejas Web Family Camp** — July 6-12 in Colorado. Contact villagecamp@tejasweb.org

## 2004 Dandelion Gathering

### All-Reclaiming Gathering Set for Spring '04

THE RECLAIMING Witchcamp Spokesouncil is asking its communities if they will support a gathering of Reclaiming folks in Spring of 2004 with the following intent:

To celebrate, tend the hearth, dream the future, and nurture the wild seed.

The gathering is called the Dandelion Gathering, and is to be open to all who are called by the intention and who agree to respect the Reclaiming Principles of Unity.

Something like this has been on and off the agenda for a long time. In 1999 Spokesouncil did reading after reading trying to find a date for a gathering to be called the GROTTTO; and reading after reading said "No — that would be the wrong date."

#### WHY 2004?

AT THE OCTOBER 1998 Spokesouncil meeting in Vermont there were 14 people,

all North American, representing seven camps. (Germany was represented by a North American teacher.)

By October 2002 in Austin there were 21 attendees, four from Europe, including spokes from eight camps, an invited elder, a Guidance Council representative, and scribes and facilitators from the local community. The room was full compared to 1998.

And yet lots of folks weren't there. Three camps new to the Spokes process didn't yet have spokes in attendance: Tejas Village camp, New York camp, and Winter camp in the midwest. We knew of other camps or camp-like events outside of the Spokesouncil process, like the Cascadia camp, and Wild Ginger, and Witchlets in the Woods, and even the possibility that the accidental DC Prison Witchcamp might spark a permanent event (with

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## Reclaiming Community News Wants You!

WANT TO SHARE your transitions with others in the broader Reclaiming community? This is the space to do it. Send us the news of your life changes: births, partnerships (weddings, handfastings, etc.), new jobs, moves, deaths, etc., and we will spread the word.

Use whatever name you like (magical or otherwise), but please only send your news, or make sure you have permission to send others, i.e., if your daughter doesn't want her marriage announced in the world's greatest Pagan news forum, please

respect her wishes. When forwarding your item to us, please provide contact information in case we need to ask follow-up questions.

Our goal with this column, to appear in future issues of RQ, is to foster greater connections between community members and to begin a living history of those who share a common spiritual tradition.

We hope you will join us in participating in this new endeavor!

Send submissions or enquiries to [reclaimingnews@yahoo.com](mailto:reclaimingnews@yahoo.com)

## Rituals of the Season

Reclaiming communities celebrate eight holidays as the "Wheel of the Year" — Solstices, Equinoxes, and the midpoints between those (the cross-quarters). Different communities use different names for some of the sabbats.

For local contacts, see listings beginning on next page.

All rituals, classes, and Witchcamps are clean and sober. No alcohol or drugs, please.

Descriptions are adapted from "The Spiral Dance," by Starhawk, ©1989, Harper San Francisco.

### Spring Equinox

This is the time of Spring's return; the joyful time, the seed time, when life bursts forth from the earth and the chains of Winter are broken. Light and dark are equal: it is a time of balance, when all the elements within us must be brought into a new harmony. Kore, the Dark Maiden, returns from the Land of the Dead, cloaked in the fresh rain, with the sweet scent of desire on her breath. As She dances, despair turns to hope, sorrow to joy, want to abundance. A favorite chant is:

She changes everything She touches,  
And everything She touches, changes

In many locales, children are a special part of this ritual, and a hunt for colored eggs follows.

### Beltane/May Day

This is the time when sweet desire weds wild delight. The Maiden of Spring and the Lord of the Waxing Year meet in the greening fields and rejoice together under the warm sun. The shaft of life is twined in a spiral web, and all of nature is renewed. We meet in the time of flowering, to dance the dance of life.

### Summer Solstice

This is the time of the rose: blossom and thorn, fragrance and blood. Now on the longest day of the year, light triumphs, and yet begins to decline into dark. So the Lord of Light dies himself, and sets sail across the dark seas of time, searching for the isle of light that is rebirth. We turn the Wheel and share his fate, for we have planted the seeds of our own changes, and to grow we must accept even the passing of the sun.

