Sonoma County Women Make History

By Lois Pearlman

During the latter half of the 20th century Lesbian/Gay Liberation and Women's Liberation movements developed side-by-side. In fact many Lesbians came out within the context of the Women's Movement. One of the avenues through which Lesbians and Gays and Feminists have gained strength and pride is in the reclaiming of their long suppressed history/histories. Each March the American people celebrate National Women's History Month as designated by the United States Congress. The important roles all women play in our society are finally coming to light. For our March issue We The People spoke with Andy Tibby, a prominent member of the Lesbian community and an integral part of the Santa Rosa-based National Women's History Project.

The National Women's History Project, just a gleam in its founders' eyes twelve short years ago, has become an American institution. Back in 1977 Molly MacGregor's Women's Studies class, after scouring the local libraries for books about women's history, discovered that they were few, outdated, and hardly ever used. Meanwhile, in another Women's Studies class, Bette Morgan and J.J. Wilson were embarking on a project which was to result in a slide show about women's history and the novel idea of including women in the multi-cultural curriculum taught in California schools.

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Femme and Proud

I've come a long way, baby.

My life as a professional and open as a gay man has been a mixture of ups and downs, victories and setbacks. Some days it feels like I'm making progress, while others it seems as if I'm running in circles. But I've learned to embrace the challenges and use them as opportunities for growth.

As a woman, I've always felt a sense of responsibility to help others who are facing similar struggles. I've been involved in various advocacy groups and organizations, working to promote equality and support for the LGBTQ+ community. I've even had the opportunity to speak at the Women's Convention in Los Angeles, where I shared my story and experiences with others.

I've also been part of the Women's March in Washington D.C., where I stood with thousands of women who were fighting for their rights and freedoms. It was a powerful experience, and one that I will always remember.

Looking back, I'm grateful for all the opportunities that I've had to make a difference in the world. I've learned so much along the way, and I feel fortunate to be part of a community that supports and uplifts each other.

While there's still work to be done, I'm hopeful for the future. I know that we can make a difference, and that we'll continue to push for equality and justice for all.

Endnotes:

**AIDSNEWS**

By Doug McColloch

**Test or Not to Test?**

New Reasons to Consider Taking the Antitrypsin Test

If you have any questions about testing, we suggest you ask your doctor or pharmacist. They can provide you with more information on the test and what it means for you.

**Four Seasons**

By John D’Alessio

Planning your vegetable garden

April is a good time to start planting your vegetable garden. With spring just around the corner, it's time to get out and get your hands in the dirt. Growing your own vegetables can be fun and healthy. You can also choose to grow some organic material to the soil. Organic material improves the soil's fertility and adds to the overall health of your garden.

**The Quilt Graces Sonoma County**

By Lester Bush

Memory, Like a Dream, and the idea of a quilt, the theme of the “Comfort Quilt” is a perfect job for me. I’m able to keep my mind busy and my hands occupied. Every piece of a California Artist-in-Residence Grant awarded to him in 1984, Bazil currently works as a graphic artist for The Press Democrat. He has finished with this series and is now working on others. His work in the parks of San Diego led him to develop a sense of order and form. There is a sense of restraint and simplicity in this work not appearing in his earlier paintings. The beauty of the male figure is layered on these panels and yet not finished. 留意 the restriction and repetitious nature of the locations which he chooses to depict. In his most recent work Bazil “is freed of the sense of order and he does it at our current time. These paintings are called ‘Public Restrooms Wall Series’”.[1] Presenting this series enabled me to explore the mythology of four and change that is reflected in Bazil’s work and I was speaking the language suddenly Sprayed over public restroom walls. These works are large in size and Bazil’s work is recognized and can be up close. They are like signs that can be pointed with nose spray and paint and magic mark - the same materials that people use on cars.

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Queer Happenings!

The Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill (officially called the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1989) was introduced in the United States by Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) in early February. The number of Americans killed by AIDS was 47,328. AIDS-related deaths reported to the federal Centers for Disease Control by January 30, 1989 were projected to exceed 100 participants.

