

## **Postings from Crones Counsel XXIV Facebook Group 2015-2016**

Copied over by Karuna Chapman

Crones Counsel House Rules

By Virginia Small on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 10:39am

House rules

Hello fellow maidens, mothers, matriarchs and of course, crones and elders.

Crones Counsel XXIV is a group for women who are planning to come to the Crones Counsel gathering #24 on Sept 21-25, 2016. It will take place in Denver Colorado. It is a place to share your plans and excitement for Crones Counsel.

Please read the guidelines for this group. They were put here so all who come here may feel comfortable and enjoy the experience.

Be advised that any posts not following the rules may be deleted. The poster may receive a gentle reminder or two. If anyone continues to disregard the rules set down here they may be removed from the group.

Members are not allowed to add anyone to the group. Anyone wishing to join must ask and be approved by an administrator.

This group is for women only.

This is a place for questions, discussions, needs, requests, sharing, and observations surrounding this year's gathering. It is a place to find roommates, rides or anything you may be curious about.

This is NOT a place for self promotions of ANY KIND including books, art, classes, business, services, etc.

Posts relevant to crones issues are perfectly fine but keep in mind the fine line between sharing general information and promotion of a product or service.

Let's keep it positive. Negative remarks concerning another member or excessive complaining about past CC's is discouraged. That being said, if there are issues you have questions about you may message me or any of the admins and we will try to help, or bring it to the planners.

These guidelines will be updated as needed.

We will keep you informed on what's going on regarding the gathering.

Namaste

Virginia Small, Administrator

Win Fiandaca, Leslie Ann Aguillard and 9 others

Kaya Singer Thanks for these guidelines. I have a question that i hope you can answer. I completely understand and support the non-promotion piece. The fine line part is alluding me. I want to support my fellow Crones in their accomplishments so in this regard I want to know what people are doing that they are excited about- whether it's creating art, writing a book, going on an an adventure, or whatever. The fact they might also have something for sale is not important. I want to know how they are expressing themselves and following their dream or legacy work. Can you please write a sample post that would be ok and on the ok side of the line? Because I don't want people to not share for fear that it will seem promotional. Thanks so much.

Like · Reply · 2 · January 14 at 10:55am

Marilyn Sackariason As I understand the rules, this is not a site for conversation about our cronehood and individual stories. I think it is a neutral site for information about Crones Counsel. Maybe there could be another site for cronehood stories and adventures.

Like · Reply · 3 · January 14 at 1:38pm

Virginia Small Thank you Marilyn. I have just written Suzanne to see what her response would be to Kaya's question. Since both this page and the Crones main page are sites for specific information, perhaps a site for sharing would be a great idea. I will get back to you.

Like · Reply · 2 · January 14 at 2:21pm

Kaya Singer We went through this discussion last year and I would love for there to be just one Crone Counsel group for discussions and roommates, etc. Way easier. ( for me:) The Crones Counsel Page is a Page not a Group and not designed for a forum.

Like · Reply · 1 · January 14 at 6:38pm

I really do understand. However: if various other types of news and information were shared on this page it would tend to hide and obscure the news, updates, and information the page was intended for. Since many of us have irons in the fire and have pr...See More

Like · Reply · 1 · January 15 at 7:32am

Virginia Small

Kaya Singer I understand too and yet to me "Community and sharing" has a higher value. I am in other groups where we do both sharing, discussions and details and it seems to work fine. I will let go of it, however.

Like · Reply · January 15 at 8:03am

Win Fiandaca We have a Crones Counsel website!! Not specific to our upcoming gathering. Why aren't we using it? Thats where we get to know each other ♥ ? ? □ ? ? ? ? ? ? ? Last post there was in December...

Like · Reply · 1 · January 15 at 9:01am

Kaya Singer I think people are on Facebook anyway so its easy and discussions are made so easy here. FB group is way better than a website. Maybe a new Facebook group just for sharing? I would love that...

