"Maine Lesbian Feminist was organized at a workshop at Gay Symposium III. The purpose of the organization was, and still is, to provide a base for support, consciousness raising, and political action. Also, a celebration for Lesbians throughout the State of Maine. C.H.

Notes from July 19th meeting at Joyce & Joanne's in Belfast:

There were 2 workshops and a general MLP meeting at this pleasant farm setting. At the Poney & Class workshop we shared our views of money & how it can rule our life. Remembering our growing-up years we related our early experiences to our lives now. There was also a Ritual Creating workshop which concentrated on rituals concerning money.

At the general meeting, we discussed child-care policy, gave the treasury report, & set an agenda for the next meeting. Child-care policy was deferred to a workshop at the next meeting.

TREASURY REPORT: General fund $85.90
Newsletter $128.16

Next meeting: To be held Aug. 24th at Jan & Deb's in Strong. All are invited to arrive Sat. evening Aug. 23 to sing, dance, visit, play.

AGENDA FOR SUNDAY: At Jan & Deb's

10:00 am- Nuclear Referendum Workshop
11:00 am- Childcare policy workshop & Child Rearing
12 noon, Lunch (pot luck)
1-2- General meeting
2- Postcard mailing
2-3 - Ritual Creating workshop
3-4 - Letter writing for Gay Rights lobbying
4-6 - Swim, play
6 pm - Pot luck supper

DIRECTIONS:

FROM PORTLAND: Take Me Pike to exit 12/Auburn. From exit road turn left onto 4 North. Follow 4 N to Strong (about 11 mi North of Farmington). Turn left onto 145 through town of Strong. At Starbird Lumber road forks. Bear left & go past Cousineau Lumber. Follow road through woods into valley. Cross small bridge, pass graveyard (on right). Ours is next farmhouse on left (1st house in Freeman Twp.)

FROM BANGOR: Take Rt. 2 West to Farmington. Turn right onto 4 N and follow above.

FROM WATERVILLE & BELFAST: Take 127N to 2 West and follow above directions.

FROM AUGUSTA: Take 27 N to 2 W and follow above directions. SEE YOU THERE!

Also remember AUGUST 23 is Bangor Maine Walkathon for Equality

THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY CLUB

This is a club for Qs identified Qs. It was created with the intention of getting cultural, social & educational events happening in Maine for Qs. So, if you want something to happen & keep happening, help by supporting the club or by using the space for Q's events. Write to Susan B. Anthony Club c/o MLP PO Box 125, Belfast, Me 04915.

Directions: Located in downtown Belfast, above the Grasshopper shop on Main St. Enter the door to the right of the Grasshopper, go up to the 3rd floor, go left & you are there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August Sat. 9th 7:30 Committee Meeting. Please try to come. Ideas needed for organizing upcoming events. Be prompt please.

9:00 QQQQ DANCE. Donation $3

July Sat. 30th 7:30 Committee Meeting

9:00 QQ DANCE QQ. Donation $3

Note: Increase for dances necessary to help meet rental expenses.
**EVENTS & HAPPENINGS**

**Key Gardner will be giving a benefit performance for the Community Health & Counseling Services August 10, 3 pm at the Unitarian Church, 183 Fair St., Bangor. Donations $5 or more.**

**The Dinner Party** - The dinner party by Judy Chicago is being held at the Cyclorama sponsored by the Boston Q's art Alliance from July 29 to August 1. The Dinner Party is a monumental work of art of unprecedented audacity & scope, using with deliberate irony the traditional arts of Q. There is an overwhelming variety & volume of contributions placed together over a 5 yr period & involving over 400 people. Be sure to make it to Boston--get a group going and save on gas!!

**Maine NOW announces its 4th Annual Rally & WALK-A-THON for the Equal Rights Amendment Sat., Aug 22 10am - 2pm Flyers & Pledge sheets are available from all local NOW chapters. For more info please call 942-3260 or write NOW 23 Farr St., Bangor, Me 04401**

**Q's reading group meets regularly in Portland at 5:30 on Mondays at the YWCA in the Q's Room. We warmly welcome all Q to our group to share discussion of Q's works selected by the group. For additional info, call 772-1906.**

**NOW Feminist CR Leadership training weekend has been tentatively scheduled for mid-Sept. Contact the NOW, PO Box 4012 Sta. A, Portland Me 04101 or Marilyn at 772-2753 for more info. Portland Chapter NOW**

