



# WOMEN'S CENTER

## WomensWorks

A Holiday Art Fair of Quality Gifts Made by Women  
Delicious Food! Raffles! Prizes! Plenty of Parking!

Friday, November 8th: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 9th: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
University of Idaho Student Union Ballroom

For information or to reserve a table, contact the Women's Center at 208-885-6616 or [wcenter@uidaho.edu](mailto:wcenter@uidaho.edu)

Now in our 8th year, *WomensWorks* continues to grow. Our original craft fair took place in the former Women's Center lounge October 1995, with seven artists participating. It was later moved to the Vandal Lounge in the SUB, then to the Clearwater/Whitewater Room of the Idaho Commons in, and finally to the SUB Ballroom.

This year new and returning artists displaying a wonderful variety of quality crafts. You will also be able to enjoy international cuisine as you shop for unique gifts.

Proceeds from last year's event enabled us to create a new scholarship, *WomensWorks Scholarship for Gender Equity*.

## Take Back the Night

By Lori Van Buggenum

### Together We Can Stop the Violence

The first *Take Back the Night* rally originated in Germany in 1973 in response to a series of sexual assaults, rapes, and murders. Today, marches are held throughout the world, with one common message: "We march to create awareness about violence against women, reclaiming the night for women's safety and demand that the perpetrators of this violence—the batterers, the rapists, the murderers—be held responsible for their actions."

*Take Back the Night* events are designed to bring awareness and empowerment to individuals and to inspire action that will bring an end to violence against women.

UI *Take Back the Night* events, Nov. 4 - 6, will include three days of workshops, speakers, informational tabling, educational displays, visual activism, and two self-defense clinics. It concludes Nov. 6 with a night rally and march, followed by a concert. For more information and times, contact the Center: 208-885-6616 or [wcenter@uidaho.edu](mailto:wcenter@uidaho.edu)

## "THE GALLERY"



In collaboration with the Moscow chapter of Women's Caucus for Art (WCA), the UI Women's Center hosts a rotating art exhibit featuring a local artist and her work.

Currently on display, are the paintings of Hanae Suzuki. Hanae grew up in Shizuoka, Japan and moved to the US when she was 18. She is a senior here at UI, working on a B.A. in Art.

Her work is influenced by memories of her life and beliefs. Her work is about people who influenced the way she lives, including family, friends in Japan, and others she has met in the US.

"It is always important to me to be true to my roots when I create art. By creating art about those people that have influenced me, I am exploring and expressing my identity as an individual, creating my own history."

Hanae Suzuki



Emily and Lori creating a *Take Back the Night* masterpiece.



If you have visited the Women's Center lately I am sure you have noticed a difference. There is new and renewed energy and enthusiasm in the air. Nine student groups meet regularly at the center; daily meetings occur among students and faculty; and annual programs such as *Take Back the Night* are being revived with gusto.

I, for one, am extremely excited. This is, after all, a Women's Center with a mission to advance gender equity and each of these students, faculty, staff, and student groups is working toward that end. Since the beginning of the semester we have served more than 1,262 students, faculty and staff and had 1,232 visits to the center. Forty student group meetings have taken place at the center and we offered 12 programs or presentations.

In this issue of the women's center newsletter you'll find ways you can get involved or participate. I encourage you to join in and share your talents, ideas and energies. The students, UI faculty and staff, and community members working on these projects can always use help.

Other things we are working on:

- \* Women's Coalition – I am working with the Office of Multicultural Affairs to create a Women's Coalition similar to one created at WSU many years ago. This coalition would include women from each of the multicultural groups, justice groups, feminist groups, international women, and other interested groups to work on joint projects as one way of promoting gender equity on a broad scale at the UI.

- \* Women's Center book drive – see our box about this exciting project elsewhere in this newsletter. And, please donate your books. Mark your calendar for the sale – as soon as we alert you of the date, probably in February.

- \* Check out our new web site, which is still under construction. We intend to do some color scheme alterations and place some graphics and pictures for your viewing pleasure. But, do note that you can now read our newsletter on line.

