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# Our Herstory Website Is Now Two Years Old!

Rose Norman.

Merril Mushroom

## We began at Womonwrites

In honor of the second anniversary of the Herstory Project website launch, we want to share some of our memories about this project. “In particular,” Rose asserts, “I want to acknowledge that this Herstory Project wouldn’t have happened without Womonwrites.”

Merril agrees, “Really, the whole impetus behind the Herstory Project was the bad behavior of some of the women from the Northeast and the West Coast. . . .”

Prominent, second-wave, feminist literature was all about how the women from both coasts were the movers and the shakers. They were the ones that did everything. There was absolutely nothing about all of the activism that we had going in the Southeast. At Womonwrites, we decided this was something we could change. We began to collect stories, do interviews, and write up our own experiences.

One of many workshops at Womonwrites to develop stories of southern lesbian feminist activist herstory.

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feminism?**

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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](mailto:SLFAHerstoryProject@gmail.com).

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