

July '89



# MAINE LESBIAN FEMINIST NEWSLETTER

As most of you know by now, there has been a tragedy in the state of Maine: the murder of Charlie Howard. Three teenagers are alleged to have beaten him up and thrown him into the river - even though he told them he couldn't swim.

From this unfortunate incident we have formed the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Coalition. It is time we organize to try to educate the general public, and work on getting the Gay Rights Bill passed. We must not let the people sweep this under the rug. It is too bad that someone had to be murdered to get this coalition moving. Please come join us! We are meeting in Bangor at the Unitarian Church on the corner of Main and Union streets, Monday nights at 7:30. If you want more information, write to P.O. Box 1805, Bangor, Me. 04401.

Please come out and get involved. Thankyou.

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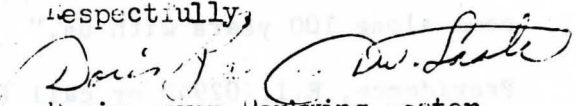
Doris naven Darkwing roster  
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To whom it may Concern,

Please send me your publication. I am a lesbian who is incarcerated. I am on death row. Sentenced to a crime that was committed by a man. I need all the support that I can get and would appreciate any and all publications. And if you have a pen pal section to your paper please submit my name.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

  
Doris naven Darkwing roster



## Calendar Events

- \* The new "Free to Be" gay/lesbian AA meeting reaches recovering alcoholics throughout Central Maine. This meeting is at All Souls Unitarian Church on King St. in Augusta at 7:30 on Fridays. There are also lesbian/gay AA meetings in:  
Portland - First Parish Unitarian Tues. and Thurs. at 8 pm  
Bangor - Unitarian Church Thursday at 8 pm.
- \* Feminist Spiritual Community - every Mon., 7 pm, State St. Church, Portland
- \* Gay Health Action Committee - irregular Mondays, Portland. 775-5540.
- \* Gay Parents Support Group meets Wed. evenings at 7:30 at the USM Student Union, 92 Bedford St., Portland. For more info call 780-4085 or 772-4741.
- \* Step-parents Support Group - A few lesbians in Northern/Central Maine have begun meeting twice a month to discuss step-parenting and offer support to each other around the issues of being a lesbian step-parent. We invite more women in similar situations to join us. Contact Nancy (469-7737) or Dottie (862-4697) for more information.
- \* Rhode Island Feminist Theatre presents its Tenth Annual Tour Show called 2082 REVUE. It is a delightful comedy which embraces serious topics of concern for today's audiences. The show employs new talent from Rhode Island to England. "Come laugh, come cry, come along 100 years with us." For info write to RIFT, box 9083, Providence, R.I. 02940 or call (401)273-8654.



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AUG 31-SEPT 3. NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S MUSICAL RETREAT. Info:  
NEWMR, POB 728, W. Hartford, Conn.  
AUG 31-SEPT 3. WEST COAST WOMEN'S MUSIC & COMEDY FESTIVAL in  
Santa Barbara, CA. \$65-100. Info:WCWMF, 3434 Troy Dr,  
Los Angeles, CA. Phone: 213-851-9479.

- \* Dance Contest! Aug. 11 at the SBA Club, Main St., Belfast.  
The doors open at 8:00 to dance, the contest starts at 9:00  
and goes until 10:00 - bring your own 3-4 min. music. First  
prize: Massage by Terry Hart, 2nd prize: T-shirt, 3rd prize:  
MLF stationery. Come join the fun!
- \* Sock Hop! Sept. 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the SBA Club, Belfast,  
featuring music of the 50's and 60's. Come dressed in the  
style of the period - awards for the best outfits.
- \* Aug. 18 - Dance for the benefit of Mainely Gay A.A.  
Round-up at the Peoples Building, 155 Brackett St., Portland.  
Donation \$3.00, door prizes.
- \* August 11 - 25, New Hampshire Take Back the Night. Events will  
include opening bonfire, two weeks of workshops and events around  
the state, afternoon fair on the 25th and evening march in  
Manchester. For info call Sharon (603) 625-5785.
- \* WISE WOMEN CENTER offers 4-day Intensives on Herbal Medicine and  
Spirit Healing; June 29-July 2, August 24-27, Write for info to  
Susan Weed, Box 64 FC, Woodstock, NY 12498.
- \* The women in Cumberland County Jail could benefit from an improved  
library. We are hoping to facilitate that happening through dona-  
tions from our own precious collection of feminist literature.  
You can help. Bring your books to Women's Legal Defense Fund,  
People's Building, 144 Brackett St., Portland or call 773-6398.
- \* Lesbian Support Group - every Sunday at 5:00 pm, 92 Bedford St.,  
USM. Sponsored by Women's Forum and GPA.
- \* Greater Portland N.O.W. - 4th Tuesday of the month, Y.W.C.A.,  
87 Spring St., Portland, 7:30 pm.
- \* Women's Motorcycle Festival '84, upstate New York, Aug. 24-27. For  
info. write W.M.F. '84, 7 Lent Ave., LeRoy, N.Y. 14482 or call  
(716)768-6054. Open to first 200 paid entrants.

