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# LAVENDER LETTER

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A Calendar of Events, for and by Womyn

September, 2001

## Activities...

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 2

Wimminfest 2001. . . Albuquerque, NM. The Southwest's premier Women's Music Festival. Bobbi Carmitchell in concert! For more information call Bobbi at 717-872-4512. ALL RIGHT Bobbi!

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7-9

Sisterspace Weekend at Ramblewood Camp in Dartington, MD. For more information check out their website: <http://hometown.aol.com/sisterspace2000/>.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6pm-9pm. . . Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Hershey Pantry in Hershey. For more information call Bobbi at 717-872-4512.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7pm. . . Rehearsals start tonight (and every Monday night at 7) for The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shiremanstown. We need YOUR voice and spirit. For directions and more information see our website: [www.cpwchorus.org](http://www.cpwchorus.org) or email [infor@cpwchorus.org](mailto:infor@cpwchorus.org) or president Lucy Vincent 717-938-5051. Come find out how much fun Monday nights can be!

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14-16

Join the Lavender Letter on a camping trip to Cape Henlopen State Park near Rehoboth, DE. The gay beach is right nearby. The camp sites are in a wooded area with a dune trail nearby. Each camp site has room for 2 tents, and it's \$27 per day per site. For more information about the camp out, email: [lavlet4womyn@aol.com](mailto:lavlet4womyn@aol.com), or call 717-766-0602. For more information about the park, visit their website: [www.destateparks.com](http://www.destateparks.com) and click on Cape Henlopen.

### SEPTEMBER 14, 15 & 16

Wild Western Women's Weekend at CampOut, a Camping and Event Center for Women in Ferncliff, Virginia. For more info about CampOut, check out their website at: [www.campoutva.com](http://www.campoutva.com)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1st Annual Pink Lizard Golf Tournament. Deadline for entries is September 9. Proceeds from tournament will benefit Breast Cancer Research. Tee up with us for a good time! For more information call 717-939-1123 or email [pinklizard891@aol.com](mailto:pinklizard891@aol.com).

4pm... **Lebanon County Lesbians Social Group and Potluck**, call Marie at 717-865-6944 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7 pm. . . Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg Monthly Meeting. If you are interested in working with GLSH in it's continuing stand for the community, I encourage you to get involved. For more information call 717-234-0328 or e-mail [glsh@harrisburgpride.org](mailto:glsh@harrisburgpride.org).

4-8pm. . . York/Adams Dine-out. A great way to get together with friends while contributing to a good cause. Dine-out 2000 raised over \$2300 to benefit a full range of HIV social services and education. For more information call 717-718-0620.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5pm. . . Lancaster AND Harrisburg Ladies Night Out invites you to join us for a joint dinner, fun, good conversation and to meet new people. Please Call Shirley at 717-560-6817 or email: [snoac@aol.com](mailto:snoac@aol.com) OR call Judy at 717-766-0602 or email: [Lavlet4womyn@aol.com](mailto:Lavlet4womyn@aol.com).

Lucie Blue Tremblay and Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at The Link in Pamona, New York. For more information call Bobbi at 717-872-4512.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

11am. . . Shippensburg Circle Brunch. Get together this fall for brunch, reacquaint with some old friends, a chance to meet new ones. Bring something brunchey for the table. Eggs, coffee and tea provided. Call 717-530-1743 for location.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Lucie Blue Tremblay and Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Eighth Step Coffeehouse in Albany, New York. For more information call Bobbi at 717-872-4512.

8pm-10pm. . . DAE is appearing at Sparky & Clark's in Harrisburg. No cover. Come for the coffee and stay for the music.

## Upcoming Events...

### OCTOBER 8-14

17th Annual Women's Week. . . Join in the celebration! Hundreds of events! Thousands of Women! Musical performances! Comedy Shows! The place to be! Check out the events schedule at: [www.womeninnkeepers.com/week/index.html](http://www.womeninnkeepers.com/week/index.html)

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...**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF LANC.** Sunday, 9am & 11am. Rev. M. Susan Milnor. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733. E-mail: [UUCL@epix.net](mailto:UUCL@epix.net). Website: <http://members.tripod.com/~uulanpcp/index.htm>.

...**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF YORK**, 925 South George St. (717) 845-8212. Services Sunday 10AM. Rev. Jennifer Justice, Childcare and religious education for youth provided. Welcoming Congregation.

