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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

May, 2004

Activities....

SATURDAY, MAY 1

8 - 10 PM...Janie Womack will be performing at The Daily Grind, 5103 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. Please call (717) 763-7000 for directions and more information.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 CINCO DE MAYO

This Mexican holiday celebrates the Mexican victory over the occupying French troops at Puebla in 1862. Check out your local bar and the Mexican restaurants for specials!

SUNDAY, MAY 9 MOTHER'S DAY

This is Mom's special day! Show your Mom how much you appreciate her!

MAY 11 AND 12

K.D. LANG IN CONCERT IN BALTIMORE

k.d. is appearing at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall for 2 nights. For more information and ticket info, please check: www.baltimoresymphony.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

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, May 12.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

6:30 PM...Harrisburg Ladies Night Out meets for a fun evening out at a local restaurant. Singles and couples are welcome! For reservations please call Judy at (717) 232-8382, or e-mail: info@lavenderletter.com by Wednesday, May 19.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

4 PM...Bobbi Carmitchell in concert! (Finally) Bobbi will be performing music from her new CD "County Wide ~ Song Stories from Lancaster County" at the Mulberry Art Studio, 21 N. Mulberry St. in Lancaster. Joining Bobbi will be her world famous sister, Anne, bassist Pat George and other guest artists. An art exhibit featuring images of Lancaster County will also be featured for this special event! Sample some of the great food of the county! Sorry, the Wash. Boro tomatoes won't be ready yet...All this for an admission of \$10! Call for tickets: (717) 872-4512.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

8 - 10 PM...Janie Womack will be performing at St. Thomas Roasters, 5951 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg. Please call (717) 526-4171 for directions and more information.

SUNDAY, MAY 30

6 PM...Bobbi Carmitchell at ARTSFEST in Harrisburg! What a day for the women! First, go check out the Women's Drumsong Orchestra at Kunkel Plaza at 3 PM, then come on down to the Walking Bridge Stage at 6 PM. Pat George will be with me along with other surprise guests. It's always fun and unpredictable at ARTSFEST!

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND VIRGINIA WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Camp Out is hosting this festival at their campgrounds in Ferncliff, Virginia. They have a great line-up of entertainers this year! Tret Fure, Lucie Blue Tremblay, Zoe Lewis, Katherine Archer, and a number of others. For more info and directions please check their website: www.campoutva.com.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND THE PATRIOT-NEWS ARTSFEST

This is a terrific event at Riverfront Park in Harrisburg! For more information, please call the Greater Harrisburg Arts Council at: (717) 238-5180.

Upcoming Events....

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 "LESBIAFFAIR"

Location TBA (to be announced). The Women's Circle is sponsoring this event. Planning a union ceremony? Need a good caterer for your girlfriend's birthday bash? Want a good quality photo of you and your partner, but don't want to go to Olin Mills? Can't find a good hall for your anniversary party? Come to the Women's Circle Lesbiaffair! (LOVE that name!) Find out about local lesbian-friendly florists (that shouldn't be difficult), caterers, bakers, photographers, halls, restaurants, etc. We will also be having performances by musicians who are available for these events. Bobbi Carmitchell, Plan B, and Janie Womack, just to name a few. Refreshments will be available. Admission is FREE! Door prizes! Air-conditioned!

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...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.

...Vision Of Hope MCC, 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA. 17554. Services: Sundays at 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6 pm. Morning Children's Sunday School. Call (717) 285-9070. E-mail: REVDCOGGIN@aol.com

...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. Website: http://www.paonline.com/uchuua.

...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.

...Temple Beth Shalom, 913 Allendale Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA. (717) 697-2662. Website: www.tbshalom.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. For other information from a member in the Harrisburg area, you can e-mail: 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 Wertzville 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.

... 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 facilitors. 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, or call (717) 920-9534.

...PFLAG Central Pennsylvania meets monthly. For more information e-mail: 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.

...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 committment to building a powerful political movement. Please visit us at: www.ngltf.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, or e-mail: info@cpwchorus.org.

...The Lesbian Alliance of South-Central Pennsylvania. Activities include potlucks, bi-monthly newsletter, media liason, & 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 (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.

Upcoming Events....

