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# Herland Voice

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## Finally...The Herland Fall Retreat

Lake Eufaula State Park

October 23 - 25, 2009

It's almost time for another great retreat weekend! For this retreat, we'll meet at Lake Eufaula State Park (formerly Fountainhead) on October 23 - 25, 2009. As usual, the weekend promises to be full of relaxation, great conversation, good friends, good music, good food, and lots of fun.

On Saturday, Barbara "Wahru" Cleveland will lead a Drumming Workshop, with Drumming Circles popping up throughout the weekend.



Even if you don't consider yourself a drummer, check it out. Many women have been converted with their very first thump on the drum! Bring a drum if you have one (if not - no worries - we'll have some to share) and join in the fun!

Also on Saturday, Elizabeth will lead a **Hemp Jewelry Making Workshop** where we'll be making groovy bracelets, necklaces, and ankle bracelets. Bring a pillow to use as a work table if you can. She'll provide all the other supplies, but if you have beads you'd really like to use, bring them along. We'll also have the traditional Pumpkin Carving Contest so bring a pumpkin and tools if you have them (we'll have some tools to share) and see if you can earn the title of Herland Pumpkin Carving Queen!

The Saturday Night Concert will feature **Nancy Scott**, an

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## THE JOKE-OFF!



### Raising the Roof

(a fundraiser to replace the garage roof at Herland)

**Saturday, October 17**

**5:00 pm—cocktails & appies**

**5:30—dinner from the menu**

**6:30—Jokes, stories, lies**

**8:00—awards**

**The Boom (non-smoking)**

**2218 NW 39th**

**\$7/person**

*This event is a takeoff from the many tale-telling events around the country, such as the Slam Poets, Story Slams, and Liars' Contests. Some of these events are high-brow, some are low-brow, but ours hasn't got any brows at all... that is to say, you may tell it all!*

Register from 5-6 to tell a joke, story or lie (or one of each). 2 minute time limit per joke or pay for extra time. Great Prizes for the best in each category.



## RETREAT (cont. from page 1)

incredibly entertaining singer/songwriter from the Austin area. Nancy has the ability to make you laugh, and make you cry (in a good way, of course ;-). Her songs and stories come straight from the heart. Even if you can't come for the entire weekend, try to come for the concert. She is one in a million!



activities, and the Saturday night concert. If you have any special needs, please be sure to include them on your registration form, or call one of the numbers listed below, and we'll make every attempt to accommodate

you.

Your registration fee includes lodging in a cabin (or you can tent camp if you'd like), a light dinner on Friday, scrumptious breakfast/brunch on Saturday and Sunday mornings, Saturday evening Potluck Dinner (bring or plan on making a dish to wow your fellow campers), all workshops and group camp

A few reminders: Start thinking about what you want to bring for the Potluck, polish up your talent to share at the Open Mic, **gather an item or two to donate to the Silent Auction and/or Raffle**, bring a pumpkin to carve if you'd like, and plan to have a great weekend! This is your last chance to pre-

register, so if you haven't already, *please* send in your registration. It is very helpful for planning and buying the food, AND you get a free raffle ticket just for pre-registering! When we receive your registration form, we will mail you a packet which has the retreat schedule, a list of items you may want to bring, additional details about the weekend, and a map to Lake Eufaula State Park. If you have any questions, you may leave a message for the Herland Camp Director - (405) 550-2312 or Herland - (405) 521-9696 and someone will call you back.

***The Herland Retreat is whatever we make it. Let's make it great!***

## HERLAND FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION

Eufaula State Park, Checotah, OK October 23-25, 2009

Deadline for pre-registration is October 17. Please return registration form and check to: Herland Sister Resources, 2312 NW 39th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. A retreat packet with all information will be mailed to you. Call Sannie at (405) 550-2312 or email SAHatwork@aol.com for more info.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration Fee \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

( ) I need a work scholarship to attend.

( ) I'm enclosing an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help provide scholarships.

( ) I'm bringing \_\_\_\_\_ children (girls of all ages and boys under age 10 are welcome).

( ) I'm bringing \_\_\_\_\_ dogs that will be kept on leashes at all times and I and will sign a waiver stating I am completely responsible for any injury or damage caused by my dog(s).

( ) I have a disability and need the following if possible:

### Sliding Scale Registration Fee

Annual Income	Registration PER PERSON
under \$13,300	\$30
\$13,300-\$30,000	\$45
over \$30,000	\$60

Saturday only (incl. Concert)	\$25
Concert only	\$10




## McAffrey on Health Reform

In August, State Rep. Al McAffrey made an addition to his website: The Health Reform Information Center, which will off the most up-to-date information about health reform, and provides links to various organizations that are fighting the myths and misrepresentations about this legislation.

In a recent online newsletter he quotes some shocking statistics for Oklahoma: In 2006 Oklahoma families paid an average \$10,592 a year in insurance premiums. Three years later this has risen to \$12,239. By 2019 the cost is projected to be \$20,884. The cost of doing nothing is unacceptable, and Oklahomans cannot afford to do nothing. McAffrey hopes this educational opportunity will help to dispel the many myths about health care reform. Go to [www.almcaffrey.com](http://www.almcaffrey.com)

**Raising awareness and funds for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS**



**www.aidswalkokc.org**

**MYRIAD BOTANICAL GARDENS**

5k Run Registration @ 7:00 a.m. – Run Begins @ 8:30 a.m.  
Walk Registration @ 12:30 p.m. – Walk Begins @ 2:00 p.m.