Like · Reply · 1 · January 15 at 10:12am

Leslie Ann Aguillard Me, too. and that group could be closed as well for more privacy. But I understand that another site to attend is time consuming. I suppose as I learn who folks are and can connect then a separate site is not needed. I'd share my pages here but it might be considered self promotion.

Like · Reply · 1 · October 2 at 5:58am

Maggie Fenton I spend about as much time on FB as I want already. I like having this page just for the counsel. I hear from many of my Crone friends already on FB so not sure I'd spend much time on another page.

Like · Reply · 2 · January 15 at 10:40am

Kaya Singer replied · 1 Reply

Linda K Taylor Virginia, as I understand it this is a "Denver based group" site regarding the upcoming Crones.... perhaps that will separate the issues above so that people can decide what it is they need to ask or say on this site. As I see it, one of the wonderful things about women is that we like to share our personal experiences and make new friendships with those who have activities that we also enjoy. So it is kind of a Catch-22! I have several Crone friends on Facebook as I see that others do also. You can ask to be a friend to any Crone that you know who is also on Facebook, for those who like me like to get to know other Crones more personally.

Like · Reply · January 15 at 1:15pm

Win Fiandaca Whoops I said Website... I meant FB page.

Like · Reply · January 15 at 2:10pm

Virginia Small I wouldn't say it was Denver based; although for now, most of the organizers are here in Colorado. That may change. This page is for the upcoming gathering only, and will most likely be taken down after the gathering is over. The main CC FB page seems ...See More

Like · Reply · 1 · January 15 at 4:03pm · Edited

Kaya Singer I manage a couple other sites too but I would be willing to co-manage a new Crones Counsel Group - maybe three people so it would be easier. Needs to be FB Group- not page.

Like · Reply · January 15 at 4:00pm

Virginia Small No takers yet, Kaya. :(

Like · Reply · February 29 at 9:45pm

Kari Tornow Can we stop wotht he Spam photos also? Real crones only - not someone elses pthohoped nonesense.

Like · Reply · February 9 at 7:56pm

Virginia Small Hmmm. So far it doesn't seem to bother others. News is slow coming in now. It's nice to have some inspiration once in a while. News about the gathering will be coming as soon as something is fit to print. I'll see what the other admin has to say.

Like · Reply · February 9 at 8:38pm

Patricia Hanson Ooops ... delete my innappropriate post please. Not sure how to do that.

Like · Reply · February 29 at 8:54pm

Virginia Small Done, Pat. No worries.

Like · Reply · February 29 at 9:43pm

So, here are my questions: Firstly, what constitutes "Crone clothes" on the list of suggested in items to bring? And are these crone clothes worn for the Follies or something else? And do we dress more casually (jeans, etc) for the daily activities/workshops? Lastly, are these activities all indoors or are some outdooCynthia Quiat Thomsonrs? This is all new to me & I want to bring the appropriate clothing, etc.. Thank you. (Also, should I be posting these questions on the main page or here?)

Like · Reply · August 2 at 9:12am

Crone clothes can be special occasion or ceremonial garments; or they can be fun stuff you feel comfortable wearing around us. (Think of the Red Hat Society.) You can wear them to the Follies if you are participating, the Honoring of the Elders, maybeeven the opening and closing ceremonies, and the drumming. Everything else is casual dress. RiVirginia Smallght now I don't know of anything that will take place outside except maybe the solstice ceremony. I would suggest that any questions should be posted on the main page. Otherwise this thread is going to get very long. :D

Like · Reply · 1 · August 2 at 10:49am

## STARTING CRONE CIRCLES

Kaya Kotzen

HI all. Yesterday I co -led a wonderful workshop for 8 of us which included writing, meditation, soul collage , lunch and more.. It was a real treat, after a very intimate sharing by a woman, talking about her abuse by men and how she recently stood up to someone, to share that we could offer her a standing ovation, a Crones tradition. She just LOVED it, beamed and it was such a wonderful thing to bring to this gathering for several other women as well.

