

# HerlandVoice

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## warm up the night with our poetry coffeehouse

**H**erland kicks off the fall season with a series of coffeehouses to help you through those cold winter months. The first of our Winter Coffeehouse series will be on Saturday, November 17, at 7:30 pm and will feature the poetry of a four-woman intergenerational group collectively known as Calyx. And, we will have a *barista* on hand that evening to make cappuccinos and espressos (for a small donation). This event is free, but all donations are greatly appreciated. Here is a little about our each of our featured poets for the evening.

**Dorothy Alexander** is a retired attorney trying to reinvent herself as a poet/writer/editor/publisher. She writes and publishes in western Oklahoma where she was born and reared by country people. She celebrates the heritage, virtues, humor and foibles of a rural upbringing in her poetry and stories. She is co-owner and co-editor of Village Books Press, a two-woman publishing house established, along with her partner, Devey Napier, in 2002 at Cheyenne, Oklahoma, where they also host writers' and artists' retreats, run a bookshop and a complex of small art galleries. Dorothy edits and publishes the *Broomweed Journal*, a literary magazine. She has authored two poetry chapbooks, *The Dust Bowl Revisited*, and *Rough Drafts*, and a poetry collection, *Borrowed Dust*, edited two collections of local stories for an official Centennial Project. Another poetry collection is in progress, with the working title: *Lessons from an Oklahoma Girlhood*, due out in 2008.

**Abigail Keegan** is a Professor of English at Oklahoma City University where she teaches British and Women's Literature. She is the author of two books of poetry, *The Feast of the Assumptions* and *Oklahoma Journey*, and recently her chapbook of poetry received a Merit Award in *Byline's* 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary poetry contest. She is the former editor of *Piecework: A Poetry Magazine for Women*. For those interested in pop culture, gay studies and queer theory, her book, *Byron's Othered Self and Voice: Contextualizing the Homographic Signature*, presents Bryon as a Romantic poet, privately anguished and yet a publicly adored superstar of his day. His creation of poetry is enmeshed

with a period of English history where the Vere Street executions of homosexual men are horrific occasions of social oppression with consequences surpassing the Salem Witch Trials.

**Jane Vincent Taylor** lives and writes in Oklahoma City, OK. She holds an M.A. in Creative Writing from University of Central Oklahoma, a Master of Library & Information Science and a B.A. in Women's Studies from University of Oklahoma.

Her poems and essays have appeared in numerous literary journals. A companion book of poems, *By the*

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**The HERLAND  
WINTER  
Coffeehouse  
SERIES**

featuring poetry by:  
**Dorothy Alexander, Abigail Keegan,  
Jane Taylor, and Moose Tyler**

**7:30 pm Saturday  
November 17, 2007**



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*Grace of Ghosts*, written with the poet Judith Tate O'Brien, was a finalist for the Oklahoma Book Award 2004. She has taught creative writing for several years at Ghost Ranch Conference Center in New Mexico during Creative Arts Week, as well as the Fall Writing Festival. She was a fellow at Virginia Center for Creative Arts in 2006 where she finished a collection of poems, *Benediction in the Dark*. The full benediction will come when it finds a publisher. Amen.

Moose Tyler states: I have been a magic rock dealer, the president of a lawn mowing service, an umpire, a photographer, and a peddler of expensive vacuums. My responsibilities have included feeding anorexics, wiping the elderly, issuing cigarettes, and keeping an eye on people who see ants crawling all over their shoes. In record time, I've dropped checks, delivered oysters, filled coffee, boxed leftovers, shaken martinis and crafted daiquiris. I can bean count and number crunch,

counsel and educate, smooth talk and copy sling. Currently, I'm a mother, a daughter, a sister, a lover, a warrior, a poet, a jester, a dreamer, and the leader of my own lip sync band.

### craft day

Invite a friend and join us for the day on **Saturday, November 17, from 2 to 5 pm** for Craft Day at Herland. We will be making handmade cards, ornaments, and decorative items for the holidays. Jeanne Flanigan will be instructing and no particular skill level or previous experience is required. A small contribution to cover materials is requested if you are able.

### potluck night

If you are planning to come to our first Winter Coffee-house or our Craft Day, you might want to come to our Salad Potluck Dinner, also. **Saturday, November 17, at 5:30 pm** you are invited to bring any type of salad—it could be green, lettuce, bean, potato, macaroni, jello, or any other kind you like—and share a meal with us. We have all the plates, drinks, and utensils, and a microwave to heat food.

