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## VISIONS

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## Coming out as a community: creating our own herstory

by M.G.

*"You may forget but let me tell you this: someone in some future time will think of us." — Sappho, circa 600 BC.*

"Community is a strange thing which eludes us if we aim directly at it. Instead, community comes as a by-product of commitment and struggle. It comes when we step forward to right some wrong, to heal some hurt, to give some service. Then we discover each other as allies in resisting the diminishments of life. It is found among all people who have said 'no' to tyranny with the YES of their lives" (P.J. Palmer, *A Place Called Community*).

The feminist movement of the '70s cut across age, race, class, religion and sexual preference to empower women to say "no" to the tyranny of "isms" in their culture. As a result of their political activisms and Lesbian visibility, we can enjoy and participate in a broader sense of community today than was possible in earlier times.

In this article, we feature a glimpse of the past 20 years in Indianapolis. [We hope to collect more oral herstory as well as written recollections from readers in other communities.] As we move into the '90s let us pause to reflect on what has come before us, lest we forget the significance of affirming our lives as we grow in the new decade.

The national wave of feminism touched Indianapolis around 1968-69. A speaker from the Boston-based Bread & Roses group served as a catalyst for women here to begin meeting to raise their consciousness, to nurture, affirm and discuss feminist perspectives in their lives. Initially, a handful took turns meeting in each others' homes on a monthly basis, and the monthly pitch-in tradition was born. The focus was on consciousness-raising — supporting each other in their growth as feminists. Newcomers would be sponsored by a woman who would share her story with the newcomer — her life history and growth as a feminist. The newcomer would then share her story. Visions of change were birthed and nurtured as a result of this investment in building a sense of community based on the power of sisterhood.

Over time, their numbers grew to 20-30 women, each committed to exploring, discussing and working toward a feminist future politically, socially and personally. This group became known as Lavender Hill. The Lavender Hill pitch-ins included a wide range of political views but all were feminist first and Lesbian, straight, separatist, radical, or undecided, secondarily; and lively discussion was the order of these evenings. The pitch-ins continued through the late '70s and faded for a while. Two years ago, a reunion was attended by 20 of the original Lavender Hill women!

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The Indianapolis Women's Liberation organization was formed in 1970. They published a newsletter reaching a circulation of over 200 by the time it ceased publication in 1972. In 1970, IWL was represented at the march in New York celebrating the 50th anniversary of women's right to vote. Locally, they organized a Sisterhood is Powerful rally in Broad Ripple Park which was

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## Hope for the heart

by Jean Austin

"I don't want to live! The pain is too much and goes too deep. To relieve the pain of emotional change and reckoning, the only thing I can do is die. Deep down I don't want to. Somebody help me live and care again!"

An emotional breakdown is a life changing experience. There is anger, bitterness, lack of hope for the future, and it seems that it takes an eternity to move through feelings like this. Kind people help ease the pain temporarily and the permanent peace of mind and peace of the soul that comes when it is over is like being given a second chance to live a life that is full of love.

The community of women in Indianapolis has had a profound effect on my life. Though recently I have been away from the friends and sister family I used to spend so much time with, the many interpersonal interactions and the many words of support I recalled during my illness helped me cope with seemingly impossible circumstances in my life. I remembered the enjoyable times, the sharing of intimate conversations, the identification I felt with the women I knew. I thought someone could save me from going through the pain and I learned that no one can. Even though we are among so many and though there are genuine expressions of caring among us, in the end we still have to cope and grow alone

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## The faces of choice

by Audrey Savage

The faces of the people were beautiful: alive, positive, smiling, expecting, determined; somewhere between 150,000 to 300,000 beautiful faces — faces of the young, of the old, of families, of children, and even of dogs — all in one place, all caring about the same thing, all reacting to the words coming over the loud speakers. They were wonderful faces to watch as the men and women on the platform talked of the millions of women who had been required to have back alley abortions, many of them dead from these same abortions. As the men and women on the platform talked about our refusal to allow George Bush and his litmus-tested judges to take away our rights — women's choice about their own bodies.

