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Open Up Those Golden Gates: Women's Groups at ALA

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8-9:00 a.m.
9:30-11 a.m.

MER, Sauternes Room I
HIL, Toyon Room A

11:30-12:30
11:30-12:30
2-4:00 p.m.
8-10:00 p.m.

MER, Cabernet Room II
MER, Chardonnay Room
SIRP, Carmel Room
HYUS, Dolores Room

Women's Natl. Book Assn. breakfast
• ACRL Women's Studies Section with COSWL:
program, "Information for, by, and
about Women of Color in the U.S."
ACRL Women's Studies Section
COSWL
SRRT Feminist Task Force
• Feminist Task Force program, "An Evening
with Judy Grahn"

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

11:30-12:30

HIL, Teakwood Room

GOSWL Subcomte. on Advancing Women in
Library Management

MONDAY, JUNE 29

8-9:00 a.m.
9:30-11 a.m.
11:30-12:30

MER, Landot Room
MER, Sauternes Room III
MER, Colombard Room

COSWL Legislative Subcomte.
COSWL
• COSWL with RASD Women's Materials & Women
Library Users Discussion Group with
SRRT Alternatives in Print Task Force:
program, "Feminist Presses: Diversity
in Print"
Feminist Task Force
LAMA Women's Discussion Group
COSWL

2-4:00 p.m.
2-4:00 p.m.
4:30-5:30 p.m.

MER, Chardonnay Room
HYUS, San Miguel Room
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TUESDAY, JUNE 30

8-9:00 a.m.
11:30-12:30

MOS, Room 214
HIL, Continental Parlor 3

Feminist Task Force: Selection of next
year's officers
ACRL Women's Studies Section





Hey, Kids —What Time Is It?

Women's
Places / S.F.

CASTRO

Francine's
4149 - 18th St. (near Castro)
552-9858, Women's dance bar
8 bus, Muni Metro to Castro Sta.

HAIGHT

Maud's
937 Cole St. (near Carl)
731-6119, Women's dance bar
37 bus, N Judah, Noon-2 a.m.

CHMOND

g's Place
37 Geary Blvd. (near 12th Ave.)
668-5050, Women's dance bar
38 bus from Market St.

SOUTH OF MARKET

Bay Brick Inn (Clementina's)
1190 Folsom St. (near 8th St.)
431-8334
Women's disco, restaurant, bar

A Little More (Talk of the Town)
702 - 15th St. (at Potrero St.)
626-3184, 864-9123
Women's dance bar, 8 p.m.-2 a.m.

Old Wive's Tales
1009 Valencia St. (near 21st St.)
821-4675, 11-7 Tu-F, -6 S,S, closed Mon.
Feminist bookstore.

MISSION

Amelia's
647 Valencia (near 17th)
552-7788, Women's dance bar
26 bus from Market St., 4 p.m.-2 a.m.

Artemis Society Cafe
1199 Valencia (near 22nd St.)
821-0232
26 bus from Market St.
Women's cafe/club: beer, wine
Sunday brunch: reasonable

Cafe Commons
3161 Mission St. (at Army)
282-2928
Women-owned coffee house
Large menu, beer, wine; deck/patio
Weekdays from 7 a.m., weekends from 9 a.m.

Osento
955 Valencia St. (near 20th St.)
282-6333, 1 p.m.-1 a.m.
Japanese-style bathhouse for women only

Sofia's
529 Valencia St. (at 23rd St.)
558-8299
Women's Latino dance bar

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Tuesday, June 30, 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. GAY BOOK AWARD * PROGRAM
San Francisco Hilton, Conference Rooms 1-2-3

Annual Book Award presented at 2 p.m. Program starts at 2:30 p.m.

GAY AND LESBIAN WRITERS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

A distinguished panel:

SAMUEL STEWARD has written several erotic novels under the pseudonym of Phil Andros. Other works by Mr. Steward include Dear Sammy, Chapters From An Autobiography, Parisian Lives and Murder Is Murder Is Murder Is Murder. The writer visited Alice B. Toklas annually from 1959 to 1967, after earlier trips in the 1930's.

