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GLSO Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Open House

The Gay Service Organization signed papers of incorporation on April 28, 1977. "Lesbian" was added to our name a few years later. On Sunday, April 28 from 2 until 5 pm we will have an Open House at the Pride Center to honor our Twenty-fifth Anniversary. Everyone is invited to share in this celebration.

We are particularly interested in contacting former members of our Board of Directors. If you know how to reach some of these people give Ginger a call or email her the information. 253-3233 or lexingtonglso@yahoo.com.

Pride Center Library Highlights Religion and Spirituality

By Jane Minder]

This is the first of what I hope will be a monthly column highlighting the growing collections of the Pride Center Library. My intention is to select a subject or area of interest each month and provide a sampling of the titles. If you have any suggestions or comments feel free to contact me through the Pride Center at 253-3233.

With the Reverend Mel White coming to Lexington this month to speak on "Spiritual Violence," It seemed appropriate to draw attention to **Religion and Spirituality** titles from the Pride Center Collection. Given the pain and confusion that so many of us have

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Reverend Mel White

The Coalition for Faith and Diversity announces a weekend of events with Mel White, author of *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay & Christian in America* and Executive Director of Soulforce (www.soulforce.org). Rev. White was previously a speech writer for Jerry Falwell and other fundamentalist leaders. He now confronts religious leaders that condemn GLBT people. He will be speaking in Lexington April 5-7. There will be a fundraiser/reception with Rev. White on Friday, April 5, from 7 to 9 p.m., \$50 per person. RSVP by email dotti@EmpoweringDiversity.com or call 859-489-4791.

On Saturday, April 6, between 1 and 3 p.m. there will be an opportunity for area ministers, as well as leaders of organizations in the bluegrass area, to meet and dialogue with Rev. White at the Woodland Christian Church, 530 East High Street. Please contact Dotti (info above) if you wish to attend.

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Saturday evening, at 7 pm, Rev. White will speak at Memorial Hall at the University of Kentucky. His speech is entitled "Healing the Wounds of Spiritual Violence, Spirituality versus Sexuality?" Admission is free.

Rev. Mel White will also speak at a local church on Sunday, April 7, time and location to be announced. These events are sponsored by Bluegrass Fairness, the Jabez foundation, and Woodland Christian Church.

Moveable Feast

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LMC--"Men in Tights V" Girls Just Having Fun!

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The show will feature the sisters DeLaRouge, Miss Tuesday, Miss Sundae and Miss Lazy--think the Gabor sisters without the heavy accents and prettier clothes!! Also gracing the stage will be Kelesa Sands and Jennifer Grant. The production number this year is "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," fully costumed and partially choreographed as always.

For the \$5 admission fee you get a million dollars worth of fun. Bring your friends, family and coworkers. Remember to bring "tip" money for the girls as well as money to buy raffle tickets. This year's extravaganza will support LMC's efforts to attend the regional GALA conference in Cincinnati in July. Find out more about LMC by visiting their web site at www.lmcky.org.

Community News

FTM & Intersex Listserv

Announcing a new listserv for female-to-male transsexuals and male identified intersexuals living or working in Kentucky. The purpose of this listserv is for male-identified transpeople to network, exchange advice and information, and be given the possibility of meeting in person.

The listserv is open to anyone who is or has already made or started an official change in status from female gender to male gender (via full-time living, or hormones, or surgery) and individuals born with incomplete or ambiguous genitals who identify as male in adulthood. There is a great need among FTMs to disseminate legal and medical information specific to Kentucky as well as a need to discuss social and political implications of being transgendered.

For privacy, membership to this listserv is restricted. For more information, contact FTMinkYowner@yahoogroups.com or view <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ftminky>. Guys living in border towns are also welcome.

Lexington Dress & Gender Alliance

LDGA is a new social support group for anyone who transcends gender norms and wishes to socialize with other like-minded people or discuss issues they face. The group is open and supportive for anyone who dresses, acts, or thinks differently from the gender in which they were raised.

The group founders hope that male and female crossdressers, transvestites, drag queens and kings, transgendered individuals, transsexuals, gender outlaws, and gender questioning individuals will attend. Family members of gender euphoric per-

sons are encouraged to participate as well. We also welcome supportive friends and community members who have an interest in issues arising due to gender presentation, identity, and variance.

