

Moe Lyons

Community organizer extraordinaire

Currently Chair of the Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society.

- Coordinator of RARTS' events committee. Event coordinator for numerous successful events, including music, theatre, dance, coffeehouses, benefits etc.
- Dreamed up and organized several successful Hundred Mile events, summer and winter.
- Coordinates successful Rural Skills workshops series, several per year.

Main event organizer for Friends of Koch Creek

Organized extremely successful public meeting, culminating in the Independent Power Project on Koch Creek being discontinued. Currently organizing a celebration and fundraiser.

Coordinator for publicity for Streetfest. in Nelson, 2002

Coordinator for publicity for BC Festival of the Arts 2000 in Nelson.
Central organizers said it was the best local publicity they had ever seen.

Communications person for Kootenay Gallery 1999.

Nelson and District Women's Centre coordinator, 1993 - 1998

In this capacity I organized weekly events, as well as numerous larger celebrations. Produced a monthly newsletter and numerous posters and brochures. Co-coordinated a major conference with Selkirk College: Competence, Confidence and Community Co-operation.

Chair of West Kootenay Women's Association, 1989-1992.

Coordinated numerous activities both cultural, political and social, including Five Feminist Minutes, now a hugely popular annual event, which I dreamed up and got underway.

Coordinator of the West Kootenay Women's Festival, 1989-1993.

Raised the profile of the Festival, expanded its scope, and turned it into a major fundraiser.

As well, I am a singer/songwriter, writer and, graphic designer. I collect local art, and am a huge lover of cultural events of all varieties.

My view on organizing is that it is a collaborative effort, with a coordinator having the overview necessary to make things run smoothly. For this project, I would see myself working closely with the paid organizer, in a relationship of mutual trust. I would expect to do quite a bit of hands-on work, particularly in the area of community contacts and publicity. I am well known in the Valley community and beyond, and have the trust of the community that events I am involved in organizing will be worthwhile.

Corky Evans has described me as "one of the best organizers in BC." While this is no doubt more than a little extravagant, it is a compliment I treasure and try to live up to!
