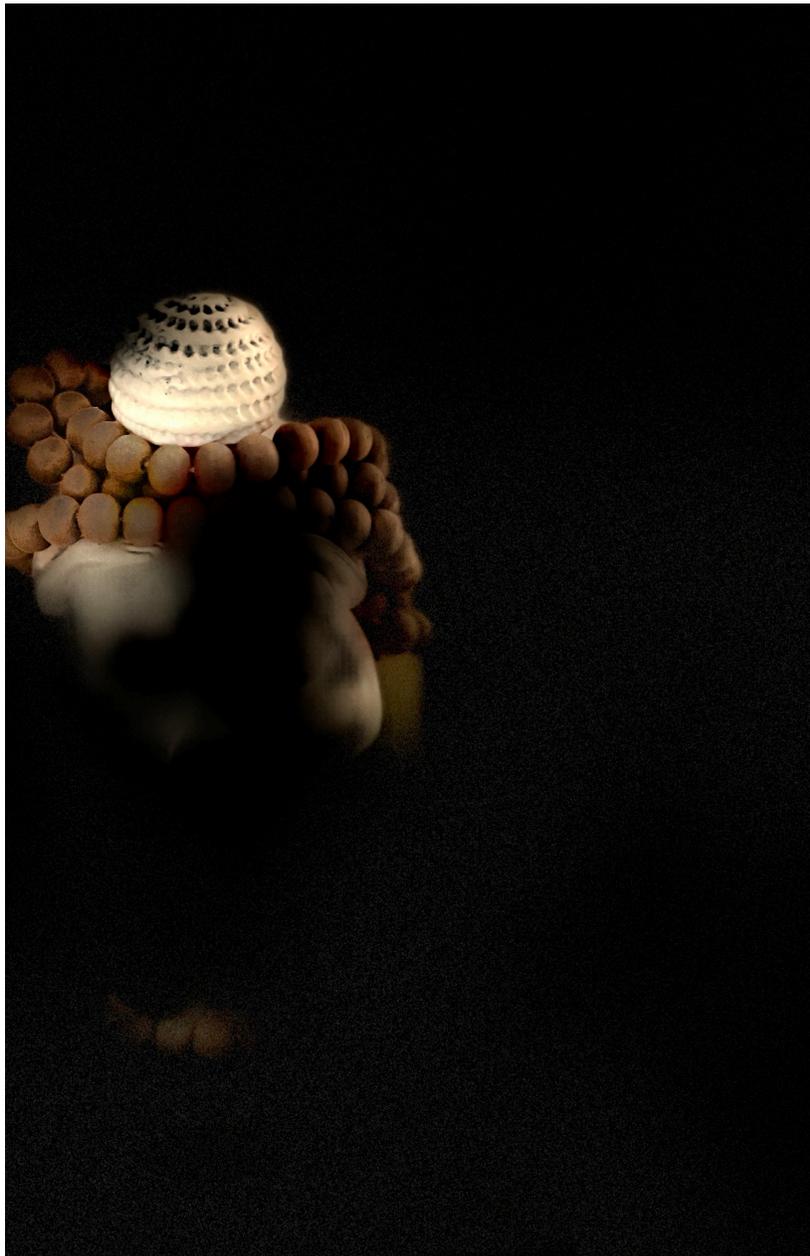


Because there's more than one way to smash the patriarchy.....

Sacred Order of the Great Mother

a revolutionary community



Welcome! Membership in the SOOGM is the doorway to a powerful, heart-feeding, world-changing way of life.

The Sacred Order of the Great Mother is:

- *An international, living “monastery”
- *Fellowship of like-minded thinkers
- *Serious and playful community
- *a way to awaken to mystery, magic and the mystical that has no dogma

The Sacred Order of the Great Mother exists to:

- *create a playful and serious global community
- *deepen the meaning, richness, purpose and fruitfulness of YOUR life
- *restore the archetype of The Great Mother/Divine Mother/Mother God
- *and thereby dismantle the patriarchy.

Can we do all that at once? Oh, yes, we can.

Truly you can't do one without the other. **The Sacred Order of the Great Mother is founded on the understanding that revitalizing, reclaiming and restoring the archetype of the Great Mother is the way to come more alive as people while simultaneously dismantling the patriarchy.**

Are you ready to become a member of this sacred order?

The SOOGM is by invitation or application only. It is a “secret order” in the sense that its work is done within the “walls” of the community itself—as you would find in a monastery. It does not have a social media “presence,” and the community activity won’t take place on social media, but in person, among members, and through the network. Members of the SOOGM can invite others to join, but the contents, actions and work of the Order is privately held among the members.

But maybe you have questions?

Why the Great Mother? What does that mean? Is this religious?

The Great Mother is an archetype.

“And where there is great violence in the world you will have the archetype of the Great Mother that has gone underground or been violated.” —Alice Walker

The Great Mother is the state of being connected to our Life-force. She is that which is creative, alive, fruitful, nurturing, powerful, embodied, manifest. She is the power of creation and therefore the source of our own creative ideas, energies, passions, work, parenting, loving, relating and living.

She may be purely archetypal for you, a fortifying intellectual concept, or she may be God-expressed for you. Or something in between! It does not matter. What matters is her restoration.

“We are totally dependent on the Great Mother. The earth is our Great Mother. The spiritual Great Mother, how we can ignore her, despise her? How we can do that and not recognize that we are killing ourselves, or worse, our children and grandchildren? And to go on doing it! Is simply beyond comprehension.” —Marion Woodman

The Great Mother exists in many traditions and the Sacred Order does not require any religious belief, perpetuate any dogma, require any hoop-jumping or enforce any spiritual requirements.

