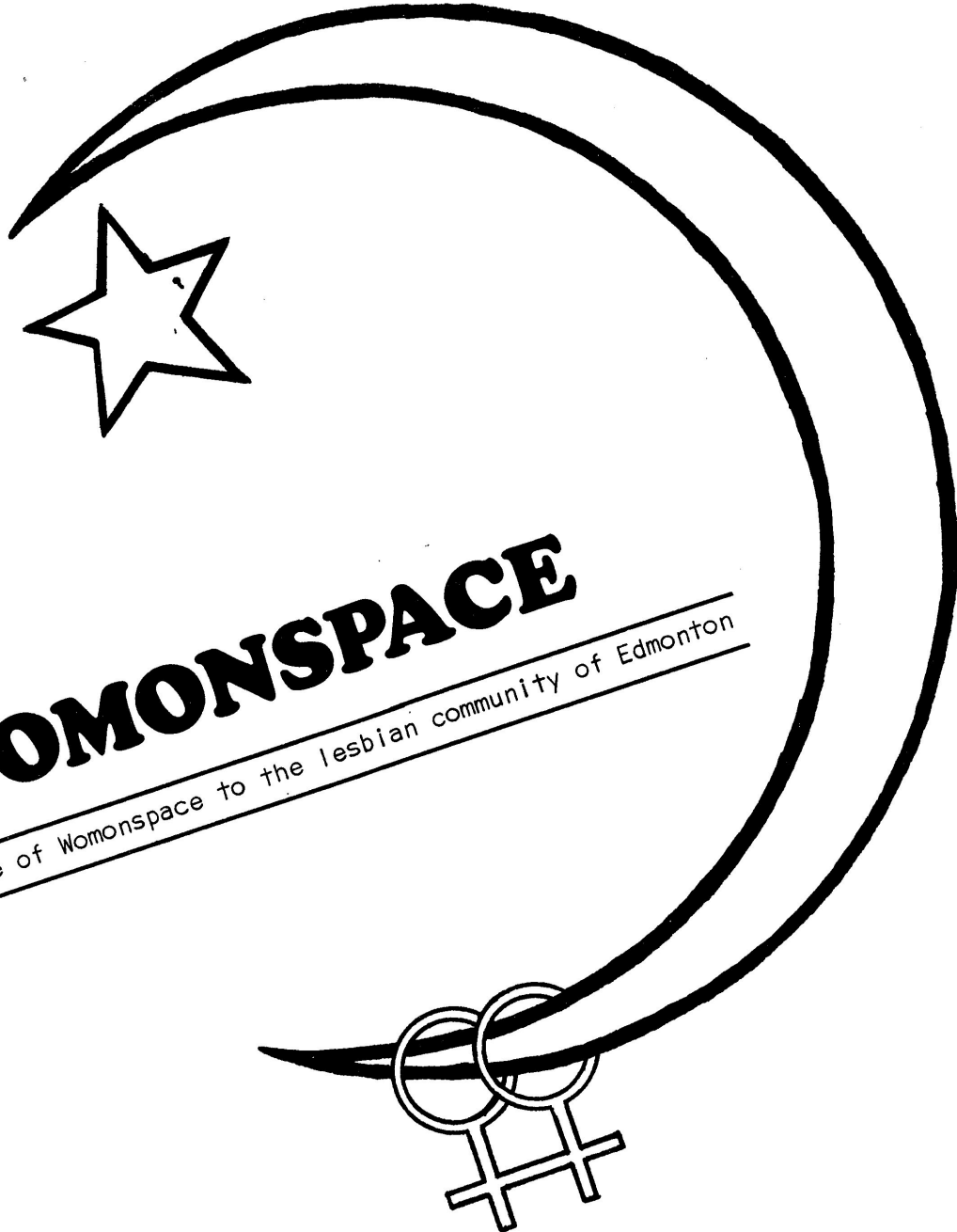




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**NEWS**

# **WOMONSPACE**

The voice of Womonspace to the lesbian community of Edmonton



**MARCH '83.**

# All of us in Wonderland:

How Local Lesbians Hit The Big Time

## Chapter Two

"But dear...", my lover smiles at me tolerantly.

"Hey, don't worry. This is San Francisco. Lotus Land. Sin City. It's Okay."

"But DEAR..." My lover tries to pull her hand away from mine.

"It's Okay." I grab her hand more tightly. "I know, I've been here before...once."

"DEAR... we are in a SAFEWAY store...in SAUSALITO!"