The faces at the rally were so different from the angry, hating faces I have seen on TV and in newspapers of those people who call themselves "pro-life." Those people who, in the name of life, march to clinics with the intent and purpose of interfering with women as they go for their legal abortions. Those people who fire bomb these same clinics in the name of life. Those people who wave bloody flags over peaceful gatherings in the name of life. Those people who threaten and inflame with their inaccurate information in the name of life. Those people who want to stem the flow of women's freedom in the name of life ... but who don't raise a finger for those already alive.

But the faces of choice that I saw in Washington *are* the faces of life. It was "caring" I saw when I looked at them. To begin with they cared enough about freedom, everyone's freedom, to come thousands of miles to Washington to preserve women's right to their own bodies. They cared enough about what the speakers were saying to listen respectfully and to cheer at meaningful moments. And I suspect, from that caring, that they would also care about the homeless, the uneducated, the hungry, the victims of abuse, the lonely, and the many other offsprings of our society that produce children because we are "supposed" to, rather than because we "want" to.

I don't know about you, but it's the faces I saw in Washington on November 12, 1989 — the faces of choice — that I want in my future ... not those hating faces I see destroying abortion clinics, and protesting women's rights to choose ... faces that call themselves "pro-life." Which faces do you want in your future?



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— there is a part of us that is always alone. We can often touch that part of ourselves or of another for a moment in the act of physical intimacy or in the act of a purposeful intimate conversation. For those precious moments, we do not feel alone and we truly do touch our own souls and the soul of the other human being. We cannot sustain this feeling, but we look for the experience over and over again.

This touching is what relieves the pain of the emotional breaking apart of the heart. This touching is what this community of women has meant to me. Though I have found that many of my values are different from the women I have known, there is still a love between us that many do not understand and many others envy. Though we disagree with one another, we still give out respect for the differences we have. My years with the Indianapolis community of women have helped me become a more independent person, and have given me strength to cope with problems in my life that I never dreamed I would have. I thought it was impossible to make it out of my depressions a year ago, but I am recovering and getting better as each day passes. I am not ashamed of my illness. I have changed and grown because of it. Maybe I have something to give back to my community now. As time goes on I will discover what that giving can be. Though none of you were with me during my dark years, you were there in spirit and I feel wonderful for having known the kind of people you are.



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## Resources

### Indianapolis (317)

**AIDS Hotline:** 257-HOPE, answered 7-11 PM, every evening.

**AIDS: Living the Journey Together:** a family therapy group for persons with AIDS and a care partner, parent, sibling, lover, friend. Sponsored by Courageous Living Counseling Services, located in Westview Hospital Professional Bldg., 925-0043.

**Catholic Lesbian Support Group;** open to all Catholic and non-Catholic Lesbians who want to explore their Christian faith within the context of their sexuality; 925-6866 (Martha) or 357-7964 (Carol).

**Dignity** meets at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 46th & Illinois, Sundays at 6 PM; P.O. Box 431, Indianapolis, IN 46202; 924-6578 (Drew).

**Feminist Writers;** 5138 E. North St., Indianapolis, IN 46219; 357-7964 (Carol).

**Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (Quaker);** 356-8646 (Diane or Perri).

**Gay AA** meets at Bethlehem Lutheran, Sundays at 7 PM; 632-7864.

**Gay/Lesbian Switchboard:** 253-GAYS (7 - 11 PM).

**Gay and Lesbian Codependents Anonymous** meets at Winona Hospital, 3232 N. Meridian St.; 925-1135 (Don), 636-4986 (Joe), 297-0386 (Pam).

**Gay Parents Coalition of Indianapolis** meets at Holy Eucharist Church, 38th & Illinois, 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:30 PM; 253-2280 (John)

**Indianapolis Youth Group** for Lesbian and gay youth ages 23 and under meets bi-weekly. For more information call Lesbian/Gay Switchboard at 253-GAYS and ask for the organization's contact person.

**Indianapolis NOW** meets at Planned Parenthood, 3219 N. Meridian, 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM; 925-4641.

