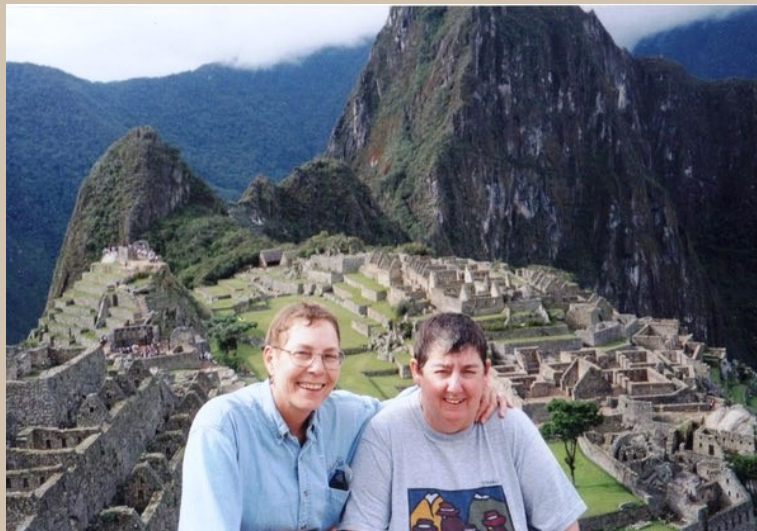


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September 2025 Spotlight

Partners in Travel, Partners in Community



B. Leaf Cronewrite and Drea Firewalker are featured this month on the Southern Lesbian Feminist Herstory Project website, in an interview by Merrill Mushroom. How did their unusual names come about, and why are they in Peru? You can find out by reading more on our website, or even watch it on our YouTube channel!

The interview gives some background on these two unique individual lesbians,. The focus, however, is on how they met, how they became a couple, and brief stories from many of their adventures. These two women dreamed up Womontown, an urban intentional community, and made it happen. They created community wherever they went, Kansas City, Atlanta, or the Poconos.

They had separate careers, skills, and interests shaping their lives, and they became more effective together. Leaf is a writer, who has often helped on construction

projects. Drea knows construction and property management, and she has been drawn into writing, performing, and crafts. They discovered they both love to travel, and travel together. In this interview you will go on a journey with them through decades of change and growth, all the while staying close to their core principle: it has to be fun!

Spotlight on Leaf and Drea

Introducing . . . SLFAHP YouTube Interviews!



The Herstory Project has had a YouTube channel for several years, but until recently we have not attempted to post Zoom video interviews publicly. Last year, we tried to post Lenny Lasater's interview on YouTube, at Lenny's request, but we couldn't figure out how to get more than the first fifteen minutes posted.

Then came this summer's graduate intern, Emily Morgan, who figured out what was holding us up, posted Lenny's interview, and went on to create the short Womonwrites montage that we showed at the annual meeting in July. Emily then edited Merrill Mushroom's Zoom interviews with Leaf and Drea, and they become our very first featured interview with a link to YouTube. Look for more in the future as we develop our YouTube skills.

Emily is a PhD candidate in art history at the University of Illinois, Chicago, and a native Alabamian from a small town near Birmingham. We will see her in person, finally, in October when she comes to Huntsville to present a paper at the Southern Culture Conference.

Check out the SLFA Herstory Project [YouTube channel](#)!

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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