



## Creative Womyn Down Under Email Newsletter

01 October 2011

### ILD, Music as Activism & Sydney Summer Spiritfest !!

So many wonderful opportunities to be inspired and creative are coming up in the next few months.

#### ILD

8 October is **International Lesbian Day** and as we promised last newsletter, we have listed some events happening during the ILD weekend for your interest. We hope that you get to celebrate this important day.

We would love to see as many lesbians and our friends at our special afternoon of **highlights from the Lesbians in the House Concert** we held in July at the Sydney Opera House. Its also a lovely way to take a look around **The Women's Library** - join if you're not already a member - and browse through the \$2 second hand bookshop. Join us from 2-5pm. Please let us know if you will be there.

#### KERRIANNE COX

The final CWDU event for 2011 is an intimate concert in Earlwood, Sydney by **Kerriane Cox, with Jacinta Tobin on Saturday 5 November from 7-11pm.**

Kerriane performed at the Lesbians in the House Concert and then went on to do a number of shows in regional areas as part of her "On the Road to Sovereignty" tour. Kerriane's tour is truly music as activism as she sheds much needed light and proposes solutions to major issues affecting women, especially within indigenous communities.

### International Lesbian Day Weekend Events

#### 7 October 2011

##### **Private Passions - Opening Night**

[Chrissie Cotter Gallery](#), Pidcock Street, Camperdown NSW (near bowling club) showcasing the work of lesbian artist photographers Philippa Bolton, Steph Glover and Clare Wallace. Exhibition runs from 5 - 9 October. Opening Night from 6-8pm.

##### **Lemons with a Twist**

Slide, 41 Oxford St, Paddington from 6pm. Monthly event organised by the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Business Association. Members free entry. Guests \$10. Fun night out!

#### 8 October 2011

##### **An Afternoon of Highlights from the Lesbians in the House Concert**

Presented by CWDU & The Women's Library (TWL) from 2-5pm at TWL Brown St, Newtown.

##### **South Coast ILD Dance, Tomerong**

Tomerong Hall, Hawken Road 7.30pm - Midnight featuring local lesbian band 'Cider Jam'.

##### **ILD Celebrations Queensland**

The Wickham Hotel, 308 Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 12pm - 5pm presented by the Lesbian Health Action Group.

##### **Lesbians Incorporated (LInc) AGM**

The Women's Library, Brown St, Newtown 11am - 1pm.

More details are on the [CWDU events page](#). The address is **13 Potter Avenue, Earlwood. Cost is \$25/\$20** concession. Tickets at door, includes supper. Please let us know if you can make it.

### **SYDNEY SUMMER SPIRITFEST**

**12 - 15 January 2012**

10th Anniversary !!

Since 2002, Sydney Summer Spiritfest has brought together people from many paths including pagan, quaker, buddhist, goddess, shaman, and a range of eastern guru-based traditions. This unique, easy-going festival celebrates inclusiveness, and combines the sharing of practical spiritual wisdom with warmth, fun and everyday experience. Everyone welcome.

3 full days of celebration: yoga, meditation, great music, new friends, creative workshops, choir, dancing, drumming, concerts, children's activities, bushwalking, accommodation and fantastic vegetarian food – all for just \$230 or concession \$200. Children up to 6 years old are free, and under 16 years half price. Daily rates available too, \$70 or concession \$60. Monday extra retreat day \$30 or \$25 concession.

Spiritfest is a non-profit event organised by volunteers welcoming community connectedness and spiritual diversity.

*The 2012 Spiritfest theme is "gratitude" and celebrating its role in our lives.*

Contact Georgina on 02 95572774, mobile 0406 372 142 or email [sydneyspiritfest@gmail.com](mailto:sydneyspiritfest@gmail.com) with any enquiries. For information about what happens at Spiritfest [download our 2012 brochure here](#).

### **9 October 2011**

#### **Chicks with Picks Open Mic**

The Clare Hotel, 20 Broadway Road, Ultimo from 4pm - 10.30pm.

Celebrating 2 Year Anniversary.

View details on all of these events at [www.creativewomyn.net/Noticeboard.html](http://www.creativewomyn.net/Noticeboard.html)

## **Noticeboard Highlights**

### **WOMEN'S ART GROUP**

Sally Swain facilitates a 6 week creative community for women called "**Wordflower**" in Glebe, Sydney on Wednesday mornings. 6 - 8 women sit in circle around a table full of art supplies and take time out of busy lives to reconnect with themselves. **19 October to 23 November 2011**. If you have the opportunity to participate it is a very rich and rewarding experience. [See our noticeboard for more information](#).

### **FRAME DRUMMING: RHYTHM FOR THE SOUL**

The Frame Drum is an ancient instrument that has been played in most cultures for thousands of years as a technology for physical, emotional and spiritual balance. Jane Elworthy's Rhythm for the Soul training allows you to:

- Rest into the healing power of rhythm and sound
- Learn the sacred art of the frame drum
- Play rhythms from cultures around the world
- Learn joyful transforming chants and the power of repetition and 'entrainment'
- Experience the drum and sound vibration as healing tools

## Next newsletter

In final news, we just want to let you know that this is our last newsletter for 2011. As we prepare for end of year activities, Spiritfest in January and our next big adventure - baby number 2 due February, we are taking some time out from the newsletter.

We are very happy to continue putting event listings and other information you want to share on our website, just let us know.

Thanks very much to our readers this year for your ongoing interest in CWDU, your participation in our events, your feedback and contributions to our website.

Have a happy summer full of creative adventures !!

**Gabrielle Journey Jones & Georgina JD Abrahams**

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**Rhythm for the Soul - Stage 1 of 3** is on **16 October 2011 from 11am - 4pm**. Registration fee \$85 with a \$40 deposit. Registrations close 8th October 2011. Enquiries and bookings contact Jane on email [jane.elworthy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jane.elworthy@optusnet.com.au) or mobile 0409 367 582. Visit Jane's website [www.ReturnToLight.com.au](http://www.ReturnToLight.com.au) where you will find information on 2012 retreats including Frame Drum making 16 - 18 March at Wentworth Falls in the Blue Mountains NSW. [Download the flyer here.](#)

## **RECLAIM THE NIGHT 2011** **Friday 28 October 2011 - Worldwide**

Annual global march protesting violence against women on the last Friday in October each year. Reclaim The Night encourages grass roots participation in the organisation of events by as many women as possible. **Sydney** - meet 6pm at Town Hall and march to Martin Place. [View the facebook event here.](#)

