

MAINE LESBIAN FEMINIST NEWSLETTER

Dec. 83 ~ Jan. 84

Dear Sisters,

Well, after 2 dual month issues of MLF, i'm ready to admit defeat. i just don't have the time, with my job & child, to get the newsletter compiled & printed on time. Though i love printing it & doing whatever graphics i can, it's too much to do alone. So, sadly, i'm giving my 2 month notice, & hoping that some other womyn out there will compile it... or else let it die. If any of you do take it on, the next issue should be put together at least 2 weeks before deadline (i.e. to get it out Feb 1st, it's got to get to me by Jan 18). Let's hope we can get about 3 womyn to commit 3 months at a time. Call Jean if you can help: 342-5946

Thanks,
Catherine

♥ Valentine Party to benefit MLF - ♥ Feb 18th ♥ at Mitzi's (Blueberry Cove of Tenent's Harbour) it's going to be a wonderful dance, with Anne Caputi, singer from Boston, performing at 8 p.m. Please come. BYO Refreshments.
7:30 - to whenever. \$4 donation.

♥ From South or North - Rte 1 to 131 thru Tenent's Harbour ... just outside T.H. Street on left, Hearts Neck Rd - go down Rd, almost a mile the driveways on the left, mailbox on right says "Blueberry"

♥ Please bring one arm load of wood per person. ♥

Please come for a great time !

news

- ☆ **Eidos**: Erotica for Womyn by Womyn is a quarterly magazine which is soliciting material from both new & established writers, poets, and visual artists. Send contributions, inquiries to: Editor, Eidos % Brush Hill Press, 367 Brush Hill Rd., Milton, Ma. 02126. enclose SASE
- ☆ **Boycott Nestlé Products** ~ For years, Nestlé has been promoting infant suffering and mortality, malnutrition & disease, by mass-marketing breast-milk "substitutes" in Third World nations where conditions make mother's milk the only safe nurturance for newborns. The world wide Nestlé Boycott has already cost the company an estimated \$1 billion. "Taster's Choice" is Nestlé's #1 moneymaker in the USA, so by at least choosing another brand of coffee, you can hit them hard & fast, and force them to act responsibly. It's really up to you. For more info, please write: Infant Formula Action Coalition, 1701 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55414.
- ☆ Pablo Picasso didn't think much of women as painters. Speaking on the topic, he said: "Women are always goddesses or doormats", never painters. *Evening Times*
- ☆ **Herbal Seminars** beginning Jan. 19 - Boston - 8 week classes in Basic Herbology, Thurs. 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. 4 week classes in Introductory Iridology, Thursdays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Barbara Robidoux, Master Herbalist, Certified Iridologist has trained w/ Mohawk and Cherokee medicine people & holds diplomas in Herbology & Related studies. Preregistration, call 734-5740.
- ☆ **Zomak**, a drug used for pain, including menstrual cramps, was taken off the market this summer. It was found to cause severe allergic reactions which resulted in the deaths of 5 womyn. If you have a bottle you should return it to your pharmacy or throw it out. *Valley Women's Voice*
- ☆ **Womanews** is a New York City monthly feminist newspaper & calendar of events. \$8 / 12 issues * \$1.00 / sample copy ~ write: Womenews, P.O. Box 220 • Village Sta. • NYC 10014
- ☆ Lesbians interested in living together in the country. No money needed. Contact: Cedar, (612) 721-4653 OR write: Land Group, P.O. Box 8122, Minneapolis, MN 55408
- ☆ **Woman Outdoors** ~ Feb. 24-26 ~ holding a gathering (5th Annual) in Peterborough, NH. \$60 members \$70 non-members, includes food, lodging, ski trails. Scholarships avail. Write: Janet Brown, 220 Wolcott Rd, Chestnut Hill 02167

☆ **Jewish Womyn's Gathering** ~ An East Coast Womyn's Gathering presented by Jewish Lesbians & Feminists is now in the planning stages. The Gathering, tentatively scheduled for Oct 12-14, 1984, will be open to all Jewish womyn & girls. Childcare provided. Write to Project 5744, 699 Oriole Ave., West Hempstead, N.Y. 11552

☆ The West Coast Lesbian Collections is a center of Lesbian herstory & culture. Who is the Collection for? For all lesbians.

- To share traditions with lesbians just coming out who need to know & understand womyn who dared before.
- To recall for lesbians before us their legacy for today.
- To remind us all that we participate in a powerful movement of womyn.
- To create an atmosphere of nourishment & imagination.
- To preserve our words & images which might otherwise have been destroyed.
- To restore knowledge of one generation to the next.

There are many ways to be involved in the collections. If you've done any projects or interviews, written papers, poetry, short stories or scripts; saved flyers, clippings or bumper stickers; kept organizational papers; written letters or diaries; please send either copies or originals to WCLC. Please send snapshots to help document community events.

To join WCLC please send \$15⁰⁰ (or any amount over that) to: WCLC, Box 23753, Oakland, Ca. 94623. You will receive a newsletter, special mailings & more!

