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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

August, 2004

## Activities....

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7**

### 20TH ANNUAL TOUR OF MT. GRETNA HOMES

**10 AM till 5 PM...**Enjoy a fascinating inside glimpse into life in Mt. Gretna through the self-guided walking tour including homes and gardens of contrasting sizes and styles. Some homes are almost a century old; others are just finished. Every year the homes are different. To see the homes on this year's tour, visit: [www.mtgretna.com/music/Special1.asp](http://www.mtgretna.com/music/Special1.asp). Advance tickets are \$10, please call (717) 361-1508. Day of tour tickets are \$15, or 2 for \$25. For information on where to buy day of tour tickets, please call (717) 361-1508.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7**

### TASTEFULLY SIMPLE PARTY AT FOREVER BOOKS

**1 till 4 PM...**Forever Books in Steelton invites you to a special Tastefully Simple Party! It's free to attend. Bring your appetite! Taste-test easy to prepare gourmet foods that give you the time to enjoy your friends and family. Come hungry!! If you need more info about the party, please call: (717) 939-5507. To learn more about Tastefully Simple, please visit: [www.tastefullysimple.com](http://www.tastefullysimple.com).

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14**

**6:30 PM...**Lancaster Ladies Night Out meets for good food and fun. Singles and couples are welcome! For reservations please call Nancy at: (717) 665-4234, by Wednesday, August 11.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15**

### CONCERT UNDER THE STARS

#### JEFFREY GAINES W/ THE BLUE HOUSE

**7 PM...**Just a short drive away on the PA Turnpike is King of Prussia where this great summer concert series is located. Tickets are \$10 per person, children ages 16 and under, and adults 62 and over are free. Take your lawn chairs and/or blankets along! Jeffrey Gaines is a local favorite, appearing yearly at the Whitaker Center in Hbg. The Blue House is a terrific womyn's trio, you will enjoy their music. For more info: [www.umconcerts.org](http://www.umconcerts.org). They have some great August concerts scheduled! Check it out!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

### 30TH ANNUAL MOUNT GRETNA OUTDOOR ART SHOW

**9 AM till 6 PM...**This is a nationally-recognized art show. You'll see lots of terrific artwork and crafts, PLUS plenty of food and entertainment! Admission is still \$5.00, and children under 12 are free. There's plenty of parking this year! This is a great event!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21**

**5:30 PM...**The Southcentral Pennsylvania Lesbian Alliance will have a "dine-out" pot luck. We'll meet at Ginmiya (Chinese/Japanese) to have dinner together. Please call (717) 755-3643 to RSVP so reservations can be made.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21**

### 1ST ANNUAL CLAWS AND PAWS GOLF TOURNAMENT

This tournament is open to Men's, Women's & Mixed Foursomes. Prizes will be awarded in each division. It's a scramble format. For more info and to download a registration form, please go to: [www.humanesocietyhbg.org/golf.htm](http://www.humanesocietyhbg.org/golf.htm). This is limited to 144 golfers - so please sign up ASAP!!

## Upcoming Events....

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**

### SAFFIRE - THE UPPITY BLUES WOMEN

**7:30 PM...**This terrific group will be appearing at the Whitaker Center's Sunoco Performance Theater. Tickets are \$19.50 and available by calling: (717) 214-ARTS, or order online at: [www.whitakercenter.org/theater/index.asp](http://www.whitakercenter.org/theater/index.asp).

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**

### JANE OLIVOR

**8 PM...**She will be in concert at the Keswick Theater in Glenside, PA. For more information please visit: [www.keswicktheater.com](http://www.keswicktheater.com).

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

### K.D. LANG AT THE KIMMEL CENTER IN PHILLY

**7:30 PM...**k.d. will be performing with a 40-piece orchestra in Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center. Single tickets go on sale August 16, and the price ranges from \$30 - \$80. For more info, please go to: [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

### JANE OLIVOR

**8 PM...**Join Jane at the Whitaker Center's Sunoco Performance Theater. Tickets are \$28.50. To reserve your seat please call: (717) 214-ARTS, or go to: [www.whitakercenter.org/theater/index.asp](http://www.whitakercenter.org/theater/index.asp) to order your tickets online.

