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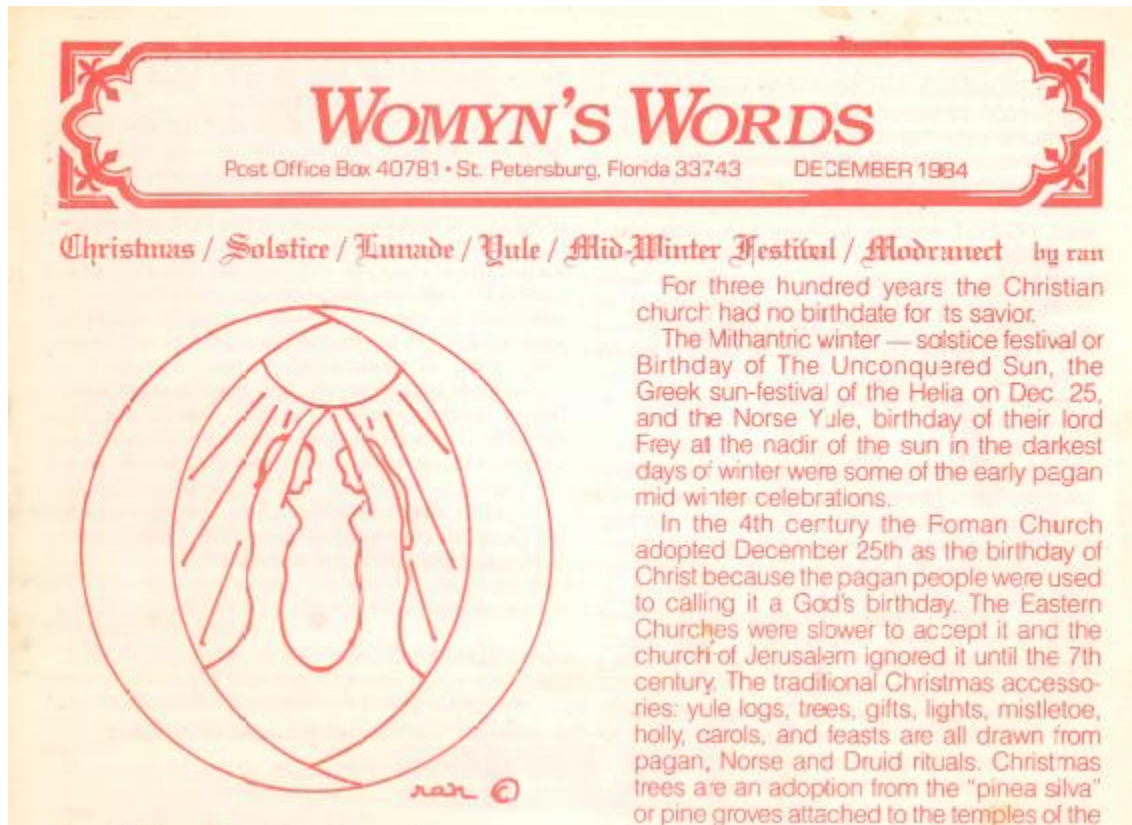
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Introduction to the Collection

Womyn's Words was a monthly periodical published by the Women's Energy Bank, Inc. that began in 1983. Pat Ditto and other editors and contributors to this publication devoted their efforts to the St. Petersburg and Tampa Bay area in support of the local LGBTQ+ community. Although they primarily advocated for the empowerment and civil rights of women, they also spent a significant amount of time supporting political causes that would benefit the gay community as a whole. Significantly, *Womyn's Words*, as early as 1996, was promoting intersectional awareness with their "Afro-Centric Series." A large portion of their publications was used to promote social activities such as concerts and dances, fundraisers for individuals in need, and praise for achievements within the community. As such it was a vital vehicle for organizing and building support in order to influence change for a group of people frequently marginalized by the larger society. This collection was maintained by Pat Ditto and received from Phyllis Plotnik in June 2016.

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This collection falls under the areas of LGBTQ+ and Local and Regional History provenance of the Special Collections and University Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy 0.85 linear feet. The bulk of the publications cover the period from 2001 through 2011.