MONIKA KEHOE, Ph.D., in her seventy-eighth year, teaches a course in "Lesbian and Gay Aging" in the Gerontology Program at San Francisco State University. She is the editor of Historical, Literary and Erotic Aspects of Lesbianism. She is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Homosexuality.

NANCY MANAHAN, Ph.D., wrote one of the first articles on lesbian literature to appear in a mainstream magazine (Mother Jones, April 1976). With Rosemary Curb, she edited the best-selling Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence.

JACK COLLINS has taught Gay and Lesbian Literature at City College of San Francisco since 1980. He serves on the advisory board of the Harvey Milk Memorial Branch of the San Francisco Public Library. He has completed an unpublished novel and an unpublished book of prose poems.

MAB MAHER is writing a forthcoming book of short stories on her many comings outs: from the convent, to lesbian identity, to feminism. She has a chapter in Breaking the Silence.

MIDGETT, a teacher, professional speaker and author of Brown On Brown, black lesbian erotica, has written a soon-to-be released book Cinnamon On Toast, black men and women's erotica.

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Saturday, June 27, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. RECEPTION

Wine and Cheese Reception at the Eureka Valley-Harvey Milk Branch of the San Francisco Public Library, 3555 16th Street. Special exhibit by the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of the San Francisco Bay Area. Reception open to all ALA Conference attendees.

Saturday, June 27, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. PROGRAM

Hyatt-Union Square Plaza Ballroom

How does the Public Get Health Information? The AIDS Crisis As A Case Study. Co-sponsored with the Intellectual Freedom Round Table.

Sunday, June 28, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. PARADE

Gay Freedom Day Parade.

Monday, June 29, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING

San Francisco Hilton, Sausalito Room A

Annual Business Meeting of the Gay Task Force. Please attend and participate in future planning and programming.

Saturday, June 27, 8-10 p.m. - Hyatt Union Square,
Dolores Room
SRRT Feminist Task Force Program. Judy Grahn, author
of Another Mother Tongue: Gay Words, Gay Worlds.

Monday, June 29, 9:30-11a.m. - Ramada Renaissance
Hotel, Barcelona Room I
SRRT Alternatives in Print Task Force Program:
Sex In The Stacks.

Book up Your Brains

Editor's choice for poetry: **FLAMINGOES & BEARS**, by Jewelle Gomez, which shows enormous intelligence and wit, belongs in women's and Black studies collections; it is available for \$6.95 from Grace Publications, 247 Liberty Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07307. Also, Marilyn Hacker's **LOVE, DEATH, AND THE CHANGING OF SEASONS**, a volume limning just what its title says, from Arbor House, \$30/\$7.95.

New Firebrand titles include **THE THRESHING FLOOR**, by Barbara Burford (a Gay/Lesbian Book Award nominee) and two more. Poet and professor Judith McDaniel was a member of the Witness for Peace delegation captured by the Contras in August 1985. Her book **SANCTUARY: A JOURNEY** tells, in poetry and prose, about her experiences as one not one of Oliver North's Private Patriotic Americans in Nicaragua; \$16.95/\$7.95. —**THIS IS ABOUT INCEST** is Margaret Randall's process of recalling and coping with her grandfather's sexual abuse of her when she was a child. Known for her activism in Latin America, the author demonstrates her usual courage; \$16.95/\$7.95. Firebrand Books is located at 141 The Commons, Ithaca, NY 14850 (607-272-0000).



As you fly to San Francisco, secure that, by boycotting TWA, you have supported the union members struggling against that company, try reading **SKY GIRL TO FLIGHT ATTENDANT: WOMEN AND THE MAKING OF A UNION**. This book is \$18.50/\$9.95 from ILR Press of the NY State School of Industrial & Labor Relations, Cornell University, Ithaca 14851; the publisher offers much to women's studies, with books about comparable worth, discrimination in higher education and business, and history. Send for its brochure.

