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The art world is aflutter over Lillian Schwartz's computerized disclosure of Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* as a self-portrait. The experts all muse as to why he refused to sell this masterpiece, and hauled it along where ever he went. Anyone who has seen our photo collections of the "inner woman" would have little trouble understanding it. Just think how happy he must be to have "her" beautiful painting displayed at the *Louvre*. No wonder she smiles!

Perhaps, as many gay homes place on display Michelangelo's *David*, we should use the *Mona Lisa* as a signal to those in the know of our secret delights. I already plan to go out and buy one, but I must confess that I have no idea as to where I shall place it since Betty Ann's portraits are everywhere to leave no doubt as to my "secret". I do have a portrait of d'Eon de Beaumont in my bedroom because we share so many things in common (girls school, adventure as a man and a woman, love of the ladies, and a zest for life as it is)!

DaVinci lived to be 67, but the *Mona Lisa* was painted just a few years before he died, which tells us a great deal about him. He undoubtedly was faced with a major crisis in his lifewhen he sought

to portray his inner self. He was compelled, yet afraid to reveal his secret joy; so he encoded the painting with a neckline basketry styled embroidery of osier branches called *vincire*, to symbolize his name.

How very sad for Leonardo to have lived in an age that knew he was gay, but forced him to hide the fact that he was a crossdresser to the point of wearing a beard and doing shag drag to hide his secret soul from his "loved ones", with only a portrait to comfort himself. No one would be so silly today, or would they?



*Our Sorority* is dedicated to helping others; to escape this type of cruel self portrait, to release the "woman within", to meet others who will be willing to help and understand her, and give her the strength to enjoy her God given gifts. In this issue we list the groups, events, and information she may seek.

We include a statement from the American Association for the Advancement of Science which Leonardo Da Vinci would have signed if he had the freedom to. You do have that freedom yourself. Only you can step out of the painting and become real.

— Betty Ann Lind

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### COME TO THE FAIR AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER

## Many Little Kindnesses 2

By Betty Ann Lind

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Betty Ann

It was about three o'clock in the morning of June 8, 1932, when Otto knocked upon the door to grandfather's bedroom to enter. "A telegram. She has had a boy. The bloodlines are merged. She has taken your son's name and needs money. Two hundred dollars."

"I will have nothing to do with that woman, but send money, he is our blood," the old man muttered brushing the white hair of his Bismark beard with the fingers of his left hand as he turned on the bedside table lamp with his other. "Better that he had been born a girl!"

My mother told me this story as a way to explain why grandfather did not help her. She had married my father without knowing that they were, in essence, blood cousins. The marriage brought together three bloodlines which had been kept apart for almost a hundred years by family

strife supposedly dating back to the days of Charlemagne, when the first major rift took place. But, the truth was that my grandfather wanted his son to marry another woman, one with money. My cousins in Europe were the ones who thanked God for the American Constitution.

My mother was raised to be a Swedish American Princess and she was an absolute slave to her family. When my father died in Mexico, prior to my birth, she discovered as much hostility over the marriage from her family as in his. So when she went home to take care of her father or other relative as a dutiful daughter; I was farmed out to a boarding school. or a friend during the "crises at home." Thus, during the first nine years of my life my dear mother was a *beautiful* blonde Auntie Mame (she dressed like Mame but was a bit more like Billy Burke or Gracie Allen) character who floated into my life and out; leaving every man in her wake madly in love with her, including me! Despite her dumb blonde act she was a graduate of one of the "seven sisters" and she was *always* a princess in life style. When I was older I found that she had sacrificed a great deal for me, but I will never forget that lonely little boy who wanted the princess all for himself.

I was four years old when I first discovered the impact my mother had on others. She was working for the United States Employment Service in the Brownsville section of Chicago helping blacks to find work via the Railway Porters Union and

elsewhere. She would give me money to go to the movies when she could not find a babysitter and I was bright enough to take the bus to the "loop" where I had my pick of "nickel or dime" movies. One day I spent too much money and I could not find my way home by walking, so I went to a black youth and told him I wanted to go home, and I was lost. He took me to his mother and when I told her I was the son of the "blonde lady who helped the 'colored' to find a job," I found myself passed from one black family to another in honor until I was securely at home. And from then on whenever I left my home there was a black youth from one of the local "gangs" who followed the little white "gentleman" in the sailor suit to be certain that he was safe! I must say we saw some interesting movies together.