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... **UNITARIAN CHURCH OF HARRISBURG** Sundays 10:30 am 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg, PA 171-564-4761. We are a liberally religious "Welcoming Congregation". Our Interweave Committee promotes acceptance and affirmation of GLBT concerns. Please join us. E-mail: [uch@paonline.com](mailto:uch@paonline.com) Website: <http://www.paonline.com/uchua/>.



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September, 2001

### Support Groups...

**"DON'T BE A BOOB - GET A BOSOM BUDDY"** Are you concerned about the Procedure? Are you concerned about going alone? A volunteer network of 'BUDDIES' is being organized to accompany women who know the importance of a mammogram yet fear the mammogram procedure whether is the first or the 100th.

We are looking for participants who would like to have a 'BUDDY' and for those who would like to be 'BUDDIES'. Please contact Natalie Damrauer at 540-7725 or email her at [LoonSng@aol.com](mailto:LoonSng@aol.com) for more information, to request a BUDDY or to volunteer to be a BUDDY!

...**NOW**, York Chapter, (National Organization for Women) meets on the 3rd Wed. of odd-numbered months at the YWCA, E. Market St., at 7:30pm. and on the 3rd Saturday of even-numbered months at various locations at 10am. Call Cindy at (717) 848-9142 or Janice at (717) 259-6092 for info/directions & location of the Saturday meeting.

... **PFLAG** York meets at 750 Kelly Dr. (the former Lutheran Home building) at 7pm on the first Tues. of the month. Call Don and Pat (717) 843-3793 or Charles and Judy at (717) 846-7633 for directions or to be placed on the mailing list.

...**ENCORE**plus was established in 1994 to provide free clinical breast exams, Pap test and mammograms to women over the age of 40 who have annual incomes below \$15,448 (add \$5,365 for each additional dependent). Clinical breast exams and Pap test are done at Sadler Clinic, 117 N. Hanover St, Carlisle, by a nurse-practitioner. Mammograms are provided by Carlisle Imaging at their Medical Arts Building location, Wilson St. Carlisle. Interested women should call ENCORE plus at the YWCA of Carlisle, 243-3818 or e-mail, [dlantz@ywcaofcarlisle.org](mailto:dlantz@ywcaofcarlisle.org).

...**NETWORK** and **FORUM** for lesbians of Catholic heritage. A Web Site of the "Conference for Catholic Lesbians" (CCL) is now up and 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 and support...to learn how other women celebrate being Catholic and lesbian...to express what's on your mind and in your heart to others who have shared your experience and understand...please join us at [catholiclesbians.org](http://catholiclesbians.org). For other information from a member in the Harrisburg area, you can send email to "cathles RU12@aol.com" or leave a message in the CCL "Guestbook".

### Social Groups...

**THE LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF SOUTH-CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.** Activities include potlucks, bi-monthly newsletter, media liaison, and 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 Kate or Cindy at 848-9142.

The Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus rehearses Monday nights at 7:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shiremanstown. For more information, e-mail [info@cpwchorus.org](mailto:info@cpwchorus.org), see our web site at [www.cpwchorus.org](http://www.cpwchorus.org), or call Joanne and Linda at 761-6958.

**Rainbow Riders**-Gay and Lesbian Motorcycle Club forming for the South Central PA area. Scheduled rides and socializing. For more information call 717-229-2703.

.....**Womynspirit** -You are invited to a safe and sacred space where womyn may explore and express their own unique spirituality. Where we may find strength in ourselves and each other. We meet the 4th Friday of every month in Carlisle. For details email Jennifer Polhemus at [jlpolhemus@aol.com](mailto:jlpolhemus@aol.com), or Joanne Kinsey, 486-3259.

...**Triangle Interests**... A national nonprofit, Lesbian membership organization working to build the economic strength, and improve the quality of life, of the Lesbian community. TI is the sponsor of Triangle Interests Federal Credit Union (TIFCU), the first national credit union formed to benefit Lesbian Women. TI also offers financial seminars, business networking, social activities and health insurance. For info call: (215) 487-3736. VM#1; E-mail: [ti@triangleinterests.org](mailto:ti@triangleinterests.org) Website: [www.triangleinterests.org](http://www.triangleinterests.org)

...**Shippensburg Circle**. Women from the Shippensburg, Carlisle, & Chambersburg area get together monthly. Connect through our e-mail list or phone. To get info or put yourself on our list, call (717) 530-1743 or [lkuj125@innernet.net](mailto:lkuj125@innernet.net).

...**GLORA** (Gay & Lesbian Organization of Reading & Allentown) is a group that gathers at least 2x/month to do fun activities and make new friends. We sponsor a broad range of events. To contact GLORA write: P.O. Box 1952, Allentown, PA 18105, or E-mail: [GLORainPA@aol.com](mailto:GLORainPA@aol.com).