In my mothering and work with mothers, I continued to awaken to the fact that there is no representation of the divine Mother or Great Mother in our culture. How do we mother—indeed how do we live—without this representation? From the overturn of Roe V. Wade to the ongoing sexual abuse of women, to gun violence, all of these can be traced back to the obliteration of the representation of the Great Mother in our society.

Even our political work, even our fights for equality, will not work, without an archetypal representation that permeates our culture.

“In terms of the Mother, you find yourself back to the heart by respecting her and by putting her back where she belongs in the center of society and of life...put her back where she belongs and where she has been for so much longer than any religion.” —Alice Walker

Excited to become a member now?!

Becoming a Member

Membership is the base level of the Sacred Order. It is the way to join the community and have access to all its benefits. **The SOOGM is a place where you can go as deep as you want—or not so deep at all!** That part is up to you. We are talking options, invitations, choices, whatever delights you.

With membership you will receive a monthly subscription (via email). In it you will find carefully curated resources. Videos, articles and links that will make you think, enrich your work, clarify your efforts. In addition, you will receive original resources created by Sam, like meditations, audio teachings, yoga classes, and mini-books. You will never find these offerings on social media or for the general public. They are exclusive to SOOGM members and will create a collective body of knowledge. Expect interesting, uplifting, animating, empowering, supporting, sustaining gifts every month in your inbox.

Membership in SOOGM brings you into the “living monastery” where so much happens! You will receive exclusive invitations to SOOGM festival celebrations, retreats, gatherings, classes, SMASH sessions, meals and other mysterious magical events. These fun, empowering, ritual dense offerings are filled with reverence and humor. Only members are invited to attend and these events will fortify our sense of belonging and connection with one another. However, they are all *by invitation*. You get to do as much or as little as you like!

But you will have the chance to go deeper, to answer the call to become more alive in your own life. All members are invited, when they are ready, to become an Initiate. There are 3 levels of initiation and each one will bring you to a richer more complete

experience of your own humanity, divinity and possibility. Want to know more? Members will learn about Initiation; for now you can know that it is potent and fun! No dogma, no drama, and all in service to YOUR experience and heart's desires.

THE SOOGM is a place for:

Me to share my love, experience and Mother-Nature with you.

You to grow exponentially and in new and revolutionary ways.

Us to become connected to one another and to build a fun and powerful community.

The Collective to be healed and restored to a deep knowing of the Great Mother.

Are you ready? I am delighted to welcome you, ready and excited to join with you in this sacred community.

BUT, if you have more questions or want to dive deeper into the foundational ideas of SOOGM:

What do you mean when you write "patriarchy?"

When I use the word "patriarchy," as in the SOOGM is "here to smash the patriarchy," I am talking about a system—a deeply felt reality, and a sickness of thought that permeates culture, politics, and consciousness—of "Male" domination. "Male" domination is domination by a concept of masculinity, in other words by a system of thought originating in false understandings, generational lies, and fundamental errors of belief. The patriarchy is a form of soul sickness. It doesn't serve humanity; it suffocates divinity. It has no basis in the lived experience of people. It is the cause of consumptive

capitalism, mass violence and the root of all theories of division. The overthrow of patriarchy is in service to all humanity.

Why now?

With the overturn of Roe V. Wade on the heels of years of intensifying oppression, we must ask, what can be done? Not simply for our larger communities, but for our weary hearts.

Our culture has erased the powerful Divine Mother archetype completely. Sometimes we hear about the Divine Feminine, and those who study some amount of yoga may find representation of the divine mother on occasion, but that's not enough!

The effects of her erasure are manifold, but some are:

- *devaluing of mothers and motherhood**
- *inability to make peace with our own mothers**
- *feelings of frustration in feminist endeavors**
- *lack of fruitfulness, creativity, productivity or energy in our own lives, in our sexuality, in art/creation/crafting**
- *all the effects of the destructive patriarchy including violence, sexual violence, oppression of women, unequal pay, and so on.**

Even if we got to the point of equal pay, something would still be missing. That's because our society is ruled by its collective consciousness. The power of our archetypes is tremendous. The concept and archetype of the "Father" and "Father God," which has predominated for generations, has brought us to a place of disaster—globally—and personally leaves us empty, feeling incomplete, depleted, or alone.

We can't just fight the patriarchy. We must BECOME the antidote. Removing something requires we REPLACE it with something else.

The Modern Matriarchy is not about lineage of children, but the lineage of thought. What new world do we birth for our children? ALL birth comes through a mother and it is the Great Mother who can assist us in understanding how we can be part of birthing a better world.

Do you know that we are woefully short of ceremony in our culture? Outside of marriage and a baby blessing, where do we get ceremony? And yet it speaks to our heart and mind, livens our spirits, connects us to one another, and takes us out of ordinary time. The SOOGM gives us back these ancient rites.

Likely, you are hungry for fuller meaning in your life. Also, for kindred community, connection that is deep, and a richer more relevant experience of the mystical, the magical and the mysterious. These are all things we get from ritual, ceremony, and sacred practices. SOOGM is full of this kind of magic, and imbued with its delightful, deep, playful, transformative mission, it is a way of being magically playful that is socially powerful.

Apply and Join

An application should be submitted via email to sam@thesamanthawilde.com. You do NOT need an application if you have been *invited* to the Order.

Your application must include: your name, contact information including a phone number and email; the referral source or how you heard about SOOGM; a paragraph describing why you want to join; a paragraph bio sharing what you'd like me to know; \$120 yearly membership fee. After that you will be contacted directly.

If you have already been invited to join, membership occurs when you pay the \$120 yearly membership fee. Membership can be purchased directly on the website.

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