The group meets on the second Monday and fourth Sunday of each month at 7 pm in a private home in Lexington. Email LexDGA@aol.com or call (859)433-8388 for the location. Meetings are free and are not a substitute for therapy; the group founders do not offer therapy or counseling. You may dress however you feel comfortable.

ACTOUT

ActOut has chosen The Laramie Project as their production for Pride Month 2002. Tryouts for this play will be on May 6 and 7, 7 pm at the Pride Center. There are 11 roles including both male and female parts and covering a wide age range (22 to 60). The play will be performed during the last two weekend in June.

SisterSound

SisterSound is rehearsing every Sunday night for their next concert, *Girls Night Out*. There are singing lots of fun songs by girl groups. Put it on your calendar now, May 18th at the Singletary Center.

Kentucky BiWay

There is a new Bisexual support group that meets in Lexington. Questions can be directed to Lovingheart, founder of Kentucky BiWay at KyBiWay@ureach.com. Check out the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/kybiway/>

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The GLSO Discussion Group continues to be a popular place to meet and talk with a variety of GLBT folks. Every Wednesday at 7 pm you are invited to share good conversation and laughter. For information, contact Ginger during the day at the Pride Center (859-253-3233) or Jane in the evening at 276-0672.

Writing Practice

On the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, Davina has organized a writing practice group at the center. In April that will be the 13th and the 27th. We experiment with writing exercises and share our work. No experience necessary, regular attendance not required. Bring a pen and some paper and join us.

Pride Month Committee

The Pride Month committee will meet on Thursday, April 18 at 7 pm at the Center. This is open to any interested individuals. All groups planning an activity should call Terry at Moveable Feast during the day at 252-2867 to be sure the time is free and email details of the event to Terry_Mullins@msn.net. Include a description of the event, time, date, place, and cost. Deadline for inclusion in the Pride Brouchure is April 28th. Deadline for inclusion in May GLSO News is May 15th.

Family Movies

Lesbian Movie Night - On Friday April 12 at 7 pm we will be showing *What's Cooking*, a multi-family, multi-cultural look at Thanksgiving. We are introduced to a Jewish family with a lesbian daughter and her partner, an hispanic family with a philandering husband, a cross generational Vietnamese family struggling with Americanized children, and an African American family where tensions arise between a successful father and his son who thinks he has sold out. Kyra Sedwick and Julianna Margulies do a great job as the lesbian couple. The film also stars Mercedes Ruehl, Alfre Woodard and Joan Chen.

Men's Night Out - On Tuesday April 23rd, we will be showing *Billy Elliot*. The ladies would like this movie also.

Classic Movie Matinee - On Sunday April 21, at 3:00pm, join us for *Cabaret*. It is the city of Berlin in 1930, a time when political unrest racks Germany, the economy has been destroyed, and millions of unemployed roam the streets. Enter into this chaos an American cabaret dancer (Liza Minnelli), working at the downtown "Kit-Kat Club" where anything goes on stage. Into this young dancer's life come several characters including a rich German politician, a young Jewish man struggling with his sexual identity, and teacher from London. Also starring is Michael York.

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Religious Groups

Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship is a Christ-centered charismatic church where people of all genders, sexual orientation and color are welcome. Some have asked what charismatic means. This simply means we believe in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and our worship style is lively and upbeat. We believe that Jesus is alive and well and desires a daily personal relationship with each one of us.

We would like to have you join us for worship and study. Our church currently meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm. For more information or directions please call Beverly or Corina at 264-7006 or e-mail us at cwbm121893@aol.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Integrity

Integrity, an Episcopal support group for LGBT people, meets at St. Michael's Episcopal Church on Bellefonte Dr. We welcome everyone to join us on the second Sunday of each month at 4 pm. We have increased our membership and would love to include other interested folks. Call Rev. David Boyd or Rev. Sandy Stone for info at 277-7511 or JBIntegrity@aol.com

Dignity

Dignity Lexington continues to meet at the Pride Center on the first and third Sundays of the month at 7 p.m. On the third Sunday, we conduct a worship service, which is open to all. There is a shared discussion of the scripture readings followed by a Fellowship hour.

Dignity is not officially accepted by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church,

but its membership does reflect the views of much of the Catholic community that there should be ministry to and for the gay and lesbian communities.

Dignity is active in our community in a variety of ways. We participate in the AIDS ministry, Moveable Feast, sponsored by the Episcopal Church. Additional information is available at 859-268-1351.

