

WASHINGTON AREA & WOMEN'S CENTER NEWS

mid-september / october

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
WAFT 14	15	16	17	WAFT Mary Trevor Club Madame	WAFT 18	WAFT 19
WAFT 21	22	23	24	WAFT Willie Tyson Club Madame	WAFT 25 Earth Onion Women's Theater: "Thunder and Sweet Wine" 7750 16th St. NW 8:30 \$2.50	WAFT 26 NBFO/HYSTERIA dance-Mary Grayden Center A.U. 10:00 \$3.
WAFT 28	29	30 General Assembly 5:30, Women's Center.	oct. 1	WAFT Bev Grant from N.Y.C. Club Madame	WAFT 2 Bev Grant in concert. All Souls Church, 8pm \$2.	WAFT 3 THE FIRST FEMINIST WITCHY REVIVAL!! Z Budapest 1-???.pm. Call for location.
WAFT 5 "Women: Being and Becoming" Jewish Comm. Center, Rockville.	6	7	8	WAFT Wendy Stevens Club Madame 10:00 reading from her book "I Am Not a Careful Poet"	WAFT 9 "Gays-in-Government" conference	WAFT 10
WAFT 12	13	14	15	WAFT Kathy Winter from Boston Club Madame	16	17
19	20	21	22	WAFT Robin Halprin Club Madame	23	24
26 Holly Near in concert St. Marks Church 8 pm \$3.50 at door.	27	28 STRIKE!! STRIKE!! STRIKE!! STRIKE!! STRIKE!! STRIKE!!	29	30	31 Meg Christian in concert 8pm Hysteria and dance 10:30pm All Souls Church \$3/\$5.	



RECOUPLING & TRYING AGAIN

On Tues. Sept. 2, the Executive Board met to discuss the events of the summer and the future of the Center. Due to difficulties in staffing the Center in all its functions--telephone referrals, newsletter publication, and program development, the Board feels that the present structure of the Center is virtually nonfunctional. It was created several years ago when the Movement was young and collectivity was in its optimistic heyday. Many

women found in the Center their first introduction to the Women's Movement and were concerned and involved with the Center's activities and project groups. The Women's Center was the birthplace of a number of programs that now exist and thrive on their own.

Time has passed and as the Movement has grown, women have founded their own projects based on a high level of individual interest and community need and/or appeal. This kind of growth

and variety of programs and projects is what makes D.C. an exciting place to live and a national center of feminist culture and politics.

The Women's Center is still operating under the original structure which implicitly requires the participation and input of a large number of women to function effectively and efficiently. For many reasons the present level of interest in the Center and its programs is not enough to

maintain the functioning processes that are dictated by the structure of the Center. It is for this reason as well as financial problems that the Board is proposing a redirecting of energy and restructuring of programs.

A women's center can have two purposes: outreach and community service. Both can be served at the same location as long as the intent is clear for each and energy high enough to sustain the required programs. With D.C.'s resources of time and money, the Center in an attempt to do both together, has done neither well. It has offered a referral service to women who will probably never have any other need for the Center and has published this newsletter which is, hopefully, of value to women who are already interested in or involved with feminist activities. The Center has also sponsored a number of concerts and special programs. The Board is therefore considering giving up the building on 18th Street which is an enormous drain of money and energy, in favor of developing those three activities in which the Center has experienced positive feedback and interest. The Women's Center could function cheaply and efficiently from one room, clearly dividing the three activities and responsibilities. It has been proposed that the telephone number become that of a women's switchboard (which it was originally) supported by an answering service available on a contract basis to women's groups, individuals and businesses. The newsletter will be expanded to include coverage of women's events in Washington and offer space for advertising and personals in addition to a more extensive calendar. The Center would continue to sponsor programs and concerts and other groups or individuals interested in holding special events could use the Center as a sponsor with its mailing lists, publicity and non-profit status. Memberships will be maintained and continue to offer the same benefits including member's discounts at Center-sponsored events and cooperating feminist businesses, the newsletter subscription, and WAFFCU membership.

The is an open meeting for all Women's Center members on Tuesday Sept. 30 at 5:30 pm to discuss these proposals and to make decisions about the future of the Center. We need your input--what are realistic goals for the Center and what needs could it be meeting. If you cannot make the meeting but want to share your ideas and opinions with the Board members, call: Andrea Hull...224-2546
Adrienne Ingrum...387-5866
Barb Amidon...544-0511
Henri Norris...667-7262
Kathy Crosby...387-3180
Linda McGonigal...544-6360
Nancy Owens-Cierly...234-6219
Peggy Schwartz...462-1097
Sue Brennan....547-1973

and announcements

THE FIRST FEMINIST WITCHY REVIVAL!!! Z Budapest, High Priestess of the Susan B. Anthony Coven #1 of Venice, Cal. will present a day-long program Sat. Oct. 4, probably at the Calvary Baptist Church 8th & G NW (call the Center to be sure).

Lecture, workshops, slides, video, and a witchy dance!!!

Potluck Dinner--bring enough for four.

