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## *The Pagoda* by Rose Norman



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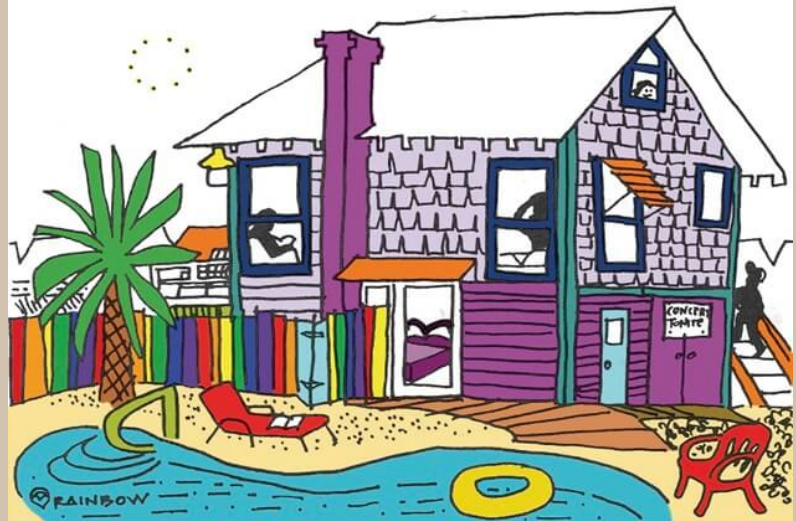
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A bold and important history of lesbian-feminism on the Florida coast, from Sinister Wisdom

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Did you stay at The Pagoda, swimming in the pool, seeing a play, listening to a concert, and generally participating in one of the great lesbian experiments of the 70s, 80s, and 90s? Rose Norman's new book is a herstory of The Pagoda exploring this vibrant lesbian community just outside of St. Augustine, Florida.

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## A LESBIAN COMMUNITY BY THE SEA

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Women who remember The Pagoda from the old days will revel in details of the development of this amazing community along with the complex dynamics involved. Women who have never heard of The Pagoda will find a gift in this fascinating piece of our lesbian herstory.

—Merril Mushroom

### Find an Event Near You

**January 23, 2024**, 7 P.M. E.T. Virtual Launch of The Pagoda with Sinister Wisdom.  
To sign up: [www.sinisterwisdom.org/events](http://www.sinisterwisdom.org/events)

**February 1, 2024**, 6:30 p.m. E.T. Wine and Cheese Reception, Author talk followed by question and answer period. Sponsored by the St. Augustine Historical Society.  
[MarklandHouse](#) at Flagler College, 102 King St, St. Augustine, FL.

**February 5, 2024**, 2:00 p.m. E.T. Author talk and conversation with Julie R. Enszer, Sinister Wisdom editor and publisher, at the University of South Florida. Details TBA.

**February 6, 2024**, 7 P.M. E.T. Oral Histories Preserve Lesbian Stories

For Sinister Wisdom 131: The Pagoda, Rose Norman interviewed dozens of women, building on the oral herstory work that she did with the Southern Lesbian Feminist Activist Herstory Project, [www.slfaqhp.org](http://www.slfaqhp.org). Join Rose and a panel of lesbians working on oral herstories in various communities to talk about the value of preserving local stories and how people build local projects in their lesbian communities. To sign up: [www.sinisterwisdom.org/events](http://www.sinisterwisdom.org/events)

**February 11, 2024**, 4 P.M. E.T. Wine and Cheese Reception, Author talk followed by question and answer period. Sponsored by the Matheson History Museum, 513 E University Ave, Gainesville FL.

**February 16-18, 2024** ReadOut in Gulfport, FL. Rose Norman will do a 5 minute, pre-recorded reading. More information: <https://readout.lgbtggulfport.org/>

**February 20, 2024, 7 P.M. E.T. Pagoda Memories on Film**

Capturing the lesbian past does not only happen on paper. Lesbian archives include films and home movies. Join Sinister Wisdom to watch some clips from home movies made by Emily Greene at The Pagoda. Emily will be in conversation with Rose Norman, author of the new book from Sinister Wisdom, *The Pagoda: A Lesbian Community by the Sea*, and Sharon Thompson, curator of the Lesbian Home Movie Project, <https://www.lesbianhomemovieproject.org/>. We'll talk about seaside resorts, lesbian home movies, and preserving the archives of our lesbian past. To sign up: [www.sinisterwisdom.org/events](http://www.sinisterwisdom.org/events)

**February 27, 2024**, at 6:30 pm E.T. Rose Norman will be on Zoom for a lively conversation at the Stonewall National Museum Archives and Library in Fort Lauderdale, FL. For more info, go to "[A Conversation with" Series | Stonewall National Museum & Archives \(stonewall-museum.org\)](https://www.stonewall-museum.org/), or simply register [HERE](#).

**March 22-24, 2024** Join Rose Norman at the Saints and Sinners Literary Festival. For more information: <https://www.sasfest.org/>

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