See regional listings on following pages for contacts for local Reclaiming-tradition groups.

# Reclaiming Regional Events

## Weavings from the Northeast Vermont Witchcamp Folks

### Vermont Witchcamp

August 23-30, contact  
www.vermontwitchcamp.net

### Wild Ginger

Wild Ginger, a community of Witches working in the Reclaiming tradition in Ontario, Quebec, and the northern U.S., offers an annual intensive camp each Spring. This year's camp is May 29-June 1. This all-ages camp fills up early. Contact Connie Boles, 455 Picadilly, London, Ontario, N5Y 3G4, connie.boles@lhsc.on.ca

### Phoenix

A group of Witches in the London and Middlesex area of Ontario, we work in the Reclaiming tradition to create ritual and classes. Contact Selchie, (519) 438-8208, b.e.jones.warrick@sympatico.ca

### Classes in the Northeast

BrightFlame and friends offer classes in Reclaiming Tradition Witchcraft. See www.mysmagic.org. Contact (610) 982-0448, brightflame@mysmagic.org

### Delaware Valley Reclaiming

Centered around Philadelphia and drawing from the PA-NJ-DE area, we connect through an e-list and also gather for ritual regularly. Contact DelValReclaiming-info@yahogroups.com, www.mysmagic.org

## New York Witchcamp Community

### New York Witchcamp

October 11-18. Come join us as the leaves turn and the veil grows thin, in the woods of New York, two hours outside of Manhattan. Price including lodging, classes, rituals, and meals: shared cabins \$650, private rooms w/ bathrooms \$675. Contact www.wyldgoddess.net, (646) 250-3377, camp@wyldgoddess.net

### New York Spring Ritual Retreat

Spring Ritual Retreat, May 16-18. Visit www.wyldgoddess.net or call (646) 250-3377.

## SpiralHeart Community MidAtlantic Witchcamp Region

For information about SpiralHeart, please visit www.spiralheart.org

### Landisville, PA

Classes with Sarah Campbell. Contact (717)

Reclaiming classes are described in the regional pages of past issues of Reclaiming Quarterly, and at www.reclaiming.org

If you don't have access to back issues or the web, call (415) 255-7623 and leave us your address — we'll send a back issue.

Full listings resume in the Summer issue.

898-6334.

Lunchtime Meditations. Join Sarah for drop-in guided meditation each Tuesday from 12:10 until 12:50 p.m. Maggie's Herb Basket, 141 W Main St., Landisville, PA. \$6 per class.

### Montclair, VA

Ariadne's Thread. Spend a weekend listening to stories and learn to spin. April 26-27, with Morgaine. Contact Kathie, (703) 590-4089, morgaine@carolinahomespun.com

### North Carolina

For Reclaiming core classes in North Carolina, a reading group, and ritual celebrations in community, contact Gretchen, GretchenLay@earthlink.net

### Atlanta, GA

Gaia Reclaiming is a Georgia community of women and men practicing magic in the Reclaiming tradition. Gaia Reclaiming Events Hotline: (866) 841-9134 x 5970, or visit www.peregrineretreats.homestead.com

### Georgia Classes

Iron Pentacle. July 4-6, with Gretchen and Stan. Contact Irish Flambeau, retreats@onebox.com, (866) 841-9134 x 5970.

### Gainesville, FL

Florida Alliance of Reclaiming Witches. Contact Thistle, walkerbj@ufl.edu, and visit the website, http://farwitches.tripod.com

### Tallahassee, FL

Magnolia Circle is a group of Women and Men working ritual magic in the Reclaiming Tradition in North Florida, mostly in and around Tallahassee.