I just returned from a month in Washington, DC. That was a long time to be gone in the middle of a semester. The training I attended was to prepare me for my coming year in Bangladesh, where I will serve as a gender advisor. This past summer, I was selected to serve as a senior fellow with the Institute of International Education (IIE). I will work with the US Agency for International Development (USAID) assisting them to integrate gender into projects, primarily in the democracy/governance and enterprise development sectors. The DC training was to acquaint me with USAID bureaucracy and allow me to meet people who either live in Bangladesh or those who work on projects there. It was an exciting training and I met many people who will help me as next year advances. I know the time will go by quickly. My departure date is sometime around January 2nd and I'll be gone 12 months.

We are in the process of hiring an interim director who will serve as a full time temporary replacement while I am gone. I am honored by this opportunity and hope I can make a difference. At the present time, I feel excited to be leaving the women's center in such good hands with tremendous energy and excitement about our projects, plans, and activities. The center is active and vibrant as I am sure you will notice reading the newsletter. I encourage you to join us for a project that interests you or stop by to see what's up. And remember, there is always a place to study here, watch a video, read a book or just hang out. There are so many ways to advance gender equity. We are moving toward it every day! And, as always, thank you for your help, interest, and support.

Jeannie Harvey

*"The test for whether or not you can hold a job should not be the arrangement of your chromosomes."*

*Bella Abzug*



## Women in Law

Monique Lillard

We want to encourage women to come to the UI Law School. Ours is a supportive environment for all students; we firmly believe. If you know of anyone who has questions about law school, about undergraduate planning, about applying for law school, or anything related, please encourage them to contact me at 885-7022, [lillard@uidaho.edu](mailto:lillard@uidaho.edu); Associate Dean Ben Beard at 885-4977, [beardb@uidaho.edu](mailto:beardb@uidaho.edu); or the Admissions Coordinator Erick Larson at 885-6423, [erickl@uidaho.edu](mailto:erickl@uidaho.edu). Erick has the most practical information. I am glad to give general information, or share my thoughts about the education we provide and the atmosphere at the school and within the legal profession.

## FLAME ON

Emily Sly

FLAME is growing this year and is organizing several awareness-raising events on campus. FLAME's upcoming event is *Take Back the Night*, November 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. See related *Take Back the Night* article in this newsletter for more information. FLAME is also preparing to sell vagina-themed crafts at the WomensWorks Craft Fair in early November. These crafts are back by popular demand and will help support the production of "The Vagina Monologues" this winter.

Because of expanding the vision of FLAME, a separate group is forming to produce "The Vagina Monologues" this February. The new group is called Muse. There are members of last year's production team involved in Muse and there are also people new to the production. Muse will need help with fundraising, advertising, and with many other aspects of producing the show. If you are interested in becoming involved, please call the Women's Center for more information. Auditions for "The Vagina Monologues" will be held November 12 and 13, from 6 pm to 9 pm. Location TBA.

## Auditions

Auditions will be held for "The Vagina Monologues" from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Wednesday, Nov. 13. Contact the Women's Center at 208-885-6616 or [wcenter@uidaho.edu](mailto:wcenter@uidaho.edu) for location. All women are encouraged to audition. A diverse cast is essential for this performance.

To find out more about the national V-Day Campaign, go to [www.vday.org](http://www.vday.org).

## Jama's Who's Who, That's Who

Jama Sebald, UI Financial Aid Services, has been selected for inclusion in the new 23rd Edition of *Who's Who of American Women*. This unique compilation features the lives and careers of outstanding women in every significant field of endeavor in North America.

**Congratulations, Jama.  
We're very proud of you!**

## Body Image Task Force

Lori Van Buggenum

### WHAT PART OF YOUR BODY DO YOU LOVE?

Everyone should love what they see when they look in the mirror. Yet, advertisers, Hollywood and the fashion, cosmetics and diet industries work very hard to make us believe that no part of our bodies are acceptable. Print ads and commercials reduce us to body parts — lips, legs, breasts — airbrushed and touched up to meet impossible standards.

For decades, Hollywood and the fashion industry promoted the diet pill, turning it into a multibillion-dollar business. The new millennium tells women and teenage girls that face lifts and breast implants are as good for self-esteem. Is it any wonder that more than 80% of fourth grade girls have been on some form of fad diet and by the eighth grade most of these girls will be using tobacco as a diet aid? Isn't it time to fight back? Women and girls spend billions of dollars every year on cosmetics, fashion, magazines and diet aids. They can't sell these images without our assistance. Get information, then get active!

