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“Too long have I hunted mammoth alone!”

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## MEET LENI CLUBB



Many of you know that when a question arises about the World Atlatl Association, the answer is usually...Ask Leni. So you say, “Who is Leni”. Here is your answer!

Leni Clubb initiated the atlatl into the Colorado Archaeological Society, which then formed the World Atlatl Association. She has held an office since the incorporation of the WAA: Vice President, Executive Secretary, and now Executive Secretary/Treasurer. She has the record books that she can refer to as to policy, decisions of the Board, previous articles in THE ATLATL. Leni also has an extraordinary memory for all things dealing with the World Atlatl Association. If

you haven't seen the revival of the atlatl story on the WAA website [www.worldatlatl.org](http://www.worldatlatl.org) look it up!

But Leni is more than just the wellspring of the World Atlatl Association. In 1997, she was approached by the artist Marilyn Cohen as a possible subject for her 'new project' - the 'paintings' of eighteen women in the U.S. who were outstanding in one way or another which resulted in “Teach Me The Songs My Mother Sang”. The 'paintings' were actually collages with tiny bits of tissue paper to make the images. Along with the 'paintings' Ms. Cohen wrote poems about the women. These were made into notecards, with the painting on the front and the poem on the back. Here is the poem and the painting.

### THE LEGEND OF LENI

Lenore English Clubb

She is a poet and a painter, an adventurer and world traveler.  
She makes dream catchers, medicine wheels and Atlatls,  
And uses a medicine bag around her neck as a divining rod,  
To locate archeological excavation sites.

Her ancestors fought with George Washington at the Battle of Trenton

And she was a child star in silent films with a dog called Strongheart.

She knew Tom Mix, Janet Gaynor and Our Gang

But in 1926, when she was 12, her movie career came to an end

MARILYN COHEN



Leni,  
May the  
Great Spirit  
send you  
abundant  
gifts.

May the  
Sun and  
Moon shed  
their softest  
light upon  
you.

May the  
four winds  
breathe  
gently  
upon you.

THE LEGEND OF LENI  
41 X 29  
TEACH ME THE SONGS MY MOTHERS SANG - a celebration of American women  
©1997 Marilyn Cohen

When her family went home to the quiet of Springfield, Ohio.  
During the Depression she ran an elevator at Montgomery Ward, married and had a child.  
Left stranded by her husband, she got a Las Vegas divorce,  
Vowing never again to be *a nothing in a housedress*.  
Shy, quiet Lenore became Leni, as she set out to meet the world.  
In Fairbanks in the 1940's she helped erect a Methodist Church  
And on her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday entered the U. of Alaska to study Botany, Psychology and German.  
She lived among the natives in a village on an island 200 miles east of Fiji,  
Took a riverboat up the Amazon to live in a Peruvian jungle camp,  
And was tear-gassed during student riots on the streets of Peru.