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Number 35

"All the News That Fits to Print"

December, 1982

SUPPORT Human Rights Week

December 2-11 is International Human Rights Week, and several communities are planning activities to remember especially the dead and suffering in Central America and those whose human rights are violated throughout the world.

The Lewiston-Auburn Coalition on El Salvador and the Social Justice Committee of Holy Family Church will sponsor the slide show, "El Salvador: A Country in Crisis" at 7 PM on Dec. 2, the second anniversary of the killing of four Catholic women in El Salvador. It will be shown at Holy Family Parish Center Conference Room, 581 Sabattus, Lewiston. Contact Fr. Paul Labrie at Holy Family, 783-0038 for details. The Coalition meets every Thurs. at 7:30 PM in the Hirasawa Lounge, Chase Hall, Bates College. New members welcome.

The Bangor Area Central America Solidarity Committee will sponsor a vigil with speakers in memory of the four women on Dec. 6 in West Market Square in downtown Bangor. All Bangor area residents are invited to join the vigil from 12:15-1 PM. Contact BACASC, 40 Garland St., Bangor 04401, 942-4055.

A vigil is planned (pending city council approval) for Sat., Dec. 11 in Castonguay Square in downtown Waterville, sponsored by Amnesty International Group 227. Some participants will read names of South Africans (mostly black) under banning orders. That means their rights of communication, assembly, movement, and affiliation are severely restricted. This vigil will also be on the noon hour. An exhibit on International Human Rights Week is also planned for the public library. Contact is Sarah Shed, 72 Middle St., Hallowell 04347, 623-3163.

WASTE- HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH

All that talk during the nuclear referendum about a nuclear waste dump site in Maine may bear bitter fruit. A number of communities (too numerous to mention) in Maine have been suggested as possible dump sites. Individuals are beginning to mobilize opposition in a number of towns to pass or affirm ordinances such as hazardous waste articles passed in many towns at 1981 town meetings (see MSN, Jan., 1981). That article read:

"The disposal or storage of hazardous wastes as designated under the US Clean Water Act, Section 311, Public Law 92-500 and/or the disposal or storage of radioactive waste material as defined by 38 MRSA (361 D-1-B) within the boundaries of the town of _____, Maine, is prohibited."

Any request for an exception to the prohibition shall be submitted in writing to _____ (select people and/or planning commission and/or town clerk and/or town manager and/or city council) and brought to the whole town of _____, acting as a body politic, to be voted on by all registered voters present in a Town Meeting." (Cont. on Page 2)

ATTENTION READERS

If there isn't a "2" on your address label, then you haven't responded with a subscription form (with or without \$) this year. We'd like to hear some sign of life from you. And if your name is circled in blue, we have never heard from you or not in the past two years. We will no longer send you any newsletters unless you respond with a sub form or some sign of life. We hope to hear from you.

Taxes for war? No tanks!

Are you disturbed by the fact that your tax money is being used to build more nuclear weapons? Here are some things you can do:

- 1) Lobby your legislators for passage of the World Peace Tax Fund Bill (WTPF);
- 2) Sign the Conscience and Military Tax Campaign Resolution (CMTC).

The WTPF bill, now sponsored by 36 congresspeople and one senator, Oregon's Mark Hatfield, would amend the IRS code to provide that taxpayers conscientiously opposed to participation in war, including financial participation, could have their income tax payments spent for peace-encouraging purposes.

CMTC resolution signers commit themselves to refuse/redirect military taxes when they are officially notified by the CMTC that there are 100,000 signed resolutions on file. So far about 3,000 people have signed. Many are now refusing and redirecting their taxes to non-military purposes or living below a taxable level.

An escrow account has been set up to accept redirected military taxes in anticipation of passage of the WTPF bill. They believe that the escrow account will help focus congressional attention on the moral and legal dilemma of conscientious tax redirectors and refusers.

For more info on WTPF: World Peace Tax Fund, 2121 Decatur Pl. NW, Washington, DC 20008, and on CMTC: Conscience and Military Tax Campaign, 44 Bellhaven Rd., Bellport, N.Y. 11713.

If you would like to work with other Maine people on one or both of these closely allied projects--lobbying for the WTPF bill or spreading the word about the CMTC resolution--contact Elaine or Francis McGillicuddy, 62 Avalon Rd., Portland 04103, 797-5684.