...**Book Discussion Group**. If you like to read,...join our book club. We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6pm. Call Caroline (717) 545-3164 for this month's book and meeting place.



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## FYI . . .

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Health Spotlight will be back next month. Stay tuned!

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In about 4-6 weeks you should see the level of junk mail drop & the number of phone calls drop as well.

The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard and Pride are sharing a new mailing address: GLSH or PFCP, PO Box 609027, Harrisburg, PA 17106-0927.

Our artist friend from Lancaster County, Rebekah Schiller, has added a new gallery of women images to her website at [www.polaroidarts.com](http://www.polaroidarts.com). She's got some great images there. Check it out!

HOWL (Hanging Out With Lesbians) has a website! It is: <http://howlofpa.homestead.com/index.html>. This website is still a work in progress. The home page is really great! Kudos to HOWL!

Looking for lesbians with kids under the age of 18 to form a Lesbian Parents Group in Central PA. If you have an interest in such a group, call (717) 766-0602 or email [lavlet4womyn@aol.com](mailto:lavlet4womyn@aol.com)

The Women's Circle has a website! Check it out and see what we are about! [www.womenscircle.org](http://www.womenscircle.org). We want to make a Women's Center a reality. We need you! Won't you please join us?

The Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Harrisburg (GLSH) has undergone a lot of changes over the past 8 months. It started with almost a 100% turn over in the governing board. These fresh faces have resolved to improve service to the community. GLSH's mission to provide information, education, assistance, counseling and referrals to organizations and the LGBT Community. This is done primarily through telephone referrals, a bi-monthly newsletter and, at some point in the future, a website. GLSH is looking for volunteers who can help staff phones for a few hours during the month; gather information and prepare newsletter articles; stuff envelopes, and help build and maintain a website. If you are interested in supporting GLSH with your time, or want to subscribe to the Switchboard's newsletter for \$10 per year, call 234-0328 to get more information. The "Switchboard" currently has access to email via [glsh@harrisburgpride.org](mailto:glsh@harrisburgpride.org).

The Unity Center for Spiritual Growth has a Alternative Lifestyles Support Group that meets every 2nd and 4th Friday evening of the month. We start at 7:00 pm at the Unity Center for Spiritual Growth on Charles Street in Mechanicsburg, PA which is behind the Trindle Bowling Alley. This is a spiritual as well as a social group. Interested folks can contact the church at 717-691-0300 or Sandy at [sansmagic@aol.com](mailto:sansmagic@aol.com).

## Introducing. . . .

The Center for Women's Creative Expression is a new nonprofit arts organization supporting and encouraging women's creativity as a means of empowerment, personal well-being and professional livelihood.

Located at 1507 N. Third Street in midtown Harrisburg, The Center offers exhibitions, workshops and seminars, artist residencies and other offerings representing the diversity of women's like experiences.

The Center will launch its full season with the exhibition "SHAMELESS!" during Harrisburg Gallery Walk, from 11 am to 6 pm on Sunday September 9. The group exhibit will feature installations, visual art and writings by women exploring the concept of shame in women's lives, its impact on self-image and the power of overcoming it. The exhibition continues through October 28. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm, Saturdays and 1 to 3 pm Sundays.

Also, as part of Gallery Walk, the center will debut its "Who Will End the Silence" mural created by female African-American youths to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region's African-American community.

The Center is presenting a six-week workshop "Embracing The Creative Spirit", exploring self-awareness and creative energy will be presented from 7 to 9pm. Mondays from September 24 through October 29. No art experience is necessary. For more details call the Center.

There is also a one day workshop on Saturday October 6. "Unleash Your Creative Energy" will be presented from 9:30 am to 1 pm. This workshop will explore the energy of an idea and how it is processed, examine blocks that prevent the flow of creativity and provide tools to bring ideas into physical form.

There will be a retreat "Labyrinth of Life: A Woman's Journey", using the beauty of outer nature to explore the beauty of one's own inner nature, October 26-27. For more information call the Center.

Artist-in-Residence Nataki McNeal will lead Women's Community Art Classes, offering basic instruction in painting techniques in a relaxed non-competitive environment, from 7 to 9pm, Thursdays beginning October 4.

For more information on the Center and its offerings, as well as membership, contact founder Sandy Cullen at 717-238-6244 or email [womencreate@aol.com](mailto:womencreate@aol.com).

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