BITF is a great way to get involved and help create awareness. Our main event for this semester will be Love Your Body Day. Come celebrate healthy, beautiful bodies by joining us in holistic health. There will be Nia, yoga, and massage workshops, as well as a speaker and educational tabling. This event is tentatively scheduled for December 4 and 5<sup>th</sup>. Call the Women's Center for a finalized time and location.

BITF meetings are Mondays at 3.30pm at the Women's Center. Come and share your ideas and thoughts for future events, speakers, topics and actions. All are welcome. <http://www.now.org>



## WOMEN'S CENTER HOLIDAY WISH LIST

The Women's Center operates on a very small annual budget most of which comes from student fees and donations. It is the donations we receive that actually pay for most of the programs, services, activities, and even our office supplies and books. Our current staffing includes two full time staff, a ¾ time office specialist, and four student workers. We support the work of 9 student groups that meet regularly at the center, produce four newsletters per year, host approximately 10 - 15 noon programs per year, two annual events, and advise and teach in women's studies. We collaborate on projects such as Hispanic Heritage Month, Tutxinmepu Pow Wow, Take Back the Night, the Vagina Monologues, and others. The support we get from you makes a huge difference in our ability to support students in their efforts and to advance gender equity. You may be thinking about cleaning out an old closet or finally giving away the extra books you've collected. We hope you will think of the Women's Center. Listed below are some of the items we especially need at this time. Thank you for your continued support.

■ Computers – we are looking to add one or two additional computers to our lounge. The lounge computers are used by students, student groups, and our student workers.

■ Books – if you have books you are thinking of getting rid of, we'd like to hear from you. In

### Calling All Books!!!!

We are currently seeking book donations to sell at our upcoming book sale. Your books may be added to our library or sold to help purchase new books. Donations can be made as followed:

- 1) Call us to pick up your books
- 2) Dropbooks off at the Women's Center
- 3) Drop books off at the *WomensWork* Craft Fair in the SUB Ballroom on Nov. 8 or 9<sup>th</sup>.

Any books not added to our library (or sold at the sale) will be exchanged at the used book store to update our collection. For more information contact us at 885-6616 or [wcenter@uidaho.edu](mailto:wcenter@uidaho.edu).

February we plan to hold a book sale to raise money for new books, journals, and videos for the Women's Center library.

■ Or, you could buy us a book you think we should add to the library – we are especially thinking about books about young women, feminism, young women and activism, young women and health, etc. For example, *Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future*

■ Help us subscribe to journals about women. Some possibilities include: Ms Magazine, \$45/year; Women in Natural Resources, \$39/year; Women in Higher Education, \$79/year; Gender & Development, \$143/year. You could suggest a journal you think we should subscribe to and make a contribution toward that subscription.

■ Our video library contains few current films about women, women's studies, or feminist theory and practice. It would be fabulous to begin collecting newer feminist films we could check out to faculty and students for use in classes, seminars, and other presentations. You could help us with the cost of a video or purchase one you think the center should have.

■ When I visited the BSU women's center, they had a very nice, large sized TV/VCR. It would be great to upgrade the small unit we currently possess.

■ Any donation is greatly appreciated and will aid us in advancing gender equity at the UI.

### Women of the Armed Forces

"This is My War, Too"

On Veteran's Day, don't forget the women who served with pride and dedication around the world. Women like Moscow resident, Grace Pratt, U.S. Marine Veteran of World War II. Grace recently returned from the Women Marines Association National Convention in Minneapolis, where she served as flag bearer for her unit.

*From the storm lashed decks of the Mayflower...  
to the present hour, woman has stood like a rock  
for the welfare and the glory of the history of the  
country and one might well add...*

*unwritten, unrewarded and almost unrecognized.*

*Clara Barton, February 1911*



## Calendar of Events

# Women's Center

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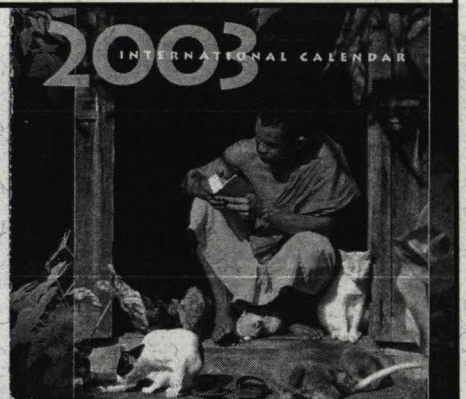
November-December, 2002