Another CMTC contact is Tony Bok, Box 399, Camden 04843, who is hosting a gathering of CMTC resolution signers and those interested in tax refusal. The gathering will be on Dec. 11, beginning at noon. Space is limited, so call 236-2029 for directions and agenda.

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Among those organizing locally is Pat Jones, who is looking for people to help put articles on town meeting/city council agendas in the following York Co. towns: Kittery, York, Wells, Berwick, S. Berwick, Eliot, Saco, and Biddeford, all of which are mentioned as possible dump sites. Anyone wanting to help with these ordinances can contact her at Wildes District Rd., Kennebunkport 04046, 967-2375 or Mary Wiggin, 646-9727. If your town is a possible dump site, you may want to submit an article like this to town officials or collect signatures to get it into the town meeting or city council.

For more background on the wording of an article, contact Pat or, for more statewide information, try Alan Philbrook, RFD 2, E. Pittston 04345, 582-1200 for wordings or strategies more appropriate to your own town. People in northwestern Penobscot and Piscataquis counties are especially urged to contact him, since he feels the area around Milo is the most likely place for a dump site.

... and in Caribou, call ...

It's hard enough being gay no matter where you live. In Aroostook County, where prejudices sometimes run deep, it is especially hard. Two recent incidents where gay men were assaulted have created a tenseness among lesbians and gay men.

In an effort to offer some support to those in Aroostook, especially, and to isolated lesbians and gay men throughout the state, Northern Lambda Nord has established a "gay phoneline" to provide a supportive voice for those feeling anguish about their gayness or the need for affirmation.

Efforts to publicize the phoneline have met with strong resistance from local newspapers in Houlton, Caribou, Presque Isle, Ft. Fairfield, and the St. John Valley, with some refusing to even print paid ads and others burying them where few would see them.

For details on the phoneline, write NLN, Box 990, Caribou 04736, or, better yet, call the phoneline number at 498-6556.

Get The Yellow Out

We got some responses for the Maine Statewide Yellow Pages (listing various progressive/social change groups around the state). However, some responded, while others did not. It makes sense to list most all groups, not just a few. To do a good job, it's going to take a lot more responses (write us if you need yellow pages forms) and some compiling. Can you help, either locally in your area or in putting together the final product? Help is required to pull this project together. If you can help, contact INVERT, PO Box 110, Stillwater 04489, 827-3107.

Can You Imagine That?

Imagine a world without weapons. That is what participants will be doing at two upcoming workshops on "Imaging a World Without Weapons."

Such imaging can give hope in the age of nuclear despair and offer us the vision to work for peace and disarmament in numerous ways. It challenges us to participate in creating a vision and a plan for our own actions and a network of people with a shared vision of how to get to a world without weapons. Those attending previous workshops have called them "encouraging" and "empowering."

The Bath-Brunswick League of Women Voters will sponsor a workshop led by active peace-maker/facilitator Carol Brewster on Dec. 8, 9-5, at the Brunswick Town Hall, 28 Federal St. Cost is \$7 (bring a lunch). A similar workshop will be presented in Augusta (All Souls Unitarian) on Jan. 8.

Carol Brewster is available to present this workshop to groups throughout Maine. Arrangements are flexible. Contact her at PO Box 296, Manchester 04351, 622-5234 to arrange a workshop or to pre-register for these mentioned above.

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After five years, the Wabanaki Alliance, New England's only newspaper for Native Americans, stopped publishing. Although circulation was increasing, the failure of Maine's tribes to financially support the paper apparently caused its demise. We're sorry to see another fine publication bite the dust.

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WASTE NOT!

Not all hazardous waste is nuclear waste, as residents of the Thomaston area are finding out. Martin Marietta's solution to the hazardous waste problem is to burn it at its plant in Thomaston. It has applied to the DEP (Dept. of Environmental Protection) for a license to burn up to 20,000 gallons of such waste per day at the plant and to transport and store wastes before burning.

Local citizens opposing the request are trying to mobilize opposition to present arguments against the burning at the DEP hearing on the request, scheduled for Dec. 1, 1 PM, at the Thomaston Fire Station. They point out, for example, that some by-products of the burning are toxic or carcinogenic; that a transportation accident could cost lives or a lot of tourist trade; that the health effects of people's exposure to these chemicals is unknown; that winds could blow emissions over a wide area of mid-coast Maine; and that local facilities for firefighting and evacuation are inadequate.

