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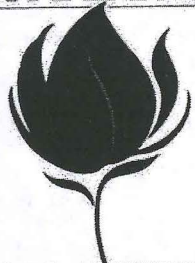
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## the times really are a changing!

Remember the first time you saw and read a *lesbian* book? Chances are it was in the 1970s or early 1980s and it was published by a small independent press like Naiad Press. It could have been *Rubyfruit Jungle* by Rita Mae Brown or *Curious Wine* by Katherine Forrest. Thirty years ago, you would have had to go to a lesbian or gay bookstore to find these books. Herland was one of those bookstores that sprang up because of a need that was not being filled by mainstream bookstores. We then evolved quickly into more than just a bookstore.

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But times are a changin' as the saying goes. There are gay & lesbian studies sections at many major bookstore chains and lesbian literature can be ordered online as well. Herland has had dwindling book sales for the last five years or more. So we would like your opinion. What do you think we should do in terms of carrying books for sale? Should we continue to do so or use that space for something else? And what about CDs and other merchandise? Herland has actually sold more

CDs than books over the last few years. We carry music by local artists that is still a bit more difficult to get elsewhere. We also stock a small amount of Pride merchandise and Herland t-shirts, mugs, recipe books, and a few other items.

We have always felt that Herland belongs to the community and we (the board) are just the caretakers. So we would like your input as to what we should do in terms of retail sales at Herland. We welcome any and all ideas and will read them at our next board meeting. Please send them to us via regular mail at Herland, 2312 NW 39th, OKC, OK 73112 or email us at [herland@herlandsisters.org](mailto:herland@herlandsisters.org).

## be a herland friend on myspace



We may be a twenty-four year old organization but we're not too old to join the digital revolution. Besides having our regular website at [www.herlandsisters.org](http://www.herlandsisters.org), Herland is now on myspace at [www.myspace.com/herlandsisters](http://www.myspace.com/herlandsisters). You can view our events calendar, links to artists, feminist, gay, and progressive organizations, and links to the *myspaces* for members of our community. Visit us and become our friend.



womyn's music festival  
august 7-12

Performances by Alix Olson, God-des and She, Dar Williams, Wishing Chair, Laura Love, Chris Williamson, Lesbians on Ecstasy, D'Lo, Catie Curtis, Lez Zeppelin, Ferron with Bitch, Disco Chix Lix, Vickie Shaw, Karen Williams, Drumsong Orchestra with Ubaka Hill, and too many more to even think about listing. See [www.michfest.com](http://www.michfest.com) for all the intriguing details.

## bobby lou eby

A longtime owner of one of the first lesbian bars in Oklahoma City has passed away. Bobby Lou Eby, proprietor for many years of Our Place, located at NW 12th and Penn, lived in Hilton at the time of her death on June 29, 2007. The following email was sent by a close friend of Bobby's: For those of you who remember her, Bobby owned the bar Our Place and various other investments. She was one of our elders that paved the way for us and the next generations. Bobby saved a lot of us by guiding with information of what to do and not to do in my early teens. It was Bobby's wish to die at home. She owned a liquor store in Hilton and was well known there as well as here. Her death was announced at many of the bars in OKC by friends.



# queer queens of qomedy in fort worth

The Queer Queens of Qomedy are coming! This all lesbian comedy revue is taking the country by storm. From Alexandria Virginia, Chicago, Santa Cruz, and now Fort Worth Texas, this comedy show is getting mad applause.

Poppy Champlin, a veteran comedian, currently on HBO's Documentary "All Aboard Rosie's Family Vacation", who the Chicago Sun Times called Blisteringly Funny during the closing ceremonies of the Gay Games, hosts and produces this all Queer Comedy show. On September 22nd, Poppy will bring two other queens from her queenly court to the Scott Theatre in Fort Worth, Texas; Vickie Shaw, and Sandra Valls.

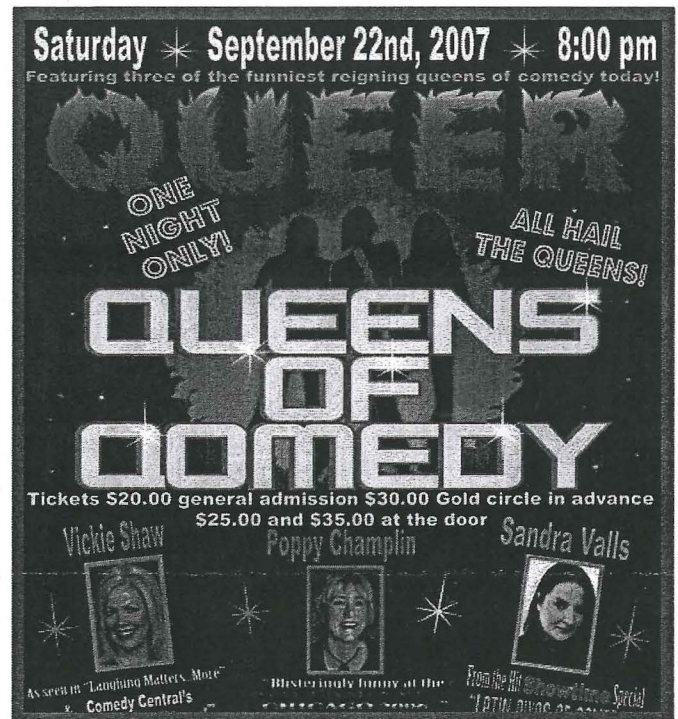
Vickie Shaw is originally from Texas and, in her twangy southern drawl, she lets you know what's what and what isn't. A favorite on Olivia cruises, seen on LOGO's "Wisecracks" and starring in the new hit comedy documentary "Laughing Matters... More!", Vickie is a perfect Queen for Texas.