**Indianapolis Pitch-In:** Our monthly pitch-in dinners provide social and networking opportunities for all Lesbians. Generally, the pitch-in is scheduled for the second Friday of each month, beginning at 7 PM. The location (and directions, if necessary) usually is available at Dreams and Swords at least a week before each pitch-in.

**Integrity** meets at All Saints Church, 16th and Central, Mondays at 6:30 PM; 635-3744.

**Justice, Inc.:** Lesbian resource for issues regarding state laws, community/police relations, civil rights, Lesbian/Gay conferences, other special events. 1534 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46201, 634-9212.

**Lesbian Discussion Group:** 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 7 - 8:30 PM, at 6356 N. Guilford; 577-2245 (Lori).

**Lesbian Incest Survivors Therapy Group.** Contact Linda Gensheimer, (219) 426-5778 (Fort Wayne).

**Older Women's Network** for Women Over 40 meets at 7707 Lancer Lane, 3rd Tuesday of each month; 547-7702 (Sharon or Carol) or Dreams & Swords.

**Our Parents Aren't Straight** (for children of Lesbians and Gays), 3rd Tuesday of each month. No age limits. Parents can/will meet in different room for discussions; 353-6636 (Debbie or Vicki), 881-0786 (Donna, Ruth, or Judy).

**Overeaters Anonymous** (for men and women) meets at Dreams and Swords, 828 E. 64th Street, Fridays at 6:30 PM, 253-9966.

**P-FLAG** (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meets at Butler University in Atherton Center, Room 312, 2nd Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM; 251-9307 (Donna).

**University Gay/Lesbian Alliance** meets at 3754 N. Illinois St. (Lambda Center). Call 274-2585.

**Women's Open Network:** 274-5041 or 274-2585 (Sue Moenius).

**Womenspired:** 274-5041 or 274-2585 (Sue Moenius).

### Bloomington (812)

**Bloomington Switchboard:** 336-4299.

**Gay/Lesbian Alliance:** 332-1847.

**SPARKS:** a social/educational forum for Lesbians. Contact Marcia, 334-0414, or Carolyn, 339-4283.

### Columbus (812)

**Pitch-In:** for information, call 376-0784.

**Switchboard Concern:** 293-8671 (24 hours).

### Evansville (812)

**Tri-State Alliance Meeting** meets at Unitarian Universalist Church, 856 So. Kentucky Ave., 4th Sunday of each month.

### Fort Wayne (219)

**Dignity/Fort Wayne,** P.O. Box 12151, 46862.

**Drop-In** meets at Up the Stairs Community Center, 3426 Broadway, Fridays at 7:30 PM

**Fort Wayne Women's Bureau:** 303 E. Washington Blvd., 424-7977. Peer Counseling: 9 AM - 2 PM, 426-0023. Rape Awareness Program Hotline: 426-RAPE.

### Liberty (812)

**The Pearl:** Feminist resource/journal. Contact: Natalie Isaac, editor, 304 South Fairground, Liberty, IN 47353.

### Mishawaka (219)

**Open Arms:** Monthly newsletter for Michiana Lesbians. Contact: P.O. Box 845, Mishawaka, IN 46544. Yearly subscription: \$10.00; sample copy: \$1.00. Make check payable to Roberta Miller.

### Muncie (317)

**Ball State Gay/Lesbian Alliance,** P.O. Box 354, Pittenger Student Center, 47907; 743-6675.

### South Bend (219)

**Help Line:** 232-2522 (9 AM - 5 PM).

**Hot Line:** 232-3344 (24 Hours).

**IUSBU Womyn's Center:** 929 Greenlawn, 237-4494.

**Monthly Lesbian Potluck** and weekly Lesbian support group; 291-3720.

## Foremother brings feminism, self back home

Having left the Interstate some 45 minutes before, it seemed like a trip back in time, as I drove through the valleys and around the hills of southern Indiana. It had been a long time since I'd been so far away from congested city life and, in spite of the challenges the icy roads presented, I was thoroughly enjoying this adventure — savoring the beauty of the countryside sprinkled with tidy farmhouses, enjoying the simplicity of the villages with their Amish carriages, their horses patiently awaiting the drivers, and most of all anticipating seeing my friend of many years ... remembering.

