

Wayves

Charlottetown Pride

By Michael Doiron

This year, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, will celebrate its ten-year anniversary of Pride in full force. This year's theme is "Diamonds are Forever," in keeping with the tenth year traditional gift. As we are all little gems we invite everyone to come and party on our Island and take part in one of the biggest bashes we have ever held in the history of Pride in our province. Events will be held during the week of July 4-12. There's something for everybody! This year we're inviting all Drag Queens to come and help us in our parade by strutting their stuff and exploding with as much glitz, glam and glitter they can manage.

We're also inviting any Maritime business that wants to promote their business by putting a float in the Pride parade to send us an e-mail at www.arcofpei.com. This is a great way to promote Island business and have fun at the same time.

The Pride 2008 schedule appears below.

Friday, July 4

Men's Pride Primer (10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.)

Piazza Joe's Wine Cellar, 189 Kent Street

Sponsored by Naked Grape (Vincor Canada). Complimentary wine tasting to begin the evening with red-hot trax kicked out all night long by DJ Michael Shawn.

Saturday, July 5

Women's Night (10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.)

Piazza Joe's Wine Cellar, 189 Kent Street

Sponsored by Naked Grape (Vincor Canada). Complimentary wine tasting to begin the evening, with the latest mixes by DJ Alana.

Wednesday, July 9

Open Mic Coffee House

Open to all of the community, especially youth. If you have a talent like singing, drumming, or poetry reciting we want to hear from you. Professional sound and lighting in this great venue will showcase your talents. To enter

please e-mail us at www.arcofpei.com.

Friday, July 11

Drag Show and After Party (Queen's Ball)

Confederation Centre of the Arts, Charlottetown, PE.

Sponsored by Vincor Canada. With professional sound, lighting and special effects this will surely be a show to remember! As our theme this year is "Diamonds are Forever," we ask all Drag Queens come to support their community and flaunt all the glitter and glam-our they can. If you would like to be in the show please contact us at our website listed in this article.

Saturday, July 12

Pride 2008 Parade (2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

The parade will run for one hour and end at the Fathers of Confederation Park in Charlottetown. If you would like to enter a float or group please contact us on our website. We ask all parade participants to gather at 12:30 p.m.

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East Coast Rainbow Softball



The Chicken Ladies, some of the spectators at the May 25 opening game.

By Curtis Cartmill

This year we have signed up 75 people and have placed them onto 5 teams, much better than the 55 players over 4 teams we had last year.

Below is our July schedule, for

those folks around Halifax looking for something fun to do on a Sunday afternoon. The most up-to-date Schedule can be viewed online at www.ecrsa.ca/schedule.html.

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Pictou Flag Raising



May 17th

Atlantic Pride Schedule

Prince Edward Island Pride events are being hosted by ARC. This year's dates are July 4 through 12 - and read the full story this page! Check out ARC of P.E.I.'s website at www.arcofpei.com for more information.

Halifax Pride will be held from July 20 through 27. Check the centre page spread for the full 411!

Cumberland Pride: Gerard Veldhoven, chair, is happy to announce that group's very first Pride this year, to be held from July 7 through 13. Check their website at cumberland-pride.sytes.net.

Cape Breton Pride, August 9 to 16. Full story in last month's Wayves.

Saint John, NB's Port City Rainbow Pride will hold its Pride celebrations from August 10 through 17. Check their website at www.portcityrainbowpride.com.

Moncton's River of Pride takes place this year from September 6 through 14. The website is www.fiertemonctonpride.ca and has a full line-up of events.

A few Pride celebrations still are to be announced. Check their websites or send off an e-mail for more information: Pride of Pictou County, NS, www.prideofpictoucounty.ca • St. John's, NL, www.stjohnspride.net • Truro Pride/Diversity Committee, NS, contact Kim Cole at cole@tru.eastlink.ca

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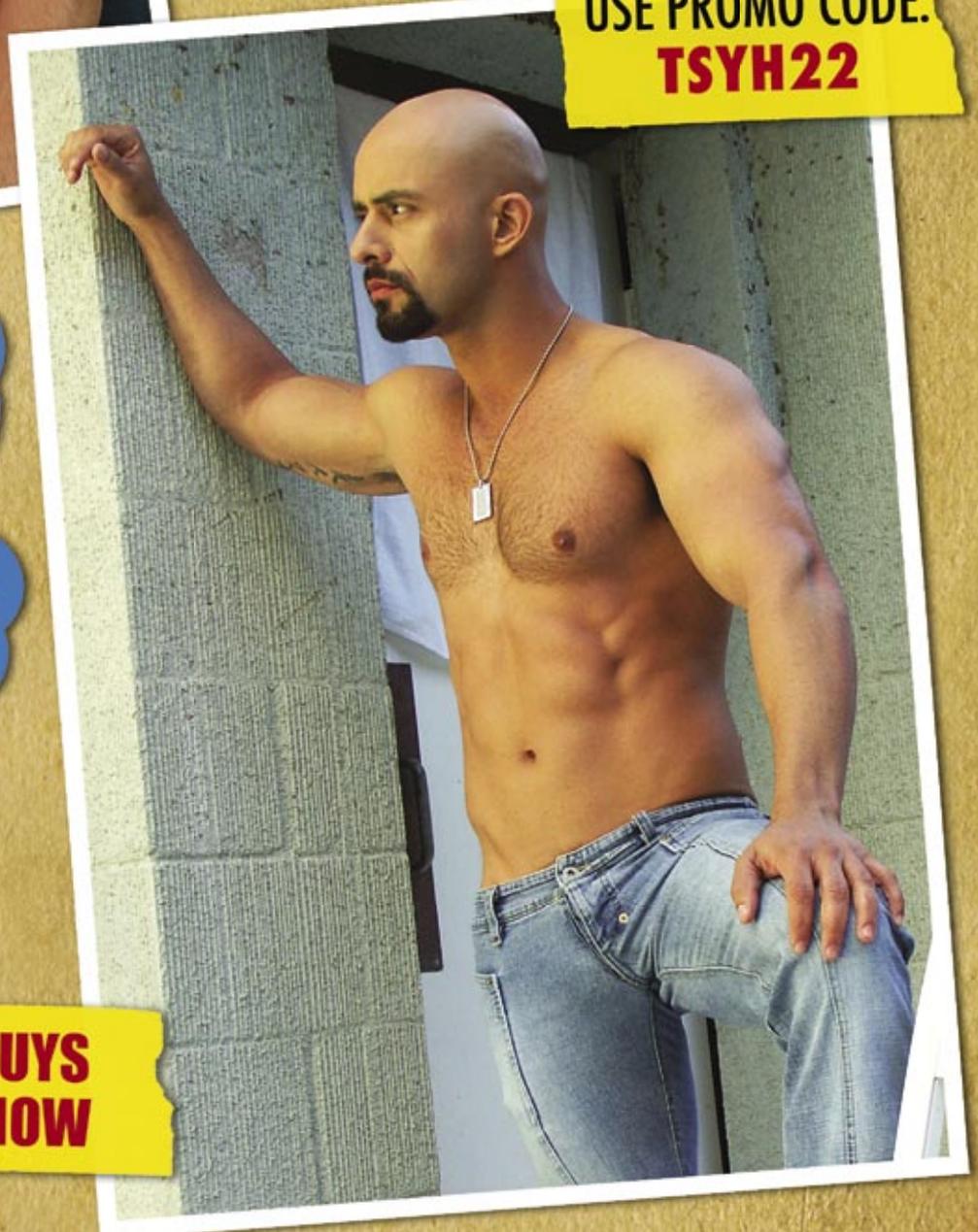