Thank you Crones Counsel for the gift of experiencing and witnessing this for so many years. There is a season for passing it on... and that time is now.

Well Kaya ~. It look is as if you are on your way to a most engaging, rewarding undertaking in your life. Hopefully the beautiful women of spirit you are gatherLinda Carl Brocketting around you will bring in a few more and you can learn one another's life stories and tap into the collective wisdom together.

Patricia Alton  
November 1

Greetings Sisters! Trust your Samhain was wonderful! I'm so excited to be hosting my first Wise Women Gathering this Sunday at my Dome in DeLand Florida....which of course will evolve into the Crones Circle Florida! Please hold us in your thoughts, prayers and Love and Light of Sisterhood. Namaste, Patricia.

Kaya Singer

Hi ladies- I am feeling the calling to begin a crone circle here in Portland. I know there is an interest and although I have run 100s of women's groups I feel this one needs to have a certain structure. I have some ideas of course, but would love to hear from people who have been in one, have run one who have opinions? Some questions include, is it an open or closed group, a Meet-up group, a private by invitation group? Do you meet in a home, meeting room, cafe? Do you do ceremony as well as sharing stories? Women of certain ages? All ages? Even just asking the questions is helpful for me as I can see my own calling and the what I can begin..

Kaya Singer Thanks Suzanne Gruba Nancy Lehto and others. I got the booklet and I appreciate it so much. It affirmed that I already know what I'm doing. I've been running women's groups for 30+ years so I will just use my own (Crone) wisdom. I will let you all know once it gets going.

Booklet -How to Start a Crone's Circle.

Next Crones Counsel 2017

Linda K Taylor  
October 18 · Salt Lake City, UT

So excited to learn that the 25th Anniversary Crones Counsel will be held next year at the University of Utah's Guest House and Conference Center with ready access to the city bus and Trax system (\$1.50 for Seniors) as well as the free University bus system. In addition the Conference site sits on the East bench with fantastic views over the city! There are so many wonderful places to visit that near the University... Red Butte Gardens, the Natural History Museum, the Utah Museum of Fine Arts and many many more. If you have never been to Salt Lake City, you will enjoy the mountains that surround the city, the Great Salt Lake, the historic

Mormon Temple and Tabernacle, our Moshe Safdie library with a Coliseum feel, and the many shops and restaurants downtown and wonderful coffee shops. So many excursions could be planned, to the quaint town of Park City with a lift ride to the top of the Wasatch MTS, or to the Sundance Institute, all with maximum a hour's drive from the city ... I could go on and on. Plan to stay a few extra days and just hang out! I would be happy to show people around or make recommendations. And NO I am not on the planning committee yet, but I am a new resident of two years and my husband and I love the city, a small big city. This year my daughter and daughter-in-law WILL be in attendance!! Future Crones....

Just remember we are at about 5000' so start some walking to be able to get around the city and breathe easily. For those of you who are already walking for exercise, think power walking or uphill walking. I am so excited, I can't wait for you all to come!

Melody LeBaron Just know that Crones Counsel 2017 weekend will ALSO be the Mormon General Conference weekend, so hotels will FILL UP fast and there will be LOTS of traffic to contend with

Kaya Kotzen

So I'm a writer and a notetaker and wanted to share some quotes that I wrote down during the conference which really stood out for me.. I m not going to attach names to them, as I didn't always get who said what.. but here goes.. no special order to this...

Listen with an open heart - all we need will be given to us through sharing.-

Pride goeth before the fall - ask for help!

I rest in the depth beneath the depth...

I hear the call of the crone, the call of the ancient ones, now I will send out the signal too.

The work of being this age is how many lessons can we squeeze into this lifetime?

How do we learn forgiveness?

Integrate fear to become fuel.

We never know how high we are, until we are called to rise.

Never grow old for as long as you live

Life is not about finding yourself, it's about creating yourself.