Related Collections

The Special Collections Department of the University of South Florida's Tampa Library maintains a substantial archive of *Womyn's Words* that includes issues not found in this collection. To get additional information about or to secure access to the collection at USF Tampa, please contact the Special Collections Department of the USF Tampa Library at (813) 974-2731.

CONTAINER LIST

*N.B. No Volume or issue number for issues prior to 1994

BOX 1

Dec. 1984 – Christmas/Solstice/etc. edition

Jan. 1986 – Flyer inside; Alix Dobkin

July 1986 – Statue of Liberty feminist celebration

Nov. 1986 – Take back the night

Jan 1987 – Consensus

Jan. 1988 – Lynn Lavner and Terry Baum performances

April 1988 – Pinellas NOW “Focus on Women” workshops

Dec. 1988 – Women’s Energy Bank Inc. hosts singer Kathleen Hannan

Jan. 1989 – Kay Gardner in concert

Feb 1989 – JoAnn Loulan lecture and Jay Goldspinner storyteller

Sept. 1989 – Salon to discuss what WOMYN’S WORDS means to the community

May 1990 – Sonia Johnson to speak

Sept. 1990 – Hot rock, folk blues band Yer Girlfriend performs

March 1991 – Women’s awareness week

Oct. 1991 – Salon’s 9th birthday Party WEB honors 16 Womyn

March 1992 – Estro Fest

June 1994 – Summer PrideFest ‘94

Oct. 1994 – Terry Galloway celebration

June 1995 – Pride ‘95

Sept. 1996 – Vol. 14 No. 9 – Afro-Centric Series

Feb. 1997 – Vol. 15 No. 2 – Sweet Honey in the Rock concert

April 1997 – Vol. 15 No. 4 – WEB Inc. Auction fundraiser

July 1997 – Vol. 15 No. 7 – The Fallopian Tubes concert

Dec. 1997 – Vol. 15 No. 12 – Salon to benefit shelter for women and children

June 1999 – Vol. 17 No. 6 – 1st Annual Gulfport Womyn’s Pride Festival

March 2001 – Vol. 19 No. 3 – Writing the five elements workshop

Aug 2001 – Vol. 19 No. 8 – Gratitude to Lois Marrero

Sept. 2001 – Vol. 19 No. 8 (sic) – Women’s community picnic

Oct. 2001 – Vol. 19 No. 8 (sic) – The Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

Feb. 2002 – Vol. 20 No. 2 – St. Pete City Council Passes Human Rights Ordinance

April 2002 – Vol. 20 No. 4 – Annual WEB auction

July 2002 – Vol. 20 No. 7 – PrideFest Tampa Bay 2002 schedule

Aug. 2002 – Vol. 20 No. 8 – August Theatrical Entertainment

Oct. 2002 – Vol. 20 No. 10 – 20 year anniversary of salon

Feb. 2003 – Vol. 21 No. 2 – Film by Diane Mason

March 2003 – Vol. 21 No. 3 – 5th Annual Gulfport Womyn’s Festival

May 2003 – Vol. 21 No. 5 – Performance group The Phoenix debuts

Dec. 2003 – Vol. 21 No. 12 – Peace and Love Tour with Holly Near and Cris Williamson

May 2004 – Vol. 22 No. 5 – “Bring Out the Artist in you” 6th Annual Gulfport Womyn’s Festival

June 2004 – Vol. 22 No. 6 – Montreal for VIIe Festival International GALA Choruses

July 2004 – Vol. 22 No. 7 – “Journey...Vive la musique, Vive l’egalite” concert in St. Pete

Aug 2004 – Vol. 22 No. 8 – Workplace Discrimination in Florida

Sept. 2004 – Vol. 22 No. 9 – Open question concerning the continued existence of salon

Oct. 2004 – Vol. 22 No. 10 – Fifteen year celebration of the Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

Nov. 2004 – Vol. 22 No. 11 – Call to encourage the community to vote in the election

