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# Women's Studies Interest Group

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## Women's Rights Anniversary Theater Event

March 13, 1998

7:30 p.m.

Administrative Science Bldg. UAH

To celebrate women's history month and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Rights movement, local organizations are planning a special event to remember an extraordinary woman from America's past and to honor local women of today for their leadership and service to the community.



On Friday, March 13, the UAH Women's Studies Program, the UAH Honors Program, and the Women's Economic Development Council (WEDC) will present acclaimed actress Elizabeth Perry in her one-woman performance of *Sun Flower*.

*Flower*, an original play about the life of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Stanton was considered the "brains" of the nineteenth-century women's rights movement, a woman who worked tirelessly for woman suffrage for over fifty years, yet did not live to see the woman suffrage bill pass in 1920. Stanton organized the first Women's Rights conference in the U. S., held in Seneca Falls, NY, in 1848, 150 years ago. An introduction to Elizabeth Cady Stanton's life is an

inspirational and illuminating experience.

On the same evening, local non-profit organizations will honor women they have singled out for their leadership and service to the community. According to Rose Norman, Director of the Women's Studies program at UAH, "the women being honored show the same kind of commitment to service and to making things right that Elizabeth Cady Stanton did in her day." A reception will follow the leadership awards celebration and theatrical performance.

The event is open to the community. Seating is limited, so advance tickets are highly recommended and may be purchased for \$15 by mailing in the form enclosed or at Shaver's Books on Whitesburg Drive. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$20.

## Huntsville Woman's Club Scholarship

This year the Huntsville Woman's Club will award its \$500 scholarship through the UAH Women's Studies program to a woman who is a returning student in the College of Liberal Arts or Nursing. The scholarship may be applied to expenses for tuition, lab fees, and books, and will be available for summer or fall 1998. Applicants must have a B average and be a U.S. citizen enrolled in either the College of Liberal Arts or the College of Nursing. Priority will be given to students with demonstrated financial need. The application deadline is March 15. Applications are available in the Women's Studies program office, Morton Hall 344.

## Do you know?

What do these women have in common? (Answer page 3)



Jane Addams



Mother Teresa



Aung San Suu Kyi



Alva Myrdal



Rigoberta Menchu

## **EXPRESSIONS '98** **A SHOWCASE OF LOCAL** **CREATIVITY**



On Saturday, March 14, from 5 to 11 p.m., EXPRESSIONS '98 will showcase creative efforts by Huntsville women, such as art, music, dance, storytelling, lecture, dramatic reading, drama, poetry slam and film. On the UAH campus, pieces will be exhibited at the Church Gallery and performances held at Mom's Cafe. Only original work is invited. No competition within any category is intended. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome. Please join us for the debut of what we hope will be an annual event. For further information email [maya@email.uah.edu](mailto:maya@email.uah.edu) or call Cindy Hughey at 890-6190.

### **Featured Speaker Anne Barstow, Author of *Witchcraze***

Church Women United (CWU) is doing its February Forum on the theme "Looking at the World Through Women's Eyes." Betty Peeler will lead meetings every Saturday in February, at 9 a.m., at First United Methodist Church, 120 Green St. The featured speaker for February 21 is Anne Barstow, author of *Witchcraze*, speaking on "Violence Against Women." For further information, call Betty Peeler at 536-2267.

### **What's Going on at Girls Incorporated?**

- Thursday, March 26; Girls Incorporated Celebration Luncheon, noon at the Marriott Hotel; honorees are Judge Jeri Blankenship; Dr. Helen McAlpine; and Dr. Shelba Proffitt
- Sat. May 2, Sister to Sister Summit: joint project of AAUW and GIH; open to 150 girls ages 12 to 16; small groups will develop action plans to address issues of concerns such as smoking, teen pregnancy, sexual harassment in schools, media messages, etc.
- May 10-16, Girls Incorporated Week - theme Economic Literacy.

