

## Herland Retreat Trivia

Last month we had ten trivia questions to test your memory of the Herland Retreats. So how did you do? Find out below.

1. Where was the first Herland Retreat held? *Answer: Osage Hills, Fall 1985. Entertainers were Mary Reynolds and Peggy Johnson.*
2. Where was a lavender bra run up the flagpole? *Answer: Boiling Springs, April 1988.*
3. At which retreat was there a "4:30 virgin?" *Answer: Robbers Cave, May 1990. Peggy was really trying to say "version," as in a song version, but at 4:30 am, it came out as "virgin" and has stayed that way ever since.*
4. At which retreat were dyke eroticakes served for breakfast? *Answer: Fall 1987, Robbers Cave. Helen H. was the chef of the morning who enticed late risers to get out of their bunks for some rather risqué pancakes.*
5. Who were the performers the last time a retreat was held at Sequoyah State Park? *Answer: Fall 1988, comedian Karen Williams and singer/songwriter Nancy Scott of Austin.*
6. Where did Herland have its first 4-day retreat? *Lake Wister, Fall 1989.*
7. Which retreat featured tie-dyeing and a kazoo band? *Answer: Arrowhead State Park, September 1990.*
8. Which retreat boasted the highest attendance at 150 womyn? *Answer: October 1991, Red Rock Canyon.*
9. Which retreat featured a dog show/costume contest? *Answer: October 1995, Arrowhead State Park.*
10. Which entertainer has performed at the most Herland retreats? *Answer: Winning by a nose is Mary Reynolds, with 8 performances; Peggy Johnson was right there with 7 official.*

## Julie Loyd in Concert at Herland on October 5

The scene opens like this. Open mic night. Seventeen. Alone. The only girl on the list. The only girl in the room. Julie Loyd stands on stage wailing away on a cheap guitar—wearing another hole in the finish, weaving a tune with a set of gutsy vocals and stomping out a rhythm with a set of steel-toed combat boots. Two songs later, Julie steps off stage and puts her guitar back in its case. A fellow musician walks up to her and says, simply, "give up everything before you give up this."

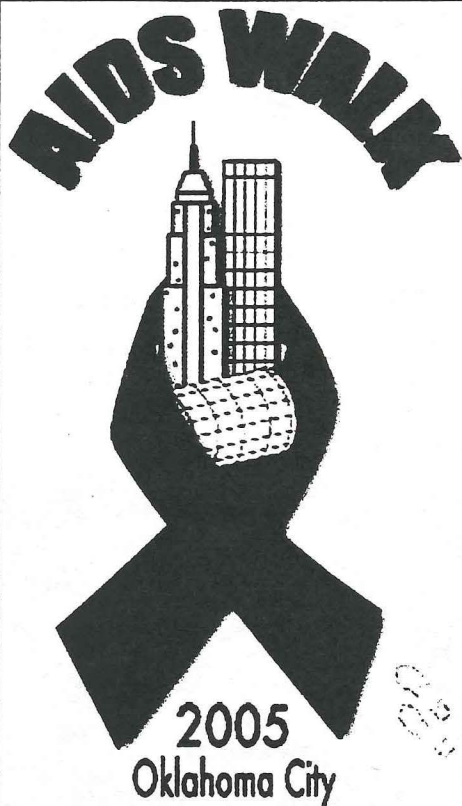
When Julie recalls her favorite audience reactions, this easily tops her list. In the five years since that open mic, Julie has expanded her horizons playing all around the country and sharing stages with such performers as Shawn Mullins, Alana Davis, Michelle Malone, Edie Carey, and Chris Barron (of the Spin Doctors), to name a few. She steps inside her songs, contorting, kicking, and undulating to the beat of her own percussive guitar playing. She has a knack for making folk dynamic: "I'm tired of folk being seen as boring. Just because I'm playing an acoustic guitar doesn't mean I'm going to be singing about the mountains—and if I am, I'm singing loud."

"Julie Loyd is an incredibly gifted songwriter from Charlottesville, Virginia, and her songwriting skills and performance are simply amazing." - *Up & Coming Magazine*. "Julie was a sight to behold in boots, halter top and thirties-style red hair that matcher her guitar. Her tunes are strong and memorable" - *Performer Magazine*. "She paints powerful and gutsy" (See Julie Loyd page 2)



## Twenty Year Anniversary of Herland Retreats: October 28th-30th, Eufaula State Park

**Where Were You Twenty Years Ago?** Well, Herland's 20 Year Reunion Retreat will explain where a lot of us were. The plans are coming together for the biggest Retreat yet. Just a few of the events planned are a pumpkin carving contest (bring your own pumpkin), costume contest (for 2 legged and 4 legged), a silent auction—among other things you can bid on a *sailboat* that has been donated—and the usual raffle with loads of goodies. Saturday brunch will be served by our own gourmet Chris and she is promising omelets, etc. There will be outdoor activities earning the (See Retreat page 2)



**Sunday, September 25**

AIDS WALK is a fund-raiser to support the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS in our community. The 2005 AIDS WALK will begin at the Myriad Botanical Gardens located in downtown Oklahoma City on Sunday, September 25th. Registration and entertainment begin at 12:30 p.m., Opening ceremonies and Step-off at 2:00 p.m, Closing ceremonies at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, including how you can be a walker or volunteer in some other way, please visit [www.aidswalkokc.org](http://www.aidswalkokc.org).

