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# Lavender Letter

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A Calendar of Events for and by Lesbian Women  
in Central Pennsylvania

Volume 6 No. 5

May 1988

**Sunday, May 1** 5:00 p.m. Dignity sponsored Mass and potluck supper. Video of "March on Washington". Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Harrisburg.

**Sunday, May 1** HAWN (Harrisburg Area Women's News) Benefit. For info. call Pam at 238-2396

**Sunday, May 1** "Calamity Jane" Canary born 1852.

**Monday, May 2** 7:30 p.m. - Movie "Signed by a Woman" Documentary featuring Judy Chicago on the definition of feminist art. Also Las Chicas and Eleanor Antin. Explains the concept of female imagery. University Center, Bucknell University, Lewisburg. 524-1375

**Monday, May 2 - 5** The 12th Lesbian Weekend in Japan: Saitoma, outside Tokoyo. Kamirenjaka 2-15-19, Mitska-shi, Tokoyo 181, Japan. Call 0422-48-8880. Let us know if you go!

**Tuesday, May 3** 7:30 - 9:30 MCC sponsored Lesbian Rap Group. Open Discussion. All women welcome. Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Harrisburg.

**Thursday, May 5** 9:30 - 1:00 a.m. Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Penn Hotel in Hershey. 533-9260.

**Saturday, May 7 - 15** Anniversary of Olivia Records. Sponsored by Folk Creek Concerts: Cris Williamson, Lucy Blue Tremblay, Diedre McCalla, Tret, Nancy Vogl, Dianne Davidson. Boston, Mass. Call (617) 641-1010.

**Saturday, May 7** 2:00 p.m. York area Fun Baseball Game (softball). Slow pitch - fast pitch and Wiffle Ball for the softies. Call Cindy for directions. 848-9142.

**Sunday, May 8** Mothers' Day - Send a card, go out to dinner, buy flowers... have a nice time!

**Thursday, May 12** 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at 1st Capital, Philadelphia and Pershing Sts., York. Call 854-8852.

**Friday, May 13** 7:30 - 9:30 and **Saturday May 14** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The South Central AIDS Assistance Network (SCAAN) announces training for volunteers to become "buddies" for people with AIDS. Pre-register by calling (717) 238-AIDS Hbg.

**Saturday, May 14** 8:00 p.m. L.L. sponsored Video Night. "A Question of Silence". An extraordinary murder is committed by three women, all strangers to each other. During the trial, their deep-seated rage toward the male-dominated society stuns the court room. Popcorn provided. Call 232-7144 for location.

**Sunday, May 15** 8:30 - 12:00 Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Zee's Eatery. Exit 19 off I-83, New Cumberland. Call 766-6692.

**Tuesday, May 17** 7:30 - 9:30 MCC sponsored Lesbian Rap Group. Topic: "Child Bearing/Parenting: Our Choices and Options". Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Hbg.

**Thursday, May 19** 9:00 - 12:30 Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Lancaster Dispensing Co., Lancaster. Call 299-4602.

**Thursday, May 19** Grace Jones born 1952.

**Friday/Sat., May 20 - 21** 9:30 - 1:30 Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Ground Round, Camp Hill, Rts. 11-15. Call 737-4313.

**Saturday, May 21** 7:30 York Area Potluck. Approximately 30 women got together in April. Lots of good food and fun conversation. Join us in May. Call Cindy for location. 848-9142.

**Saturday, May 21** 5:00 p.m. Dignity's newest fundraiser. Four of the finest chefs/cooks will tempt your tastebuds with their mouthwatering masterpieces. Limited to 40 people. Tickets \$10. Call 234-4550 for reservations (Hbg.)

**Saturday, May 21** 6:00 - 9:00 pm.m MCC sponsored Women's Potluck and video showing of "Desert Hearts". Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Hbg.

**Sunday, May 22** 2:00 p.m. An all women softball game! (Harrisburg Area). Call 232-2358 if interested. Leave name, number and what softball equipment you can bring.

Please send any information you think should be printed in the Lavender Letter before the 20th of each month. L.L., P.O. Box 1527, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

**Sunday, May 22** 12:30 p.m. Dignity sponsored Brunch Bunch meets at the Railroad House in Marietta, Front & Perry Sts. Call 652-7683.

**Thursday, May 26** Sally Ride born 1951.

**Saturday, June 4** 5:00 p.m. Dignity sponsored Mass and dinner. Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., Harrisburg. Reservations by June 1.

**Saturday, June 8** 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Annual Open Air Festival - Lower Paxton Lyons Park, 2217 Parkway West, off Linglestown Road, Harrisburg. Entertainment, games, stands, lots and lots of people. Food and beer for sale. Tickets \$5 in advance. Send SASE to MCC, Box 11543, Harrisburg, PA 17108.

Anyone interested in having a stand at the Open Air Festival on June 18, please call 232-7144 for information.