### work day

Join us on **Saturday, November 10, at noon** for Work Day at Herland. We are going to be doing outside and inside work so you can take your pick depending on the weather. Even if you just have an hour or two, come by and lend a hand. You'll be glad you did.


### supper club

Join us on **Saturday, November 10 at 5:30 pm** for the Herland Supper Club at **1492 New World Latin Cuisine**. It is located at 1207 N. Walker in OKC's up and coming Midtown area (directly across from the highly-acclaimed Café do Brasil). With a large bar area, swank chandeliers, and a soon to open patio; it offers an upscale dining experience to the city. Try it with us and see for yourself!

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sun	mon	tue	wed	thur	fri	sat
				<b>Miss Brown to You at Galileos</b> 1	2	<b>IRIS at Chelsea's</b> Eureka Springs Diversity Weekend 6 pm 3
4	5	<b>PFLAG OKC</b> Church of the Open Arms 7 pm 6	7	<b>PFLAG Norman</b> St Stephen's Church 7 pm 8	9	10 <b>Peace Fest</b> 10 am—4 pm Civic Center  <b>Herland Work Day</b> noon  <b>Herland Supper Club</b> 1492 New World Latin Cuisine 5:30 pm
11 <b>GTA Road Theater</b> presents <i>Start Up</i> at Church of the Open Arms 7:00 pm, tickets \$8/\$10	12 <b>OGLPC</b> Monthly Meeting at Neighborhood Alliance 7:30 pm	13	14	15	<b>IRIS at Partners</b>  <b>Movie "For the Bible Tells Me So"</b> at Church of the Open Arms 7pm  16	17 <b>Herland Craft Day</b> 2—5 pm <b>Herland Salad Potluck</b> 5:30 pm <b>Herland Winter Coffeehouse</b> 7:30 pm <b>Louise &amp; Mary at Full Circle</b>
<b>Herland Board Meeting</b> 4 pm (eat at Gushers afterward) 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	<b>Herland Voice Mailing</b> 6 pm 28	29	<b>IRIS at Route 66</b>  <b>Sisters of Swing</b> at UCO 30	



## sage connect

SAGE is launching an exciting new website for service providers and advocates for LGBT seniors! SageConnect is a free program that will:

- disseminate technical assistance, information and practical tools to support service and advocacy programs for LGBT seniors nationwide give service providers and advocates a way to continually communicate with colleagues across the country
- encourage collaboration and exchange among LGBT aging groups and advocates

SageConnect is designed for service providers and advocates rather than the general public. All SageConnect participants can post resources to the site and participate in site discussions. Registration for SageConnect will happen through a simple on-line application process. Every organization and individual committed to the best possible quality of life for LGBT seniors is encouraged to participate!

You can pre-register for your SageConnect membership now by clicking the link below:

<http://www.sageconnect.net/join/>

Once SageConnect launches, we encourage you to review and take advantage of the resources on the site (provided by SAGE and other leading advocates and practitioners on LGBT aging issues), share your feedback, and post your own resources and information!

## SCHIP update

President Bush's veto of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) prompted a group of Oklahomans to hold a rally in support of the program and to call upon Oklahoma members of Congress to override the veto. 127,000 Oklahoma children have no health insurance.

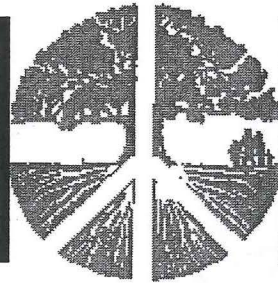
Oklahoma Congressman Dan Boren and son of OU President David Boren announced he had changed his mind and will vote to override the veto. "I believe after a search of my conscience that this is the right thing to do for Oklahoma and the country," Boren stated. Boren is the sole Democrat in the Oklahoma delegation.

In a recent editorial, the Tulsa World stated, "The State Children's Health Insurance Program is a federal program that works. It has increased the number of American children who receive primary health care and vaccinations before they get seriously ill. It keeps them out of emergency rooms for problems that shouldn't become emergencies. Finally, it helps keep them in school, with a better shot at academic success."

# Peace Festival

Saturday

Nov. 10,  
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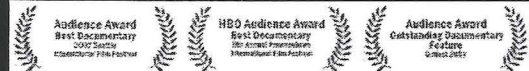
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to  
4 pm

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Downtown OKC**

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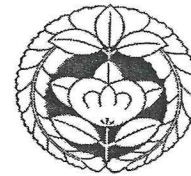


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