Karen unpacks the antiques at Food For Thought's second auction in Santa Rosa on February 4 and 5. The donated food is presently being distributed from the Nobel Peace Prize by Democratic congressional representative for the homeless. Call 579-1470 for appointments.

For Food Thought AIDS

Food For Thought AIDS, the AIDS food program, has captured the imagination of Sonoma County residents who donated time,Training and leadership development for rural communities (Reg. #1H13379). $15 per meeting. For information call the Wishing Well, 667-7906.

The Wishing Well, Gay Male seeks right hand, 575-1719. If interested in getting away from the rat race, please call the Wishing Well, 667-7906.

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Tuesday March 7
“Playing By Catholic Calendar, meets 1st Saturday of the month. 6:30 pm. Mass at 7 pm, followed by potluck, dinner. For info call 579-3096.

Tuesday March 14
Coming Out and Lesbian Relations: Do you struggle with such issues as healthcare, work-related matters, public displays of affection? A presentation and discussion with Frances Fuchs and Mary Hidemoto, 7:30 pm, Clairleight. Admission $5-8 sliding scale. 575-8879.

“Women and AIDS,” in-person presentation with Jackie Robbi of Face to Face at 10 am, on Monroe, Carol Hall, 7:30 pm. For info call the SFU Women’s Resource Center at 464-2945 (See Women’s History Month under Other Programs.)

Wednesday March 15
Artemis Flute/Flute Glee Club, 8 pm, All Saints Community Church, 17790 Gragar Ave., Boyes Springs. Donation solicited. 869-0664.

Friday March 17
“Deep Dish” Gay Men’s Potluck meets 3rd Friday of the month at 7 pm. For info call 544-4190.

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HIV Positive Support Group, meets 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7-9 pm. Face to Face, Guemeville. 865-2411.

Wednesday March 12
LGBTQIE+ of Sonoma County, every Thursday at 5:30 pm, Yalode, 16216 Main St, Guemeville. $3-6 sliding scale. 8690664.

Thursday March 23
Janes Spotwool will channel “The Council”, 7:30 pm, Yalode, 18126 Main St, Guemeville. Bring pillow or stool. Donation requested. 869-0664.

Saturday March 25
Acting Our Age, an award-winning video documentary about an old woman who shares her feelings about themselves, their lives and loves, 5 pm, Clairelight. No admission charge. 575-8679.

Saturday April 1
Dignity, a Catholic organization, meets 1st Saturday of the month. 6:30 pm. Mass at 7 pm, followed by potluck, dinner. For info call 579-3096.

Sunday April 2
Women’s Spirituality Circle, 1st Sunday of all spiritual traditions, 1st Sunday of the month. 7 pm. For info and location call sponsored by Marjorie Thkkettie, MFCC (ML021923). For kilo cal (4tS)45N )854.

Tuesday April 4
Veteren C.A.R.E’, gay and lesbian veterans and their friends, meets 1st Monday of the month. Dinner, 6:30 pm, Yalode, 16216 Main St, Guemeville. Bring pillow or stool. Donation requested. 869-0664.

Wednesday April 5
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Other Programs:
Lesbian Business Owner’s Association meets once a month on the first Thursday of each month. Metropolitan Community Church, oriented toward a gay congregation. Service every Sunday at 11 am with Pastor James, Church of Religion, 915 Orch St, Santa Rosa. For info call 528-5936.

Rebein River Regional Metropolitan Church is a church for all peoples regardless of sexual orientation. Service every Sunday at 14300 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guemeville. For info and counseling 869-0662.

Women in Transit, a lesbian social group meets every second Sunday for brunch. For info call 526-2038.

Women’s History Month - August, the University will include presentations, discussions, videos and slide shows on such issues as: women and leadership, domestic violence, co-dependency, abortion rights, women in history, sex, gender, and more. All events are free and open to the public. At the Emmanuel Church, 14300 Armstrong Woods Rd., Guemeville. For info call 869-0662.

Women’s Support Group for women who are sexually abused as children, meets every Wednesday at 8 pm. Christ Methodist Church, 1717 Yulupa Drive, Room 5. Santa Rosa. For info call 869-0662.