**1988 Directory of Women's Media** - a collection of 603 women's periodicals, plus 120 women's presses and publishers, and 11 women's news services. Produced by Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press. \$12.00. Write: WIFP, 3306 Ross Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

**Saturday, June 18** 7:30 p.m. York Area Potluck.

York Area: Anyone interested in singles or doubles tennis call Cindy 848-9142.

**Sundays:** Harrisburg MCC, Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Sts., 7:30 p.m.

Lancaster MCC, Unitarian Church Sanctuary, 538 W. Chestnut Street, 7:00 p.m.

A support group of families and significant others of people with AIDS will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month beginning May 11 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., The Boyd Center, 234 South St., Harrisburg. For information or directions call 238-AIDS.

National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights has realized a surplus of \$70,000. It has decided to share this money in the form of grants not exceeding \$5,000. Information on proposal criteria and purpose may be obtained by writing National March, P.O. Box 7781, Washington, D.C. 20044, or call Kay Ostberg (202) 347-9600. Proposals must be submitted by June 1st.

Call:	Reading Group	731-9667	Interested?
	Theater	737-1356	
	Photography	232-7144	
	Writing Group	774-5850	

Because it is often difficult to connect with people in the central Pennsylvania area, we would like to enlist people in the Harrisburg and surrounding areas to be contact people. Those interested in being information-givers and links to the community would need to have their telephone numbers printed in L.L. **Contact People**

Chambersburg: Cynthia/597-9781	Lancaster: Bert Troy/293-1977
Coatesville: Kathy/383-9664	Octorara: Ann/857-2480
E-Petersburg: 560-0432	Reading & Berks County: Peg 215-589-4854
Hanover: Barb/632-1484	Southern York Co.: Kit & Ev/927-9067
Harrisburg: 232-7144	
York: Cindy/848-9142	

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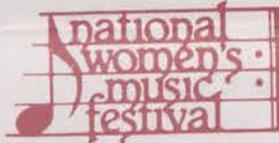
**Thursday, June 2 - 5** The 14th National Women's Music Festival (an indoor festival). Lucie Blue Tremblay, Deidre McCalla, Teresa Trull, over 100 workshops, writers conference, spirituality conference and much more. Registration rate deadline 4/31. For information write NWMF, Dept. LC, P.O. Box 5217, Bloomington, Indiana 47407 or call (812) 331-7799

**Women's  
Motorcycle Festival  
'88**



Thursday, August 25th through Sunday, August 28th, 1988  
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Early registration closes June 30th  
Final registration August 10th

Write:  
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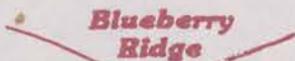


Coming in July . . .

L.L. Picnic get-together.

Problems with subscription?

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Coming to Harrisburg in July: Bobbi Carmitchell and Swede in concert. Save July 16.

**September 2 - 5** Labor Day Celebration at Blueberry Ridge Poconos. Special package, all meals and stay included. Call (717) 629-5036 or (718) 729-1748.

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Gay-Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg - 234-0328  
Monday thru Friday: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Lancaster Gay/Lesbian Helpline - 397-0691  
Sun., Wed., Thurs.: 7:00 pm.m - 10:00 p.m.  
Reading Gay Helpline - 374-3000  
National Gay/Lesbian Crisis Line 1-800-221-7044.

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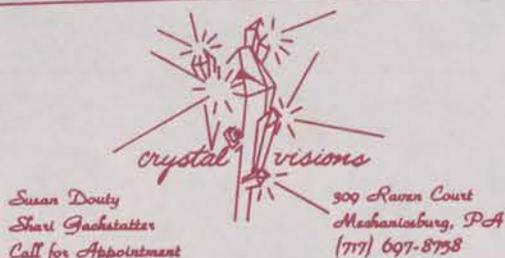


**Thursday, May 26 - 30** Campfest, Wimmin's music festival near Oxford, PA. Join us in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and enjoy Washington Sisters, Suede, Gayle Marie, Dyketones . . . to name a few. Crafts marketplace, swimming pool, flush toilets, and hot showers. \$35.00 a day. Write to Campfest, RR3, Box 185-C167, Franklinville, N.J. 08322 or call Louise (609) 694-2037



**Friday, June 10 -12** Womongathering; a festival of Woman's Spirituality. Womom-made products and services including crystals, readers, body workers and herbalists. Write for pre-registration brochure. Campfest Festivals, Womongathering, RR3, Box 185-W267, Franklinville, N.J. 09322 or call Louise (609) 694-2037.

The 13th Michigan Womyn's Music Festival - August 10-14.  
Write: WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458.



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new number (717) 238-AIDS.

**WOMEN'S WRITING CONTEST**

The Lavender Letter of Harrisburg, PA is sponsoring a writing and poetry contest for women. A prize of \$100.00 will be awarded for the best short story. An award of \$50.00 will be given to the winner of the best poem. Deadline for submission is May 31, 1988.

Our goal is to publish an anthology of women's writings. For rules send SASE to:  
**Poetry, P.O. Box 1527, Harrisburg, PA 17105.**  
Please indicate which contest you would like to enter.

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