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Join us on the second Sunday of each month for Pot luck lunch after the service. The Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd. We are a Welcoming Congregation where GLBT individuals are welcomed and encouraged to participate in all aspects of our church community. Services at 10:45 every Sunday. Call 266-5904 for information.

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Looking ahead to May 8th, the Carnegie Songwriter Series will feature Jamie Anderson. Jamie's music is delightful, and often very funny. Don't miss this opportunity to see a wonderful entertainer.

PFLAG

Parents, Friends, and Family of Lesbians and Gays, will be meeting regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church. The church is on the corner of Tates Creek and Armstrong Mill Road.

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Volunteers between the ages of 60 and 90 are needed for a two hour interview. The first set of questions will focus on social support, life activity, satisfaction with life, and general demographic information. The second part will involve creating a social network diagram by answering question about the people you know and their relationship to you. (spouse, partner, children, friends.)

The final part of the interview will explore your daily activities, and who supports or hinders your participation in these activities. If you are interested please con-

tact: Alice Foose e-mail: afoose@indiana.edu, 502-451-8039 or 502-876-4280(cell) You may also leave you phone number with Ginger at the Pride Center and your call will be returned. (253-3323)

Study of Lesbian Mothers

A research project at UK is looking for volunteers to participate in a study: "Exploring the nature of support systems for lesbian mothers and co-mothers". To be eligible, you must be either:

A woman (eighteen years of age or older) identifying as lesbian or bisexual who has primary custody of at least one child (under age eighteen) living with or without a partner or the partner of such a woman, who has lived with the family for 6 months or more.

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MEMO FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

In our search for a suitable pastor, the following scratch sheet was developed for your perusal. Of the candidates investigated by the committee, only one was found to have the necessary qualities. The list contains the names of the candidates and comments on each, should you be interested in investigating them further for future pastoral placements.

Noah. He has 120 years of preaching experience, but no converts.

Moses. He stutters; and his former congregation says he loses his temper over trivial things.

Abraham. He took off to Egypt during hard times. We heard that he got into trouble with the authorities and then tried to lie his way out.

David. He is an unacceptable moral character. He might have been considered for minister of music had he not fallen.

Solomon. He has a reputation for wisdom but fails to practice what he preaches.

John. He says he is a Baptist but lacks tact and dresses like a hippie. Would not feel comfortable around him at a church potluck supper.

Peter. Has a bad temper, and was heard to have even denied Christ publicly.

Paul. We found him to lack tact. He is too harsh. His appearance is contemptible, and he preaches far too long.

Jesus. He tends to offend church members with his preaching, especially Bible scholars. He is also too controversial. He even offended the search committee with

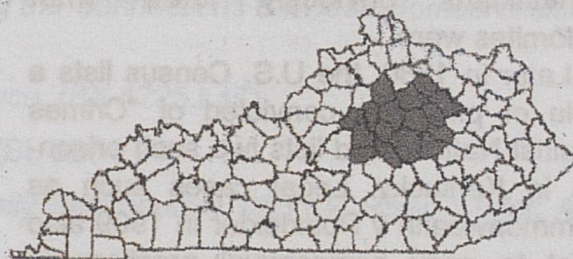
his pointed questions.

Judas. He seemed to be very practical, cooperative, good with money, cares for the poor, and dresses well. We all agreed that he is just the man we are looking for to fill the vacancy as our Senior Pastor.

Thank you for assisting us with our pastoral search. Sincerely,
The Pastoral Search Committee.

So what's happening at your local MCC this month? Faith MCC, located at 145 Burt Road, in Zandale, holds Sunday morning worship services at 10:30 a.m. MCC is also your local outlet to support AVOL with your \$15 donation for a Christmas ornament. For more MCC information, call (859) LEX-FMCC. The church e-mail address is LMCCREVMEL@AOL.com.

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Kentucky Queer History

Part II: before 1930

Many people ask me if my doctoral research found much information about queer Kentuckians before the 20th century. Regardless of whether individuals of such times viewed themselves as queer, there are hints to a richer past to queer Kentucky than we currently know. These rare glimpses usually arise either from legal cases or newspaper reports of individuals violating gender norms.

As early as pre-colonial times, Kentuckian John Tanner, a heterosexual kidnapped and raised by Native Americans, was describing an Ojibway berdache around the Great Lakes. Tanner's narrative is probably the oldest connection between a queer person and a Kentuckian that I've found. By the early 1800s, when Aaron Burr was in Kentucky, the two male co-editors of Frankfort's anti-Burr *Western World* newspaper were openly called "sodomites." Sodomy laws were already on the books, and stray Kentuckians obviously knew what sodomites were.

