

1999 ★ 25th Anniversary  
of the first Women's Festival in Canada

# West Kootenay Women's Festival

August 6, 7 & 8  
Vallican Whole Community Centre  
Slocan Valley, B.C.

Fri. Set-up all day, bonfire at night

Sat. Breakfast 8-9am Early-bird workshops 9-11am Opening Ceremony 11am  
Lunch 12-1pm Dance & Music Workshops 1-3; 3-5pm, bring noisemakers!  
Potluck Supper: 5:30pm \*Bring a dish to share, no extra food will be made\*  
Saturday Stage 7-9pm: All kinds of music, old and new!

Dance to "MAUD" a 3-woman Dance Band from Calgary (9 pm)

Sun. Breakfast 8-9 am Lunch 12-1 pm Workshops 9:30 - 11am  
Sunday Salon Literary Cabaret 1:30-4pm  
Closing Circle 4:30pm

#### All Weekend:

Rough Camping (room for RVs), Music, Art, Dance, Swimming in the river, Crafts, Auction, Workshops, and visits with lots of wonderful women. Come and meet new intriguing, fun, interesting and *fabulous* women and share in music, dance, art, massage, discussion, connection and just plain down-home Kootenay feminist FUN!

#### Buy a day ticket or a weekend pass.

Complete weekend (sliding scale): \$45-90, Sat. only: \$25-50, Sunday only: \$20-40, Dance only: \$10, Base rate with work-trade \$25/full week-end.

All participants contribute a 1-hour-per-day work shift to help our volunteer organizers. Work exchanges arranged for reduced payment. No-one refused admission for lack of ability to pay.

#### \* Bring food for Sat. Potluck, NO extra food will be available this year.

Help full bellies happen! Your food contribution is your ticket to supper.\*  
Crafts Area open to women who make their own arts & crafts and for non-profit organizations. Each craftsperson is responsible for her own shelter/display.

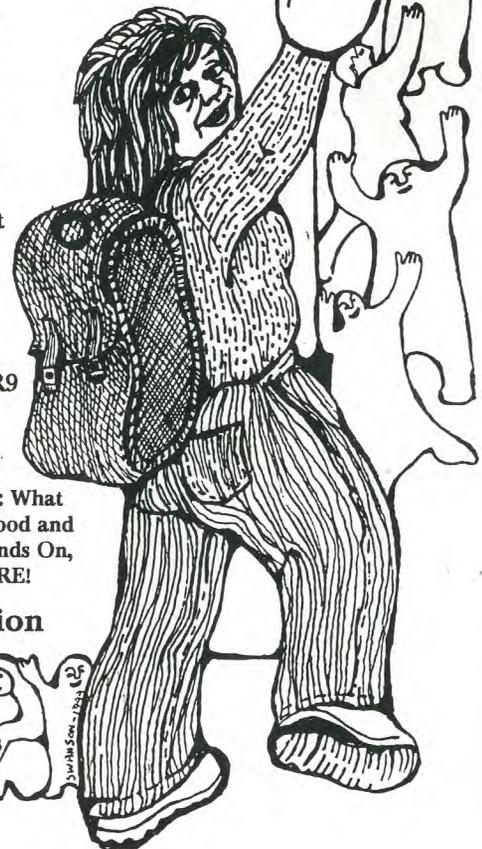
This weekend is for women and children only, boys age 10 and under welcome, free daycare available on site; no dogs (inexpensive 'dog-daycare' available nearby).

Info: Nelson & District Women's Centre, 420 Mill St., Nelson BC V1L 4R9

## Phone: 352-9916 for information

Workshops: Hands on Massage, Flower Essences, Women Playing Music, Menopause: What works for you?, Dance, Bluegrass 101, Mask-Making, Make your own Jewellery, Our Food and Genetic Engineering, Astrology and Your Planets, Drums, Learn to Fix Your Bike: Hands On, Family Violence, First Aid and BC Women, and Make Your Own Body Print! MORE!

Sponsored by the West Kootenay Women's Association



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The annual Women's Festival is the main fundraising event of the West Kootenay Women's Association (WKWA). Festival profits go toward the continued operation of WKWA projects, including the Nelson and District Women's Centre. Membership in the WKWA is \$15-\$30. Members receive a monthly newsletter, a proud sense of community, and use of the Women's Centre library.

## 25th Anniversary of the West Kootenay Women's Festival

The first Women's Festival in Canada, as far as we know, was held in Pass Creek Park in 1974, organized by Marcia Braundy on behalf of the West Kootenay Women's Council. The next year was International Women's Year, and the WKWC received funding to do a huge women's festival in Kaslo. The headliner was Rita MacNeil, who at that time sang feminist songs completely *a cappella*. This was the first time anyone we knew of had a woman-only event – one day was mixed, one day women only. Men were asked to keep their shirts on as a gesture of solidarity. It was an historic event, and eye-opening for many. After that, the Festival happened sporadically, sometimes interspersed with benefits for *IMAGES*, which was Canada's oldest rural feminist newspaper. In the last several years it has been an annual fundraiser for the West Kootenay Women's Association.

Welcome to the 25th Anniversary of the West Kootenay Women's Festival!

Who knows what the future will bring, – we just hope we all have a great time this weekend!

**NOTE:**  
WORKSHOP  
INFORMATION  
is on a  
separate sheet  
in the middle of  
these pages.

Other workshop  
information is  
on the Bulletin  
Board in front  
of the building.

Check for  
last-minute  
workshops on  
the Bulletin  
Board.