Any and all legal, financial, and volunteer support or environmental expertise is welcome. Contact Barbara Lee, 354-8759 or Chuck Krueger, 354-8928 or write Committee for a Safe Environment, Box 162, St. George 04857.

invest for a change

MOCA, Inc. (Maine Organization for Cooperative Assistance) will hold its annual meeting on Sun., Dec. 19, 2 PM at the Chewonki Foundation, off Route 144 outside Wiscasset. Persons interested in cooperative development and alternative investments are invited to attend the meeting and the potluck to follow.

Besides regular business, the annual meeting will include an overview of the past year's activity, both for the loan fund and technical assistance, and election of the Board of Directors.

MOCA is soliciting nominations for its board. People (especially women) interested in alternative organizations or with legal, financial, or technical skills who might want to serve can contact Susal Ellis, 14 Water St., Thomaston 04861, 354-8185.

OKAY, SO OUR LAYOUT IS LOUSY, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO? GIVE US YOUR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE!!

Nuts To You, (and apples too)

"Chestnuts roasting on an open fire,
Apples, plums, and berries at your nose..."

Is there a need for a statewide cooperative tree pool to buy all sorts of fruit and nut trees, tubers, bushes, roots, etc? Is there a way to bring Maine tree and root growers together with potential customers? Is there a way to promote sustainable agriculture? Is there a source to supply those in need of these trees, bushes, etc?

If you answer "yes" to some of these questions, please share your ideas and interest by writing to John Bunker, Fedco Trees, Box 340, Palermo 04354.

Swing and sway with the DJ

How do you keep an active organization going financially? When your membership is not wealthy, such as is true of the Maine Assn. of Handicapped Persons (MAHP), you sponsor dances and sweepstakes prizes.

DJ Mark Persky of WBLIMP will be spinning the platters at an MAHP benefit "Dance thru the History of Rock and Roll" on Dec. 4 (9 PM-1 AM) at the Cummings Center, Congress St., on Munjoy Hill, Portland. A lousy two bucks gets you in for the time of your life and eats and drinks for all tastes.

And you have until Dec. 9 to get in on their Super Santa Sweepstakes. For only \$1/ticket (6/\$5), you have a chance at a \$500 shopping spree, a \$100 restaurant gift certificate, and a \$50 grocery store spree.

Tickets are available from MAHP at 774-4360; Kathy McInnis, 283-3834 (Biddeford-Saco); Patty Cavers, 782-3426 (L-A); Shirley Alexander, 882-6231 (w), (Bath-Wiscasset); Arvilla Verceles, 942-8882 (Bangor); and Linda, 778-9258 (Farmington).

The newest MAHP group is in Franklin Co., which is planning a Jan. 15 forum about equal opportunity, accessibility, problems for parents of handicapped people, and rural isolation. Contact Peter Armstrong, 778-2407 or RFD 3, Farmington 04938.

To keep its juices flowing, MAHP is filing suit against the state on Nov. 29 for the inaccessibility of many court houses and court rooms. For details on the suit or to help organize a group locally: MAHP, 32 Thomas St., Portland 04102, 774-4360.

WORK COOPERATIVELY

This is the first of what will hopefully be an occasional series of brief squibs on worker-owned and collectively run businesses. To be mentioned one of these months, send some details or a write-up about your business to INVERT.

The Rural Workers Cooperative is based in western Penobscot County and is a group of six workers doing house construction, rehabilitation, and retrofitting, using traditional and alternative energy design.

The RWC was formed to provide jobs to worker-members and a service--a quality job at reasonable rates--to the public. All of the six members are independent workers who join with each other to make decisions about business policy and work together in various combinations on specific projects.

The RWC has maintained a consistent membership of six for over a year but may be expanding to include more workers, who are hired by agreement of the membership. They can always use more jobs. Contact L. J. Lussier, RFD 2 Box 38, E. Corinth 04427, 285-7044.

Celebrate The Freeze

Not only is Dec. 21 the first day of winter (solstice), it is also Freeze Day, a day to commemorate the need for a nuclear weapons freeze and real peace ("peace on earth, good will to all people"). Freeze Day has been designated by the Maine Freeze Campaign for local peace groups and individuals to take action--vigilling, carolling, giving out bread, leafletting, encouraging the purchase of peace (rather than war) toys, whatever.

