

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE GREATER GOOD

Volunteers for the Pride issue really came forward. We had beautiful weather and everyone was excited with the anticipation of Pride and it's parade. Some new people again, and everyone made it happen!

It is important to remember that our board members are volunteers as well. We would like to welcome the new board members to the paper. They include **Tina Giagrande, Kate Kinney, Kim Howard, and Miguel Bernard-Rivera**. Welcome guys!!!

And a special shout out and kudos to the two board members who continue to volunteer their time to *Out in the Mountains*, even through all the difficult changes.

Brian Cote and Greg Weaver, we wouldn't be here if not for you!!! Thanks guys!!

thanks!

We thank the following volunteers who, in addition to our writers' efforts, worked on last month's paper:

DELIVERING:

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COMMUNITY

Lesbians on the Land

Huntington Open Women's Land Turns 20

BY GLO DALEY

Oh what a time it was! The anniversary celebration?

Yes! The last 20 years? Yes!?!?

Forty-two women attended two days of festivities, joining together to celebrate, with feasting, circling, storytelling, playing in the pond and generally enjoying old and new friendships.

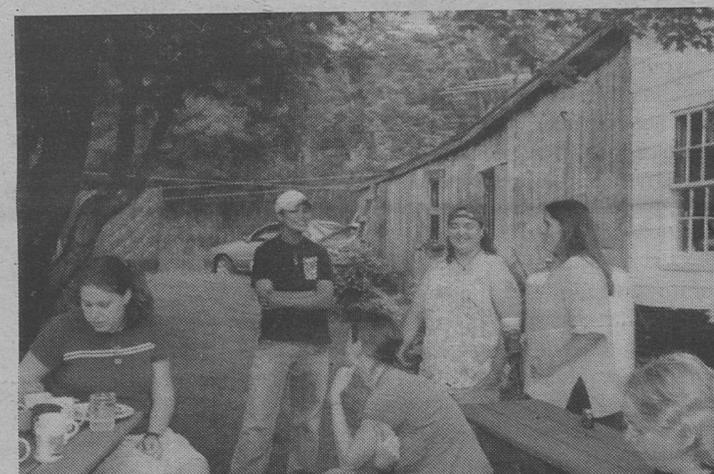
Stories were told around a hilltop Solstice fire on Saturday. Some of the tales were herstorical ... some hysterical ... some both. Howl has managed to survive on a shoestring for two decades and is presently healthier than ever. The land, in trust, at the end of a dirt road on the flank of Camel's Hump, is a refuge for women and critters alike, thanks to the hard work and positive energy of many. Even the tough times seem to have taught us to look at our "stuff" and keep moving ahead, a step at a time, with a wish and commitment to do the next right thing.

We enjoyed some fabulous workshops over the weekend ... including body painting, two watercolor workshops with Kris Daley and Cora Brooks, Shamanic journeying with Julie Soquet, and a spontaneous pedicure event. We had a fabulous sauna and lots of pond fun and, of course, endless eating! One wondrous highlight of the event was the announcement that Howl had received a substantial grant from Wombland, our sister organization in Maine that has now dissolved. We are hoping to make some necessary home improvements on our farmhouse - thanks to their great generosity.

We are grateful to all who have ever been a part of making Howl happen, and we welcome

you to come here as individuals or with your groups to share this gorgeous land. Please come and be present in the fields and on the trails. Make use of the sauna, pond, and firepits, and help us to create and recreate a place that can benefit all women for decades to come. ▼

Glo Daley lives at HOWL in Huntington.



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TALKING ABOUT BISEXUALITY, GENDER AND SEXUAL DIVERSITY

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worse, "dishonest" about our true identities. Are we truly men or women? Are we really gay or straight? A sweeter linking was represented by a woman who identified herself as a "transensual" queer. (Ann: It has occurred to me before as a bisexual that if my partner were to transgender, this would not necessarily create an identity crisis for me.) There is, of course, a glaring difference for B and T people. Visibility as a bisexual is a concerted act of will, whereas we have known a number of transfolks who would happily prefer to be seen for who they

truly are from the inside out, or simply "pass" invisibly. We have come to understand how privileged we are - not having the most basic part of our identity constantly questioned.

For us it was easy to see how bisexuality and transgender issues afford an opportunity to be a natural bridge of identities and experiences, spanning straight and gay, with attraction not necessarily restricted by gender. Working together as community is important for everyone ... and the work continues at conferences such as the upcoming Transcending Boundaries, in Worcester, Mas-

sachusetts this October: a Bi-Trans conference that in its 5th year is joining forces with the Northeast PFLAG conference. ▼



Ann and Sadelle live together in Bennington, where they are often found waving the multi-colored flag for the Bennington Pride Coalition. For more information about the recent 9icb conference, visit www.9icb.org. For more information about Transcending Boundaries, visit transcendingboundaries.org.