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Northern AIDS Connection Society Art Auction

by Denise Holliday

Having never attended an art auction before, I was perhaps a little intimidated at the prospect. The Best Western Glengarry has an established reputation as the swankiest hotel in the town of Truro and has been the location of this event for seven years now and the setting, parking and hotel staff were of the highest caliber.

I was met at the door by the organizing crew and after snapping that picture I turned to be met by a room display that I have only seen in museums prior to this. Beautiful arrays of paintings, pottery, sculptures, quilting, and literary pieces; all donated, most of them by local artists. Half the room had tables laid and a wall of refreshments that was soon to be devoured.

The donations were from established local and international artists, including an upcoming 17-year-old student artist from Truro and an anonymous annual baby quilt donation from a mother who lost a son to AIDS and now provides quilts to give to those living with HIV.

Bidding on crafts made from

glass and brass, glazed pottery, and magnificent quilt sets proved to be tough.

Of course, the big issue with me was personal finances and I was amazed at the range of bidding. Some items that were worth far more went for under \$30 probably because, like me, people were holding out for the special item they desired. Some items were, as expected, bringing three-figure bids.

I even went \$5 over my personal budget in a bid to own a beautiful figurine of a ballet dancer that Rob Marshall of New Glasgow donated from his store, Swan Lake Sculpture. It went for \$50 more than I could afford and as the lady walked around with the beautiful figurine that her husband had successfully bid on, I could tell it had found a home that would appreciate it.

Al McNutt, as always, was a quiet and yet ever present power in the room. He rightly emphasized that while fund raising was the financial goal, the main and most important aspect to Northern AIDS Connection Society was awareness and to see the seats filled with such

an assortment of people with such a wide variety of backgrounds was to him the most exciting part of the evening.

While Larry Baxter of Nova Scotia Advisory Commission on AIDS spoke in support of the work and the room was filled with people from the surrounding areas that proved the impression that the Truro mayor left—with his unpleasant flag incident—that everyone in Truro was small-minded and unsupportive was in NO way representative of the general population. These were representatives from all walks of life who had gathered funds by all kind of means and brought them along for a supportive time and in a way that said we believe in supporting this important issue. The Board of NACS was very pleased and grateful for the support shown.

I was quietly reminded by Al McNutt that even though this year's event is over, crafts, paintings and other items are being collected for next year's Arts Auction. Please let your artistic friends know they have an opportunity to assist. Perhaps you can start a jar in



Debbie Currie, Al McNutt, Bonnie Joldersma and Tom Harrison, Susan Reid,

the kitchen or at your local group and join NACS next year for an amazing evening of fellowship, culture and support in the fight against AIDS, because AIDS does truly affect us all.

Sexual Health Centre of Lunenburg County

Submitted by Carol Rock, BSc (HEd)

Executive Director and Health Educator

The Sexual Health Centre for Lunenburg County had a busy spring, which is the norm for us. Spring is when many teachers do the "Sexual Health" unit of the Personal Development and Relationships (PDR) course, so in turn, we have an increase in requests for school presentations and calls from teachers looking for assistance. We also see an increase in client drop-ins and phone calls.

This year, on top of the regular high demand, we celebrated International Day Against Homophobia by offering presentations on the subject to junior and senior high school students, around the week of May 17. With an overwhelming response, the presentations spread throughout May and into June. We completed a whopping 33 presentations just on the topic of respecting sexual orientation to seven of our

eight junior high schools and one of five high schools. We received great feedback from both students and teachers. Almost 700 students received our own pamphlets, and thanks to the Youth Project in Halifax, the schools all received a few copies of the PFLAG poster, "That's So Gay" is So Yesterday."

As we wind down the season (inadequate funding forces an annual summer closure; this year from June 20 to September 15) our dedicated volunteer board will remain hard at work planning events for our 20th anniversary in the fall. It's hard to believe we've been here for that long. Time flies when you're having fun. So if you live nearby, stay tuned to what's

going to happen in the fall!

For questions, contact: Executive Director Carol Rock, 527-2868 (before June 20) or 543-2423 (home, after June 20.)

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Truro Banner

By Paula Arsenault

We may not be able to fly a rainbow flag in Truro—but we sure can hang our banner!

So, begins a busy summer for our Rainbow Proud group. The Rainbow Proud group is participating in several Diversity Week events being held in Truro and area during the week of June 28 through July 5.

We'll kick off the week there will be a Canada Day-themed dance on June 28, from 8:0 p.m. to midnight, held at the Truro Lions Club, 1100 Prince Street. The event is restricted to those 19 and over, and the cost is only \$8. T-shirts with an embroidered Rainbow Proud logo will be for sale at the dance and all summer events at a cost of \$15.

During the Diversity Parade the Rainbow Proud group will be present on foot and in a van. The parade will be held in Bible Hill on July 1 and is scheduled to start around 10:00 a.m. The group is sponsoring an educational movie, "The Truth about Jane," on the evening of July 2 at St. Andrews United Church. On July 12, we take to the water by canoe on the Stewiacke River. Landlubbers can still join in at the barbecue held afterward at the Stewiacke River Park.

As a new group we hope to be able to support various neighbouring rainbow community events in Cumberland and Pictou counties. The next meeting for Rainbow Proud will be held September 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the Truro Library. Plans are in the works for a disco-themed Halloween Dance, complete with a talent show, so get ready to get up and boogie.

We are available to answer questions by e-mail at rainbowproud@hotmail.com. You can check out our website, which will soon be on line at www.rainbowproudnovascotia.ca.

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July Schedule

July 6: 3:00 pm (arrive by 2:30pm) St. Francis Field, MENZ BAR vs. HOPGOOD-DEAN; 4:20pm (arrive by 3:50pm) St. Francis Field, BLUE MOON vs. ROSIE'S RIVETERS.

July 13: 3:00 pm (arrive by 2:30pm) St. Francis Field, ROSIE'S RIVETERS vs. C-VISION; 4:20pm (arrive by 3:50pm) St. Francis Field, MENZ BAR vs. BLUE MOON.