Reminder: Golf Registrations  
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**Sat - Aug 14<sup>th</sup>**  
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**Fri - Aug 20<sup>th</sup>**  
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**Sat - Aug 21<sup>st</sup>**  
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**Fri - Aug 27<sup>th</sup> - 9pm**  
Miss Central PA Illusion Pageant  
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**Sat - Aug 28<sup>th</sup>**  
DJ Starts at 9pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
Marilyn Eckley and the VooDoo Love Hounds Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9PM



## Spirituality....

### WORSHIP SERVICES

...**Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg**, meets twice a month, the 2nd and the 4th Sundays at 3 PM. UUG meets at Trinity UCC, corner of S. Stratton & E. High Sts., Gettysburg, PA. Children's religious education program. Everyone welcome. For more information, please call (717) 334-5141, or visit [www.uugettysburg.org](http://www.uugettysburg.org).

...**MCC of the Spirit**, 2973 Jefferson St. Hbg. Every Sunday 10:30 am & 7 pm. Call (717) 236-7387 for information. We offer Christian educational sessions that nurture the whole person, call for details and special events. **Website:** [www.mccofthespirit.org](http://www.mccofthespirit.org).

...**Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley**, Sundays, 10:30 am at the Meeting House, 2 Forge Rd. in Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Children's program runs concurrently. Fully accessible. Rev. Judy Welles & Rev. Duane Finkeisen, ministers. For info call (717) 249-8944, or write: PO Box 207, Boiling Springs, PA 17007. **Web site:** [www.uucv.org](http://www.uucv.org).

...**Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster**, Sundays, 9 am & 11 am. Rev. Valerie Mapstone Ackerman. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733. E-mail: [UUCL@epix.net](mailto:UUCL@epix.net). **Website:** <http://members.tripod.com/~uulan CPA/index.htm>.

...**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York**, 925 South George St. York, 17403. (717) 845-8212. Services Sunday 10 am. Rev. Robert Renjilian, Childcare & religious education for youth provided. Welcoming Congregation.

...**Unity Church**, 927 Wertzville Rd., Enola, PA 17025 Services: Sundays 9 & 11 am. (717) 732-9773. Unity is a culturally diverse spiritual community, promoting positive life transformation & recognizing that all people are one in God. **Website:** [www.unitychurchharrisburg.com](http://www.unitychurchharrisburg.com).

...**Vision Of Hope MCC**, 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA. 17554. Services: Sundays at 10:30 am, Prayer and Praise Wednesdays 7 pm, Saturdays 6 pm starting in October. Morning Children's Sunday School. Call (717) 285-9070. E-mail: [PastorDebbieCoggin](mailto:PastorDebbieCoggin), [RevDebbieCoggin@aol.com](mailto:RevDebbieCoggin@aol.com), or [visionofhopemcc@aol.com](mailto:visionofhopemcc@aol.com). **Website:** [www.visionofhopemcc.org](http://www.visionofhopemcc.org).

...**Unitarian Church of Harrisburg**, Sundays 10:30 am. 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg, PA. (717) 564-4761. We are a liberally religious "Welcoming Congregation". Our Interweave Committee promotes acceptance & affirmation of GLBT concerns. Please join us. E-mail: [uch@paonline.com](mailto:uch@paonline.com). **Website:** <http://www.paonline.com/uchuaa>.

...**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Of Pottstown**, Sunday services 10 am. 1565 South Keim Street, Pottstown, PA 19465. (610) 327-2662. **Website:** <http://members.aol.com/uupottstown>.

...**St. Michael Lutheran Church**, 118 State St. Harrisburg, PA. (717) 234-0092. Sunday services begin at 10 AM. Fellowship follows the service at 11:15 AM. We are a welcoming congregation. **Website:** [www.paonline.com/stmike](http://www.paonline.com/stmike).

...**Temple Beth Shalom**, 913 Allendale Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA. (717) 697-2662. **Website:** [www.tbshalom.org](http://www.tbshalom.org).

...**Market Square Presbyterian Church**, 2nd and Chestnut Sts., Harrisburg, PA. (717) 257-1270. Church School at 9:30 AM, Sunday Worship at 11 AM. Handicapped access and free garage parking. We are a welcoming congregation. **Website:** [www.marketsquarechurch.org](http://www.marketsquarechurch.org).

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### Support Groups...

...NETWORK and FORUM for lesbians of Catholic heritage. A web site of the "Conference for Catholic Lesbians" (CCL) is now up & running. CCL was organized in 1982, published a monthly newspaper, "Images" and held many national conferences in different parts of the country. IF YOU ARE SEEKING...to connect with others on a spiritual journey for strength & support...to learn how other women celebrate being Catholic & lesbian...to express what's on your mind & in your heart to others who have shared your experience & understand...please join us at [catholiclesbians.org](http://catholiclesbians.org). For other information from a member in the Harrisburg area, you can e-mail: [cathlesRU12@aol.com](mailto:cathlesRU12@aol.com), or leave a message in the CCL "Guestbook".