A week-long introductory course in the use of work horses for logging  
and small-farm use is being offered at the Mandala Farm of the St.  
Francis Community in Orland from September 3 to 8. Instruction includes  
care of horses; how to harness, drive and yard; hitching and using small  
farm equipment; and basic forestry. Three instructors and three Belgian  
draft horses. Maximum enrollment 15 insures hands-on experience. For  
classes, room and board (rustic cabins) \$150. Write St. Francis Community,  
Box 44, E. Orland, ME 04431, or call 469-7961 for application and brochure.

*Instructors are all women.*

- \* 12 seat school bus - converted to a camper - for sale; 6 good tires, living space (behind driver's seat) is 12'x7', includes wall to wall carpeting, bed, closet, table, sink, chair, apt. size gas stove and oven and small gas tank. Clean and neat, all for only \$1500. Call 342-5069 eve. til 11:00.
- \* Theatre Rhinoceros presents: The National Lesbian Playwriting Contest. The contest offers a first prize of \$1000.00 and production, a second prize of \$500.00, and the opportunity for playwrights to make connections with and have their work read by directors and theatre artists. Send script and SASE and/or inquiries to: Playwriting Contest, Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. #9, San Francisco, CA. 94103, or phone (415)522-4100.
- \* Info about A LEGAL GUIDE FOR LESBIAN AND GAY COUPLES can be obtained from Nolo Press 950 Parker St., Berkeley, Ca. 94710 or by calling (415)549-1976, ask for Carol Plasden or Abby Goldman.
- \* For sale: early 1960's, good condition, 10'x42' Cosmopolitan mobile home, one bedroom, set up in park near Orono, but can be moved. Graduating from U.M.O. soon and must sell. Asking \$3500, or best offer. Call 947-2003.

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I am a lesbian feminist (new to the state) trying to establish a voice for lesbians and feminists in Maine's emerging Green Party, modeled after W. Germany's. After the first six months, however, the party is more male ego-centric than ecocentric and women, sensing this, are not coming (only 2 of 26 last meeting). I am speaking into a vacuum; we sheerly need more GOOD WOMYN! The next meeting is in Augusta at the Unitarian Church on Aug. 26 at 2pm. I hope that naturally Green womyn will come together to begin turning this male hopeless (?) situation around in the Green Party and in the rest of the world.

Also, Sonia Johnson, radical feminist citizen for President, is coming to speak to the Green Party and other interested Mainers the 11th and 12th of Oct. and she needs publicity. There are only two known supporters of this woman in Maine, which is a crying shame because she is an uncompromising feminist saying right-on things in public! And she has lots of support in other parts of the country. I'll have more details of time and location later. In sisterhood,

Donna Senkbiel

Box 480

(207) 696-8083

Starks, Me 04911

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“Anxiety is love's greatest killer,  
because it is like the strangle hold of  
the drowning.”

Anais Nin  
(1903-1977)

The Diary of Anais Nin, Vol. 5



# YWCA

OF LEWISTON & AUBURN

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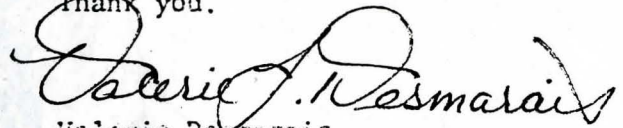
MARTHA BREUNIG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 20, 1984

I am writing in behalf of the staff at YWCA Intervention, an agency serving adolescents and their families in the Lewiston-Auburn area. We are searching for someone to provide information that will enable us to better serve our clients with issues around sexual identity and sexuality.

Would your organization or any members of your organization be interested in assisting us in upgrading our awareness in this area? Please write or telephone me if you wish to facilitate our knowledge of the issues facing homosexuals as they pertain to the counseling relationship.

Thank you.