**Letter to Herland**

I was born an "Okie", grew up in Texas, and got my professional degree in veterinary medicine at Oklahoma State University. I practiced and ranched in Texas in Alpine and Waco, then retired to Colorado. Never have I had the privilege to live in a town that has such a great supportive lesbian community such as Oklahoma City.

I went to one of your retreats years ago and got teased about bringing home a "barefoot Okie" for a partner. I wasn't so lucky, but I have enjoyed receiving your newsletter ever since then. Congratulations on your 20th Anniversary, Dr. J

**Julie Loyd in Concert at Herland**

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literate canvases, full of strength, independence, anger, fierceness, connection, wholeness and doubt." - *Celtic & Folk Music CD Review*.

Julie will be in town in the middle of the week, so the concert will be early on Wednesday, October 5, 2005, from 7 – 9 pm, at Herland, 2312 NW 39<sup>th</sup>, Oklahoma City. Tickets are sliding scale (\$7.50-\$15.00 suggested donation) and available at the door or in advance at Herland on Saturdays. Call 405-521-9696 for more information, and check Julie out at [www.julieloyd.com](http://www.julieloyd.com).

**Herland Anniversary Retreat at Eufaula State Park**

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winners points toward a prize from the raffle table. And there will be indoor games tournament activity, as well. There will be a special 20th anniversary retreat t-shirt to mark the occasion and hopefully tie-dyeing; however, finding a tie-dye artist is proving difficult.

Don't forget the potluck, as it is always the best meal of the year.. On top of all the things we have planned, there are a golf course and hiking trails at Eufaula, fishing, nature center, and plenty of wildlife to watch.

Bring costumes for you and/or your dog for the costume contest—Jeannie Flanagan will bring makeup and other additional costume items for your use.

Also, please send in any photos you might have of past retreats as we will scan them into the computer and show them on the wall throughout the Retreat. (You will get your photos back unharmed.) Let's see how many years of retreats we can identify.

Come share the celebration. It will definitely be fun and interesting. For more information, or to offer help with this Mother of all Retreats, contact Laura or leave a message for the Retreat Committee. Laura can be reached at 286-0079 or a message left at Herland at 521-9696.

**Herland 20th Year Retreat Registration Form**

**Eufaula State Park, October 28-30, 2005**

Deadline for pre-registration is October 24th. Please remember that dogs are welcome but must remain on leashes and are not allowed in the dining hall.

Registration fee enclosed (payable to Herland):

\_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$35 \_\_\_ \$45 \_\_\_ \$60

\_\_\_ Saturday only (includes concert & one night stay) - \$25

\_\_\_ Concert only - \$10

**Sliding Scale Pre-Registration**

Single Person Annual Income	Household Annual Income	Registration per person
under \$6,500	under \$13,300	\$15
\$6,500-\$13,300	\$13,300-\$18,000	\$25
\$13,300-\$19,500	\$18,000-\$26,000	\$35
\$19,500-\$30,000	\$26,000-\$50,000	\$45
over \$30,000	over \$50,000	\$60

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

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

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

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

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

- I need a 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).

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 sent to you.

## Herland Activities

### Herland Hiking

The next Herland Hike is on Saturday, September 10th at 10 am. We will return to Martin Nature Park, 5000 W. Memorial (between MacArthur and Meridian), for this hike. Everyone is also invited to meet at Panera, corner of W. Memorial and Meridian, for coffee or breakfast at 9:00 am if they so desire. We will also discuss plans to try different locations for future hikes on alternating months.

### Herland Supper Club

Join us for the Herland Supper Club on Saturday, September 10th, at 5:30 pm at Boomerang Restaurant, 412 S. Meridian, between I-40 and Reno. Those wishing to carpool can meet at Herland Sister Resources at 5:00 pm. After supper, at 7:00 pm, we will go around the corner to Celebration Station, on I-40 just east of Meridian, for some games of miniature golf.