### Other MidAtlantic Events

For Reclaiming-tradition events in many other locales on the East Coast, visit the SpiralHeart website, www.spiralheart.org

## Midwest Witchcamp Community

### Midwest (Missouri) Witchcamp

Midwest Witchcamp is June 7-14 at Diana's Grove near Salem, MO. contact Dreamweaving, (515) 233-1216, questions@dreamweaving.org, www.dreamweaving.org

### Springfield, IL

Edge of Perception Collective is dedicated to providing a spiritual alternative to the community by offering Earth-based, public rituals in an environment that is supportive, empowering, and nonthreatening. Contact Edge of Perception Collective, PO Box 1424, Springfield, IL 62705, edgeworx@aol.com, http://members.aol.com/edgeworx/

### St. Louis, MO

Goddess Women Gathering offers public rituals. For information on future events and classes, contact San, (314) 416-4838, Barbrida1@cs.com

### Salem, MO

Diana's Grove is a 102-acre sanctuary welcoming women and men. Diana's Grove hosts the Midwest/Missouri Witchcamp each June. Diana's Grove sponsors weekend and week-long workshops and intensives all year. Contact Diana's Grove, PO Box 159, Salem, MO 65560, (573) 689-2400, www.diansgrove.com, mystery@diansgrove.com

### Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

The Reclaiming community in Minnesota is growing and organizing. Here in the Twin Cities, we have two groups: The Queer Guild and The Prairie Springs Teaching Circle. Contact Teri, (612) 729-4444.

## Tejas Web/

## Texas Witchcamp Community

All events are open and take place in the Austin area unless otherwise stated. Contact www.TejasWeb.org, info@tejasweb.org, or PO Box 11586, Austin, TX 78711.

### Tejas Web Witchcamps

Tejas Web offers a family camp June 6-12 and an adult Samhain Witchcamp October 18-25. Contact www.TejasWeb.org, info@tejasweb.org, or PO Box 11586, Austin, TX 78711.

### Tejas Web Rituals in Austin

Contact Morgana (512-478-5282,

**Events on the Regional Pages are sponsored by local groups based around the various Reclaiming community Witchcamps. All events are drug and alcohol free.**

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# Reclaiming Regional Events

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ethos@texas.net, or Midnight, (512) 373-4412,  
Midnight@ancient-mysteries.net

## Tejas Web Classes

For current offerings, visit [www.TejasWeb.org](http://www.TejasWeb.org)

## New Mexico

The Enchanted Spiral is New Mexico's thread of the larger Reclaiming Web.

Albuquerque: Molly, (505) 268-6068, or Raven, [ravenredd@hotmail.com](mailto:ravenredd@hotmail.com)

Santa Fe: Anna, (505) 988-2583

## Classes in New Mexico

Contact Dawnstar, (505) 352-2586, or Burdock, (505) 344-1939.

## West Coast/California Witchcamp Community

### California Witchcamp

June 29-July 6. Study magic and ritual in a week-long intensive amid the redwoods of Northern California. Contact (415) 789-7674, [madrone@mindspring.com](mailto:madrone@mindspring.com)

### Los Angeles, CA

ReWeaving is a group of women and men in Southern California working together to teach and make magic — the art of empowering each other and ourselves. Contact Stayce, [flmmkrad@aol.com](mailto:flmmkrad@aol.com), for info on rituals and classes.

### San Francisco Bay Area

See Bay Area listings for San Francisco, East Bay, Marin County, and Sonoma on next page.

### Portland, OR

The Portland Reclaiming community is comprised of three parts: PORTAL, the teaching cell; the Magical Activism Cluster; and Hands of the Mother, the public ritual cell. Visit [www.portlandreclaiming.org](http://www.portlandreclaiming.org)

### Seattle, WA

TURNING TIDE is a Seattle-based group in the Reclaiming tradition. Visit <http://home.attbi.com/~sea.turningtide>, or contact Amy MoonDragon, (206) 523-7907, [moonami@aol.com](mailto:moonami@aol.com)

## British Columbia Witchcamp Community

BC WITCHCAMP COMMUNITY is made up of communities of women and men in cities, towns, and villages throughout British Columbia, Alberta, other Canadian provinces, Washington, and Oregon, who come together in covens, community rituals, classes, and political action to create and teach magic.

