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Yule See Lesbians Wherever You Go

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Twas the night before deadline and LQ wasn't even close to ready to go out. It's been a busy few months, and I haven't had time to beat the bushes for articles or ads, or to write much.

When I go to write for LQ, all I have passion for is the scary stories. For example, the one about how I still am appalled at alleged child abuser Robin Sharpe being glorified repeatedly as a free speech hero in queer newspapers, when incest survivors are being silenced (by the same social machinery that supports him) every day. Scarier yet, I imagine writing about the pink elephant in the living room of the feminist community in Vancouver; the ill-kept but not-public secret of why many feminist and community activists and leaders (including me) want nothing to do with a certain litigious and predatory women's organization, but few will say it publicly. However, I'm unlikely to write about those things soon. I'm older and busier now, and I write (among other things) for a living. I don't have the energy to take on the thankless (or worse) task of fighting those battles publicly or to volunteer my time as much as I have been for LQ these last two years.

It's hard to be fully out. Being out as a lesbian or even a feminist is relatively easy with practice. Being out as someone who has thought long and seriously about some of the issues and found she disagrees with some of the most vocal received truths of her community is harder.

I understand that newspapers exist to sell ads. Newspapers whose major advertisers are porn producers exist to sell a certain kind of commodified sex, primarily to men, and I think that unfortunately shapes what realities are seen as valid. If that's all we can read, it becomes 'the voice' of our community.

In creating LQ, I wanted it to be a voice separate from the 'post-modern libertarian' queer community that has enough places to express itself. I wanted to celebrate lesbians, and women's bravery, knowledge and strength, not the free speech of child-abusers.

Do you have a passion for covering news and views about lesbians not covered in the queer press? Story angles that are perhaps unfashionable, but constructive for lesbians and women? Do you want to profile your local hero or women-focussed project? If you are interested in writing for LQ, send your work along or drop me a line. 400 words maximum, about lesbians and by lesbians (trans-inclusive). You don't have to be 'a writer'. The deadline is 'as soon as possible, how about today?' LQ needs regular contributors to keep going. Writers guidelines are on the back page for more details.

The Lesbian Agenda—Places to Go, Women to See in BC...

December 1, 8 pm THE WYRD SISTERS in concert celebrating their new CD "Wholly" St. James Community Hall, 3214 W. 10th Ave @ Trutch Tickets \$18 - \$22 sliding scale at Little Sisters and Urban Empire reserve tix at door: soundsfuries@shaw.ca or call 604-253-7189

December 16/17 Return of the 13th Annual Women's Winter Arts & Crafts Faire, Part 2 Heritage Hall, 3102 Main St, 11 am to 6 pm both days soundsandfuries.com for list of participating artisans

December 16 8 pm to midnight Not So Strictly Ballrooms' Holiday Dance Party Let's Dance Studio, 927 Granville, 2nd Floor, across from Vogue Theatre For Singles and Couples. No Dance Experience needed Cash Bar, prizes, fun, dancing, Free dance lesson at 8:30 pm Tickets \$8 - \$12 sliding scale at Little Sisters or reserve at notsostrictly@hotmail.com

January 1, 2007 DANCE INTO 2007 at Not So Strictly Ballroom's FAMOUS 1st of the year T-Dance 3:30 to 7:30 PM Sandwiches, veggies, dips and desserts provided by NSSB. Other snack donations welcomed. Tickets same as above

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Ongoing Lesbian Events (in Vancouver unless noted)

Tuesdays: Surrey Coffee Group 7PM @ Java Hut @ 64th Ave & 152

1st Wednesday of the Month: Vancouver Outdoor Club Monthly Meetings 7:30 pm, common room of the Sitka Women's Housing Coop at 1550 Woodland St. Lesbian outdoor activities. Event planning, presentations, socializing & meeting new members. <http://www.outdoorwomen.ca>

Wednesdays—Mildred Women's Volleyball League Women's volleyball league running from October to February. Games are played on Wed nights in Burnaby. Register in August. 604-684-9872 x2002

Alternate Thursdays: The Women's Business Group of the Gay & Lesbian Business Association 7:30 am East Side Vancouver info Sandra sandrag@countingonus.com

Last Thursday of the Month Valleygirls Dinner at Frogstone Grill in Maple Ridge Connect via yahoogroup: <http://groups.yahoo.com/valleygrrls>

Last Friday of the Month: Queer Women on the Drive 7-9 pm Seniors Lounge of Britannia Community Centre. All ages, including children if supervised by an adult. 604-684-5307

Friday Nights: Fruity Flick Fridays 103-1033 Davie St. for LGTB folks aged 45+. Free movie night hosted by the Centre's Generations Project.

