

matriarchal village idea, and fundraising. We now had our first piece of land. It would be open land with a group of revolving caretakers and would be used for festivals, workshops, gatherings and camping.

In June 1976 the women who said they wanted to live on the land at Days Creek met in Eugene.

In July 1976 the members of the Oregon Women's Land Trust met for the first time on Oregon Women's Land. The women who were going to be the first group of caretakers had access to the land only two days before 100 women showed up for the largest meeting since the beginning of the land trust. There was a lot of work to be done, despite the fact that the energy was one of celebration and festivity. In large groups legal reports were given. Lawyers agreements were still being worked on right up until the time of the meeting.

In small groups there were discussions about the matriarchal village idea, outreach to third world women, working class women, women who wanted to live at OWL farm, fundraising, and a singles workshop. A weekend for third world women and working class women was planned and scheduled to happen at OWL farm on the Labor Day weekend.

Women met and were excited to see each other. Third world and working class women met separately. There was also a third world and working class women's weekend at Covello that same weekend.

In October, 1976 there was the next land trust meeting at OWL Farm. It had been a hard summer. There had been two fires, one destroying a cabin and its entire contents at Womanshare. Another that destroyed 185 acres of the Covello land leaving many women homeless. There was a pregnant woman at OWL Farm who had been in institutions a lot and women were concerned with how to deal with the problem in a way that would ensure that she would not be put in an institution again. The women at OWL farm didn't feel ready to take on the responsibility of this woman and her baby. Many women were tired and discouraged. Women who were living at OWL farm wanted help in dealing with the problems of power and control that were connected to living on open land. There were a lot of new women and a lot of talk about politics and money. Much time and energy was put into finding a solution to the problem of the pregnant woman and a decision was made that she would go to Who Farm in Estacada with a group of women who would be a healing circle. Who Farm made a proposal this meeting to become a part of the land trust. The by-laws were voted on and passed. In small groups third world women met separately. We discussed how to do better child care. Frustrations were heard from women who were living at OWL Farm. There were discussions on how other pieces of land would come into the land trust.

In November 1976 there was a meeting held at Rainbows End

land ownership. Most of the women who came to the meeting lived on non-land trust land that was either owned individually or collectively. Women talked about how they felt about community politics and the different kinds of situations they were living in. There was talk about what we were doing or wanted to do to be more responsible and accountable to the women's community. There were discussions about power and land.

In September, 1976 there was a meeting near Hillsboro and much work was done on articles of incorporation, by-laws and agreements. Many legal and business women put a lot of energy into making things legally correct.

In November, 1976 there was a land trust meeting at Who Farm. The decision was made that Who Farm would become part of the land trust, and we discussed ways to do this legally. We discussed fundraising and allocation of money. It was decided that we needed to have a financial meeting to deal solely with financial issues.

On January 9, 1977 there was a womens Sunday brunch held at the Mountain Moving Cafe in Portland. The proceeds went to the land trust. Women gathered to cook, eat delicious food, make music and see films. The atmosphere was warm and gave a chance for city women and country women to exchange energy.

On January 15, 1977 there was a land trust benefit at the Mountain Moving Cafe on women's night. There was a great turn-out for an evening of theatre and music.

January 28, 1977 the financial meeting was held in Eugene. At that meeting it was decided to donate \$100 to the Portland Women's Resource Fund, to look into the possibility of applying for CETA grants, and explored several other possibilities for fundraising. The next land trust meeting will be held around easter at Womanshare.

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