If you are not already active in a local nuclear arms freeze/peace group and want to participate in Freeze Day activities during the holiday season, contact the Maine Freeze Campaign, PO Box 3842, Portland 04104, 772-0680.

Well, we finally did it. About 40 names of new subscribers or recent address changes got misplaced, so those folks did not get a November newsletter or Yellow Pages form. We're really sorry. For that group, we tried to sneak a Yellow Pages form in this issue.

NOTABLE QUOTABLES = MORE BEST FROM INVERT

Do you enjoy the little quotes that sometimes fill up space in this newsletter? As another winter holiday present to you for again being loyal supporters, here is a list of some of the "best" of these and other quotes. You might like to put the list up on your refrigerator, outhouse/bathroom wall, at work, or wherever you might look at it when you need a lift. Here they are:

1. Maine--A State of Mind--bumper sticker
2. Until 1942, the Nicaraguan National Bank was located in Hartford, Connecticut.
3. The only thing that is constant is change.
4. In the rat race, only the rats win.
5. Almost anything you do will be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it.--M. Gandhi
6. Convictions are potent only when they are shared. Until then, they are merely a form of daydreaming.--N. Cousins
7. Thank God we don't get all the government we pay for.--W. Rogers
8. A great many think they are thinking when they are really rearranging their prejudices.--E. R. Murrow
9. If you love Jesus, Do Justice! Love Mercy! Any fool can honk.
10. Conformity means death; only protest gives a hope of life.--B. Russell
11. Puff today--huff and puff tomorrow.--Anti-smoking button
12. Under a government which imprisons any unjustly, the true place for a just person is also in prison.--H. Thoreau
13. Support the right to arm bears.
14. When spiderwebs unite, they can tie up a lion.--Ethiopian proverb
15. Better to light one draft card than to curse the darkness.--G. Keyes (?)
16. A just war is just a war.
17. Supply and demand--If you don't make any demands, you won't get any supplies.
18. In spite of everything, I still believe people are really good at heart.--Anne Frank
19. The cost of living is going up, and the chance of living is going down.--F. Wilson
20. Happiness is not having what you want, it's wanting what you have.
21. The only thing we learn from history is that we don't learn from history.
22. You can tell the ideals of a nation by its advertisements.--N. Douglas
23. Let's clear up our act and act to clean up.
24. Once again the unthinkable is in the hands of the thoughtless.--G. Vidal
25. The Reagan administration's approach to criminal justice is likely to result in more criminals and less justice.--Peacework
26. Curb your dogma.
27. When the bathtub is full, it's too late to test the temperature.
28. 30 Million poor--a gross national product.--Bumper sticker
29. Society makes people cripples, then arrests them for limping.--L. Bruce
30. Live simply, that others may simply live.

WHO NEEDS HOLLYWOOD?

Trying to get people together for self-education or to begin an advocacy group? Need an attraction, something visual, to get people to come to a meeting or event? How about a film, something more serious than Monty Python and more realistic than "E.T."?

Two of the best sources of inexpensive films and slide shows (usually \$10-20, postage included, to rent) on progressive and social change issues are Star Film Library and American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Star, 25 West St., Boston, Mass. 02111, 617-426-1912, is connected with Haymarket People's Fund. Film topics include Africa/Black Liberation, Prisons, Labor, Militarism/Imperialism, Latin/Central America, Women's Issues, and Organizing. Write for a free catalog.

AFSC has a larger collection of all of these same topics plus peace issues, energy, gay rights, nonviolence, Native Americans, and more. Rental costs are similarly low. For their free catalog: AFSC, 2161 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Mass. 02140, 617-66106130.

Films for a New Age (holistic health, personal growth, etc.) are available from Hartley Film Foundation, Cat Rock Rd., Cos Cob, Ct., 06807, 203-869-1818 (usually \$25-50 rental fees).

Several places in Maine also have films available. Maine AFSC, Box 7097, Lewiston 04240, 772-0680, has a smaller variety of those listed by its Cambridge cousin. The Maine State Library, State House, Augusta 04333, 800-452-8793, has a few films on progressive subjects, such as "Harlan County USA" and "With Babies and Banners." Their list is available at various public libraries. Films are free.

