

Gay Women's Alternative

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NOVEMBER 1994 - JUNE 1995

For All Women
A WARM WELCOME TO OLD AND NEW FRIENDS

1st Thursday Evenings at 8:00 p.m.-(Doors Open 7:45 p.m.)-Admn./Contrib. \$6.00-Refreshments.

C A L E N D A R O F P R O G R A M S

11/3/94

ELEANOR PAM, Ph.D.: Professor, Writer, Activist.

has been intensively involved in working for the freedom of SHEILA RYAN DE LUCA, a lesbian ex-cop, ex-nun, ex-teacher who is presently out on bail after having served 10 years of a 20-years-to-life sentence for killing the man who abducted, raped, sodomized and tortured her. At last on August 4th, Judge Robert T. Ward granted a "rare" writ of habeas corpus and wrote that De Luca's defense, "though well-meaning, was constitutionally deficient." Pam said, "It is gratifying to have the beginning of a just resolution for Sheila," who will be present at G.W.A. participating in this discussion. The fight is not over, even with the enormous recent media interest, so lets all come out and show our support!

NOTE: JUDGE KAREN BURSTEIN, Democratic Candidate for Attorney General, is hoping to be able to stop by this evening.

12/1/94

ROBIN MORGAN: International Consulting Editor of MS Magazine, former Editor in Chief of MS Magazine, Poet, Writer, Political Theorist, Feminist/Activist.

Author of 14 books, Robin will be reading from her two new publications, a new and up-dated edition of *The Anatomy of Freedom: Feminism in Four Dimensions*, and a paperback 2nd edition of *The Word of A Woman: Feminist Dispatches* which contains two more years worth of essays than the 1st edition. She will also share with us the work she's done with *The Women's Movement in Nepal and the Asia/Pacific Region*. We look forward to a fun and fascinating evening.

1/5/95

GINNY VIDA: Director of the Office of Sexual Harassment Issues at the NYS Division of Human Rights (OSHI), former senior staff member and Program Director of The NYS Commission on the Status of Women.

We welcome Ginny back after a year and a half in California! She will discuss her exiting new position and the work OSHI is doing in investigating hundreds of sexual harassment complaints filed statewide, including sexual orientation complaints for state jobs, and will answer your questions on these issues. As Editor of *Our Right to Love: A Lesbian Resource Book*, Ginny will also give us a sneak preview of the revised edition of this well-known anthology due for publication in the fall of 1995.

2/2/95

BELLA ABZUG: FORMER U.S. Congresswoman, former Chair, NYS Commission on the Status of Women, currently, one of 10 Co-Chairs of the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) based here in New York and, in September 1994, was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York.

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CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS cont'd.

2/2/95

BELLA ABZUG cont'd. Bella will bring us an up-date on the recent International Conference on Population and Development she attended as both a U.S. Delegate and with her organization WEDO helped to facilitate the Women's Caucus which worked to put a woman's perspective in the Programme of Action. WEDO also launched a national project along with Greenpeace to support and strengthen the growing network of women who see an inextricable link between their health and the environment. She may take questions from the floor. G.W.A. is honored to welcome Bella once again, a rare opportunity for us all.

3/2/95

VANESSA MARSHALL / SANTA MOLINA: Psychotherapists.
Women's Land! A lesbian-feminist vision! These two dynamic, inspiring lesbian women of color are founders of Rising Spirits Healing and Learning Center on sixty-seven acres of Virginia's beautiful eastern shore. Their new retreat welcomes women and children of all ages, lesbian couples and their families and, eventually, older lesbians will find this a perfect place to retire and LIVE in a safe, loving community. Tonight Vanessa and Santa offer a selection of holistic healing methods; Massage, Drumming, Meditation, Movement, Poetry and Song. Come have fun, get energized and experience their vision to promote Happiness, Health and Harmony on our planet!

4/6/95

CLARE COSS: C.S.W. Psychotherapist, Playwright.
THE DATING WORLD OF THE SINGLE LESBIAN -- Can it be wonderful, full of sun and fun? Or does it always have to be drama and trauma? We'll stage our own version of THE DATING GAME. Tonight one lucky single lesbian will select out of three contestants, her date for an evening of candlelight, conversation, and who knows what else? A panel discussion follows on The Single Lesbian and Dating as CLARE COSS continues her series at G.W.A. on Love in the Lesbian Community. Don't miss this installment!!

5/4/95

BLANCHE WIESEN COOK: Best selling Author, Historian, Journalist, Activist, and long-time friend of G.W.A. will present a preview of ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, Volume II including: Hick and Eleanor up-date, ER and Race; ER and the Holocaust. We warmly welcome Blanche back from her wonderfully successful book tour after a season's absence for our May Program, her special slot for many years. We know she has much to tell us and we can't wait to hear it!

6/8/95

(2nd Thurs) RUTH MESSENGER: Manhattan Borough President, former member of the City Council. Among other topics, she will speak on The Hate Crimes Coalition which she, as Borough President, helped found and has long championed. It is an advocacy body comprised of elected officials and members and supporters of the gay and lesbian community and other communities too often the victims of crimes and violence. It is fighting for passage of a state anti-bias bill that would promote more aggressive prosecution of hate crimes and include language that protects the lesbian and gay community. We welcome Ruth Messenger to G.W.A. and look forward to her experience, her insights and her vision for the future.

Do come join us for this very special season of Programs
and bring your friends!

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10/1/92

LESLIE KANES WEISMAN PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE, FEMINIST/ACTIVIST.

ON DISCRIMINATION BY DESIGN: A FEMINIST CRITIQUE OF THE MAN-MADE ENVIRONMENT.