*For further information call 851-9911*

## **Summary Spring Calendar**

- Saturday, February 21, 9:00 a.m., Anne Barstow, author of *Witchcraze*, speaking on "Violence Against Women." For further information, call Betty Peeler at 536-2267.
- Saturday, February 28, 7:30 p.m., Chan Auditorium of Administrative Science Bldg. **Huntsville Feminist Chorus.** Free Admission
- Tuesday, March 10, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Room 222 in the Administrative Science Building. **"Changing Careers to Work for Non-Profit Organizations"** Sponsored by Women's Studies Student Organization. For further information, call 890-6190.
- Friday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., Chan Auditorium (ADSC), Elizabeth Perry, **"Sun Flower" (play based on the life of Elizabeth Cady Stanton)** and **Women's Community Leadership Awards.** The \$15 ticket includes reception to follow event. Tickets will be available at the Women's Studies program office (MH 344) and Shaver's Books. Advance purchase is recommended; a limited number of \$20 tickets will be available at the door.
- Saturday, March 14, 5-11 p.m., "Expressions '98" art, music, dance, storytelling, lecture, dramatic reading, drama, poetry slam and film. Email [maya@email.uah.edu](mailto:maya@email.uah.edu) or call Annie Harris 890-6190.
- Tuesday, Mar. 17, 11:15 to 12:15, UC 126 Dr. Susan Luther and Ms. Bonnie Roberts poetry reading titled **"Green on Green" a St. Patrick's Day Reading.** Sponsored by UAH Honor's Program.
- Tuesday, March 24, 11:15 to 12:15, UC 126 Dr. Catherine Wessinger, History of Religions and Women's Studies, Loyola. **"Hell's Gate and Millennial Fever."** Sponsored by Honor's Program.
- Thursday, March 26, 12:00 noon, Marriott Hotel, **Girls Inc. Celebration Luncheon.** Call 851-9911.
- Thursday, Apr. 16, 11:15 to 12:15, UC 126. Dr. Marlene Zuk, U. of Calif. at Riverside, will talk on **"Sex Differences and Evolution."** Sponsored by UAH Honor's Program.
- April 21, 6-9:30 p.m., UC Exhibit Hall. **School Essay Contest.** Announcement and readings of winning essays on "Celebrating Seneca Falls: Learning the Legacy."

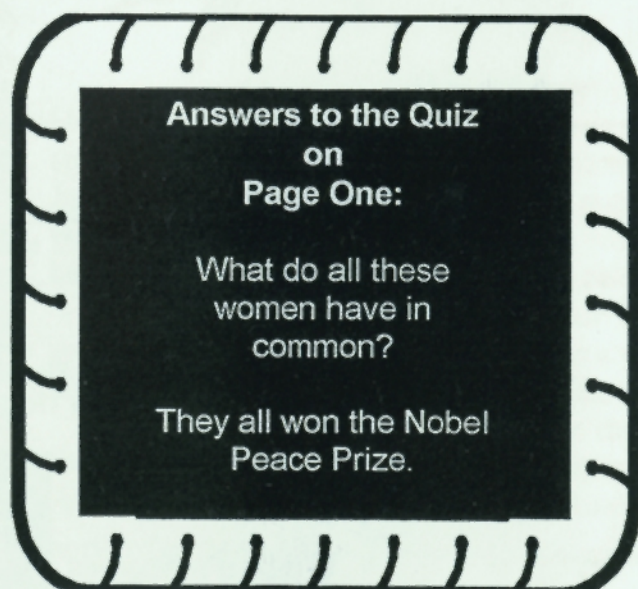


**Women build homes, families, businesses, churches, communities...so why not a house?** Starting in April 1997, several Madison County women's groups began meeting regularly to plan the first "all-women built home" in North Alabama for Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity of

**Women Build!**

Madison County provides simple, decent housing to families who are living in poverty housing. The house is scheduled to begin in late March/early April,

depending on the weather. With a 13-week schedule, it should be completed in June 1998. Women will plan and build all aspects of the home that can be built by volunteers. A house leader will be on site every Saturday during the building. **To volunteer or donate, call the Habitat's office at 533-2282.** If you have special skills, please note them on the volunteer form or contact Mary Anne Thomas (thomasm@huntsville.sparta.com) directly via email. They are particularly looking for a female, licensed plumber and electrician.



## Women's History Essay Contest



In the past two years, UAH Women's Studies has sponsored successful women's history essay contests for North Alabama youth. This year Women's Studies will again sponsor a Women's History Month Essay Contest for middle and high school students in Huntsville and Madison county, including homeschoolers. The contest offers cash prizes for the best essay on a topic relevant to women's history. This year's theme is "Celebrating Seneca Falls: Learning the Legacy." Deadline for submissions is March 20, at 4:30 p.m., delivered to Annie Harris in Morton Hall 344. For further information, call 890-6190. The awards ceremony will be held April 21 6 - 9:30 at the University Center. Prize-winning essays will be read and all entrants will be honored.

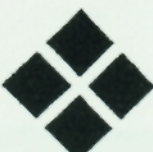
Note: We are still seeking organizations or individuals who would like to help fund the prizes for the essay contest. If you would be interested in contributing to this worthy project, call Dr. Rose Norman, 890-6320.