Go experience AWE !!

Honoring the Elders 2016 Enid attends via skype 2016

Opening Ceremony

VIRGINIA SMALL·TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Calling in the Directions As we prepare to call in the directions, I wish to press upon you the sacredness of this ritual. It is a time to be very present and to listen carefully to the words. There is a message of a few words or more that are meant just for you. At the close of the Opening, please record the word or words you heard and want to take with you. This is a beautiful time for us, and it is the beginning of our Gathering. Spirit Keeper of the East Element of Air and the rising Sun, The place of the Maiden, Spring, Sunrise, and Communication. Everything that is

born comes from this direction: ideas, friendship and new beginnings. Your gifts from the East are Creativity, Illumination and Joy. Take these gifts and share them. (All:) Spirit of the East, thank you for being with us now and throughout the Gathering. Blessed Be. HO (Drum) Spirit Keeper of the South Element of Fire and the direction of Energy. The place of the Mother, Summer, Midday, and Sight. The South represents love, family, and security. Your gifts from the South are Trust, Passion, and Joy. Take these gifts and share them. (All:) Spirit of the South, thank you for being with us now and throughout the Gathering. Blessed Be. Ho (Drum) Spirit Keeper of the West Element of Water and the direction of Emotions. The place of the Matriarch, Autumn, Sunset, and the Dream world. The West represents harvest, mystery, and transition. Your gifts from the West are Intuition, Compassion, and Courage. Take these gifts and share them.

(All:) Spirit of the West, thank you for being with us now and throughout the Gathering. Blessed Be. HO (Drum)

Spirit Keeper of the North Element of Earth and the direction of Renewal/rebirth. The place of the Crone, Winter, Midnight, and the Ancient Ones. The North is the direction of magic, surprise and stillness. Your gifts from the North are Wisdom, Vision, and Balance. Take these gifts and share them. (All:) Spirit of the North, thank you for being with us now and throughout the Gathering. Blessed be. Ho (Drum)

Call in the Center O Great Spirit of the Center, of everything that is free, we come to you with gratitude. We thank you for being with us and for calling us to be centered within ourselves. We invite all the women who have gone before us: our mothers, our grandmothers, our great-grandmothers -- be with us in the circle. We call on those who will follow us: daughters, granddaughters, and all our kindred spirits. Remind us that it is only from our Center that we reach out to each other. O Great Spirit of Everything of the Heart and Everything that is Mystery, bless this Gathering. In gratitude and thanks, we bow. (All:) Blessed be. HO (Drum)

Opening Ceremony participants: Woman of the East: Meg Randle Woman of the South: Win Fiandaca, Woman of the West: Kianna Bader Woman of the North: Dottie White Woman of the Center: Janet Morrissey Candle lighters: Sierra Lehto, Sandy Eno and Cheri Jensen Drummer: Marta Quest Cleansing of space: Mahtowin Song leader: Kaya Kotzen Dance coordinator: Marsha Scarbrough Greeters: Faith Tinnin and Jan Vondra

Here is the schedule for our gathering.

Tai Chi every morning at 7:30

Continental breakfast every morning – 7:45 – 8:15

Wed

Registration 3-6

Newcomers orientation 4:30

Opening ceremony 7-

Meet & Greet, grand opening of the artisans hall – right after opening

Thursday

Daily opening – 8:30

Storytelling – 9am

Circles – 10:45

Lunch - noon

Workshops – 2 – 3:30 & 3:45 – 5:15  
Dinner – 5:00 – 7  
Poetry & dessert – 7pm  
Friday  
Daily opening – 8:30  
Storytelling – 9 am  
Circles – 10:45  
Luncheon Banquet -12:30  
Honoring elders & decades – 1:30  
Free Time – right after ceremony finishes  
Saturday  
Same as Thursday  
Follies at 7 pm  
Pass the hat for scholarships right before follies  
Sunday  
Gathering conclusion – 9 – 10 (outreach presentation and pass the hat)  
Closing ceremony – 10-11  
Pre-registration for 2017 – Sat. lunch and right after closing ceremony

What to bring! This is the list in the brochure.

