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The Century Project "Mini-Exhibit"

By Doug Hickok

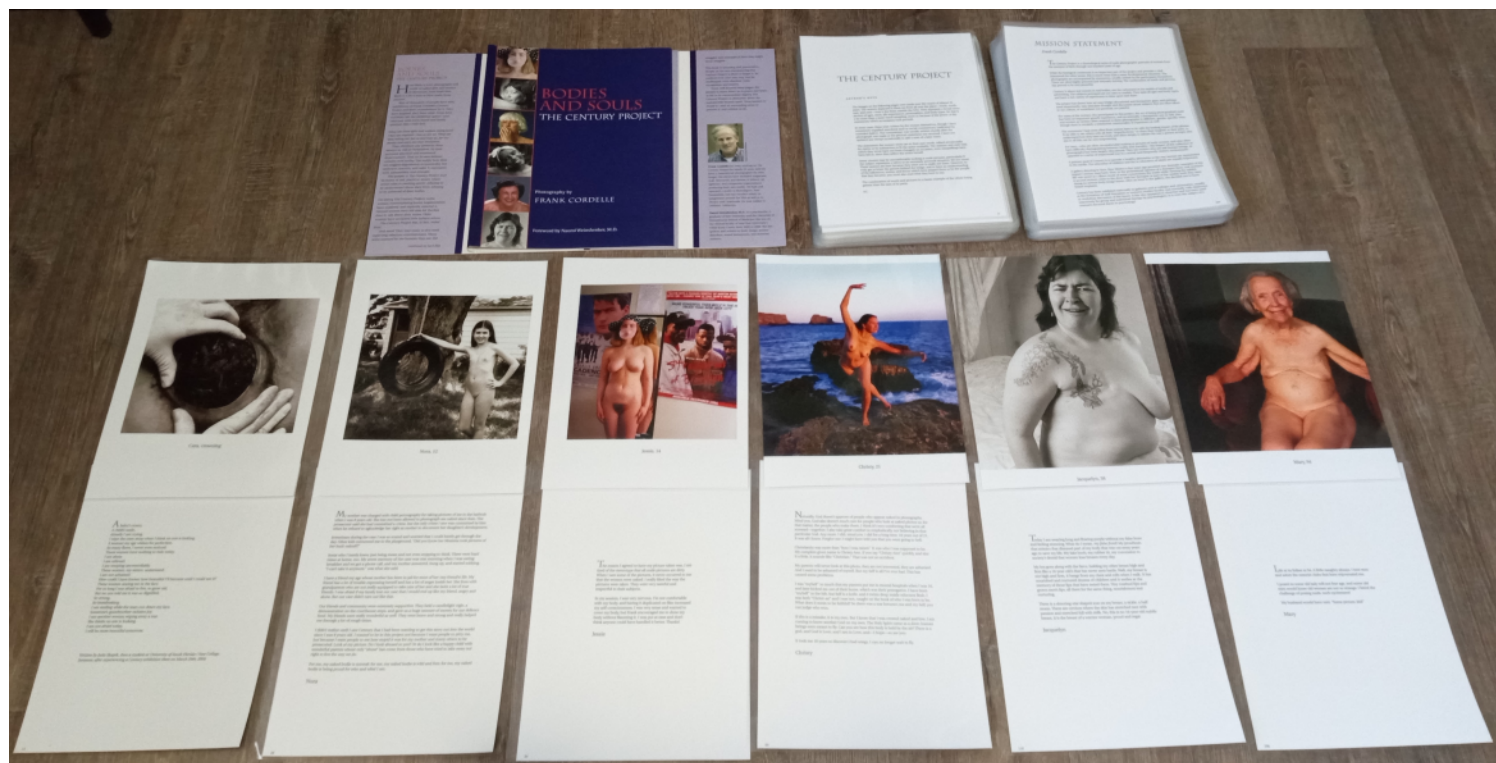
As announced in the April 2021 newsletter, NEF acquired the Century Project from Frank Cordelle. Since that time, there have been a couple exhibits.

In Spring 2021 it was exhibited at Cypress Cove for an International

Women's Day event. To make that happen, I packaged up about 25 prints (which are matted to be 16x20 inches, and have another matte on the back for stability). These prints were chosen by the event coordinators and didn't really align with what Cordelle would've exhibited. Shipping this from Wisconsin to Florida was about \$80.

From there, it was shipped for another \$80 to Michigan for an event that didn't pan out. It went by car back to Wisconsin. In 2022, it went by car way over to Massachusetts for the Eastern Naturist Gathering and back. All-in-all, it's the same 25 prints that keep traveling even though NEF has 208 matted prints available.

