**Landykes: Lesbian Land Resource Guide**

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**Periodicals and Directories**

*Landykes: Our Stories in Our Own Words,* Lesbian Natural Resources (LNR). In process as LNR is still calling for landykes to submit their stories for inclusion. For further information, contact LNR at either [admin@lesbiannaturalresources.org](mailto:admin@lesbiannaturalresources.org) or LNR, PO Box 8742, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408. Or go to their website

[www.lesbiannaturalresources.org/publications](http://www.lesbiannaturalresources.org/publications)

“Landykes of the South.” Specialissue, *Sinister Wisdom.* no. 98, (Fall 2015)

This issue includes not only a timeline of 51 lesbian land groups in Southern states started between 1969 and 2012, but also stories about 19 women’s land groups, 10 of them still operating. Order this back issue for $12 plus $3 for shipping and handling, either online at: [www.sinisterwisdom.org](http://www.sinisterwisdom.org) or by mailing a check or money order to: Sinister Wisdom, 2333 McIntosh Road, Dover, FL 33527-5980. This issue can also be ordered together with Joyce Cheney’s *Lesbian Land* (see below)for $25.

*Maize*, *A Lesbian Country Magazine*. [womanearthandspirit.org](https://womanearthandspirit.org/)   
Publisher & Editor: Jae Haggard. A quarterly magazine that publishes a directory of women's land groups about once a year. Jae plans to have a new directory out at the end of this year, 2021. For further information, contact [Jaehaggard@gmail.com](mailto:Jaehaggard@gmail.com) or visit [WOMAN, EARTH and SPIRIT (womanearthandspirit.org)](https://womanearthandspirit.org/) Or mail to: Womanearthandspirit, PO Box 130, Serafina, NM 87569

*Shewolf’s Directory of Womyn’s Lands and Lesbian Communities*, six editions published by Jean “Shewolf” Boudreaux (1932-2020), the last in 2016. Titles varied in spellings and whether “lesbian” was included. For information about future possibilities, contact Sabine Dyke [Amazon.dyke@gmail.com](mailto:Amazon.dyke@gmail.com)

**Books about Women’s Land**

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Interviews with members of almost 30 lesbian land groups around the country. Now hard to find, but available for $25 from *Sinister Wisdom*, as a package deal with “Landykes of the South*,” Sinister Wisdom,* no. 98, See details above for this entry.

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Holmes, Barbara, Nett Hart, Terri Carver, and Lisa Pierce. *On Our Own Terms: Ownership and Transfer of Lesbian Land.* Minneapolis: Lesbian Natural Resources*.*Available free from [publications@lesbiannaturalresources.org](mailto:publications@lesbiannaturalresources.org)

Howard, Jeanette. 2005. *Into the Promised Land: Beyond the Lesbian Struggle*. Oxford, England: Lion Hudson PLC. Can be ordered online.

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Lee, Pelican. *Owl Farm Stories*. Available from the author at [pelicanlee4@gmail.com](mailto:pelicanlee4@gmail.com)

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Some of the contributors live on lesbian land.

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*(Please check your local library to receive copies of articles with “Citation Only” or newspapers requiring subscription.)*

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Archibald, Sasha, “On Wimmin’s Land,” *Places Journal*, February 2021. Available online at: Full document: [doi.org/10.22269/210216](http://doi.org/10.22269/210216)   
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