July 20: Earlier Game: The Commons Field #9 (Canada Games Diamond), ROSIE'S RIVETERS vs. HOPGOOD-DEAN; Later Game: The Commons Field #9 (Canada Games Diamond), BLUE MOON vs. C-VISION; 1:00 pm: The Commons Field #9 (Canada Games Diamond), Pride Opening Event, Dykes vs. Divas Game (unconfirmed as of press time.)

July 27: 3:00 pm (arrive by 2:30pm) St. Francis Field, C-VISION vs. HOPGOOD-DEAN; 4:20pm (arrive by 3:50pm) St. Francis Field ROSIE'S RIVETERS vs. MENZ BAR.

Nuotio Fundraiser For St John's Pride

Glenn Nuotio, a queer songwriter and performer from Newfoundland now living in Ottawa, is appearing in St John's as a fundraiser

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Pictou Flag Raising

Excerpt of speech given by Gerard Veldhoven, Chair, Cumberland Pride, at the flag raising on May 17.

Here we are in the beautiful town of Pictou witnessing the raising of the Pride flag. What a wonderful sight it is and indeed, we praise town council for their positive attitude towards the GLBT community

On of the reasons we are here is to celebrate the town's embrace of the GLBT community and its obvious respect for diversity. However, all is not well. We rally against Pictou county council and others, as they changed their flag policy to fly only government flags. They do not recognize the diversity of the citizens of this county. It has become almost commonplace to do just that.

Since last year we have learned about Truro town council and mayor Bill Mills, who used the Bible to support his homophobic rhetoric. Kay Chisholm, mayor of Antigonish, initially had shown support to fly the Pride flag, but then changed her mind. Pictou county council is one of several jurisdictions in Nova Scotia to stand against embracing diversity, thereby choosing to separate instead of unite the gay and straight communities.

On April 23, Cumberland county council decided to change its flag policy. Now only government and municipal flags will be hoisted. The decision was made almost immediately following a request by Cumberland Pride to raise the Pride flag. This kind of discrimination has become a practice that seems to be spreading in various parts of Nova Scotia.

Obviously, these councils change flag policies as soon as a request that a Pride flag be raised to celebrate our victories. These changes are not a coincidence, but a deliberate move to avoid flying the

Pride flag. Why are these councils so against the gay and lesbian community? What are the mayors and councilors so afraid of?

Why are many jurisdictions supportive while others discriminate in such a blatant manner? These councils are determined to undermine the GLBT community by making us a scapegoat for other groups that have flown flags in the past, but now are no longer able to do so. In effect we have become the bad guys. The point is that these

councils have relegated us to the back seat of the bus, so to speak, by discriminating and homophobic action. In the process they leave other community groups in the dust without the possibility of raising their flags.

How naïve of them to think they can pull the wool over our eyes and declare, "We are not homophobic, and we certainly do

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Thu., July 24
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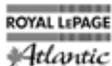
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Hey Tom

Time for Pride here in Atlantic Canada. I used to talk about Pride Week, which meant Halifax Pride but now there are Pride activities happening in small towns and larger centres all over the east coast. Queer folk are reclaiming their space – I like to think of it as an expanding transparent force field, like a giant iridescent bubble with glinting rainbow highlights where the light strikes it; both pretty and useful. Some folks feel threatened by the bubble and see its growth as an encroachment on their havens of heterosexuality. They think this proliferation of queer Pride is just the thin edge of the wedge and they are absolutely right! Like the Scarlet Pimpernel – and how gay is that! We are here, there and everywhere; and always have been. For years bureaucrats, politicians and big business could pretend we didn't exist and some are uncomfortable now that that illusion has been taken away from them.

Even within the cities we are no longer sticking to our areas, refusing the restrictions of ghettos and villages. Guerrilla Gay Fare once a month "takes over" a straight bar for an evening. Nothing wrong with our gay bars but we have become greedy for choice. Freedom can be an intoxicating brew. We queer folk are the perfect examples of "Give them an inch and they'll take a mile." Actually in my case, give me an inch and I'll holler for more inches ... but that's a different topic.

The constantly asked and boring question of do we still need Pride Parades comes up every year and my answer is always yes. The fact that someone – gay, straight, trans or undecided – wants us to stop Pride Parades indicates discomfort with the public display and that in and of itself is significant. One purpose of Pride parades is protest against inequities but another purpose is celebration of who we are and our right to be seen, heard and acknowledged as part of the larger community.

And we have a right to expect some recognition of our contributions. I don't mean just in the normal professions like gay nurses, telephone repair people and fire fighters, I mean the truly unique things that we have given the world... like Camp! I found this definition of Camp: "something so outrageously artificial, affected, inappropriate or out-of-date as to be considered amusing. A style or mode of personal or creative expression that is absurdly exaggerated and fuses elements of high and popular culture. The dictionary also spoke of "exaggerated mannerisms exhibited especially by homosexuals." There! We queers created Camp and I think the world is a better place for it. I for one am proud to stand with my hands on my hips, a feather boa around my neck, one eyebrow

arched and tell you how accepting Judy into my heart has changed my life. Maybe someday there will be flaming queers going door to door asking residents to consider putting more outrageousness in their lives, to add a splash of red or teal blue into their beige lives, to wear inappropriate underclothes under their three piece suit, to dance to Madonna while vacuuming, to add a maraschino cherry to the gin and tonic, to practice overdramatizing emotions rather than repressing them and to fight the general tendency of the world to crush individuality and to convince us to slip unnoticed through life. Maybe even summer Camp camp for queer kids to get in touch with their inner homo and learn how even a natural sylvan setting can benefit from a few decorative throw pillows and how beautifully a bon fire reflects on a mirror ball.

At least that's how I feel on my good days. On the bad days - or more often, nights - when I find myself eating mayonnaise and pepperoni sandwiches at 3 a.m. by the flickering TV light of a Judging Amy rerun...I'm not so sure. There is still a lot of "family" out there in the world who are not even at the point we were at fifty years ago, Tom. In the US, only Massachusetts and now California have same-sex marriage, and many states have little legal protection for LGBT citizens. And how about our own government? With Bills C-10 and C-484 the Harperites have already shown their desire to erode rights and freedoms.

And our brothers and sisters in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and lots of other places need our help, support and contact. Think of Pride Day as queer New Year's and make a resolution to start thinking internationally as well as locally. Let us be vocal and visible for those who still must hide who they really are.

Auntie Mame said, "Life is a banquet and most poor sons of bitches are starving to death." We've been taught to settle, to ask for little, to be grateful for the tiniest show of affection. Well I want more! More colour, more music, more laughter, more flamboyance, more outrageousness, more recognition dammit!

Internationally, nationally and locally....still lots of work to do, and a good start is by being as outrageous, flamboyant, loud, camp and queer as possible!

Happy Pride!

Crawford

Catch Up on BLT

By Sue Andrews

BLT women of Halifax sent out a question: "Do transgender women in Nova Scotia want to only have transgender women's groups or be a part of other women's groups in the community?"