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It's fine to curate the matted prints for a college or university exhibit. If a gallery wants to host an exhibit, we may even pull out the 42 framed prints housed in three large wooden shipping containers. But for a simple and quick exhibit at a nudist venue, we needed something easier and more flexible.

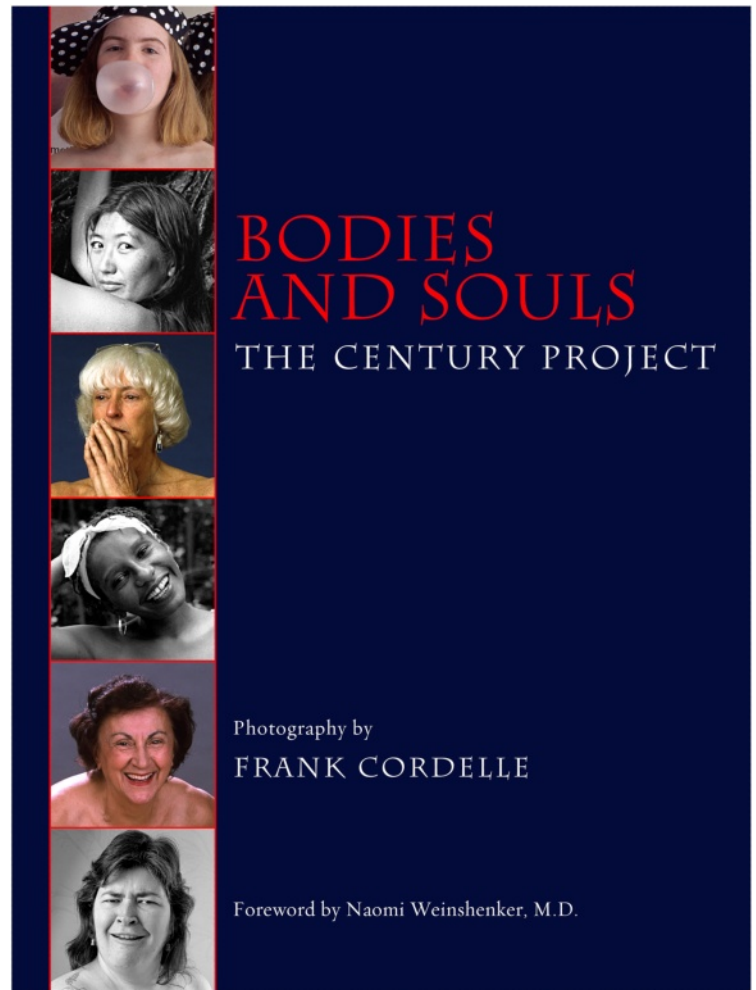
Introducing the Century Mini-Exhibit. All 98 photos and stories from the book have been laminated and put in a small container. These can be laid out in any customized way and span whatever table space is available. Best of all, it's a small package to ship and a small container to bring in a car.

Other advantages include the ability to tape the pages down in breezy locations, protection against people with sunscreen-filled hands, and a low cost of replacement if anything gets damaged or stolen.

Historically, the Century Project was exhibited over 70 times at colleges, universities, and other public spaces between 1992 and 2012. It has made a significant impact on thousands of people, and has saved at least two lives. (See the April 2021 newsletter for many details about the project.)

NEF would like to get this exhibit back into the colleges and universities, and we need connections to make that happen. Exhibits at naturist venues will hopefully be this stepping-stone to reach the end goal.

NEF is also seeking some volunteer (or possibly compensated) caretakers to promote the collection and coordinate the logistics to make exhibits happen. If you're serious and dedicated to promoting Body Acceptance to the general public, drop us an email at NEF@NaturistEducation.org.



Framed prints for gallery exhibits.



Matted prints for college/university exhibits.

A Few of the Things Done by NAC and NEF Over Summer Vacation

By Jim Dickey

As you probably know, both NAC and NEF work independently as well as with other national organizations, local groups, and individuals to assist in meeting goals. In addition to working on the regular ongoing missions of protecting and enhancing naturist rights (NAC), educating and sharing information with naturists and non-naturists (NEF), and providing naturist information and preserving naturist history (NEFRL) this summer allowed for some time to participate in some other activities as well. Although we could not participate in a couple of regularly attended events due to some health issues, there were other opportunities that allowed us to hit the naturist road. For instance...

