

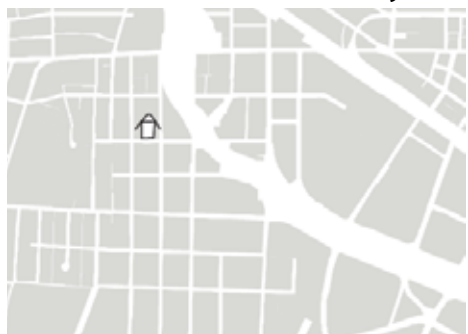


May 31, 2010
5:21 PM

Hey y'all!

We're both here baking on this hot but beautiful day, and finally hooked up a fan in the kitchen. It's been a full week - we had a wonderful baking day and workshop last Thursday for Combahee Survival Week. In honor of the week, we've got a quote from the Combahee River Collective founding statement about work, and reflections on what it means to be a queer bakery!

What is [this] community?



Last season, this zine included a series where we found quotes that spoke to the question "what is community," first from scholars and activists and then from folks participating in the bakery. This season, we'd like to continue thinking about that question, by talking with community organizations that are connected to the bakery, people in it, or Durham - people that are building community that creates the world that we want, in different ways.

We are socialists

because we believe that work must be organized for the collective benefit of those who do the work and create the products and not for the profit of the bosses.

We are not convinced, however that a socialist revolution that is and anti-racist feminist revolution

will guarantee our liberation.

Combahee River Collective, 1977

We need to articulate the real class situation of persons who are not merely raceless, sexless workers, but for whom racial and sexual oppression are significant determinants in their working/economic lives.

This week, we talked with Beth who is part of the Harm Free Zone Organizing Committee, and here's what we talked about.

What are the basics of the HFZ Organizing Committee?

The Harm Free Zone organizing committee helps people create Harm Free Zones wherever they want to - everywhere! - so we can create them in all of our own communities.

And... what is a Harm Free Zone?

The purpose of a Harm Free Zone is to help prevent, intervene in, and repair harm in transformative ways, recognizing that nobody is disposable. This requires strengthening our bonds of trust and accountability and power in our communities, so we don't need to rely on outside institutions, specifically the police or the state - so we realize we have what we need to take care of ourselves and each other.

What's next for the HFZ organizing committee?

Right now the organizing committee is working

We have been reflecting a lot on our need/desire for the bakery to be a queer space. Like the Combahee River Collective wrote, we are whole people and our economics and sexuality and gender and race and all parts of our lives are intertwined. We are planning to do some things to make the bakery more of a queer space - please bring us decorations! And join us for a queer movie night next Monday after bakery pickups - at 8:30pm!

Now... Noah interviews Tim for his thoughts on how we create queer space in the bakery.

What does the bakery being a queer space mean to you?

For me it means both a space where as queer folk we feel supported and inspired to express our sexuality, and also a space where the ways we work together with other folks in the bakery challenges heterosexist and other dominant ways of being in the world.

What do you think it takes?

Being really intentional and attentive to the way

with a community in Trinity Court apartments in Chapel Hill who want to create a Harm Free Zone in their neighborhood. The bakery has also had conversations with Kai, another member of the HFZ organizing committee, about how the bakery could connect to the HFZ project, as an economic survival institution. We are exciting about the possibility of supporting communities that are creating harm free zones to create bakeries or similar food-related co-ops as part of building the community's self-reliance, interdependence, and sustainability.

What we baked this week

Half-wheat sourdough sandwich (840g/loaf)

Contains: Water (36% by weight), Organic whole-wheat flour (30%), Organic white flour (30%), Vegetable oil (3%), NC Honey (1%), Salt

Whole-wheat sandwich bread (840g/loaf)

Organic whole-wheat flour (56%), Water (30%), NC Honey (5%), Vegetable oil (5%), Molasses (2%), Salt (1%), Yeast

the space looks, the way we related to work and to each other. And, it also means bringing in other folks that are queer and that can be with us on that journey. It means building a strong queer community in Durham that we can be a part of, cause its not something we can do alone.

It sounds like you're talking about creating queer culture. Can you say more about that?

There are some things that seem kinda obvious or silly, like having it decorated in a queer way - having pictures of our queer ancestors, or dancing more. And, I think creating a space that kinda challenges the separation between our minds and our bodies; That also plays out in the separation of work and play - and being queer has a lot to do with calling that into question. So, makin' the bakery a fun space and playful space and a space where we feel sexy and we can be present in all aspects of our being; a space we move through not just in the most efficient ways but out of joy, in ways that are like dancing. And that plays out even in how we shape the loaves - so it's not just focused on work.

Multigrain sourdough (739g/loaf)

Organic whole wheat bread flour (43%), Water (40%), Organic rye flour (3%), Rolled oats (3%), Lentils (2%), Buckwheat, Rye berries, flax seed, quinoa, sunflower seeds, salt, barley, sesame seed, pumpkin seed, poppy seed

Mulberry Muffins (470g/half-dozen)

Pecan milk (40%, water & pecans), Organic whole wheat pastry flour (29%), Genuine Hand-Picked Walltown Gully Mulberries (11%), Organic cornmeal (5%), Egg substitute (5%), NC Honey (4%), Organic fair trade sugar (3%), Vegetable oil (2%), Baking soda, Baking powder, Salt, Cinnamon

Seeded Sandwich Loaves (854g/loaf)

Organic whole-wheat flour (49%), Water (28%), Vegetable oil (6%), NC Honey (5%), Pumpkin seeds (4%), Sunflower seeds (3%), Poppy seeds (2%), Molasses (2%), Salt (1%), Yeast

Bread Uprising Bakery

816 Yancey St., Durham, NC 27701

breaduprising@resist.ca

breaduprising.wordpress.com