The question received many replies, with lots of opinions and thoughts. We are learning more and more every day, to make BLT stronger. I was given permission to share one of the e-mails:

Dear Sue,

Being a transwoman myself and a member of BLT for well over a year, I think that BLT does a great job in providing a place to bring down the walls. While transgender issues are complex, this group is first and foremost a women's group. I believe the topics of safety, employment, family acceptance, law, medical community, social policies, and self-empowerment are core subjects that should be talked about within this group, as I believe they affect each and every one of us no matter what our backgrounds.

I also go to another group of just transwomen, put on by Capital Health. At this group we discuss things like: issues around post-op or pre-op; cost surrounding SRS surgery; voice training; bra fittings and hormone treatments.

I believe this is a good place to have those discussions. Now I'm not saying that we shouldn't or couldn't have these same discussions at BLT, but if there are 10 women at the group and I am the only transwoman there then I don't believe the atmosphere is right to talk about trans issues, and

would rather talk about women's issues. Now that's just me.

I know that some other transwomen that I have met only feel comfortable around other transwomen and would be scared to go to a women's group.

So, to answer the question: do the transgender women in Nova Scotia want to only have transgender women's group or be a part of other women's groups in the community?

I believe there is place and need in Nova Scotia for both groups! When I first started coming out I thought that the GLBT community was going to be the community I could find safety and comfort in. While generally this has been the case, I was very surprised by the amount of prejudice that runs through the community against transpeople. So we definitely need to be open and honest with each other and break down these walls.

I am worried about the transmen, though, as I do not see any place for them to go for support—even Capital Health, the very people who treat transmen, have no meetings that I know of.

The work of trans inclusion is critically important. I have no doubt that each of us doing our part will create a new world where it is safe and acceptable to express our gender in any form we choose. Ultimately, through each of us making our part of the world trans inclusive, we will help spread trans-friendly attitudes everywhere.

Hugs, Alana

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Gay Men's Health

Be Proud—Get Tested

By Angus Campbell

First of all, let me preface this column by stating that the opinions expressed are mine and not necessarily those of my employer. I do not write this column on behalf of the ACNS. I write it as a personal contribution to my community, as do most volunteer contributors to GLBT newspapers.

Having said that, do you know your HIV status? According to the Canadian AIDS Society one in four HIV+ people in Canada don't know they are poz. When was the last time you were tested? I go every year as I consider it part of my social responsibility. If I were to test positive, I would want to know as soon as possible, and for a couple of reasons:

1 - My own health: I want to have full knowledge of my health. Call me a control freak, but I want to be able to make sound, informed decisions about my body, and I need to know the total picture in order to make them. If I were poz I would want to make extra efforts at staying healthy.

2 - The health of others: I would not want to pass on the virus. Did you know that the average person infects four to six others before they learn they have HIV? Healthcare workers are supposed to use universal precautions, but

mistakes happen. In my opinion HIV prevention is everyone's responsibility, both positive and negative. There is no blame and there should be no stigma.

Really, I'm not telling anyone what to do, as this is a very private, individual choice. However, I'm curious as to why people wouldn't want to know. I can imagine that for some there are anonymity issues. Others might be stepping out on their partners and coming home with evidence of a blood test may set off some alarm bells. Still others say that testing is too stressful on them.

Let me sound the alarm, and I'm not judging, honestly. But consider this: how would you feel if you infected your partner, especially if they believed you are in a monogamous relationship? Sound impossible? It's not. I have three friends in Vancouver that got HIV this way.

If anonymity is an issue, then I recommend you travel to a different community. For example, some people in Sydney will drive to New Glasgow for testing to ensure that the HIV nurse, and anyone else, doesn't recognize them. That's smart thinking.

Some may claim they don't know where or how to get tested. I'm including a list for Atlantic

Canada. You can always search the web for "HIV testing in (your province)" or call your local AIDS Service Organization. There's no need to feel any judgement or stigma. Every HIV nurse that I've ever met is there because they believe in total health, which includes sexual health. They know a lot and they're willing to share the information.

So for this year's pride, wherever you may be in Atlantic Canada, I say "Be Proud, Get Tested... Today!"

Got health questions? Email me: AngCam59@yahoo.ca.



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Nova Scotia Legislature Declares International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia



Denise Holliday and Hon. Leonard Preyra

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Sixtieth General Assembly
Second Session
3:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 2630

To recognize May 17th as the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

MR. LEONARD PREYRA: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act recognize the rights of all to be free from discrimination; and

Whereas Nova Scotia is a society open to everyone regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

Whereas in Nova Scotia, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people and others face discrimination, violence and intolerance because of their sexual orientation or gender identity and there is a widespread general agreement that homophobia and transphobia should not be tolerated;

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Assembly recognize May 17th as the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia and commend the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project and other community groups for their hard work to eliminate homophobia and transphobia.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver. Is it agreed? It is agreed. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay. The motion is carried.

Flag Raising - Town Hall
July 7th - 12:50

Public Forum - Heartz Hall
July 12th - 1:50-4:00pm

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Cape Breton IDAH For the Love of a Queen, part II



By Tim Humphries

Before every show, Tim Humphrey fingers through his crate of PlayStation 2 games and plugs in a favourite. His good friend Brad comes over, and their discussion alternates between the logistics of the evening's show and video game trash talk.

As the producer of the infamous Lulu LaRude's Five Minutes of Fame, Timmy needs this relaxation time. In a few short hours, he will be responsible for finding five judges, setting up the set, selecting and organizing the music, making the announcements, fixing microphones and sound problems, and then stripping down the set at the end of the show. Toughest of all, Timmy is responsible for gathering the show's contestants, which often requires extensive pleading and begging.

The strange thing about Timmy is that you'd never believe that he is the gay producer of Halifax's premier drag queen talent show. He's just too... ordinary. Messy brown hair darts in all directions from underneath his red baseball cap. In a loose t-shirt and jeans,

he looks ready for a six-pack of Keith's and a hockey game. In reality, he's sifting through music files, picking songs for the show.

After growing up in Saint John, NB, Timmy found his way to Halifax to work for an animation studio. The 30-year-old is a talented artist, and framed portraits—cartoon caricatures of elegant women smoking cigarettes—adorn the wall of his apartment. It wasn't until he was 23 that Timmy came out of the closet to his mom, with whom he is extremely close. Her gut reaction to the news confused him.

"You don't dress up like a woman, do you?" she asked im-



mediately.

"Oh, my God, no! That's not what it's about!" Timmy couldn't grasp the generalization.

by Peter Steele

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM) marked International Day Against Homophobia with a barbecue, march and reception. Although it was the traditional long weekend to open cottages, and there was a possibility of a downpour, more than 30 people took their stand against homophobia to the streets of downtown Sydney. The event was a collaboration of the Pride Cape Breton Society, PFLAG Sydney, and the Nova Scotia Department of Health Addiction Services.