To join WEBRA, our listserve, contact

[www.yahoopgroups.com/webra](http://www.yahoopgroups.com/webra)

Events Line: (604) 253-7195

Communications Committee: Lureau, (604) 737-8178

## BC Witchcamp

July 27-August 3. For a camp brochure by snail-mail, send two #10 SASEs to BCWC, PO Box 21510, 1850 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC, V5N 4A0 (U.S. residents send \$2 in lieu of stamps). Or email [infobcwc@yahoo.ca](mailto:infobcwc@yahoo.ca) or visit [www.BCWitchcamp.org](http://www.BCWitchcamp.org)

## Cascadia Village Camp

Families in the Pacific Northwest have their own all-ages camp organized and taught in the Reclaiming tradition. Contact Alan or Kelley, (360) 379-6579 or visit [http://home.attbi.com/~sea.turningtide/Cascadia\\_Village\\_Camp.htm](http://home.attbi.com/~sea.turningtide/Cascadia_Village_Camp.htm)

## Edmonton, Alberta

For classes and rituals, contact Jane Pawson, (780) 466-6641.

## Gabriola Island, BC

Contact Jean McLaren, (250) 247-8368, [grannyj@nisa.net](mailto:grannyj@nisa.net)

## Vancouver, BC and Lower Mainland

For classes, rituals, and political actions, contact our events line, (604) 253-7195.

## Advanced Magical Training in British Columbia

"Witching our World Awake" is a cycle of weekend workshops for experienced Reclaiming Witches on Salt Spring Island, with Sage Goode and guest teachers.

The workshops focus on deepening your magical practice, teacher training, and ritual priestessing.

Sliding scale fees per workshop: \$170-260 Canadian, \$130-200 US. Fee includes magical training and meals. Accommodations are separate. Contact Marion, [marionpape@saltspring.com](mailto:marionpape@saltspring.com)

## Germany

Reclaiming-tradition events with Donata Pahnke and team in Bremen, Hamburg, and other cities. Unless otherwise noted, contact Donata, [d.pahnke@t-online.de](mailto:d.pahnke@t-online.de), 011-49-421-257-6502, fax 011-49-421-257-6503.

## Germany Witchcamp

July 25-August 1. Contact Christa, 011-49-4723-2339, [christa.boeckel@t-online.de](mailto:christa.boeckel@t-online.de)

## Gespinnst Feminist Spirituality Network

We are a network of women with very varied backgrounds and ways of life, from all parts of Germany and other European countries.

## England/Avalon Witchcamp

Gather August 14-21 in Earthspirit in Somerset, England for Avalon Witchcamp, a week of Earth-based spirituality, magic, and politics. Contact Suzanne White, 011-44-020-8667-1525, or Magda Kossak, [camp@reclaim.demon.co.uk](mailto:camp@reclaim.demon.co.uk)

## Reclaiming the Lowlands

Contact Reclaiming the Lowlands through [yoeke@yoeke.com](mailto:yoeke@yoeke.com)

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## Witchlets in the Woods

August 20-24

### Mendocino Woodlands

Witchlets in the Woods is five days of games, crafts, music, and fun in beautiful Mendocino Woodlands State Park. Organized by and for families, Witchlets emerged out of a need to provide sacred space for families to come together and honor the unique needs and gifts of the children in our tradition. This exciting event is dedicated to creating an environment where our children are surrounded by magic and community and where they feel safe and free to step into their own magical power. It is an opportunity for Pagan parents to build community resources and make a connection with each other.

Last year families from all over Northern California, with children ranging in age from 18 months to 25 years, attended this Bay Area Reclaiming Family Camp.

This year's camp theme is Elements. As always, we'll feature family-led activities mixed with play and ritual. Participants are invited to join in music, stories, crafts, fantasy play, psychic skills, nature play and other delightful pastimes. Some ways to participate include teaching or facilitating an activity; gathering/contributing materials (glue, glitter, gossamer); providing supervision and companionship during the camp, and anything else you can think of.