Instructional Systems, Univ. of Maine, Orono 04469, 581-7541, rents films for \$5-15, postage included. Among the many academic films are a few more progressive ones. Finally, the Bureau of Labor Education, 128 College Ave., Orono 04473, 581-7032, has about 25 films and slide shows about working people and various aspects of labor unions. These films are free or minimal cost and are usually accompanied by a BLE speaker.

A number of groups in Maine have slide shows and films (too numerous to mention) which we hope to list in the Maine State-wide Yellow Pages.

Food For Thought

Fat is a feminist issue, and women can overcome unnecessary concern about food, fat, and their self-image at a "Food Abuse Workshop," facilitated by Maddy Spadola at the Oblate House, 136 State St., Augusta on Dec. 11-12.

If you find yourself suffering emotional stress as a result, the workshop may help you find ways to fulfill your needs without resorting to unnecessary fasting, overeating, or other unhealthy responses.

Maddy Spadola has personal experience with food abuse, and she is also trained as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor with Skyward in Rockland. The two-day workshop costs \$80. Contact her at 140 Washington St., Camden 04843, 236-9022.

Change, Not Charity

The Haymarket People's Fund is a non-profit public foundation established to provide financial assistance for community activism in New England. These grants are intended to support community organizing for social and economic change and are decided on by a local board which is familiar with the needs and priorities of its area.

At present, the Maine Haymarket Board is seeking additional members. Time and travel requirements involve 4-6 meetings in Maine and at least one New England-wide meeting per year, plus interviewing community groups seeking funding. Childcare and travel costs are reimbursed.

If you share a progressive political vision and are interested in serving on this board, send a letter outlining your past and current community involvements and the constituencies and area you represent to Alan Caron, 201 Congress St., Portland 04101 by Dec. 13. Women, minorities, and Maine natives are especially encouraged to apply.

Groups interested in applying to Haymarket for a grant (up to \$2,500) can request application forms at the same address.

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COMING UP NEXT MONTH: THE FUTURE OF NUCLEAR REFERENDUMS, FEMINIST SPIRITUALITY, AND A SPECIAL TV GUIDE. WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA IN JANUARY? DON'T FORGET TO SEND IT TO US.



Simple Gifts



You say you're looking for holiday gifts that are vibrant, unique, and don't cost an arm and a leg? The Maine Statewide Newsletter stands ready to help you meet your needs with gift suggestions to raise consciousness, delight your loved ones, and funnel money to a variety of good causes, all at once.

BOOKS

Several outfits around the state offer books for sale by mail and can bring hard to find items to you even if you're far from the nearest bookstore. All offer catalogues or publications lists that are free for the asking.

The Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance, PO Box 143, S. Harpswell 04079, which advertises itself as Maine's only book coop, has issued a 48-page tabloid, The Maine Book Catalogue/Sampler. The Sampler highlights some 400 books (mostly written or published in Maine) on topics ranging from poetry to local history. Writings of May Sarton, Bern Porter, the Nearings, plus non-fiction, cassettes, and periodicals like MSN are included.

The Northeast Folklore Society (Room B, South Stevens, Univ. of Maine, Orono 04469) has been quietly issuing works on the folklore and oral history of New England and Canada's Maritime Provinces for over 20 years. Back volumes of their annual publication deal with subjects as varied as P.E.I. folk songs, Malecite and Passamaquoddy tales, and the oral autobiographies of Maine woodworkers. This year's issue will be a collection of songs and stories from Wilmot McDonald, Miramichi balladeer.

Gulf of Maine Books (61 Maine St., Brunswick 04011), one of the state's better bookstores, is the source of a fascinating and comprehensive list of contemporary Native American writing, as well as environmental and other social change literature. They also specialize in small press books on a variety of subjects.

New Leaf Books (23 Main St., Rockport 04856) specializes in women's writing and feminist literature. Sive welcomes your catalog inquiries. Your compiler's favorite title is Dorothy Bryant's Killing Wonder, a mystery centering on the sudden death, at a party for feminist writers, of Bay Area guru India Wonder.

For those of you whose bent is more strictly practical, Farmstead magazine (Box 111, Freedom 04941) offers for sale books on such topics as scythes and splitting wood, work horses, and do-it-yourself chimney sweeping.