...The Unity Church has an Alternative Lifestyles Support Group that meets every 2nd & 4th Friday evening of the month. We start at 7 pm at the Unity Church at 927 Wertsville Rd. Enola. This is a spiritual as well as a social group. Interested folks can contact the church at (717) 732-9773, or Sandy at [sansmagic@comcast.net](mailto:sansmagic@comcast.net).

...Common Roads, is a support group for teens & young adults in the Central Pennsylvania area who need a place to fit in, a place where their sexuality will not be held against them. The group consists of many different people from ages 14-24 & is led by multiple facilitators. We meet every Friday at The Center, 1300-A Third St. Harrisburg, to talk about our problems, our good times, and to simply have fun! For more information visit our website: [www.commonroads.org](http://www.commonroads.org), or call (717) 920-9534.

...PFLAG Central Pennsylvania meets monthly. For more information e-mail: [pflagcenpa@yahoo.com](mailto:pflagcenpa@yahoo.com), or call daytime (717) 795-0330. Their 24-hour hotline is: (717) 728-8800.

...PFLAG YORK meets at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 South George St. at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. Call Don & Pat (717) 843-3793, or Charles & Judy at (717) 741-1796 for directions or to be placed on the mailing list.

...PFLAG Warrington, PA. meets on the third Thursday of every month at Buxmont U.U. Church in Warrington, PA. For more information about this group, please contact Corinne Thornton at (215) 545-4331, ext. 48.

### Activism....

...NOW, York Chapter, meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call Peg or Delma at (717) 846-2089, or Kathy at (717) 845-4086 for info/directions.

...HRC (Human Rights Campaign), is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, with members throughout the country. We effectively lobby Congress, fight anti-gay initiatives, and educate the public to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans can be open, honest, and safe at home, at work, and in the community. Please visit us at [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org).

...Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, the transgendered, and people with HIV or AIDS through impact litigation, education, and public policy work.

...National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is the national progressive organization working for the civil rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people, with the vision and commitment to building a powerful political movement. Please visit us at: [www.nglftf.org](http://www.nglftf.org).

### Social Groups...

...The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus rehearses at 7 pm on Monday evenings in Mechanicsburg. Find out how much fun Monday nights can be! For directions & more info, leave a message at (717) 234-4825, or see the chorus web site, [www.cpwchorus.org](http://www.cpwchorus.org), or e-mail: [info@cpwchorus.org](mailto:info@cpwchorus.org).

...The Lesbian Alliance of South-Central Pennsylvania. Activities include potlucks, bi-monthly newsletter, media liaison, & any other event that the group is willing to take on. Membership dues are \$10 per household. To get on the mailing list or for more information, call Cindy at (717) 848-9142.

...BAGAL (Business Association of Gays and Lesbians) is a South Central Pennsylvania Association of Lesbian & Gay professional & business people offering networking, community service and social opportunities for its members and friends. BAGAL meets every other month & prospective members are invited to attend their first meeting free of charge. Annual dues are \$35 per year & payable to "BAGAL". For more information, address questions and/or payments to: BAGAL, PO Box 135, Harrisburg, PA. 17108-0135, or call (717) 612-8445.

...Susquehanna Club, Mid-Atlantic Lesbian & Gay Outdoors Club, was conceived for the lesbian, gay men, bisexual & transgendered community members & their friends. We go hiking and camping throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. We have and continue to provide a "safe space" for LGBT people. Participants are asked to respect fellow participants comfort as to the degree of "being out" both during activities and elsewhere. membership is \$10 per year for individuals and \$15 per year for couples. Address is: 503 General Sutter Ave., Lititz, PA. 17543, or visit us at: [www.susq.org](http://www.susq.org).



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## Camping....

### SUSQUEHANNA CLUB'S WOMEN'S WEEKEND CAMPING TRIPS FOR 2004

Fall Women's Weekend - Cape Henlopen, DE  
September 10, 11, & 12  
Cost: TBA

Cape Henlopen, DE - This park offers camping in pine-covered dunes. Adjacent is the historic Lewes, where you can go whale-watching. Nearby is Rehoboth Beach, which attracts thousands of LGBT visitors. Judy and Lisa will lead. Directions: [www.destateparks.com/chsp/chsp.htm](http://www.destateparks.com/chsp/chsp.htm) Check out: [www.rehoboth.com](http://www.rehoboth.com) for what's happening in the area.

To register for any of these trips, please go to: [www.susq.org](http://www.susq.org), click on trips, and then register. We always have a great time when we go camping!