*\$80-120 sliding scale per person over age four. Limited work/trade scholarships are available.*

*Registration and deposit due April 20. Camp limited to 50, on a first-come basis. Download a registration form at*

*[www.witchlets.homestead.com](http://www.witchlets.homestead.com) or contact Kala, (415) 664-4382, [nasusld@aol.com](mailto:nasusld@aol.com)*

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# Reclaiming Regional Events

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## San Francisco Bay Area Rituals

See descriptions on page 11

Reclaiming Events Line: (415) 339-8150

Sonoma Events Line: (707) 793-2183

### Spring Equinox

San Francisco — Saturday, March 22. Gather at noon, ritual 1p.m. Bring food or drink to share. Magic Meadow, Golden Gate Park. (Take Lincoln Avenue west along Park, turn right at 41st Avenue, two blocks to parking lot on right, walk one block further north to meadow.)

Marin — Call (415) 339-8150

Sonoma — Sunday, May 4. (707) 793-2183.

East Bay — Sunday, March 23. Time and place TBA. Call (415) 339-8150

### Beltane

San Francisco — Saturday, May 3. Gather at noon, ritual 1 p.m. Magic Meadow, Golden Gate Park. (Take Lincoln Avenue west along Park, turn right at 41st Avenue, two blocks to parking lot on right, walk one block further north to meadow.) Bring flowers, food, and drink to share.

Marin — Call (415) 339-8150

East Bay — Call (415) 339-8150

### Summer Solstice

San Francisco — Friday, June 20 (Solstice Eve). Gather 7:00 p.m., ritual at 8:00. Ocean Beach near Taraval (L-Muni line). Bring unpainted, nail-less wood, old spells to burn, things to make and decorate the Wicker Man, food and drink, and a towel if you plan to plunge!

Marin — Call (415) 339-8150

East Bay — Call (415) 339-8150

### More 2003 Rituals — San Francisco

Lammas — Saturday, August 2

Fall Equinox — Sunday, September 21

Samhain — Saturday, October 25

Winter Solstice — TBA

### Moon Rituals in Marin

Friday, April 25 - 4th 1/4 Waning Moon

Friday, May 16 - Full Moon

Sunday June 29 - Dark Moon

Contact Urania, UraniaWitch@yahoo.com

### Upcoming Rituals in Sonoma

Lammas, Sunday, August 3

Samhain, Saturday, November 1

Contact Sonoma Events Line, (707) 793-2183

## Bay Area Classes

See past issues or website for descriptions, costs, and other info about Reclaiming classes.

Additional offerings are added at (415) 339-8150, [www.reclaiming.org](http://www.reclaiming.org)

### Elements of Magic

#### San Rafael

With Urania and Georgie  
Six Mondays, Starting April 14  
Contact Georgie, (415) 454-8744,  
[gdennison\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:gdennison_@hotmail.com)

### Iron Pentacle

Not offered this quarter. Visit  
[www.reclaiming.org](http://www.reclaiming.org) for future classes.

### Rites of Passage

Not offered this quarter. Visit  
[www.reclaiming.org](http://www.reclaiming.org) for future classes.

### Pearl Pentacle

Not offered this quarter. Visit  
[www.reclaiming.org](http://www.reclaiming.org) for future classes.

### Earth Activist Training

Learn permaculture, political activism, and magic in a two-week intensive course. Learn to transform a piece of land, a community, political and economic systems, and ourselves. The tools we need to envision and design a just, free, and sustainable culture are the same ones we need to challenge the vested interests that keep destructive systems in place. The principles of healing the land can also be used to heal our own hearts, and sow hope. Sliding scale \$1000-1500. The middle of the scale, \$1200, is "our cost." If even the low-end of the scale is too much, please see options at [www.permacultureinstitute.com/eat](http://www.permacultureinstitute.com/eat)

#### Northern California

with Starhawk and Penny Livingston-Stark  
April 26-May 10  
Contact [mer@starhawk.org](mailto:mer@starhawk.org), (707) 583-2300x119

### Magical Activism

Reclaiming has a long tradition of working to "unify spirit and politics." In these classes, we will explore and create through magical training and ritual the world we want to live in. Taking these steps together we will move from apathy to action, from fear to healing,

and from isolation to community.