During the week leading up to May 17, the CBRM flew the Pride flag outside the administrative building to mark its support of its gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Many thanks go out to our local newspaper, the Cape Breton Post, for their promotional article, and to CBC Radio, which hosted a more than 15-minute interview with this writer on its afternoon Mainstreet program. Both the newspaper and radio station also featured follow-up stories of the afternoon's activities. Their continued support is much appreciated, and always crucial in our goal to combat homophobia.

The event started with a free public barbecue along Sydney's waterfront boardwalk. There were lots of burgers and hotdogs donated by M&M Meats, an on-going supporter of our community. Condiments and refreshments were supplied by NS Department of Health (NSDH) Addiction Services, who also handed out their individual Pride flags to those in attendance.

During the noon hour barbecue, people stopped by to express their support, and some stayed to socialize and join the walk. After a short rallying call, participants from the gay and straight communities took to the sidewalks of downtown Sydney where they were greeted with support from onlookers and passing cars.

Did we make progress in fighting homophobia? Well, we like to think so, for every time we take a stand, we are that much closer to ridding our communities of this dreadful scourge. We all make a huge difference each time we speak out against homophobia!



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Timmy knew Lulu LaRude by reputation long before they met. The duo soon participated together at a stand-up comedy fundraiser for Gay Pride. Lulu was impressed by the young man's quick wit and ability to think on his feet. When the original producer of 5MoF left, Timmy took over.

According to drag queen Rouge Fatale, Timmy took the show to another level. He was the "good cop" to Lulu LaRude's fiery bad cop. When Lulu, always the perfectionist, would fume about a hiccup in the show, Timmy would remind her that it wasn't so bad.

"What do you mean, it's not so bad?!" she would bark back, to the delight of the audience.

She got over it. She always got over it. Lulu left it all on stage—she was just playing the bad cop. For the good cop, life was good. Looking back, it was too good to be true.

It started with a bad headache.

On its own, obviously, this would never stop Lulu LaRude from performing. But a few weeks of bad headaches later, when Lulu started losing sight in her left eye, she figured it was time for the doctors to take a look. They said she was suffering from Trigeminal Neuralgia, a neuropathic disease that causes intense pain throughout the face. In the days before appropriate treatment was available, they called it "the suicide disease," since most sufferers would kill themselves rather than live with the pain.

Since treatment was available, and since Lulu LaRude had the strength of five men (or slightly more), the news wasn't too drastic... if the doctors were right.

They weren't. Lulu had a brain tumour.

Sometimes, true character reveals itself in life's strangest and saddest moments. Facing death, Lulu LaRude's endless optimism sparkled. Empty morphine bottles crowded her bedside table; the doctors had her on 360mg of time-release capsules per day. She never once complained about the pain. The chemo zapped her hair off, so she raved about how snugly her wigs fit and how easy it was to draw her eyebrows on.

The cancerous lesion above her sinuses rested on her optic nerve, and soon she lost all vision in her left eye. She held a contest to see who could make her the most fabulous eye patch. Of course, they were all winners, and she performed wearing them interchangeably.

Within days of the diagnosis, the drag community organized a fundraiser to help Lulu with the financial burden of her illness. She chose Eureka Love, who'd once stood in for her and was now herself a budding drag queen, as the host. Although it was a terrific honour, Eureka can barely remember the night—it was a total blur of emotion.

Eureka also took over as the temporary host of Five Minutes

of Fame when Lulu was too ill to make it. Without fail, Eureka would give Lulu the hosting fees.

More bad news. Chemotherapy had slowed the tumour, but not stopped it. The doctors told Lulu LaRude she had two months to live.

"Well, what am I going to do, sit around and bitch about it?" she quipped.

That night, Lulu invited Eureka and a handful of other queens to her home. They played Clue for hours and Lulu made them laugh. From the beginning of her illness, no one believed Queen Lulu—the unstoppable force—could ever succumb. The tumour should bow to her!

That night, Lulu sat up in her bed with Eureka Love at her side, and she asked her friend for a favour.

"Take the show," said Lulu.

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Now that the summer weather is upon us, after a long day at the beach, or enjoying a hike through any of the numerous nature areas of our beautiful region, make a point to stop by the lobster pound and pick up our region's most treasured crustacean, the noble Atlantic lobster. I prefer to buy live and cook them myself, but the whole point of this article is to make an easy preparation for you, so buy them cooked. While on your travels, pick up your produce at one of the many farmers markets. Local wild asparagus should still be available, as well as baby red potatoes and fresh herbs. If you happen to be near one of our region's vineyards, pick up a bottle of what are becoming better and better locally-produced wines, and your evening is set for a great meal on the patio or balcony. Happy chillin'!

Next month, Strawberries...

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Ingredients for 2 plates

2 (1 1/2 lb) female lobsters (for the coral)	2 tbsp chopped chives
1 lb baby red potatoes	1 cup sour cream
1 lb asparagus spears (tossed in olive oil to coat only)	2 tbsp tarragon vinegar
1 shallot (minced)	juice of 1 lemon
1 clove garlic (crushed)	1 tsp sugar
2 tbsp chopped fresh lovage (or flat leaf parsley and tarragon)	1/2 salt
	1 tsp cracked pink peppercorns
	1/2 lb whole butter (clarified)

Method

1. Start by boiling the quartered baby red potatoes in salted water until fork-tender. Drain and while still hot toss in a bowl with the tarragon vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper. Place covered in the refrigerator until fully chilled.
2. During this time, combine the sour cream, lemon juice, shallot, garlic and herbs and set aside.
3. While the potatoes are still cooling, cook the asparagus on your outdoor grill on a medium-high heat, just to give them a bit of charring for flavour and until they are just cooked through (approx. 3-4 min).
4. When potatoes are cold, toss them with the sour cream dressing and cut up grilled asparagus.

I like to serve this meal on large oval dinner plates with the lobsters cut in half and the claws pre-cracked for easier, less messy eating, placed on either end of the plate and a mound of the salad in the center, garnished with the crumbled red lobster coral and a lemon wedge for those who like extra. Serve your clarified hot butter in a ceramic candle-warmed chaffing dish for dipping the lobster in. There you have it, the perfect Maritimes summer dinner!