I have already mentioned my mother's predilection for putting me into "sissy clothes" to go with my Buster Brown golden blonde shoulder length hair. Little black velvet Eton jacketed suits with white lace jabot blouses and knickers were the bane of my existence; because perfect strangers would go absolutely, gushy with hugs and kisses for the "dolly boy" or cute little girl dressed like a boy! I cannot tell you how many such suits would up destroyed by me as I played with the blue clay in the sewer ditches, or torn to shreds by climbing alley fences playing "Police" with my guardians. But, she would parade me down to Saks and I would have a new blue satin sailor suit, with the admonition that I was supposed to be a gentleman!

She determined that I should be living in a better neighborhood so we moved to the "tree street" section of Chicago off Michigan Boulevard, in an apartment hotel next to a park. Here, the red velvet coveralls trimmed with lace collars and cuffs would not be ruined because there I was treated as babyish as I looked.

It was here that I first played dress-up in mommy's clothes behind the locked door of our apartment. When it neared the time for mommy to come home I decided to wash off the make-up in the kitchen sink by standing on tippy toe on a chair. The sink handle valves were tri-directional on a single faucet, and soon the apartment was flooded. I was not punished by a spanking, instead my mother turned cold and I was exiled to a truck-garden boarding farm in the Wabash Valley. At least I no longer was dressed in "sissy suits."

The Scottish family which owned the farm ate sweet potatoes twice a day, and I hated them. The father's 'cure' was heaping bowls of the stuff spoon fed to the "baby" who was humiliated sans pants in a baby pinafore. I thought them to be crazy, and my stomach solved the matter by sending me to the hospital. They were delighted to turn me over to my Runyonesque "Uncle Gas-Top Lewie" who packed a rod!

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WHEREAS there still exist many forms of discrimination against these scientists because of their sexual orientation, without regard to their professional qualifications and,

WHEREAS because of this discrimination some scientists are denied an opportunity to practice their professions and others are treated inequitably in terms of salary, promotion or assigned duties, and

WHEREAS such discrimination constitutes a loss to science and an injustice to these individuals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Association for the Advancement of Science deplors any form of discrimination on the basis of sexual behavior between consenting adults in private, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of directors be requested to charge its Committee on Opportunities in Science to take due cognizance of this resolution in its work.

Reprinted from the 21 March 1975 issue of *Science*, a publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

## BREAST FORMS

Adapted from  
*Art and Illusion*  
by JoAnn Roberts

You know what bra size you are, so how do you fill those cups?

Breast forms are available ranging from foam rubber falsies to silicone filled mastectomy forms. Prices range from a few dollars to several hundred.

These forms are available in most large department stores and from TV speciality shops. A recent addition to this category is the Mirage breast form. This is made especially for the cross-dresser. Those who own them swear by them and say they are the best there is. The Mirage is also the most expensive costing from \$350 to \$700.

A very inexpensive form can be made at home using plastic sandwich bags, string, and water.

You will need quart sized plastic bags, twine, rubber bands, and four pencil erasers. The illustrations will help explain the procedure.

Peel six bags of the roll and turn them inside out. Nest three bags inside each other to protect against leaks.