**NOW TAKE BACK THE NIGHT!! A Take Back the Night March is scheduled for Sept 27, Sat and is sponsored by the University Q's Forum. A lot of work & energy is needed in organizing the March. For more info contact Betty at 775-0232 or the University Q's Forum at 780-4086.PCN**

**The Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund invites Q to join us on our bigger & better than ever before Third Annual Bikeathon. We will continue our yearly ride from Seattle to San Francisco. In addition, we are establishing a new Vermont to Virginia route. Both rides begin in early Sept & last approx 3 weeks. We will be staying in Q's communities along the route. Special arrangements can be made for children, & Q driving support vehicles are also welcome. If you would like to participate in the 3rd Annual Bikeathon, write to the LNDP now. Bikeathon 1980, PO Box 21567, Seattle wash 98110 or (206)325-2643* Membership to LNDP(Includes Newsletter) is $5/yr.**

**Q AGAINST NUKES - The nuclear power industry has been operating for nearly 30 yrs producing not only power but also thousands of tons of radioactive waste. Maine Yankee alone produces 30 tons of waste a yr, and a total of 316 tons are currently stored on site in Wiscasset. Much of it will remain deadly for hundreds of thousands of years. According to a report in The Washington Post the US is now in the middle of the biggest weapons-building program this country has had in 20 yrs. The US lacks the capability to produce enough plutonium for all the nuclear weapons the Pentagon wants to build by the 21st Century. So, the Pentagon would like to build a new $3 billion reactor facility as soon as possible. As Q, we must resolve to raise our voices against this research, this production, & this use of nuclear weapons & nuclear energy. Many Q will soon come together to plan a newspaper ad entitled "Women for a Nuclear Free Future." Hopefully, this ad will be placed in several of Maine's major newspapers to organize this anti-nuclear effort statewide to implement outreach to Q who might be interested in being financial sponsors. This needs to happen before the nuclear referendum comes to a vote on Sept 23. If interested in working with us, or in being a financial sponsor contact Debbie Jenney, c/o YWCA, The Q's Room, 87 Spring St., Portland, Me or leave a message at 772-5340 AND REMEMBER TO VOTE YES ON THE NUCLEAR REFERENDUM ON SEPT 23.**

**The Environmental Protection Agency is trying to identify Q-owned businesses which can provide contract services to state & local agencies.**

**Help build a Q's Free Library. Donate your Books by, for & about Q to the Univ. of Southern Maine/Portland Q's Forum, a student activity organization whose facilities are also available to the community at large. Book drop off locations: Portland Public Library, YWCA, Goodday Market, Univ. of S. Maine/Ptd Q's Gym & the University Q's Forum**
***Fifth International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews to be held in
San Francisco, CA Aug 29 - Sept. 1 (Labor Day Weekend). This is a unique
opportunity to meet and share with other gays & lesbian Jews from around
the world, For registration forms & further info write: Conference
Registration, PO Box 3640, San Francisco, CA 94101

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

When I was new to MLP & the Susan B. Anthony events, I was thrilled
to be there, but I had a serious PROBLEM--I wasn't too suave about
meeting new people. I didn't know how to fit in & really belong! Those
Q who were old-timers let me in on a secret that proved most successful
SERVICE. Getting together with 2 or 3 others to write up the news-
letter was a major contribution to the life of MLP, as well as to my
own. It proved a sure-fire way of getting to know strangers, as well as
deepening some already established friendships. Taking tickets at
concerts & dances was not only a valuable way to help get the rent paid
but was a nifty way to smile and say hello to each & every Q coming
down the door. And after the dance, let me assure you, there was
no finer way to firm up those tentative "Hi's" than by closing windows,
picking up cups, & pouring out the hot water in the coffee urn TOGETHER.
Many fond friendship was cemented by picking up the 2nd floor butts &
dumping the bathroom trash, just the 2 of US! The MLP is not a clique that
may appear to be run by a closed clique. Not so!! For old-timers, it may appear not to need any further input; Emphatically
not so!! There are no elected officers, just volunteers, to organize
the meetings & newsletter, and perhaps this egalitarian approach needs
to be re-examined; for now though, and for the continuing vitality of
the group, those newcomers & old-timers who have been shy about offer-
ing their services would be doing themselves a big favor to do so. I'll
restrain myself from singing about the spiritual & physical joys of
contributing, but what I will do is say: DOING SOMETHING FOR MLP IS A
GREAT WAY TO WIN FRIENDS & INFLUENCE PEOPLE!