Later in 1880, the U.S. Census lists a table of prisoners convicted of "Crimes Against Nature" and lists two such prisoners in Kentucky. Legal cases such as *Commonwealth v Poindexter* in 1909 also point to early homosexual practices in Kentucky. In this case the conviction of two black Kentucky men for oral sex was thrown out by Kentucky's highest court because the then sodomy law only prohibited anal sex. It was not until 1974 that oral sex between male same-sex partners and female homosexuality of any type also became illegal. It is also interesting to note that in 1880 two-thirds of sodomy convictions nationwide involved black men. Sodomy laws were thus used to discipline "uppity" blacks in the Nineteenth Century and to discipline out queer people in the Twentieth.

A number of other stories arise from

people who were transgendered or who violated gender norms. The April 16, 1863, *Louisville Daily Democrat* carries a description of an apparent suicide by a female soldier passing as a man. In researching his family genealogy, Marc Rhorer, an interviewee for my study, similarly found an intriguing clipping describing the suicide of one Stanley Rhorer of Mercer County. This clipping describes Stanley Rhorer as living in St. Louis as a "Mrs. Green", the manager of a boarding house. Stanley's male sex was only discovered upon her death. Her family comments in the clipping only that Stanley had left home years before with a woman and had since not contacted them.

In his research on Shakers, Marc Rhorer also found a reference to a Shaker sister expelled from Pleasant Hill for trying to seduce other sisters. For queer women especially, but also for queer men, celibate Shakerstown may have provided a refuge from pressures to marry.

There are other issues of speculation-subtle stereotypes where modern queer Kentuckians may see commonality with the past regardless of whether such past individuals were queer. In the Frankfort cemetery holding Daniel and Rebecca Boone's graves, there are two nearby, identical gravestones. They mark the graves of two prominent Nineteenth Century Kentuckians, Robert Burns Wilson and William Thompson Price. Wilson, "Poet and Painter" on his gravestone, and Price, "Author and Dramatist", married women late in life. Where are their wives' graves and why are they buried next to each other? Perhaps the stereotypical association of the arts with queerness leads us to speculate that these two men were lovers. A similar attitude towards lesbians and sports leads to similar speculation about Lexington's Marion Miley, the top U.S. female golfer in 1937, who was murdered in 1941.

Even Kentucky's favorite son, Abraham Lincoln, has been linked to a long-term relationship with Joshua Speed, a man with whom he shared a bed for four years. Later

they shared intimate letters and described their mutual fear of marriage to women. Whether this relationship was of a sexual and romantic nature is still a matter of speculation.

What we do know is that at least men were having sex with other men and being punished by the court system for it. Butch women were trying to pass as men and many likely succeeded here on the frontier of the 1700s and 1800s. By the early 1930s, there was the Circuit, a well-known network of Lexington tearooms (a gay slang word for public restrooms used for anonymous sex). Lexington queer men were hosting drag parties in the 1920s where they would dress up and take pictures of

each other as part of the revelry. By 1930 James "Sweet Evening Breeze" Herndon, perhaps the first out queer person in Lexington, would have been almost forty years old and already a fixture of downtown.

This past is difficult to document. Women (and thus lesbians) and people of color faced many restrictions on public life and left few documents. Ranging from Shaker sisters to married men on the downtown tearoom Circuit, we do not know how these individuals viewed themselves. We may yet still place upon them a sense of kinship, and the exploration of this past certainly teases us with the possibilities of queer lives and loves.

Pride Center Library Highlights

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suffered, and the yearning for a spiritual life of our own is it any wonder that these books are already among the most popular in the library.

