

Women's Centre report

February was a busy month at the Centre. Thank you to everyone who provided input, ideas, feedback, or just a sympathetic ear as I worked on the SWC funding proposal. I'm glad that is complete and sent off and I am now much more present in the drop-in and available to women who come by. Thanks also to the individuals and agencies who wrote support letters for us to include with that application. Moe has also been busy with proposal stuff, meeting the requirements of the MWE for the C4 conference proposal. We do not have final word yet, but we're keeping our fingers crossed that the conference funding arrives as expected. So both of us spent a lot of time facing computers in the past month.

Two groups are currently running at the Centre. Kaleidoscope, a group for women about whatever is on their minds, began at the end of January and is meeting regularly and happily on Thursday mornings. We are enjoying getting to know one another and building trust through sharing our experiences and issues. Recognizing Our Strengths, a support group for women who are, or have been, abused in relationships runs Friday mornings from February 27

through until May 1. I am delighted that I have no evening groups this time around.

The first meeting about this year's Women's Festival happened at the centre on Tuesday, February 24. Several women attended and there was much support expressed for having the festival continue. We have had a couple calls from women asking when the festival will be held, so women are starting to think about it. (The answer, as always, is the second weekend in August.) Must be the lovely weather we've been having.

The volunteer meeting on Feb. 17 was great. Thank you to Randine from the Transition House, who gave a very informative presentation. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 24, 9:30 til noon. ALL volunteers are welcome to attend. There will be a presentation by Nancy Macek from Nelson District Community Resources Society.

Our Girls on the Town project has received lots of attention in the media lately, due to some counsellors and others reacting badly to the booklet we published. This attractive publication, which has unedited quotes from Nelson and area teenage girls about all kinds of topics, is available from the Women's Centre, or can be taken out of the Nelson Library. Check it out!
- Karen

Library Report

Sadly, I missed Kristen when she came in with this, and I didn't think it was happening. So this month we'll just thank the **Book Garden** for their wonderful donation of over \$800 worth of books, and next month we'll tell you all about them.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

- **Confidence, Competence, and Community Control**
- Bridey Morrison Morgan, Jane Burton, Moe, and other
- members of the committee, have been working hard to try
- to get funding for this skills-sharing conference for women,
- to take place May 22, 23 & 24. Shaw Cable and Selkirk
- College are in as full partners. Margaret Fulton has agreed to
- come and speak. But we still don't know if the Ministry of
- Women's Equality is going to fund it. We're waiting. . . .

Wonderful Wednesdays

March 4

VIDEO

KATHLEEN SHANNON:

On film, feminism and other dreams

This is an opportunity for women who want to see the video about Kathleen Shannon, but couldn't or didn't come to the memorial. (Or who did and want to see it again.)

March 11

MENOPAUSE THE NATURAL APPROACH

Penny Bonnett & Suzanne Miller

These two women have a wealth of information about this topic, and give a highly enjoyable presentation.

Don't miss it!

No Wonderful Wednesday March 18

March 25

SEXUALITY, ETC. LESBIANS IN THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

Is this a problem? Whose problem is it? If some heterosexual women are uncomfortable at the Women's Festival, in the Women's Centre, or in the movement, how can this be addressed so that everyone's needs are met?

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