Earlier this summer a Western Naturist Festival, organized and hosted by the Southern California Naturist Association, was held at Shangri La Ranch in New River Arizona. At the festival, NEF displayed a majority of the recently created Cordelle Century Mini-Exhibit on the walls of the festival's main dining and meeting room. Based on feedback, probably all of the festival attendees visited the Cordelle exhibit as well as many Shangri La visitors and residents. People had questions and comments, and many expressed gratitude in having the exhibit displayed.

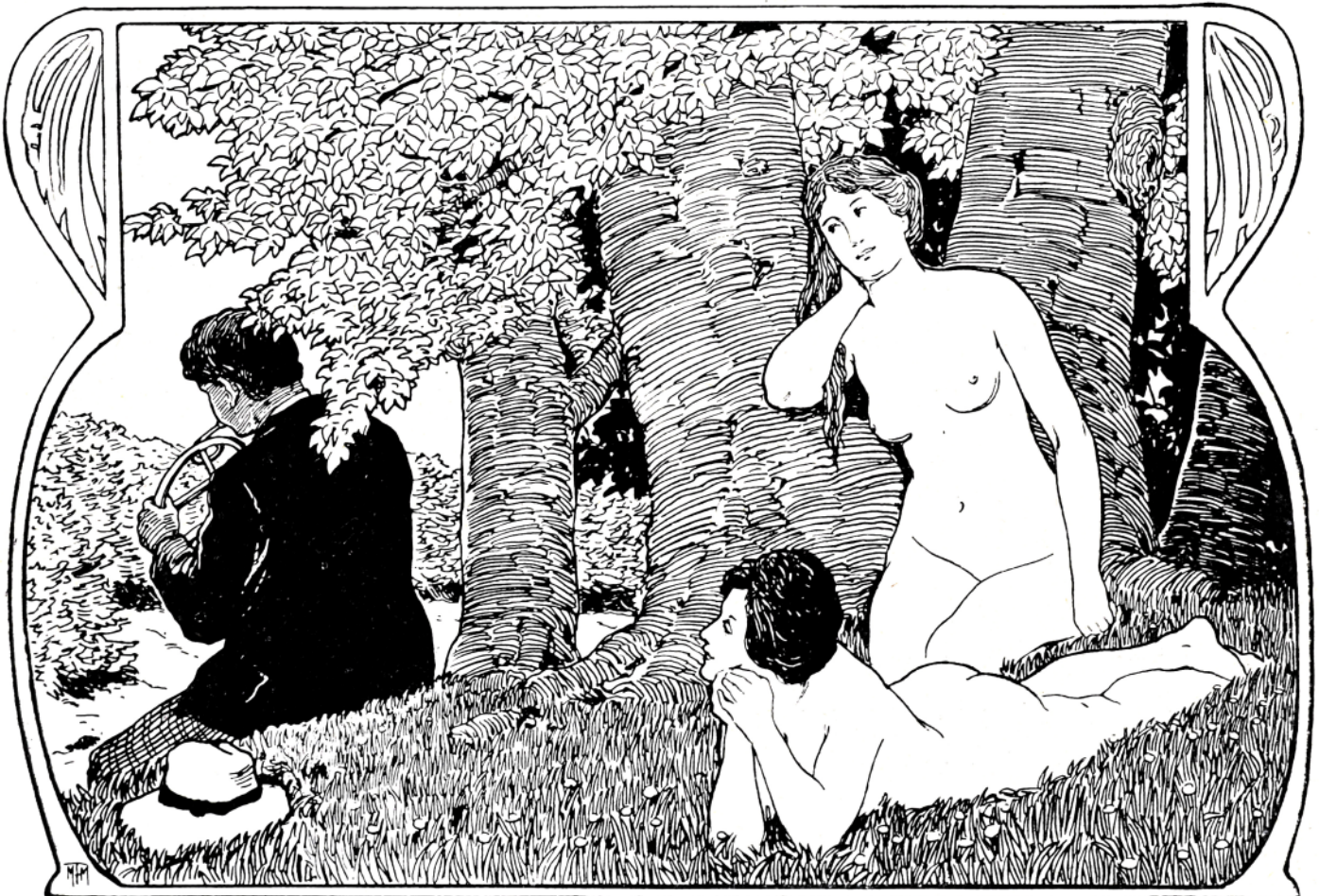
During the AANR Annual Convention held earlier this month at Solair Recreation League in Woodstock Connecticut, we were offered the opportunity to share a table with GAT

(AANR's Government Affairs Team), and set up information for NAC, NEF and NEFRL. This worked out well to connect with a few area representatives as well as make a few new excellent contacts for the NAC-AR program, and allowed for letting people know how GAT and NAC are working cooperatively together on some projects.

