

LESBIAN HERSTORY ARCHIVES

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NEWSLETTER 2
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The Archives has been available for community use for about three months now and we want to share with you some of the ways women have found it useful. First just a brief description of the scope of our holdings--over 150 books of past and contemporary writings including almost all of Hall's other novels, the Beebe Brinker series in original covers, Diana, Price of Salt, Carol of a Thousand Cities, and a large collection of Lesbian paperbacks from the fifties and sixties, newsletters and newspapers representing the Lesbian communities cross the nation and internationally, including Atlanta, Albuquerque, Los Angeles, New York, Jackson, Miss., the Bay Area, East Lansing, Boston, Seattle, Milwaukee, Philadelphia as well as Canada and West Berlin and now we have a London representative promising materials, a file cabinet overflowing with articles on every aspect of Lesbian culture, over twenty bibliographic sources, a slowly growing tape and photography collection and a bulletin board filled with nation wide community announcements, research queries and publication notices. We have a monthly correspondence of about thirty to forty letters requesting newsletters and just making contact.

Since the Archives is in the back room of one of our apartments a visit to it is also a sharing of our lives. Coffee, sometimes bread and cheese, and a jumping dog are part of the welcome. The door of the Archives room is opened and a brief tour is given. The desk is ready and the Archives is turned over to the visitor. Some women have just been amazed at the amount of material we as a culture have produced, some have held their first copies of the Ladder saying "I never actually saw one before". Women have come to read about and prepare themselves for Lesbian Mothers court proceedings, to study separatist communities, to trace the impact of feminist theories on the Lesbian community, to find Lesbian short stories for an anthology, to investigate the possibilities of alternate cultural institutions such as the Archives, to explore Lesbian health programs, to read the Wages for Housework, and on many other information searches. Several women have come just to be comforted by the living, growing, strength of our community. Perhaps these are the most exciting visits, because they reach the deepest reason for our existence--an affirmation of our continuance in time as a creative, self cherishing family of women.

The main message of this our second newsletter is REMEMBER US. Send us your photographs, your voices, your writings, your drawings, your music, your ideas--so we may be remembered in all our cultural fullness.

RESEARCH QUERIES

Do You Have Information?

- any reference to the Histoire de la secte anandryne L'Espion anglais Didanzat de Mairebert, circa 1778.
- any reference to or information about:
Lesbians in a cross-cultural perspective.
- Martha Nelson is searching for references to and contacts with Lesbian separatist communities. Send information to her c/o the Archives
- JR Roberts would like any information about the summer home of Romaine Brooks and Natalie Clifford Barney- Villa Trait d'Union. Send information to her c/o the Archives.

ARCHIVES NEEDS

- Can you translate German?
We have been receiving newspapers and pamphlets from Germany, including the new Berlin newspaper Lesbenpresse, and need someone who can translate and summarize the material for the Archives.
- We need the following issues of Lesbian Tide in order to complete our collection. Won't you send us your old issues:
Volumes 1 and 2
Volume 3 # 2,3,4,6,7,8,10
Volume 4 # 2
- We need women who are willing to tape Lesbian speakers, musical events, conferences and radio shows.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES:

AN ARCHIVES PROJECT

In response to the questions and needs of the women who have been using the Archives we are beginning to develop bibliographies on specific subjects. We hope to be able to share them with you as a regular part of our newsletter. We are working on a Lesbian Mothers Bibliography, a "Psychology views the Lesbian-the Lesbian views Psychology Bibliography" and a gross index which will also serve as a bibliography of books, journals and newsletters. For this issue we decided to begin with a Bibliography of Bibliographies.

OUR THANKS

--to Elsa Gidlow for her continued support--to June Rook for mentioning us in her essay "Preserving the Past for the Future" in After Your Out--to Naomi and Barbara for their issues of Amazon Quarterly which made it possible to complete the Archives collection--to Harriet for her contribution of books, magazines and memorabilia--to Beth Hodges, JR Roberts, Mabel Hampton, the women from Germany, and all the other women who have shared with the Archives their collections, their personal and their professional writings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

FRIDAY APRIL 23

• Joan Nestle's
APT 13A
215 W. 92 St., NYC
9-12PM

• DONATIONS
GRATEFULLY
RECEIVED

• THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE ARCHIVES
AND TO BRING MATERIAL FOR THE COLLECTION

• CREATING COMMUNITY

New York Region
Lesbian-Feminist Conference
May 22-23
PS 41 (6th Ave. and 11th St., NYC)
Planning meetings Sundays at
the Womens Center

• Why Lesbians Want Wages for
Housework...

New York Wages for Housework
Committee: 965-4112
288B 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY
Wed. and Sat. 11-4

• Iris Films announces a new film
about Lesbian Mothers and Child Custody
Cases. They are doing research and
fund raising for the film. They
want to hear from women who
have been or are now involved in
Lesbian mothers child custody
cases. Contact:

F. Reid, C. Zheutlin, L Stevens
Iris Films, Box 26463
Los Angeles, Ca. 90026

• Anthropological Research Group on
Homosexuality (ARGOH) Those
interested in joining the group or
having specific information to contribute
are asked to write to:

C. Taylor, Jr. and L. Bean
c/o Dept. of Anthropology
California State University
Hayward, Ca. 94542

• VOICES/IMAGES

Gay in San Antonio- A Sense of
Belonging?
April 30-May 1, 1976
for information contact:
Box 2036, Universal City, Tx 78148

• Lesbian Spectacular with a cast
of millions...WBAI FM 99.5
alternate Tuesdays at 11PM
Write to support the work of
P. Kane and J. Pasternack
Pacifica Radio
359 East 62 Street
New York City 10021

• A collection of writings by
black Lesbians is now being
compiled. Those interested in
sending submissions should mail
inquiries to:

A.A. Shockley
1809 Morena Street, Apt G-4
Nashville, Tn. 37208

• Have you seen:

Amazon Poetry
edited by Elly Bulkin and
Joan Larkin, Out and Out Books
Brooklyn, New York

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BIBLIOGRAPHIES

It is clear that careful searching is still required to find references to Lesbians in all works, including those published by Feminists. We hope that our headings will facilitate the search. We have not read all the material and make no judgements about the quality of its contents. We only offer it as a guide. We hope you will let us know of any references we have missed. It was not possible for us to do an exhaustive search or to verify all addresses and publishers.

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(Bibliographies just on Lesbian culture desperately need to be done.)

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Table-Box 2386,Philadelphia,Pa.
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