Valerie Desmarais  
Adolescent Counselor  
YWCA Intervention Program

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United Way Member Agency



# the 4th new england women's musical retreat



labor day weekend,  
aug. 31,  
sept. 1-3, 1984  
ten mile river  
scout camp,  
narrowsburg,  
new york



## FRIDAY

JANICE PERRY AKA GAL  
DEADLY NIGHTSHADE

## SATURDAY

ODETTA  
FERRON  
EDWINA LEE TYLER and a Piece of the World

## SUNDAY

KATE CLINTON  
WOMEN OF CALABASH  
KAY GARDNER with C.T. and April

MC's KATE CLINTON, LINDA TILLERY, JULIA WILLIS

DAY STAGE PERFORMERS: Nancy Day • Robin Ferguson • Gayle Marie • The Girlillas • Mev Miller •  
Ruth Pelham • Toshi Reagon • Denitra Vance • Sandra and Sharon Washington



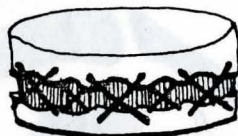
# OUT HER ♀ VIEW

June, 1984

COMEDY—THEATRE—DANCE—FILM—ART—FUN



## THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL



AUGUST 9-12, 1984



### Thursday

Alix Dobkin • Casselberry & Dupree •  
Cris Williamson

### Friday

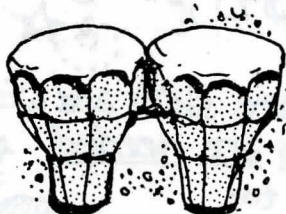
Reel World String Band • Ferron •  
Debbie Saunders Band



To meet what it realistically costs to produce this event, it has been necessary for us to reconstruct our ticket prices. Because of what we do here, creating a womyn's town for four days, most of the costs of producing the festival remain constant once an individual woman enters the site. From that point forward, our services, systems, shuttles, stages, and staff are prepared for you. For this reason, we will be offering a 4 day or weekend (Sat & Sun) ticket only. If for your own scheduling reasons you cannot arrive until Friday, then you have the choice of purchasing a four day ticket, or waiting until midnight and purchasing a weekend pass.

### Saturday

Jane Sapp • Tret Fure •  
Carol MacDonald & Witch



### Advanced Tickets on Sliding Scale

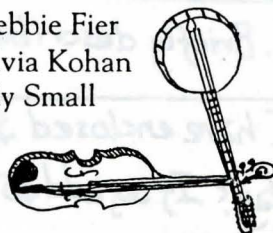
Advance Prices: 4-Day: \$85-\$100  
\*see below 2-Day: \$65-\$75  
At The Gate: 4-Day: \$100  
2-Day: \$75

### Sunday

Therese Edell & Betsy Lippitt •  
Mary Watkins •  
Teresa Trull & Barbara Higbie

### DAYTIME PERFORMANCES

Karen Beth • Hunter Davis • Debbie Fier  
Mimi Fox • Mary Gemini • Sylvia Kohan  
Gail Marie • Toshi Reagan • Judy Small  
Kay Weaver



- For ticket purchases, money orders or cashier's check only—Absolutely no personal checks will be accepted.
  - Only United States currency accepted.
  - No refunds will be made after July 15th.
  - A packing checklist—do you have water container, place setting, toilet paper, band aids, tent & sleeping bag, towel & washcloth, hot & cold clothing, flashlight—your ticket???
  - No animals except seeing-eye dogs will be allowed on site.
- For ticket or info, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

W.W.T.M.C. 517-772-0582  
1501 Lyons Street Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

\*Visitors Pass - Sunday Only - 8 a.m. to  
End of Festival \$30 For more information  
call Lisbeth at 454-6915 or 456-3772



third annual

# Q's Healing Ritual Gathering

circles: quiet space:

hot tub: sauna: Lake: canoes:

rituals: workshops:

bonfire:  
massage: music:

September 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> arrive evening of the 7<sup>th</sup>) Freedom, Maine

Fee for the gathering is \$35-\$45, sliding scale, which includes food and lodging.

We encourage ♀ to share skills and wisdom,  
workshop leaders are needed.

Send registrations with full payment to:

Laughing Tree  
208 Walden St., Concord, MA 01742

Enrollment is limited to 80. For more information: Laughing Tree 369-1883 / Barbara 763-3211  
(area code 617) (area code 207)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

I will lead a workshop/discussion/ritual. Briefly described: \_\_\_\_\_

I can take riders) ☐. I need a ride ☐. I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to Ritual Gathering)

☐ Do you need/wish to stay overnight Sunday? If so, add \$5-\$10 for use of facilities.