- Any brochures, handouts or information you might want to bring for the Crone Share Table
- \* Reusable drinking cups and water bottles
- Anything you might need for the Follies – costumes, music, instruments, etc.
- Crone clothes or dress up for Honoring Ceremony and banquet, if you wish
- Drums, rattles, etc.
- Something for the Give-Away table if you wish
- Something for the altar if you wish
- A remembrance for the Empty Chair if you want to honor someone who has passed.
- Three photos for Maiden, Mother, Crone- or appropriate to where you are developmentally- ideally all three in a frame together with your name on back.

I have always believed that the CC "Mother Board" has the role of acting for each of us since having all participants involved in every decision is impossible in a group the size of Cronos Counsel. However, I do not believe that Board decisions, impacting the entire group, should be kept a secret to be revealed to us at some predetermined time. Yes, the announcement of where the next Counsel will be held is usually made at Counsel, but I don't believe that it is meant to be a secret until that time. At least I hope not. I believe that we have a right to know any decisions that the Board makes that affects and impacts all of us and that there is no gag order to keep us from speaking out.

Calling All Crone Poets and Poetry Lovers

## Crone Poets Are Rising Again

Once again Crones Counsel will be hosting an open poetry reading. Bring your poems to read or just come to listen to your sister crones' amazing work. Join us in another unforgettable evening of Crone Poets Rising.

Short prose is OK too.

From the President, Janet Morrissey

"We are all longing to go home to some place we have never been—  
a place half-remembered and half-envisioned we can only catch  
a glimpse of from time to time. Community.

Somewhere, there are people to whom we can speak  
with passion without having the words catch in our throats. Somewhere a circle of hands will  
open to receive us,

eyes will light up as we enter, voices will celebrate  
with us whenever we come into our own power.

Community means strength that joins our strength to do the work  
that needs to be done. Arms to hold us when we falter.

A circle of healing. A circle of friends.

Someplace where we can be free."

Starhawk

When I read this, I instantly thought about Crones Counsel and the many Gatherings that I have  
attended. In the Wisdom Circles I have found a deep sharing and sometimes with a lot of  
passion.

In the latest issue of Crones Times, Sandy Eno gave an enlightening account of how the  
Gathering has called her back year after year because it feels like home, and the women she  
has met over the years are waiting to receive her with open arms. As she says, "I am with my  
tribe!"

Another part of Starhawk's quote that grabbed my attention was the word longing. I have been  
intrigued by the concept of longing for years. In the early 1990s, I found a book by Cooper  
Edens called *The Art of Longing*. This is a sweet book with beautiful, soft pastel illustrations of a  
woman in different settings. There is one sentence or a phrase on the opposite page from the  
drawing. I love this line, "Longing is a word that means to put stars together."

This led me to another one of my favorite books, John O'Donohue's *Eternal Echoes*. This is  
filled with thoughts on longing, and one that touches me is, "One of our deepest longings is to  
find love and friendship." Is that true? Since our earliest of years we are looking for these  
treasures, which we long for all of our lives.

O'Donohue ends the first chapter with a beautiful blessing. The first line is, "Blessed be the  
longing that brought you here and that quickens your soul with wonder."

Clarissa Pinkola Estes in her famous book, *Women Who Run With the Wolves*, says, "We are  
all filled with a longing for the wild." She describes the wild women and it sounds like a crone to  
me. Sometimes we have misplaced her, and there is a longing in us to find her and free her.  
She is everywhere and nowhere, but you know when she is present. Again, as I reread the

Crones Times, I found Women who located the wild woman in nature, in books, in other wild women, and in themselves.

If you have not registered, I invite you to come and meet some wild women. Listen to the longing in your heart that is telling you to join with us in Denver to celebrate our uniqueness. Come and drum with us, listen to other Crones tell their stories, and find your wild women. See you in Denver.

