



The Fabled Asp Archives: 2008-2011

Partial List of Topics and Groups highlighted:

- Wry Crips
- Superfest International Film Festival
- Spirituality and disability
- Race and class issues in the disability rights movement
- “Driving while Blind” - and other amusing stories
- Intersections: Fat Liberation and Disability Liberation
- Disability and the struggle for Butch identity
- Hidden Disability
- Partners
- Oral Histories, Digital Stories, and Tributes
- Passing/Coming Out around Disability
- Cancer and transgender issues
- Disability and Veterans
- Immigration and Disability
- Disability across culture, International issues
- Sexuality and Disability
- Hospitalizations
- Disabled and Lesbian Identity- Intersections
- Growing up Disabled vs. Acquired Disability
- Lesbian Allies- political influences
- Four generations of lesbians with disabilities
- Sports and Disability
- Legislation
- AXIS Dance Company
- Reader’s Theaters:
 - Wry Crips
 - Mothertongue
 - Fat Lip



We have collected over 80 stories and tributes –
most of which have been permanently preserved through video or audio.

Videotaped Living Histories:

- Ricki Boden: leader of original support groups spawning disability leaders, Operation Concern
- Laura Rifkin: Co-Founder Special Needs Comprehensive Services Gay Day, Co-Founder Wry Crips, EB Pirates, Founder Fabled Asp
- Jill Lessing: Co-Founder Special Needs Comprehensive Services Gay Day parade, Disability rights activist and support group leader for over 30 years
- Judy Freespirit (filmed on-site at Jewish Home for the Aged): Fat activist, Founding mother of the Fat Activist movement
- Dominika Bednarska: Emerging young poet, academic, producing a one woman show (co-produced by Fabled Asp), Spring 2010
- Nancy Thomas: Founder, Executive Director, Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients.
- Patty Overland: Co-founder Wry Crips, poet, activist, wheelchair basketball- cofounder of East Bay Pirates wheelchair basketball team
- Peni Hall: Artist, Co-Producer: Superfest Collective; Co-Producer: Culture! Disability! Talent!
- Barbara Ruth: Poet, Wry Crips member, writer, activist, resident poet of Fabled Asp
- Morningstar Vancil: Two-Spirit Activism, Human Rights Commission, Fat-Bottom Revue
- Mesha Monge-Irizarry: Idriss Stelley Action & Resource Center, SF City Commissioner (MORC), Writer, SF Bayview National Black Newspaper
- Judith Smith: Founding member AXIS Dance Company, Artistic Director AXIS, Co-Founder Wry Crips Disabled Women's Reader's Theater
- Laura Bock: Co Founder, Fat Lip
- Bernice Soohoo Lee: Executive Director for Association for Children's Rights and Services, Pacific Center
- Kathy Martinez: Internationally recognized disability-rights activist, WID, Assistant secretary for the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) in Obama Administration
- Jill Sager: Early SF Pride disability organizer, activist, Director of BORP, Wheelchair Basketball



Digital Stories Produced

- Judith Masur- Partners
- Joy Taylor- Brain Injury
- Morningstar Vancil- Native American stories

Written Poetry and Stories Archived

- Barbara Ruth- “The Fabled Asp”
- Morningstar Vancil- “Grandmother stories”

In Dialogue (StoryCorps National Listening Project)

- Mesha Monge-Irizarry/Mira Ingram re: race, class in disability movement
- Jill Lessing/Sherrin Lloyd re: long-term partnership living with multiple disabilities
- Laura Rifkin/Joy Taylor re: spirituality, brain injury, hidden disability
- Laura Bock/Sally Golden re: Driving While Blind, Fat and Disability, and other colorful stories
- Patti Overland/Peni Hall re: Wry Crips, Superfest
- Lakke/M. Grosh re: Butch, Transgender Identity and Partnering with a person with a disability
- Diane Nichols re: hidden disability
- Simi Litvak/Carly Rivers re: Mothertongue Disability Script
- Dominika Bednarska/Asunta Susan re: Emerging young lesbian/queer poets
- Diane Sabin in dialogue with Laura Rifkin, Jill Lessing-Producer Special Needs Services, Celebration Gay Day Parade

Mixed Media/Lineage: Collaboration with EG Crichton- Matchmaking in the Archives

Dominika Bednarska & Diane “Hugs” Hugaert (1955–2001)

Nomy Lamm & Silvia Kohan (1948–2003)

Elissa Perry & Pat Parker (1944–1989)

Laura Rifkin & Jessica Barshay (1940–1998)



Videotaped Discussion Panels:

- Butch Voices Panel: Enabling What: Lenn Keller, Dominika Bednarska, Mira Ingram, Syndy Sharp, Laura Rifkin, Morningstar Vancil, Marion Abdullah, Patty Overland
- Intergenerational Lesbian Panel: Marion Abdullah, Jill Lessing, Bev Jo
- Lesbian Health Summit: (Four generations of lesbian activism and disability)- Kristina Yates, Simi Litvak, Katy Kaminski, Patty Overland
- Opening Ceremony Fabled Asp at GLBT Historical Society: Morningstar Vancil, Diane Sabin, Paul Boneberg, Laura Rifkin, Karen Ripley, Rae, Irina Rivkin, Nomy Lamm, Karen Sundheim, Barbara Ruth, Dominika Bednarska, M. Press, Papa Dino, Stephanie Reif, Melodie Frances, Patty Overland, Jill Lessing, Linda Zeiser

Memorial Quilt: Crafted by Karen Hampton

- Jackie Winnow- Founder of Women's Cancer Resource Center
- Margaret Sloan-Hunter, Co-Founder of Ms., Activist
- Nanci Stern – Editor of With the Power of Each Breath, Full Moon Coffeehouse Collective
- Joanne Garrett- Community Activist
- Pat Parker – Author, Activist, Black Women's Revolutionary Council, Women's Press Collective
- Pandoura Carpenter-Director of Wry Crips, Taxi Tales
- Mary Genoy- ran for SF Supervisor, Activist
- Diane Hugelart (Hugs) Named Wry Crips (satire for “Rye Crips”), long-standing member Wry Crips, wheelchair basketball, community leader
- Lovey Ufland – Recovery maven, community organizer
- Carrie Gagliardi – Early special needs organizer Gay Day, community leader and activist
- Silvia Kohan – Singer, songwriter (Fat girl blues)
- Paula Gunn Allen – Two-Spirit Scholar, Author Poet, American Indian Studies

Living Histories – scheduled for future videotaping:

- Nancy Ferrarya –Board of Wry Crips, Talking Out
- Kristina Yates – Mental health activist
- Ramona Galindez – Deaf activist



Living Histories – scheduled for future videotaping (cont.):

- Corbett O'Toole – Advocate for disabled women's rights and health issues; Center for Independent Living, Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
- Marion Abdullah –Elder Committee for Creating Change, LGBT Cancer Board, Lavender Seniors of the East Bay, the Mayor's Roundtable of Oakland, Asian Pacific Queer Women and Transgender Coalition
- Helen Walsh – Diverse Disability Media, KQED Celebration of Disability Culture, media/disability consultant
- Susie Grimes - wheelchair basketball Hall of Fame
- Dusty Irvine -1977 Sit-Ins, Disability Rights Activist, CEO-504 Committee
- Kitty Cone-Pioneering disability rights activist; organizer of 504 demonstrations in San Francisco
- Women Musician's with Disabilities
- Bay Area Meteorites Women Wheelchair Basketball team vs Bay Area Women's Musicians (BAM vs. BAM) panel
- Allies-Then and Now