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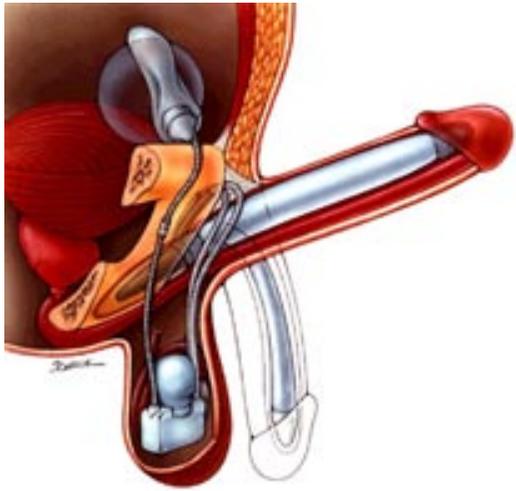
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Getting It Up After Surgery

By JC

I was always a little smug about my health history. For most of my life I checked almost all the NO boxes on medical questionnaires. Then one day, after a routine digital exam, I was told I might have a prostate problem. PSA levels had always been normal. A biopsy confirmed it was cancer. Given my age and other circumstances, my



urologist recommended surgery, a radical prostatectomy. And so it was done. The good news is that, after analysis, I have a good prognosis. The bad news was that, in my case, it was decided not to use so called "nerve sparing technique," which meant I would be irretrievably impotent. An orgasm was possible but an erection, impossible without help. If I'd been single, this might not have mattered so much but I was in a new relationship, so it did matter. We tried to be brave but it turned out to be problematic for our relationship. What to do?

There are several things you can do to achieve a post surgery erection. Each person has to decide for themselves what is appropriate for them. There is plenty of information on the web and forums to discuss alternatives with others who have been through this. I tried the injection method but I'm allergic to the formula available locally. The pump was awkward and unsatisfactory for us. Two years after surgery, I finally chose a three-piece, inflatable, penile prosthesis. What was installed was an "AMS 700 Ultrex." It consists of a pair of inflatable plastic cylinders that are placed in the penis, a pump and valve assembly located in the scrotum, a fluid reservoir located in the abdominal cavity and plastic tubing linking all the components. To inflate, you squeeze the grape sized plastic bulb located between the testicles with your fingers. It takes a little manual dexterity - see the diagrams. About six weeks after surgery you are ready to go. It takes a little getting used to but I have to say it has worked well for us. My surgeon says that his patients generally inflate their prostheses to about 80-85% capacity. Surveys say that it is the most satisfactory solution for ID in terms of patient and partner satisfaction. (92% for men, 96% for their partners.) Not bad!

I am not aware of the reservoir in my abdomen. I am unaware of the presence of the rest of my prosthesis, most of the time. My penis is a little larger and harder than before in the deflated condition and, a little shorter than before, in

the inflated condition. However, it's harder than it ever was during a normal erection. Furthermore, you can keep it inflated as long as you want which has obvious advantages. The orgasm is different, with less throbbing, but still pleasant. There is, of course, because of the surgery, no ejaculation. I think that may explain why I feel less enervated after an orgasm.

This implant isn't cheap (mine was \$4,300) thought the surgery is covered and it carries a life-time warranty. There is a cheaper alternative, a non-inflatable type which you just bend up when you need it and bend down when you don't.

I don't regret my decision to do this. A lot of men feel that if they had to do it again, they would. I feel more or less "complete" again, a participant in life instead of an observer who can "look but not touch." So, if you are concerned about the consequences of prostatectomy, there is a light at the end of the tunnel!



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Gay by Design

By Amore Passion

Welcome to the first article of Gay by Design, "straight" from La Terrasse Amore Passion. We are pleased to be your host to a world that even though we are a part of, we often simply see it from afar or from a brief visit, possibly never fully understanding or appreciating. In Gay by Design we will discuss art, culture, food, wine, and even romance—when we understand and use this knowledge, we can take more pleasure in the loves and passions in our lives. We'll start off by discussing lobster, an all time favourite summer food.



Enjoying lobster in a restaurant requires some knowledge and etiquette to ensure that you not only enjoy what has been prepared for you, but also not to offend those who are dining with you. Do not feel intimidated if it is your first time eating a whole lobster in a restaurant. Eating a lobster will require you to follow some easy steps and guidelines, which will perhaps also save you from the embarrassment of destroying your lobster.

1. Holding the lobster by the back, slowly pull off the legs in a twisting motion. Although the legs are small and tricky to remove, they do have meat inside.

2. With a gentle twisting motion, remove the claws at the joints. You may also want to use the nutcracker to do this if the claws resist the gentle pull.

3. Remove the loose part of the claw and consume the meat inside.

4. The large section of the claw will require the use of a nutcracker. Simply crack down on the claw and take your small seafood fork and gently press the meat from the tip of the claw out the larger end of the claw.

5. Twist the tail and the back breaking them off into two separate sections.

6. Consuming the tail does require some care and practice since this section provides the best meat.

Remove the small flippers (also known as the telsons) and insert your finger into the telson end. Slowly force the meat out through the large opening that was once connected to the back. The meat located within the flippers is edible and quite delicious.

7. It is important to remove the black vein from the top of the tail and can be done by simply peeling off the top of the tail and pulling out the vein. Many people consume the tomalley, the lobster's liver and digestive tract, which will appear green, but it is not recommended since this is where pollution may linger.

8. You may eat the remaining meat that is located within the body of the lobster, but you may encounter some mysterious organs. The gills and circulation system are edible, as well as the roe. Roe, or coral, are the unfertilized eggs that are in the body of a female lobster and are consumed by true lobster lovers.

9. Some restaurants provide a plastic bib, a napkin is more appropriate to use, as long as it is a cloth napkin and not made of paper.

10. If you do not want to be troubled with the removal of the meat you should request the shell to be removed when you are placing the order with the server. Do not wait until your entrée is delivered to your table to make this request. The kitchen will also appreciate the request when the order arrives to the kitchen and not as an afterthought.

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at the Shaw Building parking lot to organize so we can be ready to go at 2:00 p.m.

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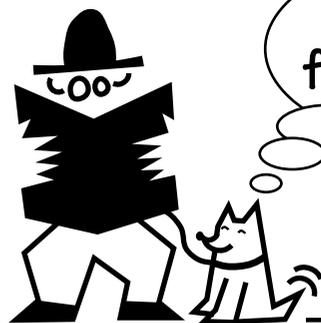
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Adrian, Owner of Spree

• Hey, Adrian, any plans yet for Pride? Plans? Not yet. If I'm not working, then I'll go to the parade. • What about when the sun goes down? Well, we talked about having a party here at Spree. • Remember your first Pride, Adrian? [Laughs] Yeah, most of it! [My turn to laugh!] It was in T.O. - I got wasted, it was hilarious! • What did you wear? I wore a sarong as a top, and knotted in this weird, crazy, random way. [JUST LIKE our people, give them a yard of fabric and they'll find a "thousand" ways to wear it!] • What about pants? Er, I don't remember - I may have left them on the parade route [Oh, I just HATE it when that happens!]



Baby Max, Future Star

• Plans for Pride, Dude? The parade, then Jay's Garden Party. [Well, duh, what was I thinking?] • What are you going to wear? A smartly tailored Pampers suit with a smarter bib. • Which after-party is on your To Poo list? Just Depends on how much Pampering I get! [Insert tongue in cheek, not!] • Do you remember your first Pride? • Sorta, but it was all a bit of a blur, and I couldn't quite hear through all the amniotic fluid!