#### East Bay

With Brook and Flame  
Saturday, April 5  
Contact Flame, (510) 282-0337,  
[dominiqueleslie@earthlink.net](mailto:dominiqueleslie@earthlink.net)

#### Bay Area location TBA

With Flame and George  
Six Tuesday nights, July 29-September 2  
Contact Flame, (510) 282-0337,  
[dominiqueleslie@earthlink.net](mailto:dominiqueleslie@earthlink.net)

### Rhythm Laboratory

Witchcamp teacher extraordinaire Jeffrey Alphonsus Mooney hosts a weekly Rhythm Laboratory using body, voice, and percussion. This San Francisco workshop is great for beginning or advanced players.

#### San Francisco

with Jeffrey Alphonsus Mooney  
Thursday evenings  
Contact (415) 346-3900

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## Events and Announcements

### Ariadne's Thread

Spinning is a major theme in fairy tales and in many of the stories of the gods and goddesses. Magic and spinning have been linked through the ages. Spend a day listening to stories and learn to spin. You do not have to own a spinning wheel. \$35-50 (includes materials).

#### Vacaville

Saturday, April 5 (tentative)  
with Morgaine  
Contact Brighde at 530-756-6339 or  
[morgaine@carolinahomespun.com](mailto:morgaine@carolinahomespun.com)

### Divination Fair

#### Readings by Witchcamp Teachers

Hey Everybody! Reclaiming will be presenting a Divination Fair, with readings by skilled Reclaiming teachers and psychics — much fun will be had by all. Please come, drink some tea, enjoy a reading, and support your local Witchcamp teachers' cell and California Witchcamp scholarships!

This is a benefit for WART, the California Witchcamp Teachers cell, and the California Witchcamp Scholarship Fund. Includes a screening of the new Marija Gimbutus film.

#### San Francisco location TBA

Sunday April 27, 2-6 p.m.

# Reclaiming Announcements

## Organize Classes in Your Area!

### RCRC — A "Resource" for Reclaiming

Reclaiming Community Resource Collaborative seeds and feeds Reclaiming communities by helping interested folks locate community mentors, guest teachers/artists, organizer mentors, priestesses and magical activism resource people. RCRC can help bring Reclaiming classes to your city or area.

Visit [www.reclaiming.org/rcrc](http://www.reclaiming.org/rcrc), or email [rcrcinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:rcrcinfo@yahoo.com)

## Nature Awareness for Witches

Join the flow of the nature more fully through the gateway of your physical and psychic senses. In this class you will enter the worlds of Stalking, Invisibility, Bird Language, Tracking, and more. Games, exercises, meditation, and long rambles among redwoods will help you reconnect with your wild self and the beings around us.

### Boulder Creek (Santa Cruz Mountains)

Weekend workshop with Jonathan Furst, Saturday & Sunday, May, 17-18 (camping/dorm sleeping available, \$25-\$75 or barter). Contact Jonathan (415) 516-4904 or [jfurst@pobox.com](mailto:jfurst@pobox.com)

## RQ Needs Your Support!

Reclaiming Quarterly is supported entirely by your subscriptions and donations to Reclaiming. When you donate to the Quarterly, or at a Reclaiming event, you are making a crucial contribution to our work!

## Reclaiming teachers visiting your area?

*In addition to the many locally taught classes listed in our regional pages, several Reclaiming teachers travel to teach, organize rituals, take part in protests, etc. Those teachers are listed here — visit their websites to learn of events in your area.*

**Gretchen Laymon** is a Granny Reclaiming Witchcamp teacher living in North Carolina whose passion is building the emerging cultures of beauty, balance, and community. Contact her at [GretchenLay@earthlink.net](mailto:GretchenLay@earthlink.net), (919) 528-4949.

