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For April: Remembering Terri Lynn Jewell



Terri Jewell at Womonwrites in 1984.

Photo courtesy of Rand Hall.

Spotlight by a few of the *Louisville League of Lesbian Writers*

While Black, lesbian-feminist poet, Terri Jewell (b. 1954 and d. 1995), lived in Lansing, Michigan, for many years, we are happy to claim her for the South. She grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, and attended Womonwrites:

the Southeast Lesbian Writers Conference in 1984. Three of her friends from the Louisville League of Lesbian Writers remembered her for our April Spotlight. Pam McMichael believes that her writing “was in every fiber of her being and had to come out.”



The cover of Terri's book of poetry

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You are invited to participate:
Who inspired you to lesbian feminism?

Send us the name of your most significant shero

Add a brief reason why she inspires you.

Both she and you can remain anonymous (just say so) since we will PUBLISH these here on our SLFAHP website.

Send submissions today to: slfainspired@gmail.com

Rose Norman got her inspiration from Nancy Finley. "At the time, Nancy Finley was the chair of the Sociology Department at my university. She said, 'Let's see who might be interested in starting a women's studies program.'

"She made feminism seductive, and she opened my eyes to structural causes of oppression. She walks the talk in all aspects of her life."

The Southern Lesbian Feminist Activist Herstory Project

We collect, archive, and celebrate oral and written stories of unsung, Southern, lesbian-feminist activists during the second half of the twentieth century. We are proud of our contributions to lesbian culture, strengthened by our collective voices.

Many of us recognized that the lesbian-feminist voices of southern lesbians had been omitted or marginalized in mainstream literature of the LGBTQ movement as well as from feminist history. We are the antidote to this omission. We worked with Duke University to set up archives, did interviews all over the south, and eventually collaborated with Julie Enszer to publish 6 issues of Sinister Wisdom, full of all our stories. Now we maintain our website and update it monthly, as you hear about through this newsletter. We are still gathering more Southern lesbian stories, interviewing, writing, editing, tracking and networking.

We are always ready to welcome new collaborators! If you would like to join the SLFAHP group, email us at SLFAHerstoryProject@gmail.com.

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