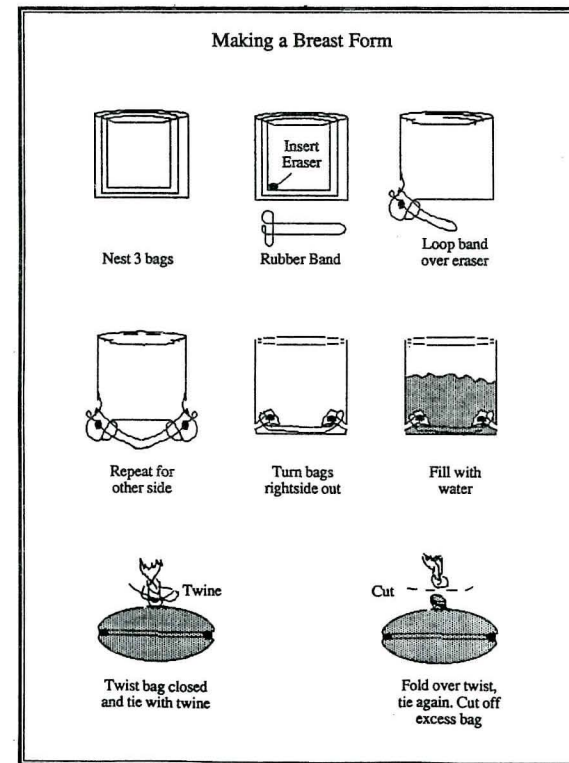
Take two pencil erasers and place them into each corner of the inside bag. Loop a short (about 2" to 3" long) rubber band around the outside of the bags, trapping the eraser in the corner. Repeat in the other corner.

Then turn the bags right side out. The rubber bands will pull in the corners and cause two things to happen. The first result is that the bag takes on a more natural breast shape; the second is that when filled with water the bag will "give" and seem more natural to the touch.

Fill the bag with between one to one and a half cups of water. The amount of water will depend on the amount of breast you want. Use a measuring device, so that the second breast will be the same size.

Carefully twist the bag closed, making sure that no air is trapped inside. Tie the bag closed with the twine at the base of the twist. Wrap the twine around once or twice and tie again. Tightly twist the top and fold it over and tie it again. This makes a small rounded bump that can simulate a nipple. Cut off the excess bag. Repeat the process with the other bags.

The breast forms should last several months without any evidence of leaking.



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# Art and Illusion a Guide to Crossdressing

by

JoAnn Roberts

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## Fantasia Fair - 1986

A Wife's Perspective

Next year I'll be visiting Fantasia Fair for the seventh time. I can't say that my preparations for this "vacation" are ever without misgivings, but I can say that I've never packed my bags to return home without looking forward to coming back.

Off-season Provincetown is fun. I browse through the shops endlessly and always bring home something unique. There are so many good restaurants, I never get around to them all. And there is the beach combing, and biking, and hiking, and . . . . .

Have you ever taken a beach buggy tour or gone whale watching or sampled goodies from a Portugese bakery? The special events at the Fair are fun, the professionally-led sharing sessions an opportunity not to be missed. It is comfortable to be in an accepting environment, and the time there ends all too soon.

The biggest plus for me is to be with the other spouses and partners, who also have come to the Fair out of a need to share and understand. Last year the scheduled morning coffees overcame the problem of communication between telephone-less rooms. We could touch base daily, getting to know each other, making plans, asking questions, sharing thoughts, and best of all just being with friends who know how it is.

The residents of Provincetown are welcoming and warm, and there is a special fellowship among those who attend the Fair. Each year when we return I have the feeling that we are going back to "family".

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# GERI LEE GOES TO P'TOWN

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Among the 105 participants at the Twelfth Annual Fantasia Fair was Geri Lee, who is not known to be camera shy. She tried to participate in nearly every exciting Fair function; and somehow managed to have her facade frequently photographed. She has graciously allowed *Our Sorority* excerpts from her picture album of memories of Fantasia Fair 1986:

## DAY ONE:

*New arrivals check out Provincetown*



*Is this okay for cocktails?*



## About Geri Lee:

Geri Lee served as the house counselor at the Tradewinds, one of the New England style inns used by Fantasia Fair to preserve a small group dynamic for about 10 ladies. Using her experience as a co-chairperson for Delta Chi (Washington, D.C. group) she helped her new "sisters" to settle in their new home, and helped the shy ones to get out and about Provincetown.

*Geri set up the new Beauty Fair program and served as the chief "go-fer" Betty Ann, the fair's coordinator.*

*She recently appeared on the Donahue Show, and her write-up of that event also is in this news-letter.*

## DAY TWO:

*"Now hear this, at 2100 hours," Geri Lee gets orientated by Betty Ann*



Learning about going out in public during "On the Town" Lunch Seminar.