"Follow US 52 through Metamora and on into Brookville. At the junction of 101 and 1, take a left," she'd said. "Stay on 1 up the hill to the Y, past the County Farm Bureau Coop and take a right on Oxford Pike and then a left about half a mile onto Whitcomb Road. Come on up Bonwell Hill, past the stone house my Great Grandfather Bonwell built, and about 6 miles down the road, next to the Methodist Church is my house — white with green shutters — last house in town."

As I pulled into the drive, I noticed the walk to the back door had been cleared of snow. "Of course," I remembered, "you always use the back door in the country." So following both the cleared path and the sound of Celtic music, I found my old friend Joyce, waiting at the door.

Having been greeted by her so many times in her other homes — apartment in Indianapolis, Hygeia's Grove on Possum Trot Road, her hideaway in Nashville, and yes, The Woman's Touch — I instantly knew, as I entered her kitchen, that this was

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home, really *home* for Joyce.

As she showed me through her old/new home, I was struck by how "Joyce" this place was. "Country Victorian," she aptly calls it: a blend of the antique and the modern. We laughed as, moving from room to room, the floors dipped. As she pointed out the many improvements she'd made on this 100+ year-old house, she also reminisced: "The wallpaper in this bedroom was here when I was a child, and this space, now my study, was my bedroom when I was a little girl." For the house was, in fact, Joyce's home for the first 10 years of her life, as it had been home for her mother, her grandmother and her great-grandmother, who had purchased it (as an unmarried woman!) in 1909.

"When Great Aunt Josephine died in 1987, the house went on the market, and it simply wasn't a possibility for me to buy the house. So for the first time through four generations, the house became the property of someone outside the family."

Yet, less than 2 years later, on a visit to her parents in nearby Brookville, Joyce decided to drive out to the "old place." And, incredibly, there was a "For Sale" sign in front. Immediately, she knew the place was to be hers; it was right to return home. "You know, I could've married and if I'd never left Brookville, I probably would've married. But, I know I had to leave in order to



Home of four generations of women.

experience all that I have... and in order to come back here," she says.

"I am first a woman, then a feminist," says Joyce. "I became a card-carrying NOW [National Organization for Women] member in 1970 — before I even knew I was a Lesbian." And while Joyce believes reclaiming our ancient history is important, it is also important for us to remember that things were not always as they are now. Many of us had to make many sacrifices.

NOW was intriguing to Joyce since they talked about equal rights. "I was brought up believing I was equal. I was a tom-boy all my life. I did the same things all the boys did around here — usually better — and it was a shock to be told (in 1955) by my high school counselor that I wasn't smart enough to be a doctor. I always wanted to be a doctor, but back then women didn't go to Med. school; my only option was to be a teacher or a nurse.

"So for the first time, I realized that just because I was a woman, I couldn't do some things. I was told I wasn't as smart as the boys and I went for years believing I wasn't smart. So when I heard about NOW, I thought, that sounds like something I believe," she smiles. "I do believe I'm equal."

By 1973, Joyce had met Jeanine Rae who was quite politically active. So, for the first time, she had someone with whom she could discuss her beliefs. "Jeanine opened my eyes to politics, and yes, she was a role-model for me."

Through the summer of 1976, Joyce and Jeanine began researching women's counseling centers and bookstores around the country, and, miraculously, and with enormous commitment and energy, on October 1, the Woman's Touch, Inc. opened its doors.

"It was a very special time," Joyce says. "It was the right time; circumstances were just right and the events evolving in the whole country [i.e. attempted passage of the Equal Rights Amendment] were right. I like to think of that time in history as the Feminist Camelot period."

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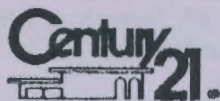
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attended by Senator Birch Bayh, and they held two state-wide conferences to address feminist issues.