Both the Shelter Institute (38 Center St., Bath 04530) and Cornerstones (54 Cumberland St., Brunswick 04011) will furnish you with extensive lists of books for sale on house-building, energy efficiency, home repair, and related matters. Shelter Institute also issues a handsomely illustrated catalogue of items available by mail or at their affiliated tool outlet, Woodbutcher Tools, for \$2.

Doug Rawlings' print list consists of things he has written himself: Survivor's Manual, poetry growing out of his experiences during the Vietnam War, and Fiddleheads, poems for children. The latter, penned and illustrated by calligrapher Martha Lively, is printed on multi-colored paper and held together by a removable binder so individual poems can be hung separately. Write Doug Rawlings, RFD 1, Mt. Vernon 04352 for a complete list.

Before you make a New Year's resolution to diet, consider two one-of-a-kind Maine cookbooks. Wabanaki Recipes, compiled by the now-defunct Wabanaki Alliance newspaper (\$1, 95 Mah St., Orono 04473), will tell you how to make beer biscuits, muskrat, or Indian corn flakes (Kelloggs move over).

Spruce Run, Bangor's domestic violence crisis center, feels it's not too early to begin preparing yourselves for the trauma of next year's zucchini glut. Besides the zucchini cookbook, a second one offers their extensive research on "34 Undocumented Non-violent Uses for Chocolate." Each are \$1 from Spruce Run, Box 653, Bangor 04401.

CALENDARS AND STATIONERY

There's hardly a more appropriate gift for a new year than a new calendar.

The Sierra Club is well known for its spectacular photos of wildlife and the outdoors on its calendars. This year they have three wall calendars (Wilderness, Trail, and Wildlife at \$8, \$7, and \$7 respectively), a desk/engagement calendar (\$8), and a Kids for Nature Yearbook (\$5). The Yearbook, which is new this year, (Cont. on Page 8)

More Simple Gifts.....

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CRAFT CO-OPS

Features riddles, stories, and games for children (4-12) as well as calendar listings. All these items are available from Sierra's Maine Group. (Contact John Boomer, RFD #1, Simpson Rd., Saco 04072.)

From Maine humorist Tim Sample comes the "1983 Nuclear Devastation Calendar," featuring picturesque scenes of post-nuke rubble. These are \$1.95 each from Thorndike Press, One Mile Road, Thorndike 04986 or in local book and drugstores.

Stationery and cards are the specialties of the Orono Amnesty International group (c/o Trisha Kail, 67 N. Main St., Orono 04473). One card to them gets you 10 plus 10 envelopes for \$2. Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Org. also has 10 and 10 for \$4.50 with a special picture of the hill on the cards. They also have tote bags, T-shirts, and "This car climbed Munjoy Hill" stickers. Write MHNO, Box 8312, Portland 04104.

T-SHIRTS

Take your choice of "Andre Swims for Peace," or "Arms Are for Hugging." Andre gives you solidarity with the animal world as well as the disarmament movement. All cotton, red, blue, grey, or yellow, French/regular cut, all sizes, \$7 adults, \$6.50 kids, plus a brochure about Andre. Write Andre Swims for Peace, Box 96, Rockport 04856.

Citizens Opposing Nuclear Arms, PO Box 698, Damariscotta 04543, has "Arms" T-shirts at \$5.50 (kids) and \$7, sweatshirts for \$10/\$12, and nite-shirts for \$10 (adults). Colors vary.

GROWING THINGS

Two catalogues are aimed at those who enjoy growing and savoring their green-and-leafies. Gro-Tek (RFD 1, Box 518-A, S. Berwick 03908) specializes in home greenhouse supplies and services. Supplies listed include fine gardening tools, stylish brackets for hanging plants and an interesting selection of books.

Liberty Herbs (Liberty 04949) features herb blends, herbal teas, vinegars, jellies, wreaths, potpourris and a selection of gift packages nicely housed in hand-made boxes of Maine pine.

Craftspersons and craft outlets abound in Maine. Here we'd like to call your attention to several cooperative ventures. (If you know of any we haven't listed, by all means let us know.)

Bangor's Chosen Works (35 Central St., 947-3418) is a "store and gallery owned and run cooperatively by nineteen Maine craftspeople for the sale and display of their best work." Crafts featured range from pottery and fiber work to graphics and calligraphy. They are open Mon-Sat, 10-5.