## Herland Events

### October

Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 Herland Supper Club at Max Pollo Restaurant, 2604 S. Harvey in Capitol Hill. "Max Pollo", or broasted chicken, is their specialty. They use this chicken in their tacos, enchiladas, tostadas, and whatever else has chicken in it. They have fantastic tilapia dishes, shrimp cocktails chock full of bits of octopus, shrimp ceviche ("cooked" in lime juice), fish tacos that are out of this world, and loads of other seafood dishes. Supper will be followed by games, conversation, and refreshments at Herland at 7:30.

Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 9 pm: The Joke Off: Raising the Roof at The Boom Club, 2218 NW 39<sup>th</sup>, a Non-Smoking venue. See article page 1.

Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm: Herland Board Meeting, all are welcome. Dinner at Gushers in the Habana Inn afterwards.

Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup>: 6:30 to 8:30 Poetry Group Led by Carol Koss. Bring a poem to read, and a pad and pen for this informal workshop.

Friday to Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>: Herland Fall Retreat Eufaula State Park. See article in this issue!

### November

Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 to 4: Peace Fest at the Hall of Mirrors in the Civic Center. Herland will have a booth with books for sale! Shop for international and free trade gifts, with live music all day. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth.

Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> 4 pm: Herland Board meeting, all are welcome. Dinner at Gushers afterwards.



## Lambda Legal Continues to Fight for LGBT Rights

Lambda Legal is launching a national campaign about life and financial planning to educate LGBT people about their rights and how to protect themselves and their loved ones by creating legal documents about custody, property, healthcare and other matters.

Lambda Legal is currently representing Janice Langbehn against a Florida hospital that denied her and her children visitation rights after her partner Lisa Pond was admitted for a fatal brain aneurysm. Janice was kept from Lisa's side for more than 8 hours even though she produced documents showing she had power of attorney.

To read more about this case and many others, go to [www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org)



Remember our friends and their families living with HIV and AIDS this holiday season!

Other Options: Healthcare Clinic and Food and House Goods Pantry  
open Mondays 4-6 and Saturdays 10-12 For people living with AIDS.

(There are many women and children who will benefit from your generosity! )

Call 605-8020 to donate clothing, blankets, food, and money, or to volunteer your services.

CIMARRON ALLIANCE  
FOUNDATION



Friday, Oct. 9  
2009 Inaugural  
GLBT History  
Month Gala at the  
Oklahoma History  
Center

Come join us as we honor outstanding Oklahomans during the gala. For tickets or more information, visit [www.cimarronalliance.org](http://www.cimarronalliance.org)

## Metro Star Online

The "Metro Star Newspaper", Oklahoma's only GLBT newspaper, has just launched the "Metro Star Newsletter", an online version of GLBT news. Stories are from around the world, and from Tulsa and OKC. The newspaper is a monthly publication, and the editor, Chaz Ward, wants to make news items accessible that do not make the deadline for print, or are too long to publish. Both news sources are free. Go to [www.MetroStarNews.com](http://www.MetroStarNews.com)



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## OCTOBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Friday-Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>—WorldFest.** International gifts and entertainment, sponsored by World Neighbors, at the Coca Cola Bricktown Events Center, 425 E. California. \$5 to enter. call 418-0407

**Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm—The 2009 Gay History Month Inaugural Gala.** Sponsored by Cimarron Alliance Foundation, to honor LGBT community leaders, now and in the past. Individual tickets \$150. Go to [www.cimarronalliance.org](http://www.cimarronalliance.org)

**Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for proposals for Women, Action & the Media (WAM) Conference 2010.** Submit a proposal for a workshop, panel discussion, strategy meeting or other conference session. Participants include artists, bloggers, cartoonists, teachers, community organizers, media watchdogs, etc. The conference will take place March 11-14, 2010 in Chicago email: [Jaclyn@centerfornewwords.org](mailto:Jaclyn@centerfornewwords.org)

**October 9th - 31st, the Oklahoma premiere of Rent.** The musical that changed Broadway forever, at Guthrie's Pollard Theatre. Call 282-2800 for reservations.

**Sunday, October 11th—Mary & Louise.** The Santa Fe Depot in Norman as part of the Performing Arts Studio Jazz Concert Series. Downbeat is 7:30, price is 10 bucks.

**Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> 7 pm—The Presidential Dream Course “Women and World Politics.”** OU Women's and Gender Studies Dept. free public lecture series. Mona Eltahawy, award winning syndicated columnist, blogger, and international public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues, will speak on “Generation Facebook: How Young People and Women are Changing Religion and Politics in the Middle East”. Kerr Auditorium of the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, South of the University of Oklahoma campus, on Chautauqua Ave. Call 325-3481 or go to [www.ws.ou.edu](http://www.ws.ou.edu).

**Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 pm—Presidential Dream Course film screening of “Pray the Devil Back to Hell.”** A film about the women's peace movement in Liberia, introduced by the filmmaker, Gini Reticker, an Emmy-winning and Academy Award nominated filmmaker. In Gaylord Hall on the OU campus, room 1140.

**Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> 3 to 7 pm—Magic Lantern Celebration on the Paseo.** Presented by StarDanceSwan children's dance company. Artists make costumes of paper for children from 3-5, and have a Halloween parade down the Paseo, with live music, dancers and colored light effects. Free to all.

**Friday and Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>—Sandalwood and Sage first anniversary celebration.** Live music, food and drink, artists, drumming, and psychics. An indoor and outdoor event. Free to all.

**October 31st—Peggy Johnson at the Red Cup**

## November

**Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm: Presidential Dream Course presents Charlotte Bunch, Professor of Urban Studies.** Director of the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Douglas College, Rutgers University. She will speak on “Women's Global Activism, Women's Rights as Human Rights”.  
Beaird Lounge, Okla. Memorial Union, on the OU campus Call 325-3481

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