A large house owned by an IWL member on Broadway served as the first women's center here. Women ran a cooperative day-care center on the main floor, and rooms were rented upstairs to provide some maintenance income. Scores of support groups, consciousness-raising groups, and political strategizing meetings were conducted here. IWL carried out various political actions, such as leafletting a "bridal fair" to protest sexism; picketing at Glendale Mall following a rape in the parking lot which did result in management hiring security for the Mall; they conducted a "mill-in" at a men-only establishment; leafletted to free Joann Little and continually worked to raise public awareness of and outrage at violence against women. IWL members also provided abortion counseling and arranged transportation to New York where legal abortions were available. A smaller group of radical feminists, known as the Angela Davis Brigade, formed to seek ways of integrating their feminism with more radical political actions.

In 1972, the first National Organization for Women chapter was formed in Indianapolis and grew from the political heritage of IWL. The women's community rallied to support the Equal Rights Amendment campaign through 1982. In 1973, the local NOW chapter conducted a successful campaign on the television stations to get more women before the camera. As a result of their work, Jane Pauley became anchorwoman on the TV news! She has gratefully acknowledged these efforts publicly.

A women's rugby team was active from '74-'77, and, of course, women's softball continued to thrive. In October of 1976, The Woman's Touch, our first feminist bookstore and counseling center opened and thrived until July, 1980. Womanshine Theatre was born here, women's spirituality groups were birthed and nurtured here, and NOW conducted meetings and trainings to wage the war against discrimination against women here.

In the fall of '77, the first women's concert was held at the YWCA and featured Casse Culver. Two additional concerts, in 1978, featuring Kristen Lems and the Izquierda Ensemble raised more funds for the first feminist bar in Indianapolis, our beloved Labyris. The first New Year's Eve Concert and Dance was held December 31, 1978 at Cathedral High School and featured Teresa Trull, Therese Edell and Betsy Lippett. We celebrated the purchase of space for a feminist bar that night and for the next three months, women worked tirelessly renovating the space which opened in March, 1979.

The Lab was a unique bar/gathering place that provided a congenial, safe space for many different women. During the five years of her existence, we enjoyed 156 concerts/events produced there. Over 40 different performers graced her stage, the names of which reflect the herstory of women's music and culture — both nationally and locally. In 1981, Indy's first Take-Back-The-Night Rally was held at Labyris and continued through the next three years. Women posted "Mayoral Decrees", printed on the Mayor's

stationery, stating that all men were "prohibited from being on the streets after dark until the crime of rape is eliminated." This action resulted in a deluge of phone calls to the media by the concerned public. The Lesbian Discussion Group began at the Lab and continues to thrive, expanding to twice-monthly meetings in 1989. In addition to the euchre and pool tournaments, the Women's Reviews were enjoyed by many.

In the mid-'70s, two groups worked for Lesbian/Gay rights: the Coalition for Human Rights and the Gay People's Union. These groups were instrumental in organizing the first state-wide Gay/Lesbian Conference at the YWCA which was picketed by fundamentalist groups. In 1977 these groups, along with state NOW chapters, marched on the Coliseum to protest the views of Anita Bryant as she appeared there. In 1981, Justice, Inc. was formed to carry on the political work of these groups.

In addition the "The Touch" and the IWL center, two other women's centers have been established here. Everywoman's Center was opened in the mid-'70s to provide supportive services for women and a shelter for battered women. This effort was short-lived due to lack of funding. The Womankind/Womanspace Center was open from July, 1981 to March, 1983. The Feminist Writer's Guild was organized here and various workshops for women were offered from home-repair to financial planning. *Womankind* was a feminist newspaper that published from about 1978 through 1982. *I Know You Know*, an international monthly magazine for Lesbians was published in Indianapolis from December, 1984 through December, 1985.

The monthly pitch-ins were revived in September, 1980 and 35 women attended; in October, 50 women attended and they have continued monthly since then. In September, 1981, Dreams and Swords, feminist family bookstore, opened in a small room in the Womankind/Womanspace Center. (Between the closing of The Touch and the opening of Dreams & Swords, a handful of women carried crates of books to Labyris on weekends and all events in order to make women's literature available to the community.) In March, 1983, Dreams & Swords moved to her current home in Broad Ripple.

A Lesbian mother's support group met monthly during the mid-'80s. Lesbians who were not mothers provided child-care in order to allow moms to be together without the distraction of their children.