Since ENERGY BEGETS ENERGY, take control of your life & get some
action going for yourself, right now! Write to MLP, PO Box 125, Belfast
Me, 04915 saying you can be counted on to do any of the above mentioned
activities or anything else you might want to suggest. For any length
of time you specify. Moderation being what it is, please try not to
request more than your fair share! Thank you

ANNOUNCING--A Summer's Night out at FLO's (also known as the East
Side in Augusta) Just for ol' times sake FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 15. So
come, let's dance and have a good time!

GAY/LESBIAN TELEPHONE TREE:

A gay man is assaulted with knives in Augusta--lesbians are detained
& insulted by police after a lesbian-feminist concert in Portland--a
gay sex educator's house is stoned one night in Belfast.
All these incidents are true & they all happened within the past few
months. What can we do, as lesbians & gay men, to protect ourselves &
offer one another support? The solutions can be found in good communi-
cation amongst ourselves & a structure that will sustain that communi-
cation.

To this end, a statewide communications network of lesbians & gay
men has been formed, and you are urged to join. Our 1st stage will be
to do nothing that will enable us to instant-dial one
another to a current or impending emergency & mobilize our support. It
may require physical resistance against some attackers; surveillance
against vandals; staying overnight with a victimized man or Q; or a
timely phone call of concern. The telephone tree will also be used to
alert one another to upcoming anti-gay legislation that needs to be
countered quickly. Can you think of any other ways we can use the com-
net? We especially want to hear from gay men & from people in rural
areas. Unlike the Q of Maine Lesbian-Feminists, for instance, who have
a well-established com-net, gay men in Maine are only starting to organ-
ize and support one another. In the country & in small towns, lesbians
& gay men can be even more isolated & fearful than our city cousins, so
they may feel a strong need to be part of a support network. By support-
ing others, you will be supporting yourself.
Yes, I want to join the lesbian/gay telephone tree & communications network.

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The telephone tree is set up geographicall y. Please not the town you actually live in/near if different from your mailing address.

Will you serve as coordinator for your geographical area? Yes (Optional; discretion assured)

Would you be interested in subscribing to a monthly statewide newsletter listing the week-by-week events of lesbian & gay organizations & businesses? (Probably around $5/yr). Yes. Would you help work on such a newsletter? Yes.

Specifications or questions:

Please return to: Bo Bergstrom, N.G.C. Box 57, Belfast, Me 04915

Thank you!!

LESBIAN & GAY ANTHOLOGY FOR TEACHERS

We are soliciting articles on experiences being lesbian or gay in elementary or high school & experiences of teachers who have discussed lesbian & gay issues with students. The Education Exploration Center, an alternative education organization, is compiling an anthology to teach lesbian & gay issues in pre-school through 12th grade. The book will contain personal experiences, information, lesson ideas & a resource list. We need articles such as: coming out to the principal; handling queer jokes; being a minority within a minority, like a Black or Jewish lesbian; being gay in a Catholic school or on an Indian Reservation; and student's reactions to a gay speaker. We particularly want experiences from a Third World, ethnic, working-class & rural perspective.

What would you like to see taught about lesbians & gays? what ways of explaining lesbian & gay issues have you found useful? We need articles about positive aspects of being lesbian or gay; scape-goating, homophobia, stereotypes; sexual & sex-roles; gay themes in young people literature & media; lesbian & gay literature & history; and teaching ideas for English, history & psychology classes.

For the Resource List, let us know of any books, articles, films, or tapes useful for teachers, students or parents. Send us the address of any organization in your area which provides classroom speakers or support to teachers or students. Write: Polly Kellogg or Shelley Anderson, Education Exploration Center, PO Box 7339, Powderhorn Station Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55407 (612) 722-6612 Donations are needed and tax deductible.

Below, in preparing an anthology for teachers on how to bring up lesbian & gay issues in class, we need ideas from people who have talked to young people about these subjects. Please take the time to fill out this questionnaire & return it to us. Thanks.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1) Have you ever discussed lesbianism, homosexuality, or same-sex friendships with children or young adults? What happened? Include dialogue, anecdotes -- humorous to catastrophic, successes & mistakes. Give ages of the children involved.

2) Was there any particularly clear or surprising wording that the students used in asking questions or in talking about lesbians & gays?

3) Any good wording you hit upon to explain lesbianism, homosexuality, femininity, bigotry, etc. to them?

4) What questions do you think are most on their minds?

We're excited about giving teachers some guides about how to talk about these topics--FINALLY! We need your help. Please send your answers to Polly Kellogg or Shelley Anderson at the above address given.

LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY LISTS TO FORM NATIONAL WIDE NETWORK FOR AIDING GAY & LESBIAN CUBAN REFUGEES--

Washington, D.C. -- Based on estimates supplied by the US State Dept & on sources inside the refugee camps, a minimum of 2,000 and as many as 10,000 Gay men & lesbians are among the Cuban refugees in the US.
Existing resettlement agencies are either unable or unwilling to work with the homosexual refugees. In response to this, the Nat'l Gay Task Force & the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches called for a meeting of representatives of numerous organizations, both Gay & non-Gay in Washington, DC to coordinate a nationwide effort for the resettlement of Gay & Lesbian Cuban refugees.

Participating organizations in this meeting, which was held in the Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, DC were: The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, Nat'l Gay Task Force, Gay Rights Nat'l Lobby, Nat'l Association of Business Councils, Dade County Coalition for Human Rights, Parents & Friends of Gays, Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, Gay Rights advocates, Nat'l Organization for Women, Integrity, Inc., Dignity, Inc., American Council for National- ical Services, & the Illinois Gay Task Force.

Resettlement efforts already underway are being coordinated by the UFWCC Lesbian/Gay Cuban Task Force under the directions of the Rev. Bob Arthur. Needed are sponsors to house refugees, jobs, clothing, health care, educational opportunities (English classes), & legal assistance. Money is also being raised for the coordinated inter-organizational national effort. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the UFWCC Cuban Refugees Relief Fund, c/o UFWCC, Suite 304, 5500 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90029.

A packet is being prepared to assist local organizations & individuals who want to sponsor & otherwise assist Lesbian & Gay Cubans. The packet will be distributed through the UFWCC.

For further information contact the Rev. Bob Arthur, (213) 464-5100, or Adam Delbaugh, (202) 543-2250, or Tom Burrows (NGTF) (212) 391-5800

NGTF press release

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**PUBLICATIONS**

The Other Side: "magazine's controversial issue on Christians & homosexuality has been reprinted. The issue asks all Christians to examine their assumptions about homosexual behavior & heterosexual rights." Copies are now available for $2.50 each. The Other Side, Box 12239, Philadelphia, PA 19144 Subscription rate is $15/yr.

The Green Mountain Dyer News: "is a newspaper being published in Bennington, VT. They're distributing the initial issue free in an effort to reach as many lesbians & feminists as possible. They'd like to receive articles, graphics, etc. and are also in need of money, donations large or small. Send all correspondence to Green Mountain Dykes, PO Box 420, Bennington, VT 05201 Full Circle

**ARK FEMINIST:** "A Regional Bimonthly Alternative Newspaper $5/yr

Send name & address to: OZARK FEMINIST, PO Box 1545, Fayetteville, AR 72701

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**Two Q need ride to West Coast. Ready to leave mid-August to early Sept. Will share expenses, driving & warm Q energy. call 772-1334

LGBTQ/feminist roommate(s) wanted for large apartment in Portland on Munjoy Hill. To move in during August or Sept. I'm quiet (law student) but enjoy life & want to live in a friendly household. Rent is reasonable. depends on how many Q live here. Call Erna, days only 780-1270 (Portland)

Cunningham & Co Books is a general used/out-of-print bookshop with special emphasis on Q literature, including Sojourner, Conditions, The Second Wave, Chrysalis, etc. 762 Congress St., Portland, phone 775-2296.

Handbook for Q on the Nuclear Fentanyl: designed & published by members of Q Against Nuclear Development of the Upper Valley (VT & NH), Members of WAND are available to hold workshops with Q on the issue of nuclear development. Handbooks are $2.60 single copy; $1.95/10 copies or more, postage included, send to WAND, Box 421, Norwich VT 05055
NEW LEAF BOOKS

At last there's an alternative bookstore in Maine. New Leaf Books, Rockport, specializes in books by & about Q, alternative energy & Health Care. Here you can find the arguments against nuclear power, publications from small presses, non-establishment poetry & writing, non-sexist children's literature, Q's music, & books that are simply fun. We will also be happy to special order books not in stock. Browsing is encouraged! Beginning mid-July there will be many poetry readings on Sun. afternoons. These events will be posted here & in Maine Times ad. Visit—we're sure you'll enjoy... Haven't you? Yes, it's true.

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***THE FIFTH MICHIGAN WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL - August 14-17, 1980***


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For tickets or info, send self-addressed stamped envelope to: We West The Music Collective 1501 Lyons St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (517) 772-0582

REQUEST FROM THE NEWSLETTER STAFF************

Please send your thoughts or any info that you wish to share. We put the Newsletter together the last week of every month so send it in: Before that time. Got any poems, stories, summaries of events, etc? Send to MLP Newsletter, PO Box 125, Belfast, IE 04915. Thanks!!

