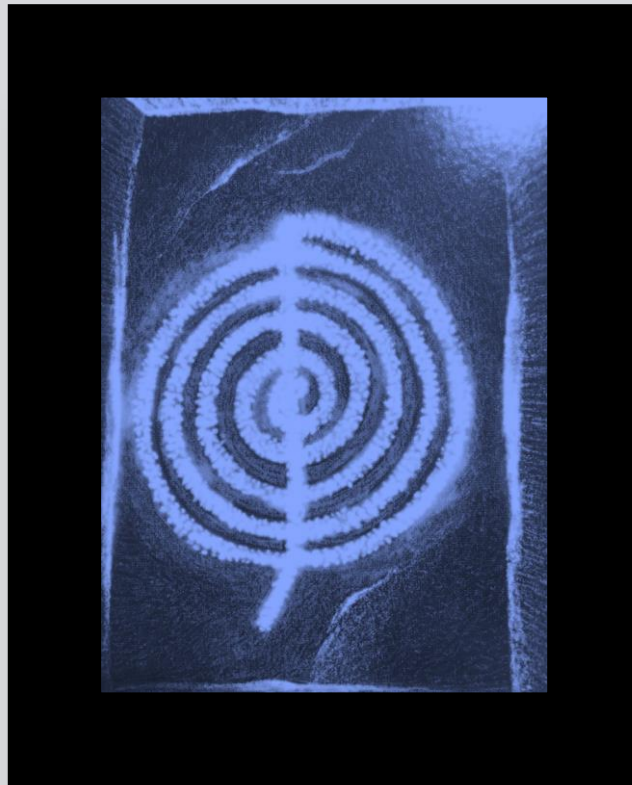


# ***Women of the Winter Solstice 2020***



## ***Make Ritual Art Marking Solstice***

*Welcoming all women, those who identify as women*

*or non-binary*

### ***The 2020 Winter Solstice lands on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December***

*The Solstices are significant moments to mark individual and collective change. They are balance points, fulcrums, portals to let go of the old and bring in the new. In the Northern Hemisphere, the Winter Solstice marks the point of deepest darkness and simultaneously the beginning of the returning of the light. 2020 has been a momentous and unforgettable year. There are currently powerful planetary events playing out. And at this particular Solstice there are even more powerful energies constellating which set in motion new possibilities, potential and the heralding of a new era.*

**Learn more about the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction and what is going on planet-wise here**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FnfUve-Qz0>**

*An invitation to*

*Lean into the time and space of the Solstice with others to open to gratitude, the mystery and the energies of the time. You might return with a message, directive, information, a gift, an insight to carry forward into the future to benefit yourself and your people....*

*Create and share your own self-generated ceremony to mark this moment in time.*

*Participate in a collective work of art to mark and celebrate the 2020 Winter Solstice.*

***Time for Reflection, Regeneration & Renewal***

If you are moved to participate, this is what I'm offering. In the next days before the Solstice, find an IMAGE & SOME WORDS.

***AN IMAGE*** - Find an Image or 'Glyph' which has significance for you an image which has shared meaning or one which is unique to you. The Glyph above is a depiction of the spiral and the straight, which for me represents the straight and the winding paths, the masculine and feminine, the sword and the grail – the balancing of opposites. Yours might be for example, a Labyrinth, Caduceus, Vesica Piscis, Yin & Yang symbol, or your own personal image or shape which you might draw which has deep meaning for you.

**SOME WORDS** – Find a poem, lyrics, fragment of writing, prayer which is significant for you at this time.

*As you hang out with these and think about what the solstice means to you, you will begin to form an idea of how you might like to mark the solstice. Let yourself be informed by the image and words you have chosen to connect with the deeper creative generative mysteries...Let yourself be moved and see what the universe wants to manifest through you.*

***You might choose to make Vigil... Dance and Move...Silently Reflect...Gather with others...***

***Write, Make, Paint...Go on a Medicine Walk...Make an Altar...***

***Let Go of something and let something else Come...***

**We will then**

**WITNESS ONE OTHER** – There will be a chance to gather on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December online before the Solstice to share with and witness other's plans and intentions.

**Now decide on your timescale**

**MAKE TIME** – *During the time of the Solstice on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December, to carve out a specific segment of time for your Self-generated Ceremony/Creative Action/Receptive State. Sunrise, sunset, the whole day or a part of it. You might be solo, with a friend or family member, or join other collective Solstice offerings and celebrations.*

**Then**

**RECORD YOUR EXPERIENCE** – *Let your experience flow into words and/or images as your own personal record.*

**WITNESS ONE OTHER** – *There will be another chance to gather on Zoom after the Solstice to share experiences and reflections.*

**THE HARVESTING** – *I will gather the words and/or images from participating women. Rough guide one page of A4 each. I will spend time putting the offerings together into a shareable format as an 'e-book' (See Women of the Summer Solstice e-book below).*

**LET THIS BE A DOCUMENT** – *This collective living document can be shared with others and is a creative offering to the universe representing a radical act of love, beauty and prayer as a legacy for 2020 and beyond.*

## **Meeting Online**

*Let me know if you'd like to participate and I shall send you a Zoom link.*

**We will connect on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> between 5pm and 7pm.**

**We will re-connect on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December between 5pm and 7pm.**

*If you can't make either or both of the online gatherings, you are still very welcome to participate. Please let me know.*

## **Contributions**

*I welcome financial contributions from those who participate to support my work and time. This is a way of helping the energy to flow and for my heart, mind, body, spirit and soul to be supported in the RitualArtwork I offer. I will send info on how to contribute soon.*

## **Women of the Summer Solstice**

*To give you an idea of what the final e-book will look like, check out 'Women of the Summer Solstice; a vigil in the midst of a global pandemic'. Women of the Winter Solstice will act as a companion volume to this online publication. Many of you will have taken part in this and contributed to the book.*

**[https://issuu.com/fernismith/docs/women\\_of\\_the\\_summer\\_solstice\\_e-book](https://issuu.com/fernismith/docs/women_of_the_summer_solstice_e-book)**



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**AND**

***To the magnificent women who have accompanied me this year through the festivals of this most unforgettable of years... Women of the Imbolc, Spring Equinox, Beltane, Summer Solstice, Autumn Equinox and Samhain Women.***

