MEETING NOTES FROM May 12, 1979

There was a good turnout at the last meeting in Belfast, and more vimmin showed up later at the dance that evening in the new Belfast Vimmin's Center. Sue chaired the meeting. There was some question as to whether Nadine was still interested in being Treasurer. Also it was discussed as to whether we should have the money where the newsletter is being printed. Marcia volunteered to contact Nadine before the next meeting.

A collection was taken to meet general expenses (coffee, childcare, etc.). Jean reported that a young woman she knows will come to meetings and care for children for $15/meeting. Our childcare worries are finally over!

Marcia reported for the Newsletter Committee: Only about 10 vimmin have current, paid subscriptions as of May 12. As of this newsletter, it will be indicated on your envelope if you need to renew your subscription. There will be a newsletter every month now, hopefully arriving well in advance of all announced events. The deadlines for announcements, poetry, whatever (1) is ten days before the end of the month. It was re-decided that requests for lesbian or contacts received by ILF would be handled by announcing the woman's name and address in meetings and/or newsletters, rather than giving out the names of ILF members.

The Workshop Planning Committee is now composed of Mary, Harjorie and Rita. Contact them through ILF, P.O. Box 125 if you would like to do a workshop at a meeting.

Kathy reported on the Belfast Vimmin's Center: It is located above the Grasshopper Shop on Main Street in downtown Belfast. The center itself is in a large Victorian balcony. The owners of the Grasshopper are renting it to the center from June through October, and any woman is encouraged to use the space for workshops, performances, meetings, coffeehouse, films, dances...etc. THIS IS YOUR SPACE — use your imagination! Contact Kathy at 342-5593 or Rebecca at 765-4766 for further information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I'm looking for someone to share my home with. Beautiful country delight in China with Mary. Call 988-2217 or write Box 165, Weeks Mills, Maine 04961.

Mary Parshall has moved to Oregon. Here is her new address if you care to contact her: P.O. Box 213, Eugene, Oregon 97402.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 10 N.O.W. STATE CONFERENCE at the Portland YMCA, 87 Spring Street 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All are welcome to attend! Judy Goldsmith, the National Executive Vice-Pres. will be the keynote speaker with a full day of workshops following. Pre-registration $3.00 — at the door $5.00. Checks should be made out to N.O.W. and sent to: Helanson, 44 Grove St. Kennebunk, Maine 04046.

June 17 Women — Building 1/4 Carpentry Workshop. Sunday at 4 p.m. to Sat. June 23 at 4 p.m. 8 participants (vimmin only). Cost $155. For more information write to or call Hardscrabble Hill; Castine Road; Box 62A, Orland, Maine 04472 — (207) 469-7112. Also, June 30, Sat. at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be an Open House. Call or write if you plan to attend.

June 21 Thursday is the SUMMER SOLSTICE. Remember to celebrate this event.

Future:

August 26 Haines - B.O.W. 3rd Annual Walk-For-Equality will be in Bangor on Vimmin's Day. 80% of profits will go to go to the N.O.W. ERA project. If you want to participate, send name, address and phone # to Greater Bangor B.O.W. Dauphinée, 23 March Street, Bangor, Maine.
BELFAST WIDOWS CENTER CALENDAR

JUNE

8 Fri. OPEN HOUSE!! Coffee, music, (records and homemade jamming), games, conversation, warm smiles and hugs, etc. Please contact 7-11 p.m.

9 Sat. LESBIAN COUPLES WORKSHOP led by Marjorie Meyer. Advance Registration $5 (per couple). 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Further workshop information below.

15 Fri. OPEN HOUSE!! To do whatever with whomever. Please come and we'll see what happens!

22 Fri. OPEN HOUSE!! Same as above!

24 Sun. POETRY READING - Barbara Maria, Barbara C., and Rebbecca 1:30 - 5 p.m.

29 Fri. OPEN HOUSE!! Similar to other Fridays, hopefully different.

30 Sat. WIDOW'S DANCE 7 - 12 p.m. $2 donation. Please support our alternative to Flos.

NEEDED: Any furniture you have to spare for the Center - chairs, tables, etc. Anything is greatly needed and appreciated. Thanks.

Any and all donations welcome. Send to MILF P.O. Box 120 Belfast, Me. 04915. Make checks payable to Belfast Wimmins Center.

* A COUPLES WORKSHOP - Marjorie, Carolyn & Marion - Center For Being

Come, have a new experience of and with your lover. Spend some time in silence using your non-verbal means of communication. Get to know the person you love from the heart and the spirit - without the head. Then put back the head and let's talk about what happened. Minimum fee $5 per couple. Pay whatever else you can in money or barter. Bring your own lunch and comfortable pillow or bean bag. Please write or call for more information: Marjorie Meyer, RFD #2, Box 171 Cundy's Harbor, Maine 04011 - 725-6928.

Please see POETRY CORNER for a poem about this workshop.

POETRY CORNER

The newsletter staff apologizes to Barbara Maria for the errors in her poem which appeared in the newsletter last month. Faulty proof-reading. It won't happen again!! Here is the corrected poem:

open conversation
remember color coded messages sent wildly never with texture, never with names mute colors expected to be understood hands and eyes that waved and spun flag in the fog to signal shallow seas, high winds, risk where is the language of sounds the round, swollen phonetics of need put down once for safe keeping

loop threads now, count rows, draw together dozens of small substantial nets; drop them deeply inside the places that echo patiently, pull gently, sound travels slowly

Barbara Maria

Coupled/relationships

Fragments of glass Scattered all over Shatterings of walls The wind 

Bits of the core Blood from the center Now parts of these Did I find

It was after the battle The one I had lost I thought I had lost Part of me

But it was only the structures The ones I had built

Not the one From my mother, the sea

Barbara Maria
TREATS, for my reluctant muse

Docile
With awe, I would eat
any
dry biscuit from your table
Half-
generous offer, the black
bread smells toothsome, coarse
but still warm. And you
ask, am I
hungry

Oh
only my sweet-tooth, simply
my insatiable appetite. Steamy
my marmalade
mouth

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AGENDA FOR NEXT HLF LUNCHEON: Sunday June 17 at Harjorie’s in Cundy’s Harbor

11-12 Morning Hello’s and lunch (bring your own)
Workshops or Free Time (spontaneous) Bring music, records, play things
for the beach).
12-1 New Comers - get to know each other
1-2 Lesbian Relationships
2-3 Poetry - bring your poetry to share!
2-3 Politics
3 - GENERAL MEETING - Dyke Disco Lessons workshop fit in sometime - given by
Fredrica & Ginger (also known as Harcia & Betsy).
5 - Pot Luck
So put your dancing shoes on!!

DIRECTIONS:
Coming from South of Brunswick: From Portland take Rt. 295 to Rt. 1 Bath-
Brunswick Coastal Route. Go towards Brunswick about 1½ miles. Sign overhead
Rt. 1 to Bath. Take Rt. 1 to Cooks Corner. At Cooks Corner take Rt. 24 going
to Orrs and Bailey’s Island. Turn left at Cundy’s Harbor Rd, exactly 4.3 miles
from Cooks Corner. Go 4 miles, pass pond on your right. My house is 2nd house
on right, past the pond. White house, seek circle driveway.

Coming from the North: Take 95 (not the turnpike). Get off at Brunswick
exit. Take Rt. 1 towards Bath. Get off at Cooks Corner. Same directions as
from South. Call Harjorie at 725-6928 if you get lost.

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