



southern lesbian feminist activist **HERSTORY PROJECT**

Collecting, archiving, and celebrating oral and written stories of unsung, Southern, lesbian-feminist activists during the second half of the twentieth century.

July 2025 Spotlight



Corky Culver — heart and soul of lesbian feminist activism

Kathleen (Corky) Culver was ahead of her time and on the spot to shape the emerging lesbian feminist and peace movements of the 1960s and '70s. She was an organizer of the first all-women festival in Gainesville, the first southern lesbian conference, Lesbians Empowered for Action and Politics (LEAP), and a founder of the North Forty women's land (founded in 1972 and still thriving). She participated in the early discussions and helped start what was probably the country's first lesbian consciousness raising group. Her home was a destination and welcoming shelter for travelling and local lesbians for decades. She's been to jail for justice and helped organize the 400-mile Peace Walk through Florida in 1983.

Her path toward and through higher education was uniquely her own. Eventually she obtained a doctorate in English and even more eventually she began teaching at the college level. She has published two books of poetry and has more in process.

Read about her early life on our website, as well as the movements she was crucial in creating, and her loves, music, writing and culture that influenced so many.

[Spotlight on Corky Culver](#)

Surprising Revelations: SLFAHP Annual Meeting

**Sunday, July 13, at 7 pm EST
(6 pm Central) on Zoom**

Join us on Zoom for our Southern Lesbian Feminist Activist Herstory Project annual meeting on Sunday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m. EDT. We'll be celebrating with a brief video dedicated to how we began this project at Womonwrites, a video produced and presented by our brilliant summer intern, Emily Morgan. Many of you appear in the video.

Come catch up on our amazing progress and see all we are doing. You may even be inspired to add to the project! This is an opportunity to revel in our project's important acts of resistance in these terrible times. You will be renewed and uplifted. We hope to see you there.

If you have not been to our planning zooms and you would like to join us for this one, please [contact us](#).



**For a summer viewing
treat, watch Lenny
Lasater's interview by
Merril Mushroom on
YouTube.
[Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)**

Lenny Lasater's [written interview](#) is posted on our website. She is a trailblazer for women in many ways, including when she joined the first class of women coal miners in the United Mine Workers of America local union in Birmingham while working in the deep mines of Alabama.

[You are invited to participate:](#)

Remembering our lesbian activist friends who have died

NEW:

See our drop-down menu on the [Home page](#) under the **Showcase tab**. We added a new page there: [Remembering Lesbians: She Who Will Be Remembered](#)

NOTE:

Merril Mushroom is in charge of this project. If you would like to write a remembrance, use our Contact form: [Contact SLFAHP](#).

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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