The other queen, is Sandra Valls, who grew up in Laredo, Texas.

Sandra, can currently be seen on Showtime's new hit comedy; "Latin Divas of Comedy", she has appeared on BET's Comic View as well as Gallavision's Que Locos. With her explosive, honest, comic flair, she is quickly rising to the top of the comedy game. Whatever your sexuality, nationality, religious or political persuasion, the Queer Queens of Qomedy are sure to bring you to your feet with laughter. All hail the Queens!

Queer Queens of Qomedy will be at the W.E. Scott Theatre, 1300 Gendy Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76107 on September 22, 2007 at 8:00 pm. Advance Ticket prices are \$20 for General Admission and \$30 for Gold Circle Reserved Seating. Night of show ticket prices are \$5 higher. Tickets available now at

[www.queerqueensofqomedy.com/tickets.htm](http://www.queerqueensofqomedy.com/tickets.htm) Tickets may be purchased by phone by contacting Taylor at 408-202-5564. And, check out the Heartland Flyer from OKC to Fort Worth for only \$48 roundtrip for two people (promo code h711) for a unique and fun way to get there.



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## herland backyard picnic & games



The Annual Herland Pride Picnic was more or less rained out in June. So, to make up for the wash out, we are going to try it again. Herland will host a **Family Backyard Picnic on Saturday, August 11, at 7 pm.** (This will also take the place of the monthly Supper Club held at a restaurant). We will cook up lots of hotdogs and hamburgers and provide the drinks. You bring a side dish to share with others. We will be playing bocce ball, badminton, and ping pong. Bring any other outdoor games you might want to play. And, of course, if it is raining, we will move indoors again!

## special election

Oklahoma County Commissioner Jim Roth was recently appointed to the State Corporation Commission by Governor Brad Henry. A special election is being held to fill Roth's position for the remainder of the 4-year term. (Roth was the first openly gay person to be elected to office in Oklahoma.) In what is proving to be a very interesting election, numerous folks, including several veteran politicians, are vying to fill the spot. The list includes Debbie Blackburn, Willa Johnson, and Ann Simank for the Democrats and Forrest Claunch for the Republicans. Remember to vote in the primaries on Tuesday, August 14, and the general election on Tuesday, September 11.

## other activities?

Herland is planning for the coming months and would like to find out if you, the community, are interested in certain activities. Some of the ideas include a monthly or bi-monthly Drum Circle, a Once-a-Month Music Coffeehouse, a monthly Writer's Circle where you would bring works to read, a Gender & Sexuality Book Club. If any of these sound interesting to you, please drop us an email at [herland@herlandsisters.org](mailto:herland@herlandsisters.org) and let us know. Or suggest something totally different. We will plan based on the feedback we get.

## herland voice subscription renewal

If you enjoy reading the Voice and keeping up with what's happening in our community, please help us with a small annual donation. Just \$15 a year will go a long way toward covering our costs. Herland is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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☐ **I prefer the electronic version of the Voice.** Please send only the email version of the Voice to this Email Address: .....

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You may also submit a change of address to [herland@herlandsisters.org](mailto:herland@herlandsisters.org).

## august events

**PFLAG OKC** Tues Aug 7  
Church of the Open Arms 7 pm

**PFLAG Norman** Thurs Aug 9  
St Stephen's Church 7 pm

**OGLPC** Meeting Monday  
August 13 Neighborhood Alliance  
1236 NW 36th 7 pm

**PFLAG Tulsa Support Group** Mon August 13  
Fellowship Congr. Church 29th & Harvard in Tulsa 6:30 pm

**Primary Voting** for OK  
County Commissioner Special Election Tuesday August 14

**Herland Backyard Picnic & Games** Sat Aug 11  
7 pm to 10 pm

**Louise & Mary** Sat Aug 11  
Clear Bay

**Herland Board Meeting**  
Sunday Aug 19 4 pm everyone welcome

**Herland Voice Mailing**  
Saturday Aug 25 1 pm

**Peggy Johnson** Saturday  
Aug 25 Red Cup 8 pm

## upcoming

**General Election** for OK  
County Commissioner Tuesday  
September 11

**Queer Queens of Comedy** Saturday Sept 22  
Ft Worth Texas For more info,  
see article page 2.

**Herland Fall Retreat**  
Oct 26-28 Lake Eufaula



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Saturdays: Hatha Yoga Class with Donna Shafer 10 am

Aug 12th Rev Mizutani - Guest Lecture from L.A. 7pm

Aug 17th Lotus Sutra Study with Kris Ladusau 7 pm

"Your work is to discover your world;  
and then with all your heart give yourself to it."  
-- Buddha

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