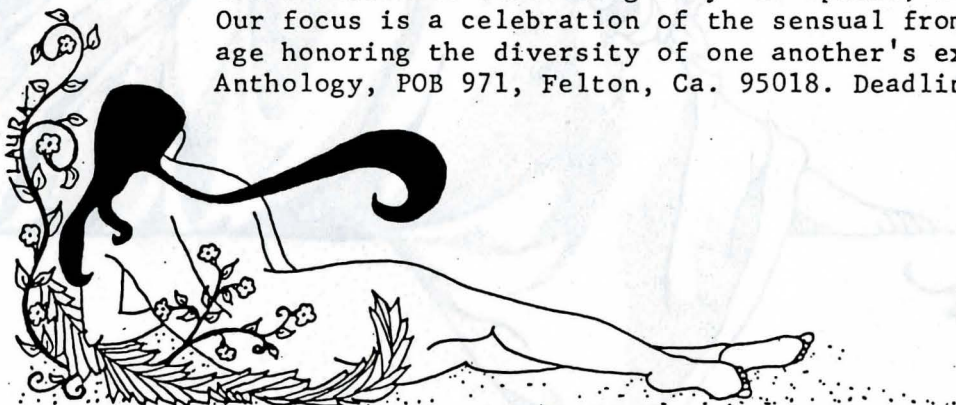


# In Case You're Interested---

The MLF newsletter committee has information about the following items.

Call Donna Light at 342-5069 if you'd like to know more about:

- \* Women's Wilderness Experience, Jeanie Mudd, p.o. box 4861, Santa Fe, NM 87502. They have many trips and experiences all over the country.
- \* Hardscrabble Hill, Castine Rd., Box 130, Orland, Me. 04472 (207)469-7112. Hardscrabble Hill is a woman's residential retreat center offering workshops from spring to fall in such things as carpentry, poetry, song, healing, writing, counseling and more.
- \* PIONEER PRODUCTIONS, 112 W. 72nd St., #9-B, N.Y., N.Y. 10023 is making a film about gay men and lesbian women over 65. If you are or know of someone interested in participating in the film, contact them - it will be on t.v.
- \* TRAVEL-ONS, c/o Systero International, Ltd., 306 W. 38th St., Manhattan Island, N.Y. 10018 is a free monthly newsletter detailing an incredible variety of travel tours, tips, and pertinent info of special interest to lesbians/gays.
- \* The PRISON READING PROJECT is a part of a larger movement to keep women in prison connected with women outside of prison. It supplies reading material from women's presses everywhere. For info write to Juana Maria Paz, Paz Press, POB 3146, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72702-3146.
- \* Submissions wanted for an anthology of erotic writings by women: stories, poems, journal entries, letters & essays. We are looking for submissions reflecting body and spirit, nature, humor and joy. Our focus is a celebration of the sensual from childhood to old age honoring the diversity of one another's experience. SASE to Anthology, POB 971, Felton, Ca. 95018. Deadline Sept. 30, 1984.





# ADVERTISING ~

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sex, etc. = \$2<sup>00</sup>







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(designs all from newsletter, all varied)

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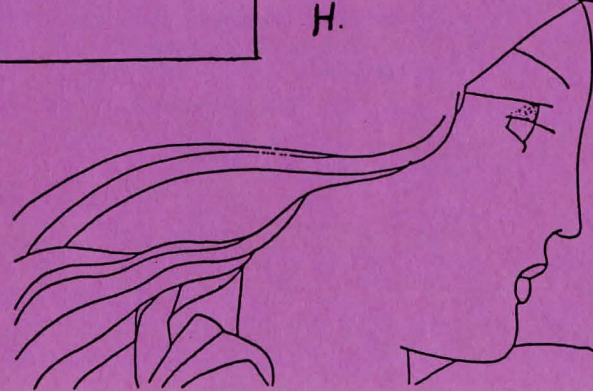
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# Benefit concert in memory of Charlie Howard

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Friday

AUG 10

BANGOR

Unitarian Church  
Main St

Saturday

AUG 25

PORTLAND

First Parish  
425 Congress

8 pm

"Tom Wilson's audience keeps expanding and it's easy to see why... a sincere singer of gay stories."

THE ADVOCATE

"A sharp and literate song humorist."

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GAY COMMUNITY NEWS

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THE BODY POLITIC

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