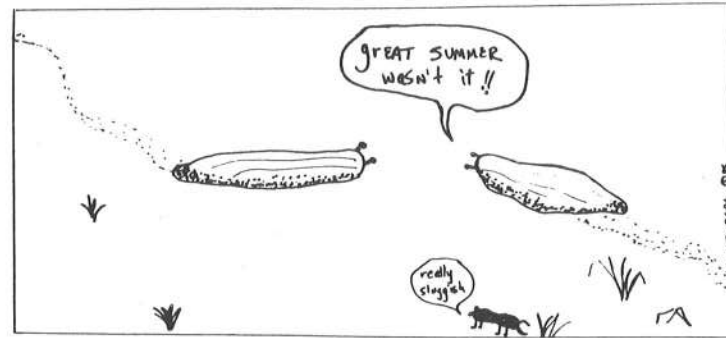


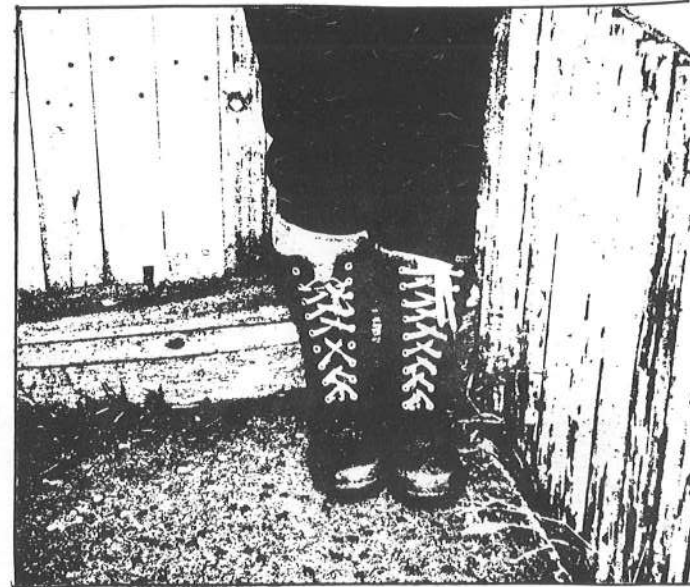
Winter Howling

This winter at HOWL we hope to see you in the woods and fields sledding and skiing, growing familiar with our snowscapes. The road will be plowed all season and although the house will basically be resting for the winter you can call ahead for information on staying warm and dry. Call 658-0199.

Major projects for the season? Pruning the apple trees, blazing ski trails and doing fund raising. Keep in touch about winter events in the Burlington area sponsored by the HOWL project.



Summer Scenes



I Have a Vision....

I have a vision - a vision of a safe space for older women. A place where the experiences of old women, women in their 70's, 80's, 90's, (100's?) can be shared with each other and with the younger women. A space where it can truly be said that the maiden, mother and crone live and celebrate in respect and love for each other.

In my vision I see old women living on HOWL land in a community. The community is separate and yet an integral part of the total women's community. A quiet place to live, re-group, and some times be alone. (Some older women may prefer to live in the same dwelling as young women and children but many need to have a separate space for a retreat.)

I see HOWL as a place where young women have role models of strong old women and the children learn naturally the good things about growing old as well as the not so good. A place where women will pass along the community stories and struggles.

My vision, like all visions, needs practical application. To make it come true there has to be recognition of the fact that the needs

of old women do not differ greatly from those of young women. They have the same needs for physical comfort, safety, companionship and love, esteem and self-actualization. The difference may be in the ease in obtaining these necessities. It becomes harder to have all needs met. The old women, in my vision, will assist each other, make up for disabilities in each other. There will be need for resources closer to home. Perhaps a place close by to replenish food supplies, a nearby place for health care, maybe some assist in getting in wood.

Sometimes this vision feels very "pie-in-the sky" to me. Being by nature a practical person, I worry about the obstacles. Ageism, a major problem may need to be addressed many times. But the land is there, the women are here -- maybe, maybe, it will happen. The old women will plan and build a community as an act of empowerment for themselves and for the young women who will someday be old, and as a "grounding" for the HOWL land.

ALBERTA PERKINS

HOWL GOALS

NURTURING LOCAL COMMUNITY, FOSTERING INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

- healing, magic, * Resource Replenish Recreation Retreat
- meditation ritual
- respect for each other and the earth ... the land- growing food, self sufficiency *Sane Living*
- Reclaiming vision from a feminist perspective
- *Safe women only space for lesbians, for all women. Safety created by women, not guns. Dying space- hospice with womenspirit.
- * Jobs cottage industrys - darkroom, pottery, woodshop, mechanics....
- *Neighborhood / Community
- Cluster, co-op housing- developing affordable housing for older women, women with children, lesbians. alternative energy country space accessible to disabled women.
- a place for local, national, and international women to gather and develop skills for transformation, both personal and planetary. *Conference center*
- preserving access to land for women of future generations * Art/ Evolving womens culture/ Theatre Education- non competitive learning environment. Skills from pragmatic to practical, from compost to computers.
- a place to work and play with respect for each other, and the earth

ACTUALIZING the HOWL VISION

April 1986-November 1986- Actualizing the HOWL vision. This spring, summer, and fall we have seen our goals and visions beginning to take shape...

WORK AND PLAY GATHERINGS

- opening day dedication weekend attended by about 100 women from all over New England.

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

- No voice weekend- a gathering of deaf and hearing women with no verbal communication
- An afternoon walk and workshop with Adele Dawson, Vermont herbalist and author of Health, Happiness and the Pursuit of Herbs.
- Weekend Jewish womens gathering
- Pelvic Power workshop

SKILL SHARING

- The learning and teaching of new skills
- production of 2 newsletters
- learning to silk screen
- patching the barn roof
- gardening
- tipi raising

SPONSORING FEMINIST ART, MUSIC CULTURE

- Merlin Stone, author of Ancient Mirrors of Womanhood, for a talk, and workshop.
- Co-sponsor Alix Dobkin
- Showings of A question of Silence, Salt of the Earth.

COMMUNITY FORUMS ON FEMINIST ISSUES

- Bisexuality
- Boy children
- differences

* SAFE COUNTRY SPACE FOR CITY WOMEN

Approximately 200 women have visited HOWL this year from all over the country. Many have camped, spent days, weeks, months....

Special thanks to Merlin Stone for doing a benefit for HOWL and for raising our spirits as well as money with her supportive and positive energy.