**Irish Flambeau** leads Pagan circle dances with Reclaiming chants, as well as Dances of Universal Peace. Musical accompaniment by Parsley. Info and photos at [feyfolk.homestead.com](http://feyfolk.homestead.com). Contact toll-free (866) 841-9134 x5970, [dancingwitch@alltel.net](mailto:dancingwitch@alltel.net)

**M. Macha NightMare** is a longtime Reclaiming teacher and author/co-author of several books, including *The Pagan Book of Living and Dying* and *Witchcraft and the Web*. Travel schedule is at [www.machanightmare.com](http://www.machanightmare.com). For bookings only, contact Beth Elaine Carlson, (413) 229-8732, [cheiron@earthlink.net](mailto:cheiron@earthlink.net)

**Starhawk** continues to spend much time doing magical activism trainings and otherwise preparing people for political actions. Starhawk's schedule is posted at [www.starhawk.org](http://www.starhawk.org). For bookings only, contact Mer (707) 847-3571, [dedanan@mcn.org](mailto:dedanan@mcn.org)

**T. Thorn Coyle** lives in San Francisco and teaches the magic of evolution and revolution across North America. Access her travel schedule at [www.thorncoyle.com/ontheroad](http://www.thorncoyle.com/ontheroad)

## Witches' Yellow Pages

The 2002-2003 edition of *Witches' Yellow Pages* (WYP) is here!

WYP, a venue for advertising the rich variety of crafts, products, talents, and services offered by the Pagan community, is distributed free at Reclaiming Witchcamps.



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[wypage@hotmail.com](mailto:wypage@hotmail.com). And visit [www.witchesyellowpages.com](http://www.witchesyellowpages.com).

Volunteer-produced, WYP donates revenue after costs to Earth-honoring events, political actions, and special projects that support the values found in the Reclaiming Principles of Unity. Last year, we donated to Reclaiming Quarterly and the Rainforest Action Network.

Heartfelt thanks to all who use this resource for presenting your gifts to the world and to those who would receive them. Together, we can support each other and make a difference in the world. We remain in awe and gratitude for the Goddess-given energy that allows us the time, freedom, and opportunity to be of service to our wonderful community.

— Gail Morrison and Julie Knapp

## Organize Reclaiming Classes in Your Area!

### RCRC — A "Resource" for Reclaiming

Reclaiming Community Resource Collaborative (RCRC, pronounced "Resource") aims to seed and feed Reclaiming communities by helping interested folks locate community mentors, guest teachers/artists, organizer mentors, priestesses and magical activism resource people. RCRC can help bring Reclaiming classes to your city or area.

Visit [www.reclaiming.org/rcrc](http://www.reclaiming.org/rcrc), or email [rcrcinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:rcrcinfo@yahoo.com)

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### About Reclaiming Witchcraft and Classes Close to You!

The Reclaiming Tradition originated in the San Francisco Bay area with the magickal work of Starhawk and the Reclaiming Collective. Reclaiming links an inclusive feminist spirituality with a commitment to social change. The summer intensive is designed for people who are dedicated to powerful spiritual learning and experiences which enhance personal growth.

Find out about Witch Camp 2003 and events and classes in your local area at <http://www.spiralheart.org/events/index.html>

How to contact SpiralHeart: SpiralHeart Registrar, PO Box 1773 Wheaton, MD 20915-1773 Phone: 301.977.6417 Email: [info@spiralheart.org](mailto:info@spiralheart.org)

## Workers of All the Worlds, Unite!

HEROES OF THE Revolutionary Paganry, arise! Step forward boldly now, or the *Revolutionary Pagan Worker's Vanguard* may go the way of our beloved predecessors, the *Pagan Workers' Daily*

*Sentinel*, the *Pagan Workers' Weekly Sentinel*, and the *Pagan Workers' Monthly Sentinel*, all of which were consigned to the dustbins of history by financial woes.

The forces of crypto-romanticism and neo-bourgeois reaction threaten the very existence of the RPWV!

Look at the facts — this issue of RQ is a mere one-third of its usual size. Yet the RPWV was allotted only half of its usual space! That works out to less than — well, actually, we came out a little ahead, when you do the math. But still!

