

PLEASE NOTE...

Lesbian Archives Needs Funds

The Lesbian Herstory Archives, housed in New York City, has outgrown its home. Funds must be raised to purchase a new home, and help is being sought. For more info on the building fund drive or on giving a house party, call (212) 873-9443.--*OutWeek*, 6/12/91

WNCAP Buddy Training

Western North Carolina AIDS Project (WNCAP) announces a new Buddy Training program beginning in early September; dates, time and place to be announced later. Call Elaine Ferguson at 252-7489 for information or to sign up.

"Lifestyle" Section to Start

Community Connections is starting a photo page, to be titled "Lifestyle," a name we hope will clarify that there is no single gay/lesbian lifestyle.

Send us your photos of your events--parties, anniversaries, vacations, birthdays, family additions (including pets), job promotions, graduation

Community Connections is a monthly news publication serving the Southern Appalachian gay and lesbian community, and dedicated to helping improve the lives of lesbians and gay men.

Community Connections focuses on the gay/lesbian community and gay/lesbian issues. Gay-related news, commentary, and letters to the editor are welcomed. Letters must be limited to 250 words, and must be signed.

Deadline for submission of all materials is the 15th of the month prior to the issue. We reserve the right to select manuscripts and to edit for length, clarity, and pertinence to gay and lesbian issues.

Call Cynthia at 252-4037, or send material to Editor, PO Box 2911, Asheville, NC 28802.

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ceremonies, holiday celebrations, dining out, etc. Photos will be returned if you include a stamped, self-addressed envelope; otherwise, they will not. Send to Lifestyle, PO Box 2911, Asheville, NC 28802.

If you prefer, *Community Connections* can take the photo for you. Call Lorena Russell at 254-2805 to make arrangements.

WANTED: HELP!

Like the paper? Want to make it better? Want to contribute a couple of hours a month to the community? Want more contact with people? Are you reliable?

Community Connections needs help! We need volunteers and we need them now! We need:

- Book review editor;
- Organization news editor; and
- Calendar editor.

Call Cynthia Janes at 252-4037.

THANKS...

to all contributors to *Community Connections*. Keep sending in your announcements, news items, clippings, and original articles. The deadline is ALWAYS the 15th of the month;

to our *Community Connections* advertisers. These businesses want YOUR business. Please return their support;

to Mary Davis, Dorothy Janes, Ron Lambe, TVS, Warren Tonn, Barry Ward and John W. for news clippings sent to *Community Connections*;

to Mark H., Sheriff James Parker, and the WNC Pride Committee for assistance with the *Community Connections* booths at the Festival;

to Ron Huskins, Chair, and Betty Sharpless, Vice-Chair, for their dedication and hard work on the WNC Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee;

to Marlon Garren, Teri Gibbs, Charlotte Goedsche, Carlos Gomez, Cynthia Janes, Joan Marshall and Lillian Powell for speaking with the media regarding gay and lesbian issues;

to those who have reported being harassed or being victims of violence. ▽

Thanks from SALGA:

to Bill Allen, David Beckett, Beth Betzeze, Layne Garrard, all the Geminis, Teri Gibbs, Carlos Gomez, Michelle Greenspan, Peter Kendrick, Karen Lockee, Betsy Mayers, Elizabeth, Art Polansky, Betty Sharpless, Tina, and the Southern Country Asheville for their work making Gay Pride Month such a success;

to all those who attended the NC and/or SC Lesbian and Gay Pride Marches;

to Beth Betzeze and Carlos Gomez for organizing the Candlelight Vigil, and to Peter Kendrick for the stage design;

to attorneys Robert M. Elliot and Ellen R. Gelbin; William G. Simpson, Jr., NC Civil Liberties Union Legal Foundation; and William B. Rubenstein, Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, for their hard work and support in SALGA's successful negotiations with the NC Department of Transportation regarding SALGA's right to "adopt a highway";

to Cheryl Walkup of the NCNB Parade Committee for her helpfulness regarding SALGA's participation in the Bele Chere Parade. ▽

Thanks from WNC Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee:

to Betty Sharpless, who was interviewed by WLOS-TV at the Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival;

to DAP Security, Greene's Building Supply, Haran's Sand and Gravel, Laurie Jones, Kay Butt Live, Deb Marshall, Kay Miller, Raymond Ward and the many volunteers for all their help with the Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival. ▽

Thanks from CLOSER:

to Bill Allen, David Beebe, Charlotte Goedsche, and David for helping with the annual end-of-season picnic, and to all those who brought food;

to Bill Allen, Tom Amerson, David Beebe, Marlon Garren, Charlotte Goedsche and Nancy Snead for selling soft drinks at the Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival. ▽

CONGRATULATIONS!

to Kelly Brooks on being crowned Miss Jacksonville-FFI;

to Stacey Austin on being crowned Miss Bele Chere;

to the recipients of the NC Royal Court Awards;

to Leo Teachout and Cynthia Janes, recipients of the 1991 NC Lesbian and Gay Community Service Awards. ▽

Women's Writing Class Announced

An 8-week course in women's writing will be held beginning August 13. The course is offered to women who are seriously interested in pursuing the craft and art of creative writing; all levels of writers are welcome. There will be in-class writing exercises and readings, discussions, critique, and a reading following the course.

Some of the subjects we will discuss, through the use of writing exercises and readings of other women writers (including Virginia Woolf, Grace Paley, Sharon Olds, A.M. Holmes, Audre Lorde, Adrienne Rich and Jamaica Kincaid), will be the woman-structured sentence and story, seeing how woman's language differs from man's in image, structure and value; and talk about the need for women writers, as Virginia Woolf felt, to "write exactly as she wishes to write."

We will also discuss the importance of sexuality and eroticism in our writing, pursuing what it means, as women, to concern ourselves with the frank exploration of our bodies, our desire, and our sexuality. As a lesbian, I feel this is an especially important area of our lives not to be silent or half-honest about, and I feel that writing the politics of daily life for women, and especially lesbian women, is of prime importance for the transformation of our own lives, as well as for any deep, forward change in society.

The course will be taught by Zoe Rhine, M.F.A. Creative Writing, on Tuesdays evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 at The World Gallery, 37 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville. The cost is \$85.00. For reservations or more information, call 253-7325. ▽



It's been
an exciting
summer.