Dec. 2004 – Vol 22 No. 12 – Salute to women veterans

Jan. 2005 – Vol. 23 No. 1 – Discussion of Linda Beekman’s book “War Cake”

Feb. 2005 – Vol. 23 No. 2 – Lady in Red Sweetheart Dance (2 copies)

April 2005 – Vol. 23 No. 4 – Salon presents Chairperson of the Pinellas County Democratic Party Carolyn Wadlinger

June 2005 – Vol. 23 No. 6 – Gay bookstore Tomes And Treasures closes

July 2005 – Vol. 23 No. 7 – Summer Fun Dance

Oct. 2005 – Vol. 23 No. 10 – New York Gay & Lesbian Film Festival winner “Left Lane” screening at Tampa Theatre

Nov. 2005 – Vol. 23 No. 11 – Veterans Appreciation Dance

Dec. 2005 – Vol. 23 No. 12 – Pat Humphries and Sandy O. perform at the Greenhouse Coffee House at Sacred Lands

Jan. 2006 – Vol. 24 No. 1 – Eighth Annual Gulfport Womyn's Festival Cancelled

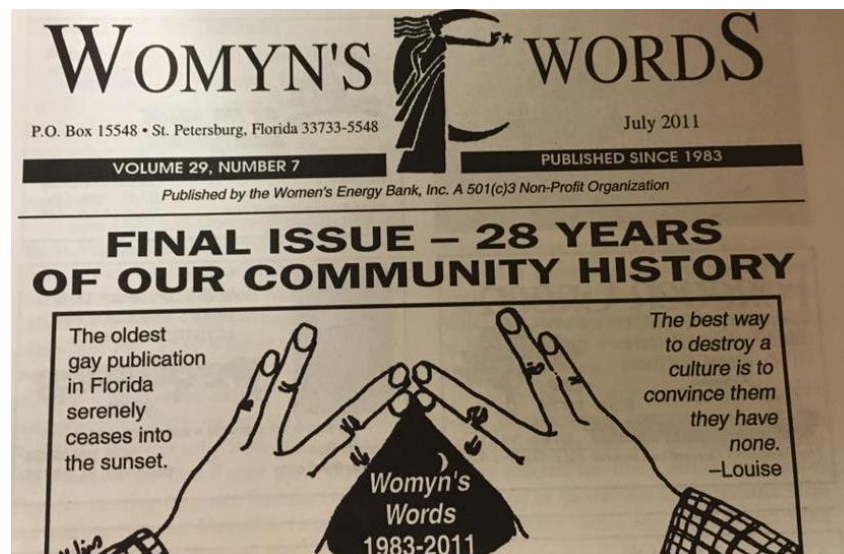
Feb. 2006 – Vol. 24 No. 2 – Winter Pride back in Tampa

March 2006 – Vol. 24 No. 3 – Sonia Plotnick Health Fund 10th Anniversary Picnic

April 2006 – Vol. 24 No. 4 – Screening of Joseph Alan Johnson's film "Women Behind Bars"

May 2006 – Vol. 24 No. 5 – Two Women's Dances

June 2006 – Vol. 24 No. 6 – Brandon Pridefest 2006



BOX 2

July 2006 – Vol. 24 No. 7 – Amy Boyd and The Fallopian Tubes to perform at WEB fundraiser

August 2006 – Vol. 24 No. 8 – Owner of ALL AMERICAN DYKE wins silver medal at Chicago Gay Games VII

Sept. 2006 – Vol. 24 No. 9 – Women's Community Picnic

Oct. 2006 – Vol. 24 No. 10 – Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival 2006

Jan. 2007 – Vol. 25 No. 1 – Commemoration of Christine (Tina) O'Brien

March 2007 – Vol. 25 No. 3 – The Gulfport Womyn's Festival

April 2007 – Vol. 25 No.4 – City council votes 5-0 to approve Human Rights Ordinance.