H.O.M.E. (Homeworkers Organized for More Employment) has stores on Rt. 1 in Orland and in Belfast and on Main St. in Bangor and in Ellsworth. They also have a mail order catalogue (available from H.O.M.E. Craft Store, Box 408, Orland 04472). Both stores and catalogue are full of a variety of crafts produced by hundreds of Mainers and sold on consignment: 70% of the selling price goes back to the crafter.

Fiberweb is a collective of and for those who produce natural fiber clothing, weaving, hand-spun yarn, wall hangings and baskets. Their studio, which includes a retail-display area as well as work space, is located upstairs in the Masonic Building on High Street in Belfast. (For more info, contact Lisbeth Norrback, Box 116A, Brooks 04921, 525-3282.)

The Union of Maine Visual Artists has neither a storefront nor a catalogue to its name. But it will be sponsoring a sale of prints, paintings and sketches by artists around the state on Sat., Dec. 4. The affair - which will also include music and poetry - will take place at 146 Middle St. (corner of Middle and Pearl Sts.) in Portland from 12 to 6 p.m. (For further details call 443-9390.)

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

For the absolute ultimate in giving - for a gift guaranteed to provide a whole year's worth of ecstasy, edification, outrage and uplift for even the most jaded sophisticate on your list - there's (Cont. on Page 9)

One Last Simple Gift

a subscription to the Maine Statewide Newsletter. Special holiday rates are now available!!! Send \$4 (or more or less) per subscription for yourself or someone who doesn't need another pair of jeans to INVERT, PO Box 110, Stillwater, Me. 04489.

Special Delivery

The Wiscasset Birthing Center (WBC) has recently opened to provide an alternative birthing facility for women in the mid-coast and other parts of Maine. The center emphasizes a policy of family involvement (men become part of the birthing experience) and minimal medical involvement in the whole process.

Besides pregnancy services, the center provides family planning information and materials and exams and some simple medical services for women. Nurse-midwife Christina Keilt and Dr. Edward Kitfield staff the center. Costs vary but are probably more than a home delivery but much less than a hospital.

Persons interested in the birthing center option can participate in an orientation session by calling 882-6939 or writing WBC, RFD 1 Box 8, Wiscasset 04578.

Let It Snow

As the snow begins to fall, the snowmobiles emerge from their warm hiding places to challenge the woods. One place where they are not welcomed by all, however, is in Baxter State Park, whose park authority has been sued by the Northwoods alliance to keep snowmobiles out.

The Northwoods Alliance is a membership organization still pressing the suit against the park authority and acting as a watchdog over the park. They are seeking members and people interested in the preservation of the park according to the wishes of Percival Baxter and against the desires of snowmobilers, paper companies, and politicians.

To join the NWA, write to them at 16
E. Main St., Dover-Foxcroft 04426 or call
them at 564-3400.

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MAINE STATEWIDE NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION/FEEDBACK FORM

Tis better to give and to receive, so, as the holiday season approaches, here's your chance to subscribe to the Maine Statewide Newsletter and get something in return. You are again introduced to the wonderful world of social change/progressive activities in Maine, or you can give a sub to that friend who is hard to shop for. Good for everyone, except maybe the big corporations who might get your money otherwise.

Hi! I'm another happy MSN subscriber and my name and mailing address is:

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(Listings with numbers following have more details on that page number)

Dec. 1--"Women Making Change in Art"
(music, theater, poetry), 7:30 PM, Luther
Bonney Hall, USM, Portland. Univ. Women's
Forum, 94 Bedford St., Portland 04103.

Dec. 2--Cambridge Forum program on global cooperation and Horizons, "Women Freedom Fighters of Zimbabwe" on MPBN public radio at 1 PM and 1:30 PM.

Dec. 4--Gay dance at Ram's Horn, 8-1, \$3, alcohol-free, UMO Campus. Wilde Stein Club, Mem. Union, UMO, Orono 04469.

Dec. 5--Kala Ladenheim and Kendall Merriam read at New Leaf Books, 23 Main St., Rockport 04856, 3 PM, free. Readings tentatively on Dec. 12, 19, same time/place.

Dec. 11.-Vigil in Waterville (1)

Happytown, in North Orland (it's really the sticks), is where Karen and Paul Volckhausen will host the next MSN collating circus beginning at 4 PM on Wed., Dec. 22. Call 667-9212 for directions and details.

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