

The HERLAND VOICE

May, 1998

HERLAND SPRING RETREAT

MAY 1 -- 3

RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK

All the times on this schedule are approximate and subject to some change (except, unfortunately, for the checkout time on Sunday). There'll also be lots of time for fun and games!

Friday May 1

5 PM On-Site Registration opens

Light Supper served all evening.

9 PM Opening Ceremony

Campfire and Drum Circle

Saturday May 2

8 AM -- 10 AM Breakfast is served

10 AM Ping Pong Tournament sign-up

11 AM Spirituality Workshop with Kathy McCallie, Church of the Open Arms.

NOON Scavenger Hunt begins

1 PM Guitar Workshop with Lisa Rogers of the Therapy Sisters

3 PM Open Mic.-- Always great fun!

6 PM PotLuck Supper

9 PM **THERAPY SISTERS**

Campfire following the concert



Sunday May 3

8 AM -- 9 AM Breakfast is served

10 AM Closing with Presentation of Ping Pong and Scavenger Hunt Trophies and Raffle

10:30 AM Everybody pitches in to clean up the camp

NOON Official park checkout time --clean-up is complete and everybody has to be out of the group camp .

See inside for pre-registration form and suggested registration amounts.

Registration includes all retreat activities, Friday supper, Saturday brunch and Sunday breakfast, and bunk space in a cabin.

Saturday-only registration includes Saturday meals and activities, and the Therapy Sisters concert. Concert-only tickets are \$10 at the door.

Retreat Pre-registration Deadline April 29



THERAPY SISTERS

"Call them the Jung and the Restless. They skillfully lampoon musical styles from Andrews Sisters style scat to lilting folk Madonna harmonies to faux-Seattle grunge." *Austin American Statesman*

"Sparkling wit, solid musicianship and stylistic breadth from rockabilly and swing to folk and showtune genres." *Victory Review, Seattle, Wa.*

"The Therapy Sisters exemplify the turn to sophisticated vocal harmonies, arrangements and music styles, drawing from a medicine chest of nearly three dozen originals, they are fine GP's of the trade." *The Austin Chronicle*

"Harmonies a la Manhattan Transfer and Andrews Sisters are the thing here; but so also are a rock edge, scat, ballads and tongue-in-cheek slice of life satire." *Austin Music and Entertainment*

ALSO IN MAY!

Cookout and Freefall Concert

**6:30 PM
Saturday, May 23
at Herland**

TRYING TIMES

*Trying times came to my door.
Go be, brave ones, let them in.
All the sorrows we have borne.
Will rise and ride on the morning wind.
I'll fill my pockets with grains of gold.
I won't mind the rain and cold.
-- "Trying Times" by Cindy Kallet*

I write as a transplanted Southerner. I have worked with schools and students for 20 years. The attack on the students at Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Arkansas struck me hard, as a resident of the Natural State and as a worker with students. These are my thoughts, these are my wonderings, these are my hopes. These words turn to you.

The roads leading to Paducah, Pearl, and Jonesboro take one through a landscape of America's South. Rivers and fields, churches and homes, these towns embrace the souls of farmers, business people, preachers, homemakers, and children. It is a land that was burned to the quick by the Civil War. It is home to an issue currently personified by the bloodied bodies of children crumpled in death.

Violence knows no home for it is in every home. It also knows no age. As an adult bank robber may murder a teller in the course of robbery, so a child guns down classmates in the unspeakable names of rage and terror. Violence is alive in "Everyland." It radiates in the media; in video games; it is a fact of life. We wonder; how can this happen? And in Oklahoma City, I know you have asked: how can a man blow 168 men, women and children to bits?

My wonder is this. Why is more attention paid to those who perish in violence within public places? Schools - a federal building: these are temples of democracy. History tells it so. Yet when a child is gunned down in a drive-by shooting, we read it in the news, and the event fades from view. Why? Why aren't we able to pay attention to the plight of children (and of adults) in all kinds of environments?

We aren't numb to the media around us, are we? Or has the media made a choice as to what we should attend to the most?

Paducah, Jonesboro, Pearl. All are Southern communities bound by heritage and a strong spiritual concept. On a recent Today Show, Katie Couric asked a commentator to speculate if these acts of violence were part of the "Southern Mentality." I have to tell you, I held my breath. And when the commentator responded that this was not a Southern thing, I signed with relief. For while the South maintains a strong commitment to the right to bear arms and to the tradition of the hunt, the violence it has been branded with by many has dimmed. Remember: Rodney King was beaten in Los Angeles: Colin Ferguson assaulted his prey in Long Island.