**********IS THERE A LAVENDER FOCN ON YOUR ENVELOPE? YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS DUE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR $5. Thank you!!

MLP NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

MLF needs your $5.00 (our yearly subscription rate) in order for us to continue the Newsletter. It costs $5 to send it out so please contribute as much as you can, if not $5. All contributions welcome & needed. Thank you!

Send to: MLP

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P.S. Pass the word that Q around the world are meditating on the earth & world peace - nightly at 8 pm! I heard this from a California sister who said Q in Mendocino, Ca began it & have been passing it on...
I'm Alix Dobkin. In 1973 I recorded my first album, LAVENDER JANE LOVES WOMEN, Women's Wax Works A001. In 1976 I released my second record, LIVING WITH LESBIANS, WWW A002. Presently I plan to record my third album during the coming summer for a release in the fall of 1980. The working title is LIVING WITH CONTRADICTIONS, WWW A003, and it will include the following songs: Woman To Woman; Just Like A Woman; Separation '76; Separation '78; Theme from "Getting Ready"; I' m Not Monogamous Anymore; Conjugations of Gravity; A Mother Knows; Gwyn's Tune; and Living With Contradictions.

These songs touch on and explore issues I have faced in my relationships with women. Learning how other women are creating out how to conduct my life with new ways of caring for each other has been an invaluable resource for me and has been of immeasurable service in figuring out how to conduct my own life and assist in the art of communication between us is highly complex and we are developing new skills in personal relationships. This is very exciting to me and I spend much of my time trying to make art from these experiences. Music evokes a rich spectrum of responses and adds dimension.

Deep female contact and consciousness is not only a woman's premier thrill. It is not only her most ennobling and fulfilling state but it is also, in my opinion, the only way our planet can escape the total destruction and contamination of men.

The survival of life on Earth is not guaranteed by the production of LIVING WITH CONTRADICTIONS, but this album is meant to be a source of strength and a consciousness-raising factor in the lives of many, many thousands of women, women who are actively engaged in transforming the intolerable male society into one in which we can thrive with love and joy.

This new album will be the result of the cooperative efforts of a number of special women. To mention a few: Susann P. Shanbaum will be producing and arranging the album with me. I met her years ago when she was touring with The Berkeley Women's Music Collective. A versatile, varisty musician, she co-produced both of their albums and also arranged and wrote much of their material. Susann has been hard at work for the past few years studying music. We love working together and do it well.

If you know me, you know how important Liza Diamond Cowan has been in my life and work. In addition to her stimulating thoughts and incisive feedback, Liza will bring her considerable aesthetic taste and skill to this endeavor as art director.

I feel lucky to count Denslow Tregarthen Brown, "The Organizer," among my closest and most beloved friends. Added to her penetrating good sense and logic, her thoroughness and persistence, she has an unusual capacity to work through details, putting them together in a solid, comprehensive whole. She has promised to help me keep a grip on this enterprise and assist in looking after its general well being as well as the particulars.

River Lightswoman and I have played together for years. We are sidekicks and musical associates and she will be involved in the technical, musical and administrative aspect of this project.

All of these women have provided the basic emotional support and encouragement necessary for me to take on the work and responsibility of financing and producing this album.

LAVENDER JANE LOVES WOMEN cost approximately $3,300 in 1973 for the first pressing. To date it has sold over 17,000 in the US and Europe. LIVING WITH LESBIANS cost close to $9,000 in 1975 and has sold more than 8,000 copies. Gaia's Guide says, Alix Dobkin's Lavender Jane Loves Women swept women off the fence by the thousands. Her latest Living With Lesbians is even better.

Both of these records were financed with personal loans and contributions, large and small, from women who wanted to help put my music on vinyl. They can all find satisfaction in having participated in the creation of unique Lesbian art which has touched and moved women in the direction of their own best interests. I feel the same way about having contributed to Sirani Avedis' and Robin Flowers' record projects. Tattoos and More Than Friends are exceptionally fine Lesbian art and I feel grateful for the chance I was given to be a small part of their work, and to establish a special organic relationship with their albums.

LIVING WITH CONTRADICTIONS offers old wisdom and new perspectives on our lives as enduring, self-loving women. When you listen to this album I want you to feel good about the music, about yourself and about us.

And now I invite you to be a part of this original and powerful musical experience and to help bring it all to its logical destination ... your turntable.

Women's Wax Works continues to bring high-quality, unique Lesbian music to women all over the world.

I appreciate your support. Thanks.

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