A blue rinsed matron pushes her buggy past us right into the fruit juice display. My lover leaves to wait in the car.

\*Later\*

We are off once more, Club hopping. Tonight we've chosen Maud's Study; "the established, where-it's-at club for lesbians," our guide book says.

We arrive at Maud's and slide up to the bar. The place is hopping, no doubt about it. Shrieks and giggles echo from one of the back rooms. The ladies at the pool table have formed a toll gate to the washroom, and one couple is dancing a Fox Trot on their table.

"Better than last night, huh dear?"

My lover nods. They have her favourite beer. What else matters?

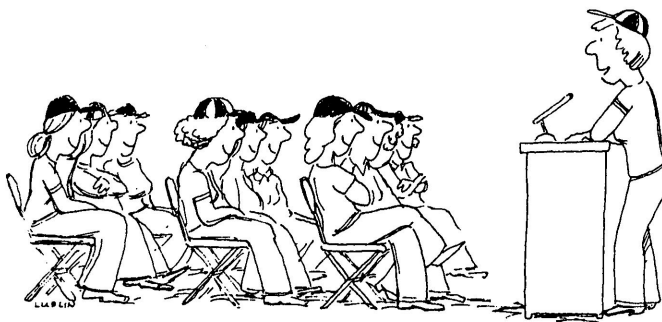
Suddenly the seat beside me is occupied. I turn to smile an acknowledgement and freeze. The lady beside me is head to toe, in inky black leather. She lets her gaze travel slowly over me and tosses one of her gloves onto the bar. It lands with a clunk. I spring into my lover's lap.

"Hey!" she exclaims, "You're spilling to beer!" She hasn't noticed my neighbour. She makes me go back to my own seat.

I perch nervously beside "Squeaky" and hope she doesn't ask me if I want a bike ride.

Without warning, I am pinched from behind. I jump and turn to see a teenage BOY running out the door. The pool room patrons chase after him. They are all cops. The neighbourhood kids are always a bother, Squeaky tells me. I leave to wait in the car.

NEXT CHAPTER: Hand Cuffs and Feather Boas - We dress like the natives!



"... And now I'd like to introduce the woman who organized the lesbian world into two softball teams..."

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## Showcase

### \*Venus of the Month

\* Venus governs love, harmony, artistry, feminine sexuality, attraction, and the ability to integrate existing influences into a unified whole.

While living in Calgary, Linda M. was involved with the Women's Collective, as treasurer on an interim board, for about one year. She was also involved with the constitution committee for the collective.

After moving to Edmonton, Linda was very enthusiastic upon hearing about Womonspace. She was among the first of the women who met together and had graciously offered her house for the initial meetings many times.

Linda's experience and knowledge in working with the Women's Collective in Calgary, made her an invaluable asset in the starting of Womonspace. She volunteered right from the start to be treasurer on the interim board, co-ordinated one of the first dances, and also spent many hours with the constitution committee, from start to finish.

A lover of truth, and a powerful, if silent force, Linda continues consistently and efficiently, as the treasurer for Womonspace. She also continues to be meticulous and well organized in everything she undertakes.

Thank you, Linda, for your support, faith, and dedication, from all of us.

Shane

## Activities ~

**Gym Night:** Yes, they're still having a ball (volley, basket or whatever) at Gym Night. And you can too. From 8:30 to 10:30 every Thursday night, the gym at Westminster Junior High, 13712 - 104 avenue is all ours. So round up your runners and come on down. Sorry - Gym Night is cancelled March 31. But, it's an extra special night March 10!

**Softball:** Time is running out! If you wanna play, you gotta say. We still have room for potential team-mates but the names must go in soon. Don't strike out. If you want to play - make sure you sign up at the next Womonspace general meeting.



### **COMMON WOMAN BOOKS**

**Alberta's Only Feminist Bookstore**

non-sexist children's books  
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a good selection of lesbian literature

Tuesday & Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday & Friday: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**8208 - 104 Street 432-9344**

**Dance:** The next one is March 19 at Hazeldean Hall, 9630-66 Ave., 8:00 - 1:00 A.M. Hot and Cold Buffet Admission: \$6.00

**Hayride:** Fun, friends, food and a roll in the... What more could you ask for? March 12, 8P.M. it's all yours. If you missed the last hayride or if you want more, get your tickets at the next general meeting of Womonspace. Also for more information or tickets you can call Candy at 487-8059.

# Food for Thought ~

## The Dinner Party

I was ashamed.