Disclaimer

The views expressed in this column do not represent those of anyone but ME [I mean, MH] and I don't have a Customer Relations desk, so kindly forward all complaints to www.fuck.off. Sorry, darlings, if that seems a teensy bit harsh, but it does set the tone! So do read on, if you dare to be entertained. By the way, this is the premiere column of *ALL Aboard*, where (with your help) we will build momentum for an ultimate train of thought, where there are multiple tracks with one goal of leaving nobody behind - whoever you are, jump on, you are welcome! Next stop: You decide!



This stop: Pride!



Jay Wells, stylist, with Alexander, Baby Max's Dad

• Your plans, Jay? To rewrite 'Valley of the Dolls' [Girl, it's already out on video!] Oh, you mean for Pride! • What are you going to wear? Well, something 20-ish draped around my neck, and I haven't decided yet on my bottom, but I'm currently taking applications. • What about the parties? Of course, it's a WEEK, after all!



Tracey Curry, Manager of D2

• I know you have plans for Pride, Tracey. Spill 'em! Of course, I'll be dancin' in the parade, suckin' on Jello shooters. [make enough for TWO, cause I think I just made MY plans!] • Set plans yet for the parties? No, I'm just gonna let the underwire of my bra lead the way [I'm "sooo" hanging with you!] • Do you remember your first Pride? Hell, yeah! It was 1990 in Vancouver. I wore a bustier with eyeballs that blinked on my boobs; needless to say, I've never had so many comments on my eyes! ["No Doubt!!" - See pic!]



Terry and Eryn, of Eye Level Gallery

• So, Eryn, what are your Pride plans? Well, I think I may just go with the flow. • Oh, come on, Eryn, that's a lie! What are you really doin'? Okay, don't tell anyone, but I'm gonna get a bicycle-driven hot tub with fireworks! Sweet! No problem, my lips are sealed [but I can't speak for my pen - it can't seem to keep a secret!] • What are you going to wear? A bright orange bikini and knee highs! • Do you remember your first Pride? Montreal - Ohhh, the "French"! • And you, Terry - with-an-i-when-you're-feelin'-it, what are your plans? Oh, I'll be in the hot tub! [rub-a-dub-dub, HOTTIES in the tub!] • What are you going to wear? I was thinking I might wear my Chewbacca suit. [the BEARS will love that! I hope said hot tub has a HARDCORE filter, LOL!] • First Pride, Terry? Uh, I can't remember. [just the way I like 'em: ARTSY with NO long-term memory!]



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20th Annual Courage Round Up

The 20th annual Courage Round Up will be held from August 8 through 10, 2008 at the Universalist Unitarian Church, 5500 Inglis St., in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The theme for this year's Round Up is "Sailing into Sobriety." Courage is a small, intimate Round Up, sponsored by gay men and lesbians in

AA. It is the only gay and lesbian Round Up in Atlantic Canada, and the only one of its kind east of Montreal.

Open to all alcoholics and those affected by the alcoholism of others. The weekend includes fellowship, speaker meetings and workshop discussions of recovery

topics in a relaxed and peaceful setting.

Registration opens at 5:00pm on Friday, August 8. Cost is \$25.00, which includes lunch on Saturday. However, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Supper on Saturday is extra, estimated at \$12.00, to be paid at the restaurant.

Pre-registration is appreciated. Send your cheque or money order to Courage Round Up, c/o 1916 - 1333 South Park St., Halifax, NS, B3J 2K9.

For more information, call (902) 425-8383, e-mail Courage449@yahoo.com, or visit the website at www.rationallunacy.com/courageroundup.



Last Month's Question

Can we keep Pride alive all year long? 32 people responded; 21 thought we could, 3 thought we couldn't, and 6 weren't sure. We got some wonderful tips on doing it: • By living your life openly and proudly to all. • Have monthly or weekly events. • By organizing workshops for both our community and the straight community. • By having representatives on various boards and groups, like the Chamber of Commerce and Destination Halifax, to elevate pride into the boardrooms and every other aspect of Nova Scotian life. • By being out, proud LGBT men and women every day of the year.

This month's question:

Are you a city, town, or rural (country) dweller? Are you closeted, selectively out, or totally out about your sexual orientation? Is Pride relevant to you as a form of social activism, of actively socializing, both, or neither?

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AtlanticPoz: A new discussion group is for individuals living with HIV in Atlantic Canada. web: health.groups.yahoo.com/group/atlanticpoz/

Egale Canada - Atlantic: (888) 204-7777 email: egale.canada@egale.ca web: www.egale.ca

GaySpaces, Fredericton: Free postings of GLBT-friendly places to live in Canada. email: info@gayspaces.org web: www.gayspaces.org

Gender Expressions Atlantic: Support for transgendered individuals ranging from Crossdressers to Transsexuals. email: gender_expressions@hotmail.com web: www.geocities.com/gender_expressions/ (No scheduled meeting. Occasional social events, by invitation only.)

Healing Our Nations, Dartmouth: Healing Our Nations is an Aboriginal HIV/AIDS service organization that serves the Atlantic region. (902) 492-4255 email: director@accesswave.ca web: www.hon93.ca (Healing Our Nations staff meet once on a weekly basis. Training offered on request at no charge for Aboriginal peoples and/or organizations.) at 15 Alderney Dr., Suite 3, Dartmouth, NS. B2Y2N2

Maritime Transgender Workplace Solutions Project, Upper Musquodoboit: Transgender Issues Workshops and information resource. (902)568-2935 email: denisesined@ns.sympatico.ca web: www.3.ns.sympatico.ca/winpapapernews (No meetings, Workshops by arrangements, information source when requested. Newsletter Odds & Sods bi-weekly)

Mr Atlantic Canada Leather Society, assorted cities: Dedicated to developing gay leather communities in the Atlantic region. email: waydo7@hotmail.com

Names Project (AIDS Memorial Quilt): panels - helping create, and lending. 902-454-5158 email: larrybaxter@ns.sympatico.ca web: www.quilt.ca (Call if interested in volunteering or making a panel) at 3544 Acadia St. Halifax, NS B3K 3P2

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Propitiation, Toronto: A fellowship of gay and lesbian Anglicans and their friends. 416-977-4359 email: propitiation@hotmail.com (We meet on a Saturday or Sunday Evening once every other month for Evening Prayer Discussion, refreshments and fellowship. Contact for meeting location) at members homes. We prefer our heritage, worship, and Spirituality of the Book of Common Prayer. We are troubled by such right wing organizations as the prayer book society and Essentials.

Wayves Magazine: Atlantic Canada's queer news and lifestyle magazine!. email: submissions@wayves.ca web: wayves.ca (Editorial meeting one Monday night a month; layout one Sunday a month; email us to be notified of meetings & deadlines!)