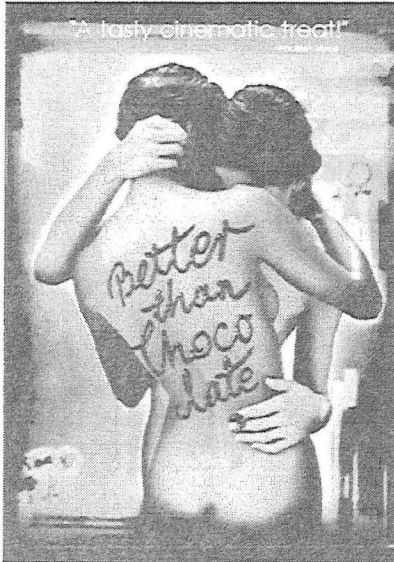
### Herland Video Night

Herland presents the movie, *Better Than Chocolate*, on Saturday, September 17th at 7 pm. Maggie, a clerk at a lesbian bookstore, meets foot-loose butch Kim and, after Kim's van is towed away, they move in together. Unfortunately for their romantic bliss, Maggie's mother, Lila, and teenage brother move in that very evening thanks to Lila's impending divorce. But what really complicates matters is that Maggie can't bring herself to come out to her mother; even when she tries, Lila steamrolls through the conversation, like she knows what's coming and doesn't want to hear it. Interwoven with this is the struggle of Judy, a male-to-female transsexual who's in love with the bookstore's owner, Frances, who's freaking out because customs officers are holding a list of books at the border that they claim are obscene. The overlapping plots are deftly juggled,

the personal and political are compellingly interwoven, and, most satisfying of all, the characters have problems that aren't going to be easily resolved. A handful of candy-colored lip-synching musical numbers give the movie some flash and the sex scenes give the movie some heat, but it's the elements of sorrow and ambiguity that really make the joy in *Better Than Chocolate* something to savor.

### Thanks to Volunteers!

Many thanks go out to the folks that showed up on our last work day. Jasmine and Cheryl B. cleared and cleaned out the garage, making so much room we were able to put up our small ping pong table. Margy (our forewoman for the kitchen remodel project), Cheryl S., and Chris textured the walls and ceiling in the kitchen in preparation for painting. The kitchen remodeling is almost finished! Betsy and Jasmine cleared the front porch of tons of clutter. Laura, Linda, and Ginger helped outside and inside on various tasks. And thanks to Jeannie F. for her excellent clean up and straightening up when she worked the bookstore last month.



## Herland Events Calendar

**Saturday, September 3:** State NOW Meeting, OKC Downtown Library, 3 pm.

**Sunday, September 4:** IRIS at Sisters, 6:30 pm.

**Tuesday, Sept 6:** PFLAG, Church of the Open Arms, 7 pm.

**Saturday, Sept 10:** Herland Hike, Martin Nature Park, 5000 W. Memorial, 10 am. Meet for coffee first at Panera, W. Memorial and Meridian, 9 am.

**Saturday, Sept 10:** Herland Supper Club, eat at Boomerang, 412 S. Meridian, 5:30 pm, followed by miniature golf at Celebration Station, I-40 just east of Meridian, 7 pm.

**Monday, Sept 12:** OGLPC Monthly Meeting at Neighborhood Alliance, 1236 NW 36th, 7 pm.

**Tuesday, Sept 13:** Young Lesbians/Gays Support Group at Church of the Open Arms, 7 pm. Call Donna at 748-7301 for details.

**Wednesday, Sept 14:** Opening Reception for the Holocaust Remembrance Exhibition, Untitled Artspace, 1 NE 3rd, 7 pm. Continues through Oct. 23rd. See [www.okholocaustexhibition.org](http://www.okholocaustexhibition.org) for details.

**Thursday, Sept 15:** Mary Reynolds and Louise Goldberg, Jazz Lab in Edmond, 8 pm, \$7.

**Friday, Sept 16:** Mary Reynolds and San Man Band Reunion, Chouse, 717 W Boyd, Norman, 7 pm, \$12.

**Saturday, Sept 17:** Herland Video Night, *Better Than Chocolate*, at Herland, 7 pm.

**Saturday, Sept 17:** Mary Reynolds and Caryl P. Weiss, Full Circle Bookstore, 7 pm.

**Sunday, Sept 18:** Herland Board Meeting at Herland, 4 pm, everyone welcome.

**Tuesday, Sept 20:** Mary Reynolds, Louise Goldberg, and Caryl P. Weiss, Galileos, 8 pm.

**Tuesday, Sept 27:** Young Lesbians/Gays Support Group at Church of the Open Arms, 7 pm.

**Wednesday, Oct. 5:** Julie Lloyd in concert at Herland, 7 pm. \$7.50-\$15.00 sliding scale.

## Website of the Month

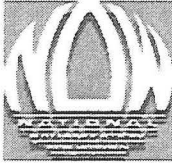
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## State NOW Meeting

Saturday, September 3rd, 2005  
at 3:00 pm

Oklahoma City Downtown Public  
Library, 300 Park Avenue



Email [ameevanderpool.now@gmail.com](mailto:ameevanderpool.now@gmail.com)  
for more information.