A new edition of **WOMEN'S STUDIES: A RECOMMENDED CORE BIBLIOGRAPHY, 1980-85**, compiled by Catherine Loeb, our Susan Searing, and Esther Stineman, is now out from Libraries Unlimited, Box 263, Littleton, CO 80160. Annotations of the approximately 1,200 items are evaluative and classified by subject; \$55.

ALA's Office for Library Personnel Resources has published **ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC LIBRARIANS: DATA BY RACE, ETHNICITY, AND SEX**. Obtain copies from ALA for \$4 prepaid.

Book up Your Brains, 2

To be announced at the ALA conference this summer is the winner of the Gay & Lesbian Book Award for an outstanding publication of 1986. ALA's Gay & Lesbian Task Force award committee is choosing from the following nominees. Collection managers take note of these titles of particular interest to lesbian readers: Burford, Barbara. *THE THRESHING FLOOR*, reissued by Firebrand in 1987. --Hayes, Penny. *THE LONG TRAIL*, Naiad. --Pearson, Carol Lynn. *GOOD-BYE, I LOVE YOU*, Random House. --Sands, Regine. *TRAVELS WITH DIANA HUNTER*, Lace Publications. --Schulman, Sarah. *GIRLS, VISIONS, AND EVERYTHING*, Seal Press. --Zanotti, Barbara, ed. *A FAITH OF ONE'S OWN: EXPLORATION BY CATHOLIC LESBIANS*, Crossing Press. --Beam, Joseph, ed. *IN THE LIFE: A BLACK GAY ANTHOLOGY*, Alyson. --Cooper, Emmanuel. *THE SEXUAL PERSPECTIVE: HOMOSEXUALITY AND ART IN THE LAST 100 YEARS IN THE WEST*, Routledge & Kegan Paul. --Duberman, Martin Bauml. *ABOUT TIME: EXPLORING THE GAY PAST*, Gay Presses of New York, A SeaHorse Book.



Feminist Press, now at the City University of New York, 311 E. 94th St., NY, NY 10128, announces its spring books: *DAUGHTER OF EARTH*, by Agnes Smedley, with a Foreword by Alice Walker, is a famous proletarian novel. Superficial to some scholars, perhaps, are the gorgeous descriptions of meals; \$8.95. --"Doctor, doctor, give me the news! / I gotta bad case of lovin' you!" Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' novel tells the story as it was in 1871; \$8.95 for *DOCTOR ZAY*. --Something of what it was like during the Depression to be from an upper middle class family is related in Elizabeth Janeway's novel *LEAVING HOME*. Watch for the sexual politics; \$8.95. --*WRITING RED: AN ANTHOLOGY OF AMERICAN WOMEN WRITERS, 1930-1940*, with a Foreword by Toni Morrison, shows women still struggling for liberation after having won suffrage; \$29.95/\$12.95. --Proceedings and relevant documents are published in *TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN: THE ANTI-SLAVERY CONVENTION OF AMERICAN WOMEN HELD IN NEW YORK CITY, MAY 9-12, 1837*; \$2.95. --Huda Shaarawi founded the Egyptian Feminist Union. Her *HAREM YEARS: MEMOIRS OF AN EGYPTIAN FEMINIST, 1879-1924* offers insight into a culture not so different from ours; \$29.95/\$12.95.

Serial Affairs

The quarterly SIGNS: JOURNAL OF WOMEN IN CULTURE AND SOCIETY is making an offer that new subscribers will find hard to refuse: 15% off and a free ten-year index; NWSA members receive a 20% discount. For all, many SIGNS books are available at 20% off. Contact the editors at the University of Chicago Press, Journal Division, P.O. Box 37005, Chicago, IL 60637.

For news of law and labor, consider the excellent newsletter THE WOMAN ACTIVIST; write for a sample from 2310 Barbour Rd., Falls Church, VA 22043.

Mom + Cheri Pies

Passionately arguing for a reformation of child custody guidelines, Phyllis Chesler refutes the conventional opinion that mothers receive preferential treatment from the courts. Her new book, **MOTHERS ON TRIAL**, recently released by Seal Press and selling for \$11.95, is certain to become a classic text.