- That it took a man's cynical laughter dipping over the steno pool to make me aware Judy Chicago's exhibit even existed. If he had not raucously insisted that the exhibit was mere feminist drivel, I would ~~not~~ have taken the time to go to Calgary and seen such a vibrant, solid celebration of women's achievements. And when I saw it - a magnificent triangular table surrounded by the names of 999 women and holding 39 place settings designed to represent the long history of female achievement - I was ashamed that I knew so few of the names.

I was amazed.

- At how perfectly Judy Chicago captured the beauty and the strength of the feminine and how history treated it; that all these women were gloriously unique but all uniformly condemned. Instead of being remembered and honoured, they were forgotten or misunderstood.

I was pleased.

- That Chicago chose to include in her tribute a plate to honour Natalie Barney: 1876 - 1972. One of the first women to live openly as a lesbian.

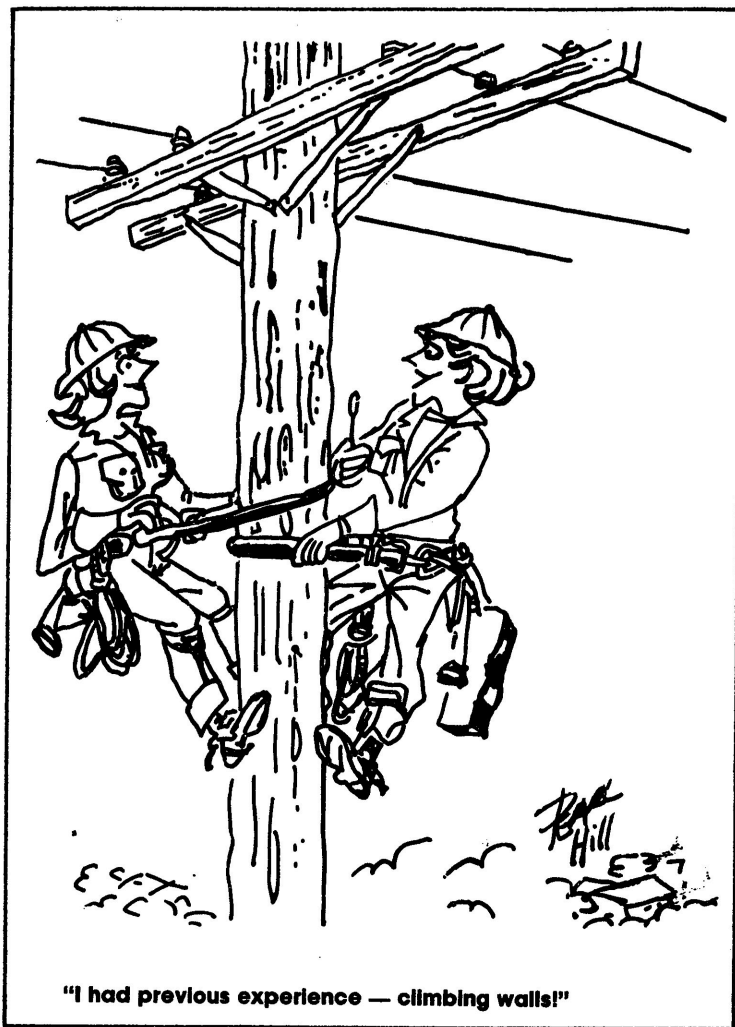
I was excited.

- To see the throngs of people, men and women, lining up for hours to see the accomplishments of women -half the human race - honoured so splendidly and so quietly. Finally.

I was proud.

Karen





"I had previous experience — climbing walls!"

## Coming Events ~ Other Organizations

**FILM:** The Women's Centre at the University of Alberta will be presenting, "International Women's Day", March 3 at 7 P.M. The film will be shown in the Multi Media Centre, 2-115 Education Building, U. of A. Discussion will follow.

**Dancing:** Monday nights you can dance and exercise your way to fitness. Open to gay women and men and their friends. Sign up at the GATE office.  
Place - Rm. 12, Art Administration Resource Centre, 10645 - 63 Avenue.  
When - Monday evening, February 7 to April 11.  
Time - 7 to 9 P.M.  
Instructor - Salvador Rosales, Director of a local dance company  
Cost - \$30.00 per person for ten sessions  
Contact - Salvador at 488-5928 evenings  
 Michael at 426-1516  
 It's not too late to join in!