## FESTIVAL FEES

PLEASE PAY AS MUCH AS YOU CAN AFFORD. This event is the main fundraiser for the West Kootenay Women's Association – its source of independent funds. **HOWEVER, NO ONE WILL BE REFUSED ADMITTANCE FOR LACK OF ABILITY TO PAY.** The Festival will trade extra work shifts in lieu of higher fees. Please call the Women's Centre to volunteer for work prior to the Festival.

✓ Weekend pass \$90-\$45 (sliding scale) • Minimum weekend fee: \$25 and two extra work hours • If you really can't afford to pay, join the Organizing Committee – they get in for free.

✓ Saturday only (workshops, dinner, stage & dance) \$50-\$25

✓ Sunday only (workshops, Salon) \$40-\$20; Salon only, \$15-\$10.

✓ Saturday dance, \$15-\$10 • Potluck dinner, \$5, you really do have to bring food.

**PLEASE BRING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE POTLUCK, AS THE ONLY FOOD WILL BE WHAT YOU BRING!**

✓ One-workshop fee (grazing fee): \$8-\$5

✓ Young women 12 to 18: weekend: \$35-\$20 / Saturday & Sunday half price.

Lunches are not included in the ticket price: they are being supplied by independent caterers this year and cost \$5.

Moms: Please have food for kids or share an adult lunch among friends.

Your weekend pass includes: Friday evening; breakfast and dinner Saturday (please bring a potluck dish for Saturday dinner); breakfast on Sunday; Saturday workshops, stage and dance; Sunday workshops and Salon; entertainment, on-site childcare, rough camping (no hot water).

The Women's Festival is organized and staffed by volunteers. Part of the entry fee is a one hour work commitment per day. Please do your shift with a smile.

*Dogs are not allowed on site. Please don't leave your dog in your car. Doggie Day-care is available for a reasonable fee nearby.*

**NOTE: SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING, THERE WILL BE A (EUPHEMISTICALLY DESCRIBED) "BAVARIAN GARDEN" OUTSIDE.**

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The Festival is at the **Vallican Whole Community Centre**, on Slokan River Road off Hwy. 6 North near Winlaw. Watch for signs when you reach the junction of Hwys 6 and 3A, or once you reach Winlaw (depending on where you're coming from). Cross the Slokan River just past the former Earthborn Organics in Passmore.

- ❖ Workshops scheduled out-of-doors will be outside unless there's a monsoon. Bring raingear.
- ❖ The building is wheelchair accessible.
- ❖ Limited on-site camping is available. The only hot water is at the building. There is a very small quiet camping area. No fires.
- ❖ **Please leave your dog(s) at home.** Everyone will be happier. If you bring them, Dog World is about 1K away, & costs \$10/day.

- ❖ Please fill out an evaluation form. Feedback helps make each year's festival even better.
- ❖ **Shirts on in front of the building.** Please respect our neighbours.
- ❖ **Women only** (and kids).
- ❖ The house next door is Rita's home. Please respect her privacy.
- ❖ **Please do not drink alcohol in your cars or on the grounds.** Please help Security out by taking responsibility for yourself and your friends. No one likes having to have to tell another woman she's too loaded to drive. We have a Designated Driver program: if you want to drink, make a date with a non-drinking friend.
- ❖ Please take your complaints to the Official Complaints & Compliment Taker. Hassling the organizers makes them cry.

## Other facts ...

Friday we work all day on setup. If you work on setup or takedown, you don't have to do any work shifts during the Festival. In the evening, we have a bonfire and singalong.

There is a **Sobriety Support Area** throughout the Festival, and regular meetings. Check the schedule, and if you want to add a meeting, please feel free to do so.

**Saturday morning at 11am we will be welcomed to the land by Marilyn James, official spokeswoman for the Sinixt people, the original dwellers upon this land. Please try to attend this important part of the Festival.**

**Saturday** we have all kinds of workshops all day long. Find something you're interested in, and join in. We decided against having the stage in the daytime because who wants to sit passively in the building on a Saturday afternoon? There's lots of action and music and other stuff going on, or just visit, hang out, go swimming. Check to see if we actually managed to get our beloved swimming hole back. We think we will have, but if not, we can direct you to area swimming holes.

From 1-3pm, the front field area is available for jamming and spontaneous entertainment. From 3-5, it will become a drumming area. The beer garden will open at 3pm and run till the end of the dance. Please help us make sure we don't regret deciding to license part of this event.

**Once again: The only food for the potluck is what you bring. The Co-op in Slokan Park is open until 7pm if you need to buy a contribution. If you eat and don't bring food, someone who did bring food will go hungry. Only those who receive potluck ribbons at entry will be entitled to dinner.**

We know the camping is beyond rough. No one else ever is allowed to camp here, so we're grateful for what we have.

You are welcome to set up and sell crafts, as long as you are selling your own creations. The Festival asks for 10% of your profits. Non-profits are also welcome to vend (for free), and the bookseller is here by invitation.

**Wash your own dishes, please.** There is a self-explanatory system set up outside.

PLEASE please please remember that lots of women have worked hundreds of invisible hours to make this event happen for all of our enjoyment. If something isn't working, help us figure out how to make it work! When we say the Festival is completely run by volunteers, we mean you, too! And remember - you can help take the Festival down after. Many hands, etc. ... *Love & kisses!*



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1:30 - 4pm • Sunday, August 8, 1999  
Vallican Whole Community Centre

Cost: Sliding scale: \$5 - \$10 (includes childcare)  
Proceeds go to the West Kootenay Women's Association  
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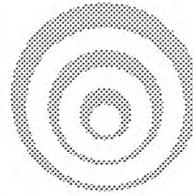
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