In 1982, the National Women's Music Festival moved to Bloomington from Champaign, Illinois. Since then we have continued to organize fund-raising events — auctions, concerts and dances — to support WIA/NWFMF. Branching Out Productions was formed in 1983 and continues to promote women's culture in music. In the fall of '88, Something's Brewing, a monthly coffeehouse was inaugurated, and in April of '89, *Lavender Visions* came into being!

A glance at the Resources and Bulletin Board sections of *LV* reveals our growth as a community — providing support for our varied needs and interests ... and it all began with a few women opening up to each other, wanting to right some wrongs, heal some hurts, and willing to give some service. I hope we think of all of them and honor the feminist spirit of their efforts as we continue to create our herstory in the new decade.

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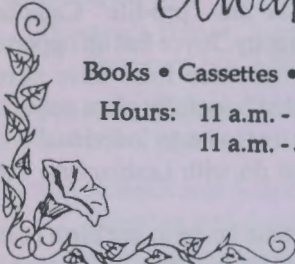
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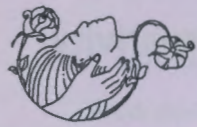
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The Woman's Touch was a feminist counseling center and bookstore that was the hub of the Lesbian feminist community from 1976-1980. As with all significant gains in history, the sacrifices were many. Burdened by more care-taking skills than business acumen, the Woman's Touch sadly closed in July, 1980. Yet during those four years, "The Touch" was midwife to many events and organizations — many of which continue to thrive today. Womanshine Productions and the Gay/Lesbian AA were born; a woman's newspaper, plays, concerts, women's shelters, Sister celebration, discussion groups and NOW — all enjoyed support and nurturance at The Touch. Feminist therapists received training and guidance in ways that were unavailable anywhere else.

And when Joyce's primary partner of more than 10 years died prematurely of cancer in 1984, Joyce grieved the double loss of both Jeanine and The Touch profoundly — as did the entire Lesbian community.

Joyce is politically a Lesbian. Isolated from the Lesbian community, she still considers herself woman-identified. She nurtures herself as a woman by being around other women, talking to women, being political in the Women's Movement, marching, writing to congress people, and enjoying other women and their accomplishments.

Today, Joyce, as nurse/educator working with the elderly, and training nursing-home staff, integrates her political views gently and subtly in this rural conservative community, by planting seeds of understanding regarding AIDS and relating pro-choice to our

right to die with dignity and to choose what will happen to our bodies regarding chemotherapy. In this "pro-life" Catholic, Pentecostal southern Indiana community, Joyce has an opportunity to introduce ideas that many of these folks have never considered. "I do things in ways that hopefully plant seeds of knowledge about what life is, what it is to be an individual with choice and freedom, and that has to do with Lesbianism, with feminism and pro-choice."

So at 52, Joyce has chosen to come home to her birth home which provides her not only a vehicle for her work at this time in her life, but a sense of rootedness and community as well.

As Joyce looks toward the future, she passionately hopes for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and the election of a woman president, while at the same time she worries about aloneness. What will happen when she's 70 and no longer as mobile? Will anyone remember this foremother of ours, this woman who was a founding Board Member of the National Women's Music Festival?

Sadly, the time had come for me to head up the road. Reluctantly, I left that warm sunny kitchen and I wondered, "How many women, through the years, have sat in that very kitchen, drinking coffee together, sharing their stories, dreaming dreams of equality and remembering?" For Joyce — our own foremother — is indeed living her life uniquely, integrating the strength of those many strong women in her own herstory and quietly working to challenge and improve ours.



## Living green: 10 Things You Can Do

1. Mend and repair, rather than discard and replace.
2. Invest in well-made, functional clothing.
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6. Buy foods without additives and preservatives.
7. Use non-toxic pest control.
8. Compost your food scraps.
9. Grow your own food (even small kitchen gardens!).
10. Volunteer to start or help with a community garden.

[Editor's Note: For the next several issues, we will be publishing ways you can live your ecofeminist values.]

## We invite your creativity!

*Lavender Visions* invites your participation in the form of letters, articles, poetry, cartoons, or photography. All material must be signed; names will be withheld upon request.