May 2007 – Vol. 25 No. 5 – Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio to speak at May Tampa Bay Business Guild

June 2007 – Vol. 25 No. 6 – Susan Stanton to Speak at June Tampa Bay Business Guild

July 2007 – Vol. 25 No. 6 (sic) – Reflections...Life, Love & Really Bad Hair Days

Aug. 2007 – Vol. 25 No. 6 (sic) – St. Pete Pride review

Sept. 2007 – Vol. 25 No. 9 – Women’s Community Picnic and Women’s Dance

Oct. 2007 – Vol. 25 No. 10 – A Gay Day Downton Tampa

Nov. 2007 – Vol. 25 No. 11 – Comedienne Suzanne Wastenhoefer performs at the Palladium Theatre

Dec. 2007 – Vol. 25 No. 12 – Boutique “Extraordinary Beingness” celebrates 1st anniversary

Jan. 2008 – Vol. 26 No. 1 – Tampa Ga-Ybor Program at Tampa Bay Business Guild Dinner Meeting

Feb. 2008 – Vol. 26 No. 2 – Third Annual Winter Pride in Tampa

March 2008 – Vol. 26 No. 3 – Gulfport Womyn’s Festival

April 2008 – Vol. 26 No. 4 – Carnivale Diversite

May 2008 – Vol. 26 No. 5 – Twenty-Fifth Anniversary edition of WOMYN’S WORDS

June 2008 – Vol. 26 No. 6 – The Fallopian Tubes concert and Women’s Dance

July 2008 – Vol. 26 No. 7 – Pro Star Sound Stage presents two nights of entertainment

Aug. 2008 – Vol. 26 No. 8 – WOMYN’S WORDS close to closure

Sept. 2008 – Vol. 26 No. 9 – Women’s Community Picnic (2 copies)

Nov. 2008 – Vol. 26 No. 11 – SUEDE in concert

Dec. 2008 – Vol. 26 No. 12 – Pro Star presents ADRRIANNE Sleepin’ Dogz

Jan. 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 1 – ProSuzy’s Big Six-Oh Birthday

Feb. 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 2 – Valentine’s Events

March 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 3 – OUT will increase clout in Tallahassee and around state

April 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 4 – An evening with Vickie Shaw

May 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 5 – Sonia Plotnick Health Fund

June 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 6 – Dare to Dream Fundraiser

July 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 7 – Quisine and Queeraoke

Aug. 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 8 – Monthly dinner meeting with the Tampa Bay Business Guild

Sept. 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 9 – Women’s community picnic

Oct. 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 10 – Tampa Bay Business Guild Expo

Nov. 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 11 – Chris Williamson in concert with Crescendo: The Tampa Bay Women’s Chorus

Dec. 2009 – Vol. 27 No. 12 – Sonia Plotnick Health Fund Honored

Jan. 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 1 – Business owner Susan Griffin relocating pet grooming business
Feb. 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 2 – Flapjacks and Flea Market
March 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 3 – Ann Southcombe presents her kinship with animals slide show
April 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 4 – An evening with Vickie Shaw
May 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 5 – First Annual North Pinellas Pride
June 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 5 (sic) – Our Weekend of Pride
July 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 7 – Exuberant Inaugural North Pinellas Pride in Dunedin
Aug. 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 8 – Crescendo is accepting new members
Sept. 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 9 – Women’s Community Picnic
Oct. 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 10 – Tampa Bay Business Guild Expo
Nov. 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 11 – Mayor Pam Iorio to be honored as Citizen of the Year
Dec. 2010 – Vol. 28 No. 12 – Crescendo, the Tampa Bay Women’s Chorus presents Everything Possible
Jan. 2011 – Vol. 29 No. 1 – In appreciation of the Clio Foundation
Feb. 2011 – Vol. 29 No. 2 – Women’s Community Picnic
March 2011 – Vol. 29 No. 3 – Flapjacks & Flea Market
April 2011 – Vol. 29 No. 4 – Out & Equal Tampa Bay Celebrates Women’s Herstory
May 2011 – Vol. 29 No. 5 – Twenty-Eighth Anniversary of Womyn’s Words
June 2011 – Vol. 29 No. 6 – July Womyn’s Words will be Final Issue
July 2011 – Vol. 29 No. 7 – Final Issue – 28 years of our community history