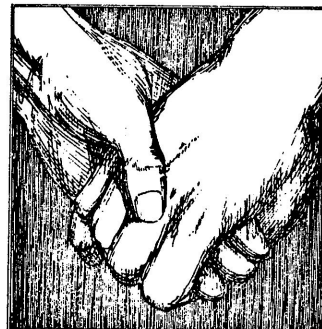
**Gay Chorus:** If you are gay or gay sympathetic and feel that a choral society would be a worthwhile and timely addition to the Edmonton Gay scene, we would like to hear from you! We are looking for men and women interested in singing and conducting as well as for those interested in contributing as administrators, accompanists and music arrangers. Contact: Herbert or Michael at 426-1516.

**Resale Clothing:** A second time around clothing sale for women only is held on the last Sunday of every month from 2 to 4 P.M. at Every Woman's Place, 9926 - 112 Street. Items include nostalgia pieces and some really good buys.

**Metropolitan Community Church:** M.C.C. Edmonton is a Christian community welcoming lesbians and gay men to worship God and celebrate life in Christ's example. We worship in the Unitarian Church building at 126 street and 110 avenue every Sunday at 7:30 P.M. For personal contact, call 421-8552.

# GATE

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**Women's Night:** Every Thursday night is women's night at GATE. 7-10 P.M., 10173 - 104 Street, Everyone is welcome.

## Further Info :

**Activities Director:** Nominations for a new director will be taken at the next general meeting of Womonspace.

**Hurray!!** Womonspace was finally incorporated in December 1982. We are now a legally recognized organization. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible.

**Membership Fees:** A quorum was available at the last Womonspace general meeting and a vote on the subject of amount was taken. Results - A membership fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) annually will be due as of May 1, 1983.

**Casino Night:** A quorum at the last Womonspace general meeting passed the decision to submit an application for permission to have a Womonspace casino night. The funds obtained through such a night will go towards a building fund.

**Donation:** A donation was made in the name of Womonspace to Telerama '83. Our name will appear on a plaque mounted beside the Telerama A.C.T. swimming pool which is to be built with the accumulated funds. Our donation was derived from our Bottle Fund.

**Strippers:** A vote was held, during the Nov. Womonspace Dance, on the question of whether or not to have strippers at the dances. Results - 97 No, 64 yes.

**HELP!!** The newsletter staff is shorthanded and because of over work - short tempered. (Bad news for our home lives) Please, help us regain our friends, loved ones and our sanity. If you are willing to help and have even the slightest smidge of artistic or literary talent, call Shane at 455-9406 or Karen at 439-1540.

**Submissions:** Anything you want to see in this newsletter (and we'll take anything we can get) must be submitted no later than the 10th of the month. Contact Shane at 455-9406 or Karen at 439-1540 or mail submissions to Womonspace News  
c/o 11925 - 131 St.  
Edmonton, AB  
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General Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at Every Women's Place. The next one is March 8/83 at 7:30 P.M.

Womonspace News is available at Flashback, GATE, Every Women's Place, Common Woman Books and at Different Strokes.



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# International Women's Day

Since 1910, March 8th has been a day of proud celebration for women around the world. Declared a holiday to commemorate the courageous protest of New York women textile workers in 1857, the day acknowledges women's struggles and the inequalities against which women still must fight. You are cordially invited to continue the tradition and celebrate March 8th as a day of protest and of triumph for women with the following local activities.

- March 5 - March at the Legislative grounds - 12 noon.
- Women's Social: Potluck dinner, live entertainment, dancing. 8:00 P.M., at Santa Maria Goretti Hall (right behind stadium) 11040 - 90 Street. For child care call 477-7729.
- March 6 - Dim Sum at China Gardens, 9645 - 102 Avenue - 11:00 A.M.
- March 8 - International Women's Day as officially recognized by the United Nations.
- Women's Night at Flashback.
  - Womospace General Meeting at Every Women's Place, 9926-112 Street.
- March 9 - Irish Prisoner of War Committee will be playing a tape of Bernadette Devlin McCallisky at Erewhon Books, 10815 - 82 Ave., at 8:00 P.M.
- March 10 - Women's Gym Night sponsored by Womospace. Space for fun at Westminster Junior High, 13712 - 104 Avenue, 8:30 to 10:30 P.M.
- March 11 - Every Women's Place first birthday party. Wine and beer will be sold. Bring snacks and gifts if you'd like. Starts at 8:00 P.M. 9926 - 112 Street. Call 488-2748.
- March 12 - Mixed social sponsored by the U. of A. Women's Centre. Live entertainment and dancing. Dinwoodie Lounge in the Student's Union building, U. of A. Cover Charge. 8:00 P.M.
- Hayride, sponsored by Womospace at 8:00 P.M.