All material becomes the property of *Lavender Visions* and will be returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Editors reserve the right to edit for publication.

The April/May issue will focus on community, in addition to our regular features.

Send submissions to P.O. Box 321, Zionsville, IN 46077; all material must be received 6 weeks before publication.

## Bulletin Board

### *Women in the Arts Presents (fund-raising for NWMF):*

**Women's Dance**, Saturday, February 24, 9 PM - 1 AM,  
Saengor Chor, 13th & Park. Tickets \$4.

**Spaghetti Dinner & Dance**, Saturday, March 24, Saengor  
Chor, 13th & Park. Tickets \$9.

**Art Exhibit and Sale** featuring women artists of Indiana,  
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reception; location to be announced.

**Karen Beth in Concert**, Friday, April 27, Bloomington.  
For information call Carolyn Vandewiele (812) 339-  
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**Karen Beth in Concert**, Saturday, April 28, Indianapolis.  
For information call Mary Byrne (317) 923-5574.

**Deb Mullins in Concert**, Saturday, May 5, Indianapolis.  
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**"Something's Brewing"**: "Something's Brewing" Women's  
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For information about programs, cost and schedule changes,  
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**National Women's Music Festival (NWMF)**, Thursday - Sun-  
day, May 31 - June 3, Bloomington, IN. Here are some of the  
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Shekinah Mountainwater, Arisika, Nan Brooks & Jane  
Winslow, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Adrian Torf, Ferron, Holly  
Near, Heather Bishop, Linda Tillery, and Deidre McCalla.  
Don't miss it — save some vacation days for these dates!

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"Into the Gay '90s with Pride" will be the theme of Indiana's 1990 Gay/Lesbian Pride Week. With that theme, we will be showing our pride in public with a Pride Festival on Monument Circle in Indianapolis.

During the Festival, the Circle will be closed to traffic and we will fill the center of downtown with organizational and information booths from throughout the state, and with food and beverage booths. There will be local and national entertainers as well as local and national speakers to address the crowd.

This type of event will continue the friendly atmosphere of the picnics held in previous years as well as provide an opportunity for Gays and Lesbians to increase their political and community awareness and visibility. Having the event on the Circle will provide both an educational and enjoyable atmosphere for the Indianapolis community at large to enjoy the speakers and entertainers.

The Pride Week Committee is now forming. The Committee will be divided into five sub-groups: Logistics, Booths, Entertainment, Publicity, and Financial. Each sub-group will meet regularly to accomplish their tasks and limit the number of large Committee meetings that will be needed. There are also many tasks for individuals who do not live in Indianapolis.

[Please contact Ruth Peters for further information: Home: (317) 253-1460; Work: (317) 635-4059.]

### Lavender Visions Survey

We're sure you've noticed the *LV* Survey included in this issue. Please take the time to respond — we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you,  
LV Staff

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## Dorin's Diary

- **I had just finished one of those days** — nothing had gone well and my mood reflected my frustration and anger. When I got home, I discovered my copy of *LV* had arrived. I sat right down, without even taking off my coat, and read it from cover to cover. It brightened my mood and made my evening so much nicer than my day.

- **My sister and I were discussing** a mutual friend's recent breakup with his girlfriend. She asked me, "What did he see in her? If you were a man, would you see anything in her?" My answer was, "Well, personally, she doesn't interest me, but other women may find her attractive." We both laughed — how nice it

is to reference my own sexuality in a casual manner with someone I love so dearly.

- **As a member of the *LV* staff**, I thought it might be exciting to pass on to you that we now have over 300 subscribers! We're so pleased to be reaching so many people. Thank you!

[Editor's Note: Dorin's Diary is a compilation of descriptions (provided by our readers) identifying experiences of affirmation, celebration, consciousness-raising, connection with, and nurturance from other women/Lesbians in the local/global community. Send contributions to Dorin's Diary, c/o *Lavender Visions*.]



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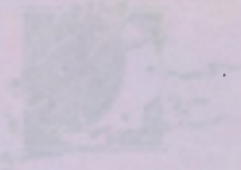


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