

The HERLAND VOICE

October, 1997

DON'T MISS OUT...

The Herland Fall Retreat is scheduled for October 17-20, at Group Camp 3 in Lake Murray State Park.

Wahru, known to many Herlanders as Barbara Cleveland, will be offering her drum workshop that has become a fixture at the National Women's Music Festival. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to be a part of a group that will perform later in the retreat.

The Songwriter's Festival, a first for the Herland Retreat, will present some of the finest women songwriters in the region. There'll be some new voices: Deb Mills, a young woman from Oklahoma City who has recently been playing in a group with Peggy Johnson and Amy Belzer from Abilene, Kansas. Favorites who have performed at other retreats include: Wende Allyn (see the review of her new CD on page 2), Wanda, Peggy Johnson, Donna D., and Cutchla Fuller.

Saturday evening, Circle of Friends, will entertain us in their own special way. Kristall Bright, Cathy Cahill, Donna DeSalvo and Tammy King join forces for a energetic musical experience. After the concert, there'll be an open jam session and, as always, the campfire will provide the opportunity for everyone to make music.

Several workshops/discussion groups are planned for the weekend. Poetry writing, paganism, American Sign Language and massage therapy, are all subjects for exploration.

Saturday's potluck gives everyone the chance to show off their culinary talents. (Fortunately many of us have talents that go way beyond visiting the Colonel for take out.) Bring your favorite dish to share. The camp has a full kitchen that will be available for preparation.

There are lots of opportunities for unplanned recreational activities during the weekend. With somewhere around 100 women in attendance, there's sure to be something interesting going on all the time.

In addition, Lake Murray offers swimming, skiing, scuba diving, golf, tennis, sailing, marina, hiking and motorcycle trails, horseback riding, remote control flying, fun boats, miniature golf, fishing, field trial grounds, and an airstrip. Tucker Tower Nature Center is a museum of natural history managed by the Lake Murray State Park.

Retreat preregistration includes a cabin bunk for Friday and Saturday night, a late supper on Friday, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. There is limited space for tents and recreational vehicles in the campground. Preregistration fees are on a sliding scale based on income. To preregister send the registration form on page 3 with payment to Herland by October 14. On-site registration is on a space available basis. □

HATE CRIMES TOWN MEETING AND SPEAKOUT; COMING OUT TO STOP THE VIOLENCE

Kerry Lobel, Executive Director National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, will be the featured speaker at a town meeting on hate crimes sponsored by Herland Sister Resources, Cimarron Alliance, the Oklahoma Gay and Lesbian Task Force, OUTreach, and the Peace House.

The town meeting is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. October 20 at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1901 N. Douglas Ave, in Oklahoma City. Panelists will discuss the state of anti-gay hate crimes across the nation and in Oklahoma. There will also be an opportunity for people to record their own experiences with anti-gay violence. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will deliver these stories to President Clinton.

In November, President Clinton is hosting a national summit on hate crimes, including anti-gay violence. In conjunction with this event, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force is working with LGBT communities around the country to hold their own discussions on anti-gay violence. Other regional events include a town meeting in Tulsa on October 21 and a town meeting in Wichita, KS on October 15. □

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma will celebrate 60 years of family planning services on Thursday, October 16. The Maternal Health Center of Oklahoma City opened on June 11, 1937. Today Planned Parenthood provides a range of reproductive health services.

Ed Asner will be the keynote speaker for the 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner at Quail Creek Golf and Country Club. For event tickets call Planned Parenthood at 528-0221. □



Borders Books in Norman, with Herland as a cosponsor, will observe Lesbian and Gay History month with a discussion panel and showing of 2 documentary films, *Forbidden Love* and *The Celluloid Closet*. The discussion panel will begin at 7:00 P.M. on October 23 with the film showing following at 8 P.M. □

IN REVIEW

by Jill Gamer

I was hoping to be able to say Carrie Newcomer will be performing here in October. However, it's not going to happen. The good news is that Cheryl Wheeler will be playing Oklahoma City October 19th! I have traveled to Dallas and Kansas to hear Cheryl, and heard her in Colorado Springs when I was visiting friends. She was wonderful each time. Part of the joy of her performances is her sense of humor. She's very funny and that's part of the fun of seeing her. But then there's her voice and her talented songwriting. She's got some beautiful, and some funny, songs and a voice that's so smooth and strong, and her voice alone would have made me a fan. Fortunately she has a lot more to offer than just that. Her show will be at the City Arts Center. Call 843-5789 for more information.

Unfortunately, there is also another good show scheduled that same night (the 19th) at the Blue Door. The Burns Sisters will be opening up for Jimmy LaFave. They have very beautiful harmonies, write most of their own songs, and when they don't, they do a great job at picking other's songs to cover, and can sing soft and beautiful or get down on songs like Steve Van Zandt's song "Patriot" on the *Close to Home* album.

Speaking of choices, I skipped seeing Claire Lynch in Tulsa to go see Christine Albert and Chris Gage at the Blue Door September 6, and I'm not sorry I did. That was one of the best shows I've seen there. Chris Gage can play the guitar beautifully and make it look so easy. Plus, he has a beautiful voice and their voices blending together just made me feel like I was in heaven. Christine Albert has a strong voice, and a wonderful songwriting talent, and I was mesmerized. Plus, she was gorgeous. Okay, okay, it's a bonus. I'm only human for god's sake! And, she sang a couple of songs in French. My god, I was done for. I'm sorry for all of you who missed such wonderful music. Greg Johnson, who runs the Blue Door, thinks they'll be back in 6 months or so, and I'm telling you now, they're great and you shouldn't miss them a second time!