Here are just some of the topics that will be offered at the workshops. Topics of this year's many choices include: seasons of our lives - spiritual and practical, living well on a fixed income, memoirs writing, helping save the earth, numerology, mothers and daughters, mindful writing, active crones groups and how they work, crones traveling alone, surviving our aging relationships, being practical about our aging process, following our vision of self discovery, collage and another craft. ALL interesting topics!

They're called the Threshold Choir, because they come to sing to people at the last threshold of life.

Welcome First-Timers

If you are new to our gatherings, we offer you special greetings and a warm welcome. I and other volunteers will greet you at registration and answer any questions. Greeters will be looking for you when you register. Feel free to ask me or any Board Member any questions you may have.

Here is a downloadable file with lots of information for the gathering. Lots more information coming your way soon.

Conference information 2016.pdf  
Portable Document Format

Comment

There are several old words that had benevolent and sacred meanings but were then re-translated into negative meanings by those who would demean and discredit us. Crone is one. Hag is another. I just found out about the original meaning of gossip.

Thank you Tonya Freedman (not in our crones group) for finding this.

Gossip - Archaic word for a woman, especially one past middle age. The original word was godsib, "one related to the gods." i.e., a god-mother. In pre-Christian times, elder women were considered divine because they retained their "wise blood" after menopause.

In Christian times, "gossip" came to mean any godmother...

A group of elder women were called "gossips" as a term of respect at first, after the peasant habit of calling any older woman "mother" or "grandmother." The modern meaning of "gossip" arose from the conversation of "gossips," or old wives' tales."

Source: The Women's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets by Barbara G. Walker

This is the Power of Sisterhood!

Read the article here: <http://upliftconnect.com/why-women-need-a-tribe/>

Send your love and prayers out to our very special Enid

She's had a small stroke but is doing ok.

Lee McRae

June 23, 1924 - June 2, 2016

Lee McRae passed away on the morning of June 2, 2016, just a few weeks before her 92nd birthday. She lived an incredibly active and full life until the very end, and was an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be remembered for her activism and her impact on early music education and performance. She was a founding member of the innovative Walden Center and School, Early Music America, San Francisco Early Music Society and Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra. A musician, singer, musician's agent, author, peace advocate and music teacher, she was an independent spirit, curious, engaged and inexhaustible.

The CCWW has formed a new archives committee.

Archival materials have been stored, used for research; and referred to by the Board, particularly when there has been a question about the origin of a Gathering tradition.

By preserving our history, we are sharing with our culture of older women the changes that have occurred in our organization in the past 24 years. We also will be able to offer a rich resource for anyone wishing to engage in research related to our population.

Read the entire article here. <https://www.cronesounsel.org/crones-counsel-newsletter-m.../...>

My responsibility is as liaison between the Committee and the Board. Please contact me if you have any questions, insights, or enthusiasm about our new committee, [croneologycat@gmail.com](mailto:croneologycat@gmail.com)

It's a self-managed social housing project devised and run by a community of dynamic female senior citizens who want to keep their independence, but live communally.

"To live long is a good thing but to age well is better," says 85 year old Thérèse Clerc who dreamt up the project back in 1999.

"Growing old is not an illness," says the elegant, feisty Clerc. "We want to change the way people see old age," and that means "learning to live differently."

The building houses 25 self-contained flats. 21 are adapted for the elderly and four are reserved for students.

Residents pay an average of 420 euros for 35m2.

The five-storey building is in the heart of Montreuil, just a stones throw from metro, shops and cinema.

Being central was important. "The message is 'you will go out, you have a right to be active'," says Jean-Paul Blery from the town's housing department.

Janine Popot moved into her 29m<sup>2</sup> studio a few weeks ago and still hasn't opened all the boxes. As one of ten children, she says she wanted to live alongside others but not in a conventional home.