*A beauty tries on shoes, (Mrs Marcos' Outlet Store?), while her sisters jam Beauty Fair for individual analysis.*



## LADIES NIGHT

Irene has a point of order during The first annual meeting of S.I.S.T.E.R.S



"We have to play volley ball in heels, and provide our own cheer leaders?"



## DAY THREE:

Some Ladies on their way to church.



**DAY FOUR**

Practicing how to walk during Paula's week long Fashion & Beauty Course.



Backstage for the Fashion Show Rehearsal with Alison & Constance.



**DAY FIVE**

*Geri and her sisters strut their stuff before the people of Provincetown in the Pilgrim House, during our Fashion Show.*



The one holding the Fairy Wand is our Geri Lee, in case you haven't seen her before in these pictures.



Our beauties line up for the Finale! Can you spot our Geri?



**DAY SIX**

Eve finds a BIG lobster.



**LEADERSHIP DINNER**  
*Geri, Constance, and Stephanie relax after the meal. (Note, who is staring at the camera.)*



It's late at night and the girls are going assertive during a house discussion.



**DAY SEVEN**

A couple of ladies in the audience.



*Fan Fair Follies* backstage.



*On Stage*



**DAY EIGHT**

The joy of flying a kite and just being a kid again!



Four Fair Maidens in their Fantasyland during the FANTASY BALL



Little Miss "Most Helpful" Accepts Her Award From Sheila & Jane



A video replay after the Ball

MORE MEMORIES DURING THE FAIR



DAY NINE:

AWARDS BANQUET  
Geri & Reverend Harvey  
Laugh It Up!





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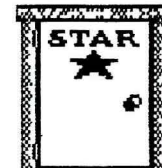
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## A Date With Donahue

by Geri Lee



My New York adventure "en femme" began by boarding the 11:00 A.M. Amtrak train at Union Station. The previous night I had attended the "Miss Gay Universe" pageant at the D.C. Convention Center. After an uneventful trip, Ms. Geri Lee exited Penn Station with her many bags and bundles toted by a helpful Redcap. A taxi delivered me to a some-what seedy (and therefore cheap) hotel in midtown Manhattan. The innkeeper, obviously undazzled by my feminine facade, instructed the bellhop: "Take this guy's bags up to his room."

Dispite this fiasco, my looks seemingly passed muster during the rest of my visit to the "Big Apple." Frigid temperatures curtailed extensive galivanting about the town, but I checked out the famous stores along 5th Avenue, observed the theatre district of Broadway, and reconnoitered Rockefeller Plaza. The latter location was the site of the climactic event of my stay; I had been invited to the city by the staff of the Phil Donahue Show, at the instigation of Naomi of the Chi Chapter and Ms. Mariette Pathy Allen.

I was wisked via limosine from my hotel to the NBC studios, where the other participants awaited. The topic for the broadcast of February 18, 1987, was to be "Cross-Dressing". My role on the show remained unsettled up until a few minutes before air-time. Instead of parading as a model in a fashion show, I was informed that I would join the panel of four cross-dressers, a spouse of a TV, and a lady sex therapist. Phil was sympathetic to our eccentric "hobby", the studio audience was lively and curious, and the time of the broad-cast passed quickly. Perhaps some individuals among the estimated 8 million in the show's audience gained some insight, understanding, or knowledge about a hidden phenomenon. The secret TV's, the confused families, or the worried spouses may have found the program useful. If we helped a single person, then our appearance on the show was worth the considerable risk of exposure.

After the end of the program, a limo transferred me from my threadbare lodgings to the luxurious Drake Hotel on Park Avenue, where I joined several of the panelists in a luncheon (at Phil's expense). They soon departed the city, but I was able to remain for an extra day. A visit to Muriel Olive's Fem-Fashions boutique was followed by attending a sneak preview of a brand-new television motion picture. All too soon I and my mountainous pile of luggage caught the evening train bound for Washington, D.C. and home. My trist with Phil Donahue had come to an end, but happy memories remain.

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