Some Saturdays—Women's Dance @ Waldorf— dates vary so check <http://flygirlproductions.com> \$5 B4-10 \$10 after

Saturdays & Mondays—Not So Strictly Ballroom same-sex dance classes
<http://www.gayvancouver.net/nssb>

Saturdays—Country Dancing—quarterly hoe-down for same sex dancers who like country music. Get on the mailing list at cnwdance@telus.net

First Wednesday of every month Vancouver Front Runners Women's Run once a month Women's Run. Meeting place is the lobby of the Roundhouse Community Centre at the corner of Davie and Pacific Boulevard at 6:30 p.m. <http://www.vancouverfrontrunners.org>

Lesbian Resources

Greater Vancouver

Health: BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health - Lesbian Health Information & Research
www.bccewh.bc.ca/Pages/pubspdflist2.htm

Support Groups -

Les/Bi Cancer Support Group—Patient & Family Counselling, BC Cancer Agency Info Sarah Sample or Sydney Foran 604-877-6098

North Shore Women's Centre (www.vcn.bc.ca/nswc) Resource centre, drop-in group for lesbians

and bi women Free/confidential. 944 W 16th Street (Hamilton Ave) N Van 604-984-6009

Women's (lgbq) Coming Out Groups Free @ the Centre 604-684-5307 www.lgtbcentrevancouver.com

Social / Recreational / Sports—

Menopausal Old Bitches (MOB) lesbians over forty 604-684-9872 ext 2118

Vancouver Women's Outdoor Club—See article in LQ3 & Lesbian Agenda for monthly meetings.

Mildred Women's Volleyball League 604-684-9872 x2002

Mabel League Women's Fast Pitch Softball League www.mabelleague.com (season runs April-August, with new players accepted till Mid-May)

Gazebo Connection- professional lesbians social group. 604-438-5442

In the Company of Womyn Lesbian social group with monthly meetings. Surrey/Langley - activities extended to the Fraser Valley. Jill: 604-881-2155

Lesbi Friends Support & social group for lesbians in the Fraser Valley c/o Women's Place 604-536-9611

Not So Strictly Ballroom www.gayvancouver.bc.ca/nssb Same-sex ballroom dancing.

Thompson-Okanagan

Rainbow Womyn's Group sher19992003@yahoo.ca email list: lj@dignatis.com www.noglo.com

Vancouver Island

Vancouver Island Lesbians In Progress Society—social, support vilipsnews@hotmail.com 250-756-0769

Hill House Transition House Temporary safe place for women and children leaving abusive relationships. Lesbians welcome. 250-479-3963

Know of other lesbian-operated or lesbian oriented resources in or outside of the lower mainland? Send a brief description to lq@sophiakelly.ca (publication subject to editorial discretion)

Bring it on!

Feminism is a socialist, anti-family, political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, ...[have abortions]... practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians.

—Pat Robertson (is not a lesbian...)

On a similar topic...

"If money really were the root of all evil, it sure would take the heat off us chicks." --Judith Lucy

"I can't help looking gay. I put on a dress and people say, 'Who's the dyke in the dress?'"—Karen Ripley (Lesbian Comic)



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Editorial Guidelines: LQ is committed to building lesbian pride and visibility by showcasing the knowledge and achievements of BC women who describe themselves as lesbian, and to being 100% lesbian written. Intended audience is lesbian-identified women over 30. **We love interviewing and hearing from lesbians who wish to share professional or trade knowledge, who practice a visual or performing art, or who have their own business, so contact us at lq@sophiakelly.ca.** Lesbian writers (and artists) who would like to contribute to LQ are also welcome. To avoid disappointment it is recommended that you check out story ideas and angles with the editor first. The editor reserves the right to edit content, and to print or not print anything she wants. The text contains no paid endorsements.

A word about the 'L-Word': Dykes are debonair, bi's are beautiful, queer women are quirky and gay women are gorgeous. LQ is unfashionably lesbian-focused, but welcomes readers with other choices. LQ's use of 'lesbian' includes both legally and biologically defined women who label themselves lesbian.

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