## Women's Festivals....

### 29TH MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL AUGUST 10 - 15

As always, this is a great one! Lots of great entertainment this year! Making appearances this year will be: C.C. Carter, Mimi Fox, Erase Errata, Tret Fure, Lucie Blue Tremblay, Ubaka Hill, Kate Clinton, Karen Williams, and many others. New this year is Hothead Paisan - The Musical, Act One, featuring Animal Prufrock, Ani DiFranco, Ferron, Toshi Reagon and others. WOW! Sounds great doesn't it? For more information and registration, please visit: [www.michfest.com](http://www.michfest.com).

### 21ST ANNUAL TWIN OAKS WOMEN'S GATHERING AUGUST 27 - 29

This is a Multicultural Event, Women Celebrating Ourselves In Community. Dance, Movement, Drumming, Camping, Swimming, Workshops, Mud Pit, Games, Ritual Fun, Singing, and more! This will be their 21st year of coming together at Twin Oaks to celebrate our connections, our creativity, and our strength as women in all our diversity - race, age, class, shape/weight, parents/non-parents, orientation, spirituality, and more. For more information and registration, please visit: [www.twinoaks.org](http://www.twinoaks.org)

## Classified Ad....

GWF, 44 - seeks room mate to share home near I-83, Exit 24. \$500 per month. For more information, please call (717) 845-1327 and leave message. I will return all calls.

## Golf....

### WACHOVIA LPGA CLASSIC HOSTED BY BETSY KING AUGUST 23 - 29

Locally, this tourney has always been known as the Betsy King Classic, and always played at the beautiful Berkleigh Country Club in Kutztown, PA. This is a great opportunity to see the best women golfers in the world right in our own backyard. For tickets and more information, please visit: [www.firstunionbetsyking.com](http://www.firstunionbetsyking.com). Hurry! Tickets are going fast!

## Theatre....

### EPHRATA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER NINE

JULY 29 - AUGUST 14

Fellini's classic film 8 1/2 has sprung entrancingly to life into live theater in this spectacular show, which won the 1982 Tony as Best Musical, and also was a recent hit revival on Broadway. The story concerns famous Italian film director Guido Contini and his attempt to get over his artistic block and come up with a good plot for his latest film and his personal life falls into chaos. A beautiful lush score and inventive book make *Nine* fresh, lavish, touching and funny. \*Contains adult situations.\* Single ticket prices are \$20. Please call (717) 733-7966, or visit: [www.ephrataplayhouseinthepark.org](http://www.ephrataplayhouseinthepark.org). Directions are available on the website. This is a terrific organization that presents great plays using local talent doing a super job! Season subscriptions and gift certificates are available.

### THEATRE HARRISBURG! BROADWAY SOUNDS OF SUMMER JULY 30 - AUGUST 2

You won't want to miss this exciting program of choral, mall ensemble and solo numbers from the best of Broadway, performed by the Harrisburg Singers and members of the Theatre Harrisburg Ensemble.

There will be selections from *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *West Side Story*, *A Little Night Music*, *The Secret Garden*, *State Fair*, *Porgy and Bess*, *Girl Crazy* and many more.

Operetta fans will relish selections from *Gilbert and Sullivan* and *John Philip Sousa*, too. More than 40 singers strong, this ensemble will bring a special thrill to a perfect summer evening of light entertainment.

All Theatre Harrisburg Mainstage productions are presented in the Sunoco Performance Theater, part of Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts. Single ticket prices are \$15 - \$25. For ticket reservations please call The Box at (717) 214-ARTS, or purchase online at: [www.theatreharrisburg.com](http://www.theatreharrisburg.com).

### OYSTER MILL PLAYHOUSE THERE GOES THE BRIDE AUGUST 20 - SEPTEMBER 4

A very funny play about a young girl's wedding day and her very confused father. Following a bump on the head, her father imagines that a cardboard 1920's flapper he plans to use in an ad campaign has come to life. Only he (and the audience) can see and hear her. They soon "become a couple" and sing and dance their way through the rest of the play - while the family frantically tries to get everyone to the church on time. A very clever, fast-paced comedy that will delight audiences! Ticket prices are \$12. For reservations, please call (717) 737-6768. Website: [www.oystermill.com](http://www.oystermill.com).

### GRETNA THEATRE TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD AUGUST 24 THRU SEPTEMBER 3

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### ALSO CHECK OUT THESE OTHER FINE THEATRES:

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Mount Gretna is a beautiful area! There is lots to see and do in and around Mount Gretna. My favorite places are the Jigger Shop for delicious ice cream, and the Mount Gretna Playhouse for wonderful shows every summer. Coming up in August is the Mount Gretna Art Show!



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