"I wanted to avoid ending up in a retirement home at all costs. When you don't have much money, a retirement home becomes a prison," she explains.

Growing old well means keeping the grey matter going. So the house isn't just a place to live. The ground floor is reserved for activities and will house a university for senior citizens. Residents were selected partly in relation to what they could contribute to the "community" and the extent to which they shared the Babayaga philosophy.

Many, like Jannine, are active in the voluntary sector.

The project cost nearly 4 million euros and funding came from no less than eight different public sources, including Montreuil city council which is accustomed to investing in innovative projects. It was a difficult, long road, "a forceps delivery," says Clerc.

Not least because getting funding for a project run by an association was genuinely innovative. "Local authorities aren't used to working with associations," says 62 year old resident Dominique Doré. "Associations in France can't buy land. Cecile Duflot (the French housing minister) is trying to change this."

The Babayagas have generated a lot of interest, both here in France and in Canada, but Doré denies they want to launch a franchise and prefers to be compared with the slow food movement.

"Slow ageing? Why not!" "We want to exchange ideas, take what's best out there."

And while some Babayagas say their house must remain women-only, Doré says the structure is bound to evolve.

"We have the recipe, we have the saucepan, now it's up to us to make the soup," she says.

Two similar projects are underway in Palaiseau and Bagneux, and other local authorities are interested in following Montreuil's example.

After all, a quarter of France's population (17 million) are currently over the age of 60. By 2050 it'll be a third.

The French will have to find solutions for the care of this growing elderly population. Helping senior citizens to help each other, as the Babayagas are doing, looks like a good one.

If you haven't already done so, please take this brief 4-question survey and let us know what type of activities you would like for your free time at the gathering

Free time is Friday, September 23 from 2:30pm on. Please let us know your preferences for any options that you would like. Tours would be scheduled 3-4 weeks before the Gathering and would need to be pre-paid via a credit card.

1. I would be most interested in this type of tour or activity:

Prepaid guided tour

No-cost self-guided tour or activity

2. Please rate your interest in the following professionally guided bus tour options (about four hours long):

It's almost summertime, and at the end of this summer I will see my Crone friends again

Hello and thanks for having me! A short introduction.. I'm Jeanette, a 47 year old Swedish woman, a composer and student of religion at Uppsala University, and mother of one lovely girl. I'm not going to be able to join you in september, I think, but I would love to as I am tip toeing towards my own crone-hood with delightful steps. I have followed your work for some months as part of my thesis in History of Religions and Religious Behavioural Science on the Croning Ceremony, a phenomena little known in Sweden. I hope not for long though... Thank you again for having me!

Like

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March 8

Happy Women's Day!

No More Clichés

Beautiful face

That like a daisy opens its petals to the sun

So do you

Open your face to me as I turn the page.

Enchanting smile

Any man would be under your spell,

Oh, beauty of a magazine.

How many poems have been written to you?

How many Dantes have written to you, Beatrice?

To your obsessive illusion

To your manufactured fantasy.

But today I won't make one more Cliché

And write this poem to you.

No, no more clichés.

This poem is dedicated to those women

Whose beauty is in their charm,

In their intelligence,

In their character,

Not on their fabricated looks.

This poem is to you women,

That like a Shahrazade wake up

Everyday with a new story to tell,

A story that sings for change

That hopes for battles:

Battles for the love of the united flesh  
Battles for passions aroused by a new day  
Battles for the neglected rights  
Or just battles to survive one more night.  
Yes, to you women in a world of pain  
To you, bright star in this ever-spending universe  
To you, fighter of a thousand-and-one fights  
To you, friend of my heart.  
From now on, my head won't look down to a magazine  
Rather, it will contemplate the night  
And its bright stars,  
And so, no more clichés.  
~ Octavio Paz ~

Hello all:  
Meet your Mother Board and contacts.  
Please remember, this is a closed group.  
The following information is NOT to be shared anywhere.  
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