☆ **Womynlovers** is a separatists newsletter with articles, opinions, cartoons & ideas to share with other womyn-loving womyn. \$2⁰⁰ /year (4 issues) : send to F.L.O., Box 10621, Oakland, Ca. 94610

☆ **Radical Rose Recordings**, P.O. Box 8122, Minneapolis, Mn 55408 offers a cassette tape of songs, stories, poetry, discussion, etc., recorded live, 2 hours, called "Jewish Lesbian Culture & Anti-Semitism in the Lesbian Community" for womyn only, natch. \$6.75 p.p.

☆ **Sinister Wisdom**, a lesbian/feminist journal since 1976 has changed hands & home. The new editors are Michelle Uccella & Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz. Artists & writers are urged to send manuscripts w/SASE to P.O. Box 1023, Rockland, Me. 04841

- ☆ Womyn of Spiritual Interest to each other: Project Summer Solstice is collecting material for a womyn's spirituality directory. Write to 263 Wilton Rd, Westport, Ct. 06880
- ☆ The womyn of Naid Press, Inc., P.O. Box 15043, Tallahassee, Florida 32302 are accepting applications for a permanent staff position to be filled early in '84. This is a professional position, a career opportunity. Lifelong commitment to the lesbian feminist movement & publishing is the principal requirement. Must be able to move to Tallahassee. It is possible for the job to be done by 2 womyn (2 half time positions).
- ☆ The National Gay Health Education Foundation announces the 1st International Lesbian/Gay Health Conference, "Towards Diversity" to be held in N.Y.C. on June 16-19, '84
- ☆ A new magazine "Woman of Power" is currently accepting submissions of fiction, poetry, artwork, and essays that relate to the theme "womanpower" (healers, artists, astrologers, writers & photographers. P.O. Box 827, Cambridge, ma. 02238 - 0827 ... 617-491-6204
- ☆ **Free:** Lesbian Connection's annual Winter Catalog for lesbians is now available. Write to: Ambitious Amazons Catalog, P.O. Box 811, East Lansing, MI 48823
- ☆ International Women Artists Archive, P.O. Box 1033, Hadley, Ma. 01035 puts out a newsletter, \$6/yr. The Archives is a collection of reproductions of womyn's artwork & biographical material as well as a Resource Center.
- ☆ Elderly Lesbians who can no longer live alone but aren't interested in a nursing home may want to explore Walden Farm Services, RD 152, East Hardwick, Vermont 05836. The Circle of Angels at Walden Farm offers 24 hr assistance, meals, cleaning, transportation, and other necessities - This is a caring, creative alternative to nursing home care - write for info or call Jo at 802-533-7739
- ☆ Lesbian Mothers who want to know their rights send for "Lesbian Mothers & their Children" from the Lesbian Rights Project, 1370 Mission St. 4th Floor San Francisco.
- ☆ "All My Children", a popular daytime soap opera, has introduced an openly gay character. Donna Pescow plays Dr. Lynn Carson, child psychologist, and so far the character is being done well. We urge you to write ABC with your support. They will inevitably get hate mail, so it's up to us to show some appreciation. Write: Jacqueline Babbin, Producer, "All My Children", ABC TV, 1330 Ave of Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019, or to Ms. Pescow at the same address.

PERSONALS

♥ Interesting professional libra woman with great sense of humor, looking for quiet games of chess & punk rock. No bottoms need apply. Obsessive, neurotic relationship would be very familiar. Into psychic sex. Reply #6.

♥ Sensual Jewish woman, 34, great dancer & something of a jock. Enjoy moonlight, massage, outdoor sports & walks. Want to expand vistas of intimacy with fun-loving, sensitive, loving woman. Not into heavy romance. Reply #3.

♥ Quick! Needed yesterday: a good massage. I work real hard - you won't be sorry. Reply #9.

♥ Overworked, funny, nurturing woman wants stand up comedian who will lie down on cue. Food is not that important. Reply #8.

♥ Sober, bashful with my sexual identity, but willing to overcome. Looking for opposite (i.e. sober sex maniac). Please take it easy. Reply #10

♥ If you are a good cook; great lover; play cello; are aries, cancer or anything else - write immediately. Better yet, show up on my door step. Send picture of cello. Reply #2

♥ Two women looking for 3rd and/or 4th. Must also know how to play bridge or mahjong. We have the games - queen size. #1.

♥ Anonymous Irish national with feminist book store in an anonymous, looking for hot times. Brown hair preferred. Slightly obsessive ok. Reply #5

♥ Cosmopolitan artist, recently acquired European finesse, wishes to share her savoir faire with suitable bébé. Reply #4.



AND A LITTLE BIT MORE ...

