

WOMEN'S BUILDING OF VICTORIA SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

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As of October 1st, the coordinating committee is composed of the following women:

Lyn Cockburn 381-5099
Zakia Husain 385-1219 (unlisted)
Ulla ^{Locklin} ~~Locklin~~ 595-0604
Bet McMurchy 598-7535
Nancy McMurchy 595-7401
Susan Moger 592-4215
Jean Mosely 385-0982
Jacquei Sellgren 598-5957



We are looking for volunteers to staff our temporary space. Specifically, we need a volunteer office coordinator and office volunteers and anyone who wants to help set up this process. We have lots of files to make sense of, a telephone that will start ringing soon (we hope!) mailing to be done and some typing. We are thinking of having the space open five hours a day plus one evening/saturday. Typing skills are not necessary for all volunteers to have, but we will need some good typists. Volunteers will be paid bus fare or the same amount toward parking. Interest in and enthusiasm about the Womens Building, plus comfort talking to newcomers are the main qualifications we are looking for. We will also offer a short workshop for volunteers to get them started. Anyone wanting to be involved with this program is urged to call Lyn. Cockburn, Nancy McMurchy, Bet McMurchy or Susan Moger (see phone numbers this issue) as soon as possible. We want to have office volunteers and office coordinator set up by November 16th. P.S. We are looking at the volunteers doing one 2½-3 hour shift a week. P.P.S. Fill out + return slip at end of newsletter.

Opportunities

We are wanting to get the office volunteers set-up because we hope to have a fundraiser working within the next two months. After checking with appropriate people, it was decided at the September working members meeting that the fundraiser would be paid a straight commission plus operating costs, that we would be open to having the job shared (two women each working part - time) and that our goal is to buy a house costing \$250,000 maximum. We are currently contacting women who have expressed interest in doing the job and will advertise within the next month if we have not found the right woman (women). Anyone interested in this challenging job is asked to call Bet McMurchy 598-7535, as soon as possible.

We have decided on fees to be charged if any of you are interested in renting our space for a workshop, lecture or course. The fee is \$5.00 per hour. The space can comfortably accomodate ten to fifteen people. For a lecture, given seating would be pre-arranged, 30-35 people would probably be the maximum. Jean Mosely is arranging booking. We are particularly interested in having the space used evenings and weekends. Do call Jean 385-0982. Our price is competitive and it is a wonderful way to support the Womens Building!

We still need some basic furnishings for the space. Floor pillows, folding/stacking chairs, floor lamps, shelving of any kind, file cabinets, typewriters, desks and a teapot are high priority items. Many thanks to those of you who have already donated or loaned additional items that we needed.



COME ONE, COME EVERYONE TO OUR OPEN HOUSE!! Sunday, November 8th from 1-4 will find the doors of the Womens Building thrown open to the public. Come and see our temporary space and meet some wonderful women. Admission will be either a small financial donation or, preferably, a gift for the space. We still need desks, typewriters, floor lamps (the big stuff) as well as the smaller necessities of life that we have to buy if we do not get them donated. For example: toilet paper, paper towels, soap, light bulbs, office supplies, instant coffee, tea bags and a tea pot. Please do not bring plants. See you on the 8th, with your housewarming gift!

Attendance at the monthly working members meetings has been low. We now have 50 paid working members and we would like to hear from you. We think that some of you wanted to support the society by giving ten dollars and did not realize that your working membership implied involvement on a committee and attendance at meetings. While we are always happy to receive donations, if that is the way you decide you want to help us now, we need some clarification of this issue. There are exciting things happening this fall and we will need as many of us as possible for tasks as they begin to be defined. We'll be giving you a call .

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HOT OFF THE PRESS AND READY FOR YOUR LIBRARY!

Women by Women for Women -- a directory of women in business, trades and professions in and around Victoria is now available. Compiled by Mary Virtue, using her own initiative, skill and money, this directory should prove to be very useful in finding and supporting local business and professional women. From architectural design to word processing consultants the directory also offers a listing of organizations, groups and resources as well as courses offered by women for women in 1981-82. As Mary mentions in her introduction, this directory is just a beginning. If this directory is supported there is every reason to believe there will be a bigger one next year. The directory sells for \$6.95 and is available at: Everywomans Books, Munros, Atmans, the University Bookstore, Griffin Books, Inglenook and Owls Eye in Sydney or by sending a cheque made out to Linden Press (include 75¢ for postage and handling) 78 Linden Ave. Victoria V8V 4C8. This would be a great Christmas gift too!!!



Minutes of the coordinating committee meetings and the working members meetings are no longer being mailed. They will be kept in well marked folders at the Womens Building.

To Keep In Mind -- There might be a rise in membership rates in the new year because of the anticipated postal increase. We will keep you informed.

The newsletter is currently being distributed once every two months. Is there anyone who is willing to take charge of writing it every other time (i.e. three times a year). If so, please phone Susan Moger 592-4215.

ATTENTION!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR -- November 8th, Open House and
November 19th working members meeting, 7 p.m.

PLEASE CUT AND MAIL TO WOMENS BUILDING 760 B Yates St. Victoria V8W1L4

I can offer the Womens Building _____ hours and have these
skills _____