Nov. 4 - 6	<b>Take Back the Night.</b> Three days of workshops, activities, informational tabling, and lectures, with a closing rally and march on Wednesday night. Join in the solidarity. Presented by FLAME.
Nov. 7 - 10	<b>Gay Straight Alliance Film and Arts Festival.</b> Art exhibit will open in the Idaho Commons Reflections Gallery on November 3. Films will be shown in Borah Theater. For events schedule and locations, contact GSA at <a href="mailto:alliance@uidaho.edu">alliance@uidaho.edu</a> .
Nov. 8 & 9	<b>WomensWork Craft Fair.</b> A holiday art fair of quality gifts made by women. UI Women's Center 8th Annual Holiday Art Fair. Hours are 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, and 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. SUB Ballroom.
Nov 12 - 13	<b>Vagina Monologues Auditions.</b> 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location TBA.
Thur, Nov 14	<b>Student Action with Farm Workers.</b> Bringing students and farmworkers together to learn about each other's lives, share resources and skills, improve conditions for farmworkers and build diverse coalitions working for social change. <b>Juana Ortiz</b> will be sharing her experiences of working for this private, non-profit organization located in Durham, North Carolina. 12:30 Women's Center.
Weds, Nov 20	<b>Benefits of Massage Therapy.</b> Deanna English, R.N., Massage Services Coordinator, Gritman Medical Center, will explain the many health benefits of massage. If stress is an issue in your life, come learn how massage can be a rewarding and effective solution. 12.30 p.m., Women's Center Lounge.
Sunday, Dec. 1	<b>International Aids Day.</b>
Dec. 4 & 5	<b>Love Your Body Days.</b> Celebrate your beautiful mind and body by joining holistic wellness workshops. This two-day event includes Nia, yoga and massage workshops, a speaker, and body wellness education information. Call the Women's Center for times and locations. Presented by BITF.
Sat, Dec. 7	<b>Guerilla Girls on Tour.</b> Established in 1985, Guerilla Girls are a group of women artists, writers, performers and film makers who fight discrimination. For time and location, contact WSU Women's Studies at 509-335-1794.

## 2003 International Calendars are Here!

Created by Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, these beautiful calendars will take you around the world in 2003. Each picture has a story. Each country has a carefully rendered indigenous design. Each month has lunar and celestial events and a word to spice up your vocabulary. This unique calendar is an eye-opening doorway to the world.

Calendars will be available at *WomensWorks* and can also be purchased at the Women's Center for \$10.00 each. To reserve your copy, contact the Women's Center at 208-885-6616 or [wcenter@uidaho.edu](mailto:wcenter@uidaho.edu). Your purchase of this calendar benefits the Women's Center throughout the year as well.







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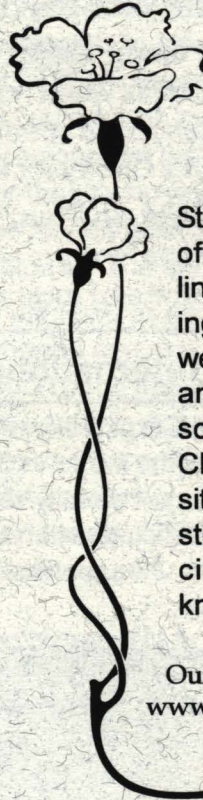
The *Women's Center Newsletter* is published four times during the academic year. It includes announcements and information about the many services and programs offered by the center to the university and regional communities. There are also items of general interest about women's and men's issues. If you have announcements or information to include in subsequent issues, please let us know. Suggestions for changes, improvements, or additional items are always welcome. A taped copy of the newsletter is available on request for the visually impaired.

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 violence and sexual assault.

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**Women's Center  
 on the Web**

Starting in October, we'll offer the newsletter on-line. We'll continue mailing copies this year, but we are looking at offering an on-line version only sometime in the future. Check out our new web site. It's still under construction, but we're excited about it. Let us know what you think.

Our new website address will be:  
[www.its.uidaho.edu/womenscenter](http://www.its.uidaho.edu/womenscenter)