We were fortunate to be positioned between the tables for AANR staff and WINR (Women in Nude Recreation). Being next to the WINR table was a good location for Claude Richards, the NEFRL librarian, to display photos from Frank Cordelle's book "Bodies and Souls: The Century Project". In addition to a number of books being distributed, she was also able to share much information regarding the NEFRL library as well as the other libraries in the Consortium (American Nudist Research Library, Western Nudist Research Library, and Northwestern Research Library), and people interested were able to sign up for this newsletter as well as become library patrons.

We were very grateful to be included in the afternoon's exhibits and especially thankful for the opportunity to get Cordelle's important book into the hands of more people.

For those wanting to receive a copy of "Bodies and Souls", one can be shipped to you directly for the same minimal donation of \$20.





Nudisk: The 1990's Newsletter on a Disk

By Sigmund Snider

The first recorded newsletter, the Acta Diurna, was created in ancient Rome. These daily public records or daily gazettes were carved onto metal or stone and placed in public spaces for citizens to read. In the 16th century, newsletters about politics, trade, and other current events began to be printed and circulated. By the 18th century, newsletters had become popular for businesses to communicate with their customers. Today, newsletters are widely used to share news and information with a specific audience.

For nudists and naturists, newsletters have long been favored as the primary means of communicating the events and happenings of a club or organization. Many were typed out on old manual typewriters, copied, placed into envelopes, and mailed to subscribers. A few, like the AANR Bulletin, evolved into more sophisticated magazine-type publications. Today, newsletters (like this one) are primarily sent via email. But in the early 1990s, a pair of naturists, Camilla Van Sickle and Bill Pennington, sought to take advantage of the increasingly widespread use of computers by producing and distributing a newsletter on 5.25" IBM disks, which they called the Nudisk. The 5.25" IBM disk was first introduced in 1981 and quickly became the standard for IBM-compatible personal computers. The disk had a capacity of 360 kilobytes (KB) and could store a variety of files

and programs. Each Nudisk contained detailed trip reports of Camilla and Bill's travels to various clubs, campgrounds, resorts, and public lands throughout North America.

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If you happen to have a Nudisk, the NEF Research Library would love to preserve it!

Nudisk I was produced in 1992, Nudisk II in 1993, and Nudisk III in 1994, and copies were mailed from Camilla and Bill's winter home in Sarasota, Florida, and their summer home in Westfield, Massachusetts.

I met Camilla Van Sickle and Bill Pennington at a naturist gathering at Cherokee Lodge. After stressing that I was to address them as "Camilla and Bill, or C&B, or perhaps even Cabilla, but never, ever Bill and Camilla," because that represented adherence to tiresome misogynistic etiquette, Bill took me to their RV and engaged me in a lengthy discussion about the necessity of working to preserve naturist rights, while Camilla printed out local trip reports and other information, their old dot matrix printer noisily buzzing away behind piles of fan-folded paper and computer diskettes in their cluttered home on wheels.

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[This early 1990's 24-pin dot matrix printer is still in occasional use. Paper is almost free, and a lifetime supply of ink ribbons is about \$15. Photo by Doug Hickok.]

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It took a bit of effort to understand Bill's vernacular. "Dirt" was Bill's word for a gawker, so if his trip report to a skinnydipping hole warned, "Go on a weekday when there's no dirt," he wasn't talking about what was underfoot, but who might be lurking in the shrubs. He also had various obscure warnings about naturists who consumed "liquid courage" (beer) and "people who wear a lot of gold jewelry" (swingers) at dances. Bill was rigid in his views, but he was full of invaluable stories and information and had a wonderfully dry sense of humor.

Camilla and Bill were known as the N&N Nomads and Pioneer Valley Naturists for several years before becoming Nuding Naturally, an American Sunbathing Association (ASA) affiliate in 1994 and then retiring from the road to operate El Dorado Hot Springs in Arizona.

Over time, the 5.25" IBM disk was replaced by more advanced storage technologies, such as the 3.5-inch floppy

disk and the CD-ROM. In recent years, social media platforms have become the preferred means for nudist and naturist organizations to communicate with their members and with the public, but with the growing instability of these platforms – changes in ownership, evolving terms of service, censorship concerns, and the possibility that an account might be suspended or terminated without much reason – newsletters are regaining popularity among organizations and individuals. But we should remember the brief period in time between printed newsletters and emailed newsletters, long before the internet gained popularity, when a pair of naturist nomads found an innovative way to communicate information about nudist and naturist spaces, 360 kilobytes at a time.



[The software and VHS tape from the "Don't Copy That Floppy" campaign to combat software piracy. Photo by Doug Hickok, personal collection.]

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