Arise, ye Pagan masses! Donate to Reclaiming Quarterly today, or there may not be any time to arise tomorrow!



Famed soul singer James Brown was a surprise addition to the teaching team at Tejas Web's Samhain Witchcamp. Here, Brown sings "We All Come From the Goddess" as two neophyte campers carry his cape. Photo by RPWV staffer Robin Parrott.

## Reclaiming the Flag

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redistribute the resources of our own country's wealth even when our government doesn't seem to have the sense to do so on our behalf. We can find a way to send education and aid instead of munitions to third world countries. I claim the birthright of an American to be a revolutionary. I claim the right of an American to make a difference.

These days, I'm in the peace march "waving the flag" right back at those Young Republicans and their "Hippie Go Home" banner. When they saw two green berets holding it up to them, most of those well-educated kids turned around and busied themselves refilling their wine glasses. Luckily for humanity, the Amnesty International staff was hanging out of their windows two floors above, cheering for

all they were worth.

*Lizard is a practicing healer, poet, queer spirit, writer and editor co-creating a funky liberal outpost with her daughter in conservative Hanover County, VA.*

## Dandelion Gathering

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slightly different housing arrangements!)

More importantly, we knew that local Reclaiming communities were springing up everywhere. Like weeds, you might say. Like Dandelions. Some had grown up around Witchcamps and were now starting to come together in the other 51 weeks of the year. Some had come into being through contact with teachers from other Reclaiming communities and didn't have much contact with Witchcamps. Some had started from people reading *The Twelve*

## Censorship? You Be the Judge!

STUNG BY charges of censoring internal discussions, the RPWV Central Committee on Media Relations released this list of the most important stories omitted from the RPWV Pages this issue:

- Mysterious glitter shortage mars annual Spiral Dance ritual
- Prohibition on 8-circuit labyrinths challenged
- Reclaiming considers dropping West to speed up rituals
- Lugh — Sun God, Prankster, or just a Handyman with good PR?
- Lawsuit alleges Witchcamp healing ritual aggravated chronic hangnail

## Revolutionary Gossip

RUMOR HAS IT that the reduction of the RPWV to half a page was due not to finances, but to the fact that nobody has found much of anything funny lately.

A spokesperson for RPWV Chair-

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*Wild Swans* and didn't have much contact with anybody.

We wondered how to get those communities talking to each other. The Witchcamp Spokesouncil isn't the right place — its mandate is the web of Witchcamps. At the Dandelion gathering we hope to start that communication, just by having so many Reclaimers in the same place at the same time. Surely there will be trainings offered in that space — how else, with so many of us in one spot? Surely there will be meetings (how else again?) Surely there will be celebration and ritual. Most surely of all, something will happen that none of us expect.

We can make that something amazing and wonderful and alive. Keep the date open on your calendar, OK?

For more information on the gathering, contact [dandelion@witchcamp.org](mailto:dandelion@witchcamp.org)



# Faerie Masque Ball

May 31 • 8pm-Midnight

San Francisco Women's Building  
18th Street between Valencia and Guerrero

\$15-\$25 sliding scale

admission includes finger food and mask-making

DJ Dancing - 70s-00s

Costume Contest to choose Fairie Queen & King

Mask Making

Faerie Photos

Silent Auction

Faerie Finger Food and Beverages

No alcohol or drugs, please

*We need LOTS of community support to make this event truly magical! We need your help with donations of items and services for the silent auction, decorating inspirations, donations of food, set-up and clean-up help, etc. For more information, contact us at [quarterly@reclaiming.org](mailto:quarterly@reclaiming.org), 415-255-7623.*

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Please come, drink some tea, enjoy a reading, and support your local Witchcamp teachers' cell and California Witchcamp scholarships!

This is a benefit for WART (the California Witchcamp Teachers cell) and the California Witchcamp Scholarship Fund.

Includes a screening of the new Marija Gimbutus film.

San Francisco location TBA

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