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## IMAGES – Kootenay Women's Paper: A Primer on Feminism (1973-1991)

Edited by Dr. Marcia Braundy - Format: CD

Nineteen years of *IMAGES - Kootenay Women's Newspaper* represents the early writings of many of British Columbia's prize-winning women authors and artists as they struggled to develop their personal and political perspectives on Second Wave Feminism. It documents the struggles for effective, satisfying economic, social and political lives for women in rural BC, linking arms and words with women from around the world, telling their stories along with our own. Theme issues address the major challenges of our times: Aging, Health, Machinery, Sexuality, Reproductive Rights, Working, Lesbian life, Mothers & Daughters, The Arts, Media, Feminism, Technology, Violence Against Women, "Mixed" issues covered local, regional, national news from feminist perspectives.

*IMAGES*, produced by volunteers, and supported solely by advertisements, subscriptions and donations, is a record of small business development in the Kootenays from 1973 to 1991. It is a record of the feminist challenges, successes, failures and learnings on social, political, educational and economic development in the West Kootenays over a significant period in Southeastern British Columbia development. The quality and thoughtfulness of the writing is some of the best produced in Canada during the time, and we are thankful to the BC150 Heritage Legacy Fund for allowing us to bring this historical and still quite relevant journal back into the public eye. We have been told by young women volunteers on this project of the essential importance these articles have to current issues.

85 issues of the paper were scanned, digitized, and placed on a searchable CD, for individuals (\$20) & institutions (\$50) in continuing efforts to support the Nelson Women's Centre, still activist and ongoing: the oldest rural women's centre in Canada.

**Producing** *IMAGES – A Primer on Feminism* was the first phase of a larger project digitizing the development of 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave Feminism in the West Kootenay area of British Columbia, a veritable hotbed of feminist activism. From Canadian founders of the Voice of Women, Project Ploughshares, and Canada's first rural women's centre, through B.C.'s first Women's Festivals, women's economic development initiatives like EMMA's Jambrosia, founding the National Network for Women in Trades and Technology, and the National Women's Reference Group on Labour Market Issues, archival documents, reports, posters, interviews and soundtracks are found on <u>www.kootenayfeminism.com</u>, freely available to the public, thanks to the Barber Historical Digitization Project at the University of British Columbia. Great historical audio & video material has been added!

**Please order the CD from the West Kootenay Women's Association,** 250 352-9916 Email: <u>info@nelsonwomenscentre.com</u> with IMAGES in subject line, and send a cheque for \$20 individual/\$50 institutional to WKWA-IMAGES, 420 Mill Street, Nelson, BC, V1L 4R9

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