Here's some of what you will find:

Christ, Carol. R. *Laughter of Aphrodite: Reflections on a Journey to the Goddess*. (BL 458.C48)

Conner, Randy P. *Blossom of Bone: Reclaiming the Connections Between Homoeroticism and the Sacred*. (BL 65.H64 C66)

Curb, Rosemary. *Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence*. (BX 4225.L47)

Harvey, Andrew. *The Eessential Gay Mystics*. (BL 625.E76)

Houle, Joseph W. *The Road to Eemmaus: Daily Eencounters with the Risen Christ: An Inclusive Devotional*. (BV 4811 R628)

O'Neill, Craig. *Coming Out Within: Stages of Spiritual Awakening for Lesbians and Gay Men*. (BV 4596.G38054 C733)

Piazza, Michael S. *Holy Homosexuals: The Truth About Being Gay or Lesbian and Christian*. (BR 115.H6 P922)

White, Mel. *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America*. (BX 9896.Z8 W586)

Williams, Robert. *"Just as I Am" A Practical Guide to Being Out, Proud, and Christian*. (BR 4596.G38 W55)

Wilson, Nancy. *Our Tribe: Queer Folks, God, Jesus, and the Bible*. (BR 115.H6 W55)

What **Religion and Spirituality** titles would you like to see in the Pride Center Library? Remember, all materials in the library are donated by people like you.

Visit the Pride Center Library at 2329 Waller Avenue, Monday-Saturday from 10 to 3.

Women's Studies Film Series

An interesting series of documentaries will be shown by the U.K. Women Studies Department in the Young Library Auditorium on two different evenings. On Tuesday, April 2 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm they will show three films on Spirituality and Sexuality: **Honored by the Moon**, **All God's Children**, and **Stop the Church**.

Honored by the Moon shows gay and lesbian Native Americans talking about spirituality, "coming out," and their relationships with family. The central element is their belief that there is a special sacredness associated with being lesbian or gay. Richard LaFortune explains that "the power of the gay and lesbian people historically has been that we're in the middle . . . we're between male and female . . . we're between this physical world and the real world . . . we're connectors . . . people have always recognized that and called upon our powers, which nobody else really has."

All God's Children is an African American response to homophobia. It looks at the relationship of lesbian and gay African Americans to their churches, and includes strong statements of support from prominent African American religious, intellectual and political leaders, including Jesse Jackson and Cornel West.

Stop the Church, Robert Hilferty's indictment of the Catholic church, looks at both sides of what this two-thousand-year-old power structure has meant to different people. **Stop the Church** is a success story about individuals working together to regain power over their lives by challenging the forces which would otherwise unfavorably determine their fate.

On Thursday, April 18 from 6 to 8 pm, two more documentaries will be shown: **Wild Women Don't Have the Blues**, and **Dreadful Memories: The Life of Sarah Ogen Gunning**.

Wild Women Don't Have the Blues explores the 1920s generation of great women blues performers -- Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith, Ida Cox, Alberta Hunter, Mamie Smith and others. These powerful singers launched a craze for the blues that swept into the American mainstream. Through their stories, **Wild Women** brings to life the flourishing of black American popular culture between 1910 and 1930 -- from the tent shows and vaudevilles in the South to the cabaret scene in Chicago and Harlem and the recording craze of the roaring twenties.

Dreadful Memories: The Life of Sarah Ogen Gunning documents the life of a Kentucky coal miner's wife in the 1930's, filled with almost impossibly cruel trials, tribulations, and sorrow, including unspeakable poverty which killed two of her children and her husband. Instead of shaking an angry fist at God, Sarah began writing songs--moving acappella laments which combined traditional ballad forms with grassroots labor radicalism. Family, friends, and eminent folkies offer tales of Sarah's life, and testify to the power of her songs as potent calls to action.

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Some GLBT Dates of Note in the Twentieth Century

by Thomas Collins

1912 In New York City, the women's group Heterodoxy is formed.

December 19, 1922 "The God of Vengeance" opens at the Provincetown Playhouse. The drama, translated from Yiddish and performed in English for the first time, includes the first lesbian scenes on the American stage.

March 1935 Bessie Smith records the song "B-D Woman" in praise of "bulldaggers," perhaps the first popular release to pay tribute to butch lesbians.

April 1964 The Association for Social Knowledge, Canada's first homophile organization, is founded in Vancouver.

May 14, 1970 In New York City, Gay Liberation Front activists zap a special session of the American Psychiatric Association dealing with "sex problems." The activists protest an Australian doctor's paper on the use of electroshock aversion therapy to "treat" homosexuality.

February 25, 1982 Wisconsin becomes the first state to approve civil rights protection for lesbians and gay men.

February 5, 1988 Arizona Governor Evan Mecham, who at the beginning of his administration tried to purge lesbians and gay men from state government, is impeached by the Arizona House of Representatives.

February 1992 Levi Strauss & Co. makes domestic partners of gay and lesbian employees eligible for health insurance coverage. With 23,000 employees, Levi

Strauss is the largest company in the U.S. to do so to date.