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

1ST ANNUAL CLAWS & PAWS GOLF TOURNAMENT

This golf tourney will benefit the Humane Society of the Harrisburg Area. Mark your calendars! This tournament is to be played at Silver Spring Golf Club. For more info please contact Heather Kuzmich at (717) 766-0462, OR Donna Goss at dlgoss@comcast.net.

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...Coming to Open Stage of Harrisburg: Fifth Annual WomenSpeak Festival. June 3 - 26. Mark your calendars! Check it out online at: www.openstagehbg.com, or call (717) 214-ARTS.

...Interested in golfing with other lesbians? We will play courses in the York/Harrisburg/Lancaster area. All levels of golfers are encouraged to participate. There are two Harrisburg golfing events we can enter as teams! Come have some fun! If interested contact: uusmith13@hotmail.com.

...HEY GALS! Bobbi Carmitchell here. I have been asked to do a guitar workshop by some of you out there. I'm sending this out to see who would be interested in attending. It would be a day-long workshop here at the farm. Price would be around \$50. Lunch is included. We'd open up the night to any one who wants to come and hang out at the fire pit for a potluck dinner and sing. If anyone is interested, please let me know. I'm looking at Saturday, the 10th of July. It would be a small number, so everyone gets her share of instruction. Let me know by the end of May! Thanks, Bobbi, (717) 872-4512.

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Ubaka Hill....

She's back! The Center for Women's Creative Expressions invites you to Spend a Weekend with Ubaka Hill's 4th Annual Women's Drumming Workshops and Women's Drumsong Orchestra Performance, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend 2004.

Workshops will be held in the Highmark Room of the YWCA, 1101 Market St., Harrisburg, PA. (717) 234-7931

Friday Evening 6-9 PM

For new drummers and beginning drummers. This workshop is open to all drummers, but will focus on the techniques of hand positions, basic rhythms, tonal qualities and playing together.

Saturday Afternoon 1 - 5 PM

For intermediate drummers, including those who took the Friday night workshop. This workshop will not include beginning instruction. It will focus on improving techniques and learning complete drumsongs with a goal toward performing together at ARTSFEST on Sunday.

All levels are welcome both days, but women must attend the Saturday workshop in order to perform on Sunday. You do not need your own drum to participate. We will have drum rentals available.

Sunday Afternoon 3 PM

Ubaka Hill and the Drumsong Orchestra Performance at ARTSFEST!! If you have participated in the Saturday workshop, you are invited to join Ubaka ON STAGE at this annual regional arts festival! An opportunity to show Central Pennsylvania the power of women drumming!

Costs:

Friday night - \$40 (\$35 for CWCE members)

Saturday afternoon - \$50 (\$45 for CWCE members)

Whole weekend - \$75 (\$65 for CWCE members) Drum rentals - \$5

Some scholarships will be available for women in need.

Deadline for registration is May 15, 2004. For more information, call (717) 238-6244 and leave a message.

This weekend with Ubaka Hill is a program of the Center for Women's Creative Expression whose mission is to support, encourage and nurture creative expression in adult, teenage and pre-teen women as a means of empowerment, personal well-being and professional livelihood. The event is supported by the Jump Street/PPA Partners in the Arts program.

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"What's in this box anyway?"

We say that a lot around our house. Maybe you don't, but you are looking forward to warm weather and some spring cleaning?! Perhaps you are going to re-decorate because you are tired of the same stuff? Or, the gift you got from Aunt Griselda for Christmas isn't exactly your taste? We have a place for your "stuff". Spring is here and so is the time for our Silent Auction at MCC of the Spirit in Harrisburg.

Anything that you have that is new or gently used can become someone else's treasure. We are also asking for Gift Certificates from area businesses - including if you have a talent or your own business and would like to volunteer your services. Do you clean houses? Program computers? Cut or braid hair? Detail cars? Baby-sit? You can donate a gift certificate that states what service you are donating for the auction.

We are planning two different kinds of auctions to be held separately that evening. Large items will be auctioned by posting bids and keeping a watchful eye to see if you have been outbid. As you can guess this can get very competitive! The second auction will involve smaller items. These will be auctioned by purchasing raffle tickets to place in the containers of the item (s) of your choice and a random drawing will be held for each item. The more tickets you put in, the better your chances!

Admission is free and small item raffle tickets will be sold at the door. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted. We are planning entertainment and refreshments for this event. Anyone who would like to perform or help in any way, please contact Rosemary Mirocco at (717) 558-0903 or email: r.mirocco@att.net.

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