

## NOW to Hold Conference in Vermont

The Northeast Region of the National Organization for Women will hold its first lesbian rights summit on November 16, 17 and 18 at the Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee, Vermont.

"Moving Forward Together: A NOW Northeast Region Les/Bi/Trans/Allies Strategy Summit and Celebration" will be held in Vermont to celebrate passage of the state's historic Civil Union Law.

The mission of the conference is "to bring together lesbians, bisexual and transgendered people and our allies ... to break down barriers that splinter our movement ... to build coalitions that will strengthen and unite our causes. To Move Forward Together toward equality for all women and to strategize for our future and celebrate our victories and our lives."

The Summit will open with a poetry slam and mixer on Friday with renowned slammer Alix Olson.

Speakers confirmed to date include Olga Vivas, newly elected National NOW Action Vice President; Elizabeth Toledo, former Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and past National NOW Action VP; and Rosemary Dempsey, Director of Policy and Government Relations, Center for Reproductive Law and Policy (CRLP) and a past National NOW Action VP. Ms. Dempsey won custody of her children in one of the nation's first lesbian custody cases. It took place in New Jersey.

A Saturday night concert will feature a dynamic group of emerging feminist performers, including music by singer-songwriters Antara and Pamela Means, comedy with Meg Wright, and poetry by Alix Olson.

Through workshops, panels, discussion, coalition building and celebration, NOW will seize the opportunity to recognize our accomplishments, discuss the challenges facing our movement and strategize future initiatives.

"We invite you or your organization to be a co-sponsor of this event, to place an ad in the Summit Program, be a vendor, to tell your members and your friends, and to join us in November," said Judy Murphy, Vermont NOW State Coordinator.

The NOW Northeast Region includes the six New England states and New York State.

## NH Freedom to Marry Coalition

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The New Hampshire Freedom To Marry Coalition held regional gatherings around the state from Sept 24th to Oct 26th. The locations of these meetings were Concord, Nashua, Plymouth, Keene, Hanover, Portsmouth, and Gorham.

This reporter attended the Keene meeting with six other people in attendance. The men and women present discussed the current laws, exchanged ideas on what can and should be done, and agreed to meet again on Nov. 15, at the Keene State Young Building, room 307, from 7 to 9 pm. All interested parties are welcome to join.

The coalition seeks to bring about equal rights to same-sex couples including, but not limited to, marriage rights.

For more information, please contact The Freedom To Marry Coalition, P.O. Box 4064, Concord, NH. 03302-4064, call 603-223-0309, or visit NHFTMC@mediaone.net.

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Feel the need for a relaxing getaway in the quiet hills of Vermont?

Do you long for meaningful conversations?

Would you welcome a weekend spent with lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and our allies from New England and New York?

If you answered yes to any of the above, come join us at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT on November 16, 17, and 18th.

There will be music, films, stimulating workshops, motivational presentations, wonderful food and the opportunity to make new friends while developing strategies to further our civil rights.

Woman of Courage Awards will be presented to Beth Robinson, Susan Murray and Mary Bonauto for their work leading to Civil Union Law.

Lodging includes all meals. Call Lake Morey Resort at 800-423-1211 or 802-333-4311 to reserve a room. Prices range from \$102.79 per person quad occupancy to \$155.43 per person per night single occupancy. Be sure to mention that you are with the NOW Summit.

Check out the conference website at [www.geocities.com/NEregionNOW](http://www.geocities.com/NEregionNOW)  
Check out the Resort website at [www.lakemoreyinn@msn.com](mailto:www.lakemoreyinn@msn.com)



November 16 - 18, 2001  
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Fairlee, Vermont

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