♥ Mysterious young woman from New Mexico, feeling the chill - needs not stuff right away. Discuss politics, spirituality later. First things first. Reply # 12

♥ Rugged, gorgeous number, recently imported from Cambridge, Mass. Looking for friendship and/or superficial sex. Reply # 11

♥ Beautiful couple looking for rugged type with 4-wheel drive vehicle, snow plow, or helicopter. Reply # 14

♥ Sassy number from Gloucester, currently causing ripples in midcoast area, drives Checker; looking for intellectual mechanic for nuts & bolts. Reply # 13

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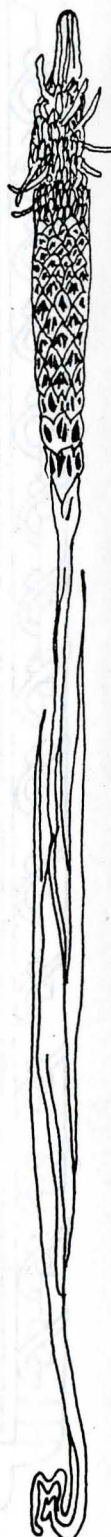
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For those of you who are EST graduates, the following statement of purpose may clarify the Nothing Seminar:

"The purpose of life is to transform your ability to experience the Seminar, so that just in the process of life itself, the Seminar clears up."—Ermer Wirthard



THIS IS A CHAIN LETTER FOR LIBERATED WOMEN

DON'T PANIC - YOU'LL LOVE IT!!

Dear Friend:

This letter was started by a woman like yourself in the hopes of bringing relief to other tired and discontented women. Unlike most chain letters, this one does not cost anything. Just send a copy of this letter to five of your friends who are equally tired and discontented. Then bundle up your husband or boyfriend and send him to the woman whose name appears at the top of the list.

When your name comes to the top of the list, you will receive 16,877 men and one of them is bound to be a helluva lot better than the one you already have.

DO NOT BREAK THE CHAIN!

HAVE FAITH!!

One woman broke the chain and got her own S.O.B. back. At this writing, a friend of mine had already received 184 men.

Signed,

Annie

A liberated woman

Remember, add your name to the bottom of this list and send it on to a friend....

Mary Jo McNamara
Kitty Litter
Peggy Wood
Auntie Mame
Precious Patty
Michele McNasty
Annie Rotten

BOOKS

by Lucie B.

Got the post-holiday Blahs? Here are some gems from Onlywomen Press, a British lesbian feminist collective that publishes wonderful books.

Relatively Norma by Anna Liwia (\$7.95) is the funniest dyke novel I've read.

Minnie, radical lesbian feminist punk from London, goes on a visit to Australia, where Beryl, her mother, has started a new life with baby sister Ingrid, foster-daughter Laura, and second husband, John (all men in the book are Johns). Nothing goes according to plan. Beryl secedes from motherhood and takes off for the outback, leaving each of her daughters to extricate herself from an outrageously improbable situation. The goddess must intervene and she does so in the most extraordinary ways. Among her agents, my favorite are the group of knitting granny dykes who not only weave spells but move motorbuses as well. This wise and very witty novel has it all - our foibles, our strengths, and the crazy situations we are liable to get ourselves into ... at any stage of life.

Catus by Anna Wilson (\$5.95) is a novel about isolation, about lack of support, and what that does to our relationships and possibilities. Dee, one of the protagonists, says, "I'm tired of always having to use catus skills, as if that's all there ever was for lesbians in the world - drink in the fleeting support of the ghetto, grow a thick skin to withstand the heat of a hostile environment, go sit in the desert for a year drinking your juices, meanly." Dee and her lover Ann have come to a country village from the lesbian feminist ghetto and are trying against formidable odds to create a world in which they would be at home. Eleanor - whose lover Bea had left her 25 years before because "... its so totally inexplicable to the rest of the world that it doesn't exist. You can't live it. Everything we do out there denies it. Everything." - sees her painfully acquired independence threatened by Dee and Ann and then by Bea. As her daughters grow up, Bea begins to reassess her marriage, her youth, and her likely future as a superfluous middle-aged, middle-class woman. These four women differ in class and generation; how they affect each other and how they struggle to survive are the subject of this tough, beautiful, extremely intelligent novel. For me, as probably for many of you, much of my life is portrayed here and I read this book with a deep sense of recognition and gratitude. It's honest.

...MORE from Lucie coming next month.

♥thanks, L.B.!

★ Bignark Thought of the Day: Time flies like an arrow; Fruit flies like Bananas.

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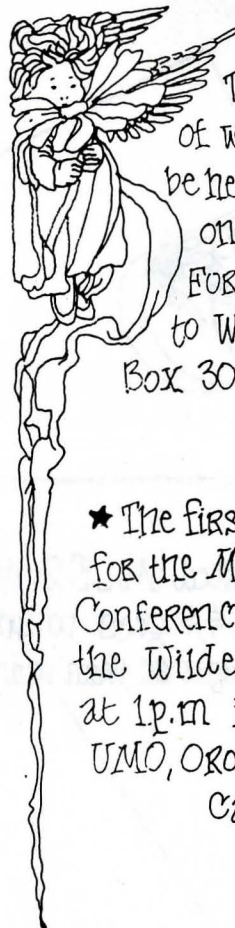
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* The first organizational meeting
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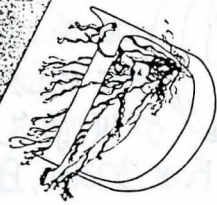
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