

MANY THANKS TO:

Samhain Cell: Madrone (Coordinator), Starhawk, Rose May Dance, DJ Hamouris, Juliana Miller, M. Macha NightMare, Lauren Raine, Deborah Lilith, Suzanne Sterling, Inanna, Amie Miller, Vibra, Mary Merryman, Judy Foster

Starhawk, a special Happy 20th anniversary, we love you.

Vibra and the Graces

Mary Merryman and Dragons

JK Sound

Steve Manshardt, lighting design

Eddie Sonnenblick and crew and the Earth, for feeding us

Laura Kemp and crew for front of house decoration

Inanna and the anchors

Litany for the Millennium
Samhain: written by Starhawk, spoken by Rose May Dance

All of you who helped set up, flyered or helped in many ways

CHORUS

DJ Hamouris, Director
Amy Ivoryfly
Bill Simpich
Brian Buckley Smith
Casey Graham
Corby Lauton
Cynthia Mealy
Dan "Ash" Young
Dunkane
Elizabeth McLeod
Evelie Posch
Hilary Gordon
Jessica Lance
Julie Dodd Tetzlaff
Judy Lewis
Larry Tenney
Laura Lance
Lise M. Dyckman
Lynn Johnson
Madeline Wayham
Marianne Hockenberry

Medusa Zakrzewski
Megan Evert
Melissa Ellen Penn
Morgan leFey
Nieves
Patry Costa
Robin Dolan
Ruth Temple
Sabra Zakrzewski
Shanna LoPresti

MUSICIANS

Mary Ellen Donald, doumbeck, tar, fish skin tambourine
Robin Gathergood, doumbeck, tambourine
Madrone, doumbeck
Denise Castleton, Guitar
Evelyn Mann, Flute
Rebecca Hatka, Cello
Mark Unger, Mandocello

ALTAR BUILDERS

East: Jack Davis and friends
South: Rose Francis and friends
West: Patti Davis and friends
North: Judy Foster and friends
Children's Altar: Terry Compost and friends
Bio Diversity: Sandy Miller and friends
WTO: Megan and Max
The Burning Times: Elizabeth Howland
Extinct Species: Sandy Miller
The Trees: Sophia Sparks
Faery Altar: Elizabeth Howland
Endangered Species: Sandy Miller
Visions of the Future: Juliana

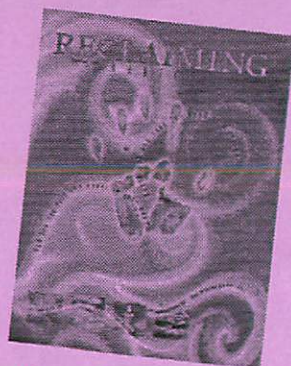
INVOCATIONS

Grounding: Richard Ely
Proclamation of the Feast: M. Macha NightMare
East: Keith Hennessy
South: Lauren Raine
Serene Zloof
Melusina Del-Mar
Lauren Raine
Zoe Koff
Sharon Kihara

Trish Tripp
James Cook
Jim Foley
Ira
West: Bryan Welch and children
North: Joanna Moody, stilts
Jeanette, stilts
Theresa, trapeze
Center: DJ Hamouris
Selene Vega
Rene Vega
Buffalo
Mighty Dead: Suzanne Sterling
Laura Wyrd
Beverly Frederick
Goddess: Amie Miller and dancers
Goddess Masks: Lauren Raine
God: Jeff Mooney and friends
Babies: Rain
Beloved Dead: Gwydion, Toni De Marco, and Vibra
Trance: Starhawk
Narrator: Rose

LOGISTICS

Clean up Crew:
Lisa Dillon and crew
Front of House Manager:
Carin McKay
Reclaiming Book Table:
George Franklin, Kat Lilith, Rain, Georgeanne Dennison, Elka Eastly, Amanda Karin, Jennifer Privateer, Darlene Cluster



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WELCOME TO THE 1999

SPIRAL DANCE

Samhain (pronounced Sah' - win)

*A ritual to honor our beloved dead
and dance the Spiral of rebirth*

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DECLARATION OF THE FEAST OF SAMHAIN

This is the season of Halloween

The time when the veil is thin that
divides the worlds

The seen from the unseen

The day to day from the mysteries.

Tonight we are about to take a journey
into the darkness of Winter
and through to the promise of
spring

For Halloween is our New Year

The New Year of the Witches

And when we say "Witches"

we mean those with a certain wit
even wisdom

Who follow the Old Religion
of the Goddess

And when we speak of the Goddess

who is moon, stone, star

And her consort the Horned God

the sun, the life of animals

we are saying that

We recognize our kinship with all of
life

and that tapestry of life is sacred

We are committed to its service

When we say the Goddess is Maiden,
Mother and Crone

We are saying that we see her in all
women,

all shapes and colors and ages
and honor women

for strength as well as beauty
for knowledge, experience, the

power that comes from within

For she is the mother of inspiration as
well as children.

When we call on the God as her lover and
consort

We say that we honor men
for tenderness and kindness
as well as courage

And he wears horns because
we honor

the animal self in all of us,
forever untamed and free,
our miracle bodies.

When we invoke the elements of air, fire,
water and earth,

We say that we know what is necessary
to sustain life

And pledge ourselves to care for it and
preserve it.

When we mourn our dead,

When we set sail to the island
beyond time,

to dance the spiral,
the ancient symbol of rebirth,
we perform an act of magic,

we turn our culture back towards
balance.

When we remember what has passed

And renew ourselves

We do it to reclaim the future,

So join with us now,

feel the spirits gathering...

7-8 PM

Come and view the altars.

At the North Altar paper is provided
to write down the names of your beloved dead.

Approximately 8 PM

Conch Shells sound the beginning of the invocations/ritual.

The Casting of the circle

With song and music we begin the Invocations
to East, South, West, North and Center

Invocation to the Mighty Dead

Calling the names of our Beloved Babies,
all who have been born to our
community in the last year

With song and music we call and welcome the Goddess and God

Calling of the names of our Beloved Dead,
all of those who have died in our community
in the last year. All ritual participants are invited at this
time to go to the tables next to the directional altars and
light a candle for their beloved dead.

The Journey

Prepare to set sail for the island where birth and death meet.

Let us greet our Beloved Dead.

Share our love with them and ask for their wisdom.

Together with them, we dance the Spiral of Life, Death and Rebirth.

Blessing of the food and drink.

Bid farewell to our Beloved Dead and the Mighty Dead

With song and music, we say farewell to the Goddess and God and the Elements

Opening of the circle

*We invite you to stay for a while, dance and chat, meet new friends.
We would also appreciate help with clean up and chair stacking.*

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MAP OF THE RITUAL SPACE AND ALTARS