In this invaluable and pioneering work, Ms. Weisman gives a fascinating account of the complex social processes and power struggles involved in building and controlling space. She offers a new framework for understanding the spacial dimensions of gender, race and class and how the built environment shapes the experiences of our daily lives. Her discussion of how patriarchy constructs an architecture of exclusion and how feminism can create an architecture of inclusion liberates our vision of space and its impacts. Come join us for this unique and very special program. Books will be available for sale and autograph.

11/5/92

LAURA WETZLER SINGER-SONGWRITER-GUITARIST

IN CONCERT AT GWA She burst on the alternative music scene with her cult hit "Jesse Helms Has Made a Radical Out Of Me," an anti-censorship single. Sung in a rich and distinctive voice, her sharp-eyed urban folk music has been enthusiastically received and she has shared festival and concert billing with many top musicians and performance artists appearing in over 125 concerts per year and on radio. Her newest project is a spring tour with Musicians Against Violence, a women's trio featuring singer-songwriter Jaque Du Pree and Zenobia. Ms. Wetzler's cassette A World Of Jewish Folk Music, available exclusively at Judith's Room, NYC, will be available at GWA for purchase and autograph. Come, enjoy this exceptional artist!

12/3/92

ALIX DOBKIN FOLKSINGER/SONGWRITER/GUITAR PLAYER

IN A LECTURE AND MINI-CONCERT. Since coming out as a lesbian in 1972, Alix has been a controversial figure in the Women's Movement and a leader in the formation of the Women's Music Industry. Affectionately referred to as "Head Lesbian" in lesbian circles, she performs nationally and internationally. There is no one like her for a unique perspective and fresh insight supported by her 15 + years in the thick of "Women's Music" and her 30 + years in entertainment. She now has six albums and one songbook to her credit and has promised to bring at least a few along for sale and autograph at GWA. Come help us welcome one of the mothers of our network and an unshakable carrier of the flame for women's culture!

1/7/93

ROBIN MORGAN AWARD WINNING POET, WRITER, POLITICAL THEORIST AND FEMINIST/ACTIVIST

ON THE WORD OF A WOMAN Subtitle (Feminist Disciplines 1968-1992)

Editor in Chief of the new MS MAGAZINE and the author of 14 books including Sisterhood is Powerful and Sisterhood is Global, Robin Morgan now passionately and honestly traces

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ROBIN MORGAN *continued.*

two decades of her (and our) journey toward women's freedom combining the recent history of feminism with a vision of the future. As she, who co-founded this feminist wave and who has been there nationally and internationally for it all with an obsession for human freedom and the power of language, writes, freedom can be known "only by the trail of light it leaves behind." "The same can be said of *The Word of a Woman*," writes Gloria Steinem. "It leaves a trail of light." Come bask in the warmth of this light and in her words, her wisdom, her humor. And, if her book is available, we will have it for you.

2/4/93

CLARE COSS CSW PSYCHOTHERAPIST AND PLAYWRIGHT

ON LETS TALK ABOUT LOVE--A Valentine celebration with one hundred and one helpful hints from Sappho to Audre Lorde. This evening Clare presents her continuing GWA Series on love in the lesbian community. None of us can afford to miss this installment! See you there!

3/4/93

SARA CYTRON LESBIAN STAND-UP COMIC

IN A DYKE GROWS IN BROOKLYN continues with her acclaimed act spanning memories of being a young butch shopping with her mother, to Anita Hill, ACT-UP and the politics of women's bathrooms no less! New Directions for Women says "Sara Cytron, lesbian comic par excellence, is side-splittingly, howlingly funny. She is political, and her comedy is cutting edge!" GWA agrees and invites you all to join our laugh-in with Sara in celebration of Women's History Month.

4/1/93

BETTY J. POWELL AFRICAN-AMERICAN LESBIAN FEMINIST, SOCIAL ACTIVIST AND EDUCATOR.

ON VALUING DIVERSITY/BUILDING MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTIONS: A WORKSHOP. She is an expert in diversity awareness and multicultural organizational training and development and is acclaimed as a dynamic and embracing consultant/trainer in this new field. Ms. Powell, affectionately called 'The Racist Buster' by those who have benefitted from her workshops across the country, returns to GWA this year by popular demand so that others may have this unique, insightful, joyful experience with a lasting change of attitude. Come take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

5/6/93

BLANCHE WIESEN COOK PH.D., HISTORIAN, PROFESSOR, JOURNALIST, WRITER, BIOGRAPHER

ON ELEANOR ROOSEVELT VOLUME I, 1884-1933 Tonite we celebrate the paperback publication of Volume I and get a preview of Volume II. After three months on the best seller list and a glorious book tour of the country, Blanche Wiesen Cook returns home to GWA with wonderful experiences to share. Let's give her the huge welcome she so richly deserves! Available Volumes will be available at GWA!

6/3/93

JOAN NESTLE POET, WRITER, TEACHER, CO-FOUNDER OF THE LESBIAN HERSTORY ARCHIVES

ON THE PERSISTENT DESIRE - A FEMME-BUTCH READER

Joan, author of *A Restricted Country* and co-editor of *Women on Women* is joined by Jewelle Gomez and other contributors to *The Persistent Desire* (who shall remain a surprise) for a comprehensive look at femme-butch relationships. "I wanted this book to be an exploration, a celebration taking place among friends and I have expanded the discussion of butch-femme life to other countries and other histories." A most appropriate topic for Lesbian and Gay History Month, wouldn't you say? Come celebrate with us!

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