September 13, 1996

In the U.S. Congress, a bill that would ban employment discrimination against lesbians and gay men is defeated by one vote.

November 1996

San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown signs a bill that requires all companies doing business with the city to offer gay and lesbian employees Domestic Partnership benefits.

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UK LAMBDA

UK Lambda has new officers and plans for the future. Sara Morris is President, Dave Hicks, Vice President, Casey Mather Treasurer and John Price, Secretary. Possible future plans for Lambda include several fund-raising activities, a drag/fashion show, a GLBT movie series, group trips to various gay/pride events around the region, picnic's/cook-outs/group lunches, light group sports like ultimate frisbee or bowling, group Laser Quest, and a campus Gay Blue Jeans Day. You will have to come to a meeting to find out what that's all about... but it sounds REALLY fun.

There's plenty more... this is all just a beginning! We are all extremely excited about Lambda this semester and we hope that everybody comes to a meeting to see all of the changes and plans that we have in store! We meet every Thursday night in the Student Center.



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Aids Volunteers Celebrates 10th Anniversary Walk

April 21st in downtown Lexington at
Triangle Park. State Rep. Kathy Stein and
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Alan Stein will co-chair the 10th anniversary
walk.

AVOL volunteers have begun distributin
team sign-up sheets for the event, which
begins with registration at 12 noon.

"We're inviting everyone in the Central
and Eastern Kentucky area to help us cel-
ebrate the 10th year of the AIDS Walk for
Life and our commitment of giving back to
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HIV and AIDS in our communities," AVOL
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Women's Retreats and Festivals

Lesbian Culture has produced some wonderful festivals and retreats where you can enjoy music, art, and films, attend presentations by well known writers and political activists, shop in women (mostly lesbian) owned businesses, attend workshops on diverse topics including spirituality, sexuality, networking and parenting, and immerse yourself in lesbian community. There is a joy to be found here that is difficult to explain. Please support these festivals and introduce your friends to them. Here are a few for 2002. This information was taken from Lesbian Connection, a free worldwide forum for, by, and about lesbians. To get on their mailing list, contact LC, PO Box 811, East Lansing, MI 48826. or email elsie@aol.com. Their entire list of festivals will be posted at the Pride Center.

National Women's Music Festival

The National Women's Music Festival, our longest running festival, will be held over the weekend of June 7-9, at Ball State University in Muncie Ind. This Festival is the oldest and in some ways the easiest. All the events are indoors with stages, shopping, workshops, and films close together. The producers are including a variety of music in hopes of appealing to all age groups. Younger women are especially encouraged to give this festival a try.

Wishing Chair will be playing on night stage this year and would love home town support. Jamie Anderson, Margie Adam, Saffire-The Uppity Blues Women, Suede, Laura Love, and more will grace the stage.

This year there will be a special Saturday afternoon concert, She Rocks!, a separate mini festival, including some male back up musicians, and a \$20 admission price. For a complete list of performers see <http://wiaonline.org>. Admission cost and other information will be posted there.

Staying Power

Staying Power, the Ninth Annual Lesbian Retreat Weekend, will be held at The Mountain, a Unitarian Universalist Retreat Center in the North Carolina Blue Ridge Mountains from Friday, April 19th through Sunday 21st. Join women of all ages for spirited fun, laughter, exploration,

companionship and dancing. The weekend is open to all and features Susan Johnson, author of *Staying Power: Long-Term Lesbian Couples*. (Available at the Pride Center Library) They can be reached at P.O. Box 1299, Highlands, NC 28741, phone 828-526-5838, www.mountaincenters.org.

GoldenThreads' Celebration

A festival for older lesbians, Golden Threads is becoming increasingly popular. Its happening in Provincetown, Mass., June 20-23.

email GOLDENTRED@aol.com or <http://ameca.net/wildiris/goldenthread.html>.

Other Festivals in Brief:

Women's Music Festival -- Over Memorial Weekend, May 24-27, this festival will be at CampOut in Virginia. They can be reached at (804) 783-6001, and at web site www.campoutva.com.

Womongathering -- This Spirituality Festival will take place June 6-9 on the Pennsylvania/New Jersey border. email womongathr@aol.com, www.womongathering.com or phone (856) 694-2037.

Hopland Women's Festival -- Happening over the weekend of May 31 through June 2 in North Carolina. Phone (707) 523-9593, www.hoplandwomenfestival.com.

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