Once motherhood was not thought of as an option for lesbians, and even now fears of AIDS infection reduce possibilities. A well considered decision is aided by Cheri Pies' **CONSIDERING PARENTHOOD: A HANDBOOK FOR LESBIANS**, a Spinsters, Ink book costing \$9.95.

NBC provides the following suggestions for discussion of "the new motherhood," surrogacy, adoption, etc.: —Andrews, Lori. **NEW CONCEPTIONS**. St. Martin's, 1984. —Blank, Robert H. **REDEFINING HUMAN LIFE: REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND SOCIAL POLICY**. Westview Press, 1984. —Bolles, Edmund B. **THE PENGUIN ADOPTION HANDBOOK: A GUIDE TO CREATING YOUR NEW FAMILY**. Penguin, 1984. —Borg, Susan and Judith Lasker. **WHEN PREGNANCY FAILS: FAMILIES COPING WITH MISCARRIAGE, STILLBIRTH, AND INFANT DEATH**. Beacon Press, 1981. —Corea, Gena. **THE MOTHER MACHINE: REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES FROM ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION TO ARTIFICIAL WOMBS**. Harper & Row, 1985. —Gilman, Lois. **THE ADOPTION RESOURCE BOOK**. Harper & Row, 1984. —Levine, Howard. **LIFE CHOICES**. Simon & Schuster, 1986. —Rothman, Barbara Katz. **THE TENTATIVE PREGNANCY: PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS AND THE FUTURE OF MOTHERHOOD**. Viking, 1986. —Salzer, Linda P. **INFERTILITY: HOW COUPLES CAN COPE**. G.K. Hall, 1986. —Singer, Peter and Deane Wells. **MAKING BABIES: THE NEW SCIENCE AND ETHICS OF CONCEPTION**. Scribner's, 1985. —Viguers, Susan T. **WITH CHILD: ONE COUPLE'S JOURNEY TO THEIR ADOPTED CHILD**. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, 1985.

Resources Against Rape

Well reviewed in CHOICE and by Women Organized Against Rape (Philadelphia, PA), **RETHINKING RAPE** analyzes acquaintance, or date, rape. Purchase of the 16mm film is \$425, of the videocassette, \$275 (1/2" or 3/4"); rental is \$45; previewing is free for public libraries, \$15 for others. Order from the Film Distribution Center, 1028 Industry Dr., Seattle, WA 98188 (206-575-1575).

The Project on the Status and Education of Women of the Association of American Colleges, 1818 R St. NW, Washington, DC 20009 (202-387-3760) has published an 8-page report called, "'Friends' Raping Friends: Could It Happen to You?" Assuring the reader of how easily and often rape occurs on college campuses, the pamphlet advises her of some means of avoiding circumstances which could endanger her. \$2.

Appeals

A foremost scholar on Latin American women writers living in the U.S., Dr. Luz Maria Umpierre of Rutgers University is receiving support from those who think that she is suffering from her institution's discrimination on the basis of national origin, sex, and sexual orientation. In 1984 and 1985, she was overlooked for the position of Chair of the Puerto Rican and Hispanic Caribbean Studies Department. She has also been denied full professorship. To protest, send a letter to Edward Bloustein, President, Rutgers University, Old Queens Bldg., New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

In this year of the 200th celebration of the U.S. Constitution, the ERA has been re-introduced in both houses of Congress. Opponents have tried to block passage of this effort and of the Civil Rights Restoration Act by adding anti-abortion riders to them. For information on how to lend support to clean ERA and CRRA, contact Eleanor Smeal, NOW, 1401 New York Ave., NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005.

Well, I've Gotten Older Too ♪

FACING OUR FUTURE, produced by the National Council on the Aging, 600 Maryland Ave. SW, West Wing 100, Washington, DC 20024, purposts to assist women in midlife to examine planning opportunities for our many concerns. Suggested structuring is for six two-hour sessions with groups of no more than 20 participants. The Leader's Package contains a 195-page manual, audiotapes on five topics, a "Guide for Sponsoring Organizations," and a flyer for publicity; this costs \$30, and a participant's manual is \$5. Programming anyone?

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