Wende Allyn - *Catalina Days*

It's here! Wende Allyn's CD is out. I was browsing the music section at Borders the other day and saw Wende's CD there for sale. How cool is that?

I've been fortunate to hear Wende sing live several times, sometimes by herself and sometimes with others. The nice thing about a CD is you can add a lot of musicians that you can't always play live with, and that's one of my favorite things about hearing Wende's CD. She has some good musicians on this release and it really adds a lot to her music. Wende has a lot of talent at writing songs and has a very pretty, unique voice that she uses well.

Some of my old favorites are on the CD, as well as some new surprises I've never heard before. One of my favorites is "Ben and Beni." The song is lively and fun and the words, about an offbeat couple who get married, are great. "Well Beni wasn't queen of her high school class, With her best girlfriends she liked to sit in the back, And talk about a boy who wasn't cool, She liked the tattoo on his arm, 'Nobody's Fool'. He was a real hard worker, never wanted to lead, You won't find his picture in the most likely." Plus, all the background vocals are great! It sounds like a chorus. "Cripple Creek", a wild west story of a sheriff's corruption, and "Marilyn in the Moon" are two nice surprises too

that I haven't heard, or heard much. "Lonely Baby", a longtime favorite of mine that I never can stop singing around the house after hearing it, is on the CD, along with other Wende standards that she has shared during her live performances

I think my favorite songs of Wende's delve more deeply into the subject at hand, and the phrases aren't as simple. Many of her lyrics on songs like "Always Love You", "Catalina Days", "For You", have short, sharp lines, and while I like those songs for a few listens, I tire of them quickly. I'd like more challenge from the songs. But, nonetheless, I think she's very good at songwriting and it's my own personal choice to like songs that I have to figure out.

One of my biggest disappointments of the CD was on "Walk By the River," one of Wende's best songs. I liked the line when I've heard it sung live about a woman who is married and falls in love with a preacher's daughter. "She got down on her knees and asked for God to forgive the love inside her." The word daughter was changed to brother on the CD and for me it lessened the heart-wrenching quality of that part of the song, and I love heart-wrenching. However, the cello on the song was a great choice, played by Fred Harstadt, and I think it makes a beautiful song even prettier.

But hey, listen to it yourself! It's a good CD and I look forward to hearing more new songs from Wende. Check out her live shows too around Oklahoma City and Norman. Go hear this up-and-coming artist while you can! □

THEY'RE BACK

The Therapy Sisters, veterans of several Herland retreats will perform in Oklahoma City at Medinas Coffeehouse on Friday, November 7th and in Norman at Borders Books on November 8.

For the past decade The Therapy Sisters have set out to demonstrate that music and laughter are the best medicine. This zany and eclectic duo, Lisa Rogers and Maurine McLean, has entertained at clubs, theaters, and conferences from coast to coast, and is a favorite on the nationally-syndicated Dr. Demento show. □

For Rent: Attractive one bedroom upstairs duplex in Crown Heights, hwd floors, w/d, gar, deck, herb garden. Avail. Nov. 1st, \$350 mo +dep 521-8176.

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Coming Attractions: Nov. 8: Freefall performs at Herland Coffeehouse Dec. 5-7: Do your holiday shopping at the Herland Holiday Bazaar			1	2	3	4 Circle of Friends at the Cafe on Paseo (Call for time) 8:30 PM Wende Allyn at Cafe Ole
5 7:00 PM Freefall at Medina's Coffeehouse	6	7	Register now for the retreat!			11 8:30 PM Wende Allyn at Cafe Ole
12	13	14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Deadline for Retreat Pre-Registration </div>	15	16	17	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Herland Fall Retreat </div>
19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Herland Fall Retreat 6:00 PM Cheryl Wheeler at City Arts Center </div>	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 7:30 PM Hate Crimes Town Meeting, Epworth United Methodist Church </div>	21	22	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 7:00 PM Alternative Cinema at Borders Books in Norman </div>	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Newsletter Deadline </div>	25 8:30 PM Mary Reynolds at Cafe Ole
26	27	28	29	30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 6:30 PM Newsletter Mailing </div>	31	

If you have an event for the Herland calendar, send it ATTN: Calendar, HSR, 2312 N.W. 39, OKC, OK 73112

RETREAT PRE-REGISTRATION

Please choose the registration amount most appropriate for you. On-site registration will be \$65. Deadline for pre-registration is October 14 and registration is non-refundable after October 16.

Single Person's Annual Income	Pre-registration per person	Household Annual Income
under \$6,500	\$15	under \$13,300
\$6,500 - \$13,250	\$25	\$13,300 - \$18,000
\$13,250 - \$19,500	\$35	\$18,000 - \$26,000
\$19,500 - \$30,000	\$45	\$26,000 - \$50,000
over \$30,000	\$60	over \$50,000

Registration fee enclosed (payable to Herland): \$15 25 \$35 \$45 \$60

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I need a scholarship to attend.

I'm enclosing an additional \$ _____ to help provide scholarships.

I'm bringing _____ children (girls of all ages and boys under 10 are welcome)

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 ♪ Cuchla ♪ Amy ♪ Deb M ♪

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