"Trying times came to my door." Violence strikes us in person and in our mind's eye. Yet a child often times cannot distinguish between the shooting on television with the gore of real-life death. Violence on television, senselessness on the streets. "Go be brave ones, let them in. Grieve for the loss, the senselessness and the hatred. "All the sorrows we have borne will rise and ride on the morning wind." How do we learn to keep an eye on the swell of sorrow and face the roar of the wind? Let us fill our pockets with grains of gold, let us find a way to keep our world abreast of the hurt in the big places. Can we brave the rain and cold?

Paducah, Pearl, Jonesboro....Oklahoma City.

Jan Rosenberg
Malvern, AR

Stephen L. Hardway

October 24, 1960 -- April 2, 1998

Stephen Hardway, one of the founders of ACT UP and Queer Nation in Oklahoma City, died of AIDS on April 2, 1998. Stephen was an activist on AIDS issues and many social justice issues. AIDS may have destroyed his body but it strengthened his courage, his compassion and his love. In a letter he left for friends and family, Stephen said, "When you see people with AIDS, people of color, women or the poor under attack, it's not enough to care; you must also act." Herland recognized Stephen's activism on behalf of women with an "Honorary Lesbian" award at our 10th anniversary celebration. Stephen was a friend and ally who will be greatly missed. His inspiration leads us to continue the fight against intolerance and hatred. ACT UP! Fight Back!

DUSTBOWL LULLABY

Studio work has begun on the Herland CD project. The working title for the CD is *Dustbowl Lullaby*. Some of the artists who will appear on the recording are Cutchla Fuller singing her popular "Backdoor to Heaven," Donna D. singing "Love You Always," Peggy Johnson singing the title song, "Dustbowl Lullaby," Wanda D. singing "Living in a Man's World," and Wende Allyn performing "Carry On". Some others who have agreed to perform are Darendra Boswell, Julia Robinson, Louise Goldberg, and Mary Reynolds.

With over \$2,500 already contributed to the CD fund, we have enough to begin production but not yet enough to cover all the costs of producing the recording. We still need \$1,500 to meet the \$4,000 goal for the project.

Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of *Dustbowl Lullaby*. Sign up as a CD underwriter now and reserve your copy!

CD Underwriters: Anonymous, Carla Splaingard, Debbie Teel, Donna DeSalvo, DTH, Ed Pettit, Gus Freidrich and Erena Rae, In honor of the Herland Board, In honor of Honey West, In Honor of Making Music, In honor of Mary Reynolds, In honor of Mary Reynolds/Ms Brown to You, In honor of Nancy Nesser, In honor of the members of Miss Brown to You, In honor of the Power of Music, In Memory of Stephen Hardway, In Memory of Vern Tanner, J.A. Graham, Jan Reed and Nickie Flambures, Janis Galloway, Jean Kelsey, Jim and Ruth Gordon, Judy Kaufman and Jan MacDonald, Karen Messana, Kathy McCallie, Margaret Cox, Margy Dillon, Medina's Coffeeshouse, Meg Moore, Nancy Jones, Partners, Pat Colognesi, Pat Reaves, Renee McBride, Sandra Hoyt, Stiefmiller Family, Tim Larason, Timi Richardson, Wendy Galbraith

Sign me up to be a CD underwriter!

Here's my contribution of \$50 or more.

Name _____

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My contribution is

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____ Please do not list my name in the Voice or on the liner notes. (5/98)

Send to: HSR ATTN: CD, 2312 NW 39, OKC, OK 73112

Herland Sister Resources

May, 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Herland Spring Retreat	
3	4	5 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Herland Writer's Group	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Herland Writer's Group	13	14	15	16 <i>Adrienne Cecile Rich, poet, feminist b. 1929</i>
17 4:30 PM HSR Board Mtg.	18	19 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Herland Writer's Group	20	21	22	23 6:30 PM Cookout and FreeFall concert
24	25 Memorial Day (Observed)	26 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Herland Writer's Group	27	28 6:00 PM Newsletter Folding Party	29	30
31	Friday May 29 Mary Reynolds, Emily Kaitz, Elyse Angelo & Louise Goldberg at Rockys's in Bricktown					

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HERLAND SPRING RETREAT

MAY 1- 3, Red Rock Canyon State Park.

Please choose the registration amount most appropriate for you. On-site registration will be \$65. Deadline for pre-registration is April 28 and registration is non-refundable after April 26.

Single Person's Annual Income	Suggested 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
 Saturday only Registration \$25

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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