## Young Lesbians Group

Want to talk to womyn your own age? Join this "talking circle" for young lesbians between the ages of 18 and 30. Group is sponsored by PFLAG and meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Sept. 13 & 27 this month, 7 pm, at Church of the Open Arms, 3131 N Penn, OKC. Call Donna at 748-7301 for more information.

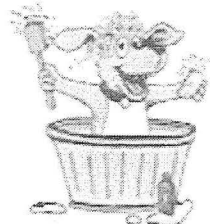
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## McPride Family Picnic in McAlester Sept. 24th

McPride is hosting their first "Unite with Pride" family picnic, Saturday, September 24th at Chadick Park, 6<sup>th</sup> & Delaware, McAlester, OK, from noon to 5 pm. McPride extends an invitation to gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders and their allies (GLBTA) to join them for this historic event. If you support GLBTA people, they are asking you to attend the picnic festivities. Come to McAlester and let people in McAlester see what organizations and faith groups in other communities are doing to help GLBTA people.

McPride is a nonprofit organization based in McAlester, Oklahoma dedicated to serving the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people within a fifty mile radius of the city. There is no other GLBTA resource in the area. They have been established a little over a year and seek support from other groups. The First McPride Family Picnic, entitled "Unite with Pride: McPride Uniting Families with Love and Integrity" will feature speakers, singers, games, booths of information and fun for all people - gay and straight alike. Bring your own picnic lunch and non-alcoholic drinks and come out for an afternoon of fun and heart warming experiences. (Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed in Chadick Park.)

Living up to their mission of promoting understanding and respect for diversity and a society free of oppression and discrimination, McPride believes it is important to create an opportunity for GLBTA people to be visible and to share their pride in who they are, express the love and acceptance of their families, create an opportunity for others to meet and get to know them, and to live openly with integrity.

You have an opportunity to be involved on many levels in this great event. You can plan to attend, be a sponsoring organization/church, a supporter, an entertainer, or a volunteer. We need you to help make this picnic a success!

The 2005 "UNITE WITH PRIDE" MCPRIDE FAMILY PICNIC" will be a wonderful opportunity to help unite all people in McAlester and to allow GLBTA people the opportunity to be out with integrity. Make plans to attend the picnic. See you in McAlester! Email [Karen@McPride.org](mailto:Karen@McPride.org) or call 918-452-3184 for more information.



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## Oklahoma Holocaust Remembrance Exhibition

Cimarron Alliance Foundation, in partnership with the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and other community, civic, and religious-based organizations, is pleased to bring to Oklahoma City two exhibitions and two widely acclaimed documentary films. Most people are familiar with the Nazi regime's persecution and murder of six million Jews, but there were many other groups deemed "inferior", including homosexuals, who suffered a similar fate. There were also many rescuers who risked everything – their lives and the lives of their families – to save Jews from the Holocaust. The exhibitions in Oklahoma City will examine some of these lesser-known aspects of the Holocaust.

This exhibit is offered free to the public, Thursday, September 15 – Sunday, October 23, at Untitled [ArtSpace], 1 NE 3rd Street, Oklahoma City. Gallery hours will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 11am to 4pm, Fridays 11am to 8pm, and Sundays 1pm to 4pm.

The exhibition includes: "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933 – 1945", a traveling exhibition of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum; "RESCUERS: Portraits of Moral Courage in the Holocaust," photographs by Gay Block and text by Rabbi Malka Drucker.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art will be screening two Holocaust related documentary films, "Paragraph 175" and "Resisting Paradise." See [www.okcmoa.com](http://www.okcmoa.com) for film details and showtimes. Or see [www.okholocaustexhibition.org](http://www.okholocaustexhibition.org) for exhibit info.



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## 18th Annual Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival (aGLIFF)

September 30 – October 8, 2005

**Regal Arbor Cinema**  
**9828 Great Hills Trail**

The Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival (aGLIFF) is the oldest and largest gay & lesbian film festival in the Southwest. In eighteen years, the festival has developed into Austin's largest gay cultural event.

Presenting a wide range of features, documentaries and shorts, the festival is screening 150 films from 18 countries across the globe. In addition, the festival is adding two new events: a Festival Brunch on Saturday, October 1 at 11:00AM at Manuel's Great Hills and a Closing Night Celebration on Saturday, October 8 at 11:00PM at Dariush Persian Grill (formerly 1920's).

For more information about the festival,  
you may visit [www.agliff.org](http://www.agliff.org).

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