Spectra Feminist Media will be having regular monthly showings of national/international video letters. The projected dates of the showings are Sept. 26, Oct. 24, and Nov. 21. Call 543-1223 for more information.

Sophies Parlor is on the air: WGTB 90.1 FM Mondays and Saturdays 12:30 to 3:30, Wednesdays 7 to 9:30 pm. The Feminist Radio Network presents a half

Womanforce, a resource directory of feminists in many trades, professions, crafts, services and businesses has extended its deadline until Oct. 15. List yourself or group in the directory by contacting P.O. Box 9062, D.C., 20003 or call 547-1973. Those listed will receive a free copy. Keep your money in your community--Womanforce.

The Jewish Feminist Organization is presenting a 5-day conference called "Women: Being and Becoming" at the Jewish Community Center 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville, Md. 881-0100. Films, panel discussions on women in the arts, religion, power, sexuality and being alone.

Approaching Simone, by Megan Terry, opens the 1975-76 season for the Washington Area Feminist Theater (WAFT). It runs Thursdays thru Sundays in the Hand Chapel at Mt. Vernon College, Foxhall Rd. & W St. NW. Call 965-0971 for info or tickets. Oct. 12 is the last performance.

IRIS FILMS: WAFT is giving a benefit performance of Approaching Simone for Iris Films Sunday Sept. 21 8:30 pm at Mt. Vernon College. Tickets are \$5. and are available at Lammas, Bread and Roses or at the door. A wine and munchies reception will follow the performance. Don't miss it!!

The National Black Feminist Organization is having a 000's party Fri. Sept. 26 10:00 pm to ??? Mary Graydon Center, American University, 2nd floor. The featured band is HYSTERIA, the feminist jazz/rock group that's bursting through with powerful Q's sound in D.C. Admission is \$3. to BOGEY!! Refreshments will be available.

Danforth Graduate Fellowships for Women are now being applied for. If you want to go to grad school but can't afford it and are over 30, may be for you...call the Center for more information. 232-5145.

Thunder and Sweet Wine, a work-in-progress created for Earth Onion Women's Theater by Jane LeGrand and Victoria Schwemlein will be presented Friday, Sept. 26, 8:30 at the Wash. Ethical Society, 7750 16th St. NW. Tickets are \$2.50 at the door.

Earth Onion Women's Theater will be offering a new series of workshops starting sometime in October. Dance, Theater, Mime, Voice and Music. Call 483-5888 for information.

The Washington Area Feminist Federal Credit Union has over \$110,000 in assets, and is, in fact, "loaned out". Recently they made an appeal to all their members to increase their savings at WAFFCU so that credit can be extended to all members who need it. If you are not already a WAFFCU member, now is the time to join. In addition to your financial support, WAFFCU wants your input and enthusiasm for creating a feminist financial alternative institution. Credit union meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month at 8pm in their office at the Women's Center. WAFFCU's new phone number is 667-7260. Drop in and buy a T-shirt: "Give Women Credit...WAFFCU". Hours are 3-7 pm Mon.-Fri., 10-2 pm Sat.

VOLLEYBALL!! If you want to play this season, Lammas is sponsoring a team. Call 546-7292. Hurry, the first game is Oct. 8.

Women in Distribution (WIND) announces the release of its 1975 Fall wholesale catalogue of particular interest to bookstores, women's centers, libraries, and women's studies courses. Contains women's books, journals, records, posters. Write WIND P.O. Box 8858, Wash. D.C. 20003. FREE.

The Grease Palace is offering a tune-up course for women who have a working knowledge of automobiles. It will be offered both Tues. afternoons and Wed. evenings and is for women who want to tune up their cars, but don't have the tools or nerve to do it by themselves. Begins Sept. 23 or 24 and runs for 6 weeks. Cost is \$26. Automotive Awareness II will be offered Sept. 26-Oct. 30 for \$26. It is a course in theory, repair and maintenance dealing with brakes, carburetors, clutches, transmissions, etc. For info call Sue or Terri at 229-9739.

Bread and Roses Community Record Shop is bringing music!! Friday, Oct. 3, Bex Grant at All Souls Church 8pm \$2. Holly Near Sun., Oct. 26, St. Marks Church at 8pm. \$3. in advance, \$3.50 at the door.

Anyone who is interested in leasing the building that houses the Center at this moment (or knows anyone who might be interested), should call the Center as soon as possible.

G.A.A./D.C. is sponsoring the first national gay conference held since 1972. It is on the subject of Gays and Government. Oct. 10-14. Call 331-1418 or 544-8042.

The Women's Coffeehouse/Bookshop Collective is presenting a Halloween delight!! MEG CHRISTIAN 8pm sharp followed by HYSTERIA and dancing 10:30-2:30. All Souls Church, 16th and Harvard. \$3. for either or \$5. for both. Come!!!!

STRIKE!! STRIKE!! STRIKE!! STRIKE!! STRIKE!! OCTOBER 29 - A National Women's Strike!! Walk off your job!
Don't support male institutions or egos
Agitate and Celebrate!
For info on STRIKE activities call
N.O.W.-387-6895 or the Center 232-5145



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