## News From Women's Studies Resource Center

### Anyone have a printer??

The WSRC has completely cataloged its holdings using the computer donated last fall, and library cataloging software provided by the UAH Library. We now need to print labels for the books. We could really use a new (or "like-new") deskjet printer for this purpose. We have two older printers, but the one we had hoped to use for the labels turns out to be too old to get reliable drivers and ribbons. **If you were thinking of donating something to Women's Studies this year, consider making it a brand new printer! Call Rose Norman, 890-6320.**

**WOMEN'S  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCIL**



*The Women's Economic Development Council  
&  
The Women's Studies Program at UAH  
invite you to  
The Women's History Month Celebration Theatre  
where  
Elizabeth Perry*

*presents*

*Sun Flower, the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Story  
and  
Women's Community Leadership Awards*

*Chan Auditorium, Admin. Science Building, UAH  
Friday, March 13, 1998  
7:30 p.m.*

**Respond by March 3, 1998**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets: (\$15.00/person) \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend, here is my donation. \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail ticket requests and make checks payable to:  
WEDC, P O Box 4761, Huntsville, AL 35815.  
Include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.

To nominate someone for Women's  
Community Leadership Awards, call  
Sandra Moon at 650-5070 or  
Rose Norman at 890-6320

To buy advertising in the Sun Flower  
program, call Cybilla Hawk at 776-4953

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## Feminist Philosophy Course

This fall, for the first time, PHL 395, the Philosophy Junior Research Seminar, will be on the topic of Feminist Philosophy. The course will cover basic and contemporary issues in feminist theory. Topics include: what is oppression and sexism? Is gender a natural category or a social construction? Can a feminist theory account for the differences of race, class, and sexual orientation among women, or is it impossible to develop a "unified" feminist outlook? Is there a standpoint unique to women? Can men be feminist? The course will be offered Fall, 1998, MW 4:00-5:20. It is recommended, but NOT required, that you have taken one philosophy course before taking the course. The instructor will be Dr. William Wilkerson. For more information, call 890-6555.

## Women's Studies Student Organization Corner

The Women's Studies Student Organization will hold a forum on "Changing Careers to Work for Non-Profit Organizations." A guest speaker from the Women's Economic Development Council will provide information on this topic. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### "Changing Careers to Work for Non-Profit Organizations"

Room 222 in the Administrative Science Building

March 10, 1998

12:00pm - 2:00pm

For further information, talk to Andrea in the Women's Studies Resource Center or Cindy in the Sociology Department (890-6190).

## Huntsville Feminist Chorus

Chan Auditorium, Administrative Science Building, UAH  
Saturday, February 28, 1998, 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free



*"The rhythm of life is a powerful beat"*

These lines aptly describe the spirit that enlivens performances by the Huntsville Feminist Chorus, coming on February 28 to UAH's Chan Auditorium. The Chorus sings spirited music of peace, power, and praise with songs from many cultures, including Iroquois, Zulu, Japanese, and Appalachian. Drumming, puppetry, poetry, and inspirational songs from around the world create an exhilarating evening you won't forget. This unusual chorus promises an inspirational beginning for a month of events at UAH celebrating the lives of women in history.

This mostly a cappella group, made up of women of diverse ages and interests, is in its fifth season and performs about eight concerts a year. The Chorus's upbeat and sometimes poignant music continues to delight audiences in Huntsville and the surrounding area.

Responding to capacity crowds at their last two UAH concerts, the Chorus is moving this year to the spacious Chan Auditorium in the Administrative Science Bldg. on Loop Road (facing Sparkman Dr., just north of Holmes Ave.). There is no admission charge and a reception will follow the hour-long concert, which begins at 7:30.

***They Will Rock You!***

*Note New Location*

*The Rhythm of Life is a Powerful Beat*

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## Summer 1998 Schedule

### First 6-week term: May 18-June 28:

|         |                        |                 |           |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| CM 416  | Women Orators          | MTWR 11:30-1:05 | Rountree  |
| SOC 200 | Intro. To Anthropology | MWTR 3:00-4:35  | Sitaraman |

### Second 6-week term: July 8-Aug. 14:

|                |                                |              |            |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| NUR 390/500-03 | Perspectives on Women's Health | Th. 8 - 3:30 | Lethbridge |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|

### 10 week term: June 1 - Aug. 10:

|           |                             |              |           |
|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| EH 540-01 | African American Literature | MW 1:40-3:40 | Bollinger |
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## Fall 1998 Schedule

|             |  |                  |            |
|-------------|--|------------------|------------|
| BYS 318     | Vertebrate Reproduction                          | TR 8-9:20        | Garstka    |
| MGMT 462    | Government Regulation of<br>Employment Relations | MW 1-2:20        | Gramm      |
| NUR 325/525 | Human Sexuality                                  | Thurs. 5:30-8:20 | Lethbridge |
| PY 420      | Psych of Women                                   | MWF 11:15-12:10  | Carpenter  |
| SOC 106     | Marriage and Family                              | TR 4-5:20        | Finley     |
| SOC306      | Gender Roles                                     | Tues. 5:30-8:20  | Finley     |
| WS 200      | Intro. to Women's Studies                        | TR 11-12:20      | Norman     |

**For information on registration, call 890-6290**

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