New Brunswick (506)

Affirming United Church - Centenary - Queen Square United Church, Saint John: invites you to worship!. 634-8288 email: cqsunited@nb.aibn.com web: www.cqsunited.ca, meets every Sunday (10:30am) at 215 Wentworth St, Saint John, NB

AIDS New Brunswick / SIDA Nouveau-Brunswick, Fredericton: committed to facilitating community-based responses to the issues of HIV/AIDS. 459-7518 email: sidaids@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.aidsnb.com (Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 4:30PM)

AIDS Saint John, Saint John: improve quality of life for those infected & affected by HIV, reduce the spread through education 652-2437 email: aidsj@nb.aibn.com web: www.aidsaintjohn.com

Fredericton Lesbians and Gays, Fredericton: Email listserv of events/news in the Fredericton for gblt men and women. email: jamesw@stju.ca web: www.geocities.com/westhollywood/3074

Gais.es Nor Gays Inc. (GNG), Petit-Rocher

(Bathurst area): A bilingual volunteer association serving gay men, lesbians and bisexuals of northern New Brunswick. email: info@gngnb.ca web: www.gngnb.ca (Dances are held at GNG club every Saturday night. See www.gngnb.ca for a list of upcoming events.) at 702 rue Principale, Petit-Rocher NB. Look for rainbow flag and/or door with pink triangle at rear of parking lot.

Integrity, Fredericton and area: Supports and encourages Gays and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. email: davidstaples@rogers.com, meets 3rd Sunday (Group gayhers for a Service on the third Sunday of each month at 4 pm in ChristChurch Cathedral, Fredericton)

Moncton Line Dancing, Moncton: LINE DANCING for all levels from beginner to advanced. No partner required. No dress code. , meets every Wednesday (8:30pm sharp) at Triangles Bar, corner of St. George and Archibald.

PFLAG Canada, Moncton: Supporting all people with questions or concerns about sexual orientation and gender identity issues. (506) 869-8191 email: monctonnb@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd Monday (Occasionally on the 2nd Monday — please call) at 7:30-9:30pm, University of Moncton, Adrien-J.-Cormier Bldg., Room 302

PFLAG Canada - Fredericton, Fredericton: all welcome. (506) 455-7190 email: pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/Pflagfredericton/, meets 4th Tuesday (7-9 pm (except December: 2nd Tuesday)) at Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton 874 York St. Fredericton NB E3B 3R8

PFLAG Canada - Sackville/Amherst: Support and education for GLBTT2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: sacknb-amns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/en/prov-list-e.asp?RegionNo=6&ProvAbbr=NB, meets 2nd monday (Phone or e-mail for meeting location and details.) at Sackville:112 Main Street or Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

PFLAG Canada - Sackville/Amherst, Sackville NB/Amherst NS: Support and education for GLBTT2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, meets 2nd Monday (7:30 to 9:30pm No meeting in July and August.) at Meeting location alternates monthly between Sackville: United Church Parlours, 112 Main Street, and Amherst: Maggie's Place, 12 LaPlanche Street

PFLAG Canada - Saint John NB, Saint John: Provides support to anyone dealing with issues of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. (506)648-9700 or 648-9227 email: saintjohnnb@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/saintjohn, meets 1st Friday (1st Friday of each month September - June from 7:00- 9:00 p.m. No meeting in July & August.) at 116 Coburg Street in Saint John, New Brunswick in the Community Health Centre next to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Port City Rainbow Pride, Saint John: Pride Celebrations Committee. email: events@portcityrainbowpride.com web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

River Of Pride, Moncton: Organizes, promotes and produces Moncton's Pride events!. email: monctonriverofpride2008@gmail.com web: www.fiertemonctonpride.ca, meets 1st Sunday, and 3rd Sunday (contact ilaisha@nbnet.nb.ca for further meeting and event dates) at Triangles bar 234 St.George St. Moncton NB

Safe Spaces Fundy Region, Saint John: Committed to ending discrimination around issues of sexual orientation in youth. email: safespaces@gmail.com web: www.safespacesfundy.com (See our webpage for schedule of meetings and socials etc @ www.safespacesfundy.com)

Safe Spaces Moncton Region, Moncton: Support Groups for GLBTQ Youth (14-25 years old). 506-854-3049 email: info@safespaces.ca web: www.safespaces.ca

Saint John GLBTQ Lending Library, Saint John: over 300 fiction and non-fiction titles. 634-8288 email: cqsunited@nb.aibn.com (open Monday through Friday, 9 AM to noon.) at the office of Centenary Queen Square United Church at 215 Wentworth Street.

SIDA AIDS Moncton, Moncton: offers support to people living with HIV and their families and friends, education and awareness. 859-9616 email: sidaidsmoncton@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.sida-aidsmoncton.com at 165A Gordon St., Moncton, NB, E1C 1N1

Spectrum, Fredericton: social and support group for students, staff and faculty at UNB and STU. email: spectrum@unb.ca web: www.unb.ca/clubs/spectrum, meets every Tuesday (See webpage for schedule.)

The UNBSJ Q-Collective, Saint John: A social and support organisation for UNBSJ students, staff and faculty. 506-648-5737 email: QCollect@UNBSJ.ca web: www.unbsj.ca/clubs/qcollective (The UNBSJ Q-Collective is

interested in hearing from other university LG-BTQ organisations and would like to possibly meet or collaborate.) at Various locations; event particulars will be emailed to anyone who registers with the UNBSJ Q-Collective and/or who gets the UNBSJ weekly "E News". Past events include the annual Rainbow Peace March, guest speakers, movie nights, participation in Maritime Pride Parades, Supporters of PFLAG Canada's "Communities Encourage Campaign" and "Champions Against Homophobia".

UN sur DIX - l'Association des étudiant.e.s GLB de l'Université de Moncton, Moncton: Vise à éduquer, à sensibiliser et à offrir des ressources dans la langue française. email: unsurdix@umoncton.ca web: www.umoncton.ca/unsurdix/ (Visitez le site Web ou envoyez un courriel pour en apprendre davantage au sujet du travail que nous accomplissons.)

UNB/STU Women's Collective, Fredericton: Women of all ages and orientations. , meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB

Woodstock GLBT Youth Advocate and Family Outreach, Woodstock: Books, movies, advice, directions, contacts, and support etc. for the family. 328-4868 email: richardb@nbnet.nb.ca

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

AIDS Committee of Newfoundland & Labrador, St. John's: HIV/AIDS education and support for male/female/transgendered, all ages, Newfoundland and Labrador 579-8656 email: info@acnl.net web: www.acnl.net

Gay Urban Youth Zone Project, St. John's: designed to increase HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and STI knowledge and awareness 579-8656 (ext. 28) email: chris@acnl.net web: www.acnl.net at Tommy Sexton Centre 47 Janeway Place Pleasantville, across from the old Janeway Hospital AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador

LBGT-MUN Resource Centre, St. John's: LBGT-MUN is an information/resource, service, and peer support centre staffed by trained volunteers!. 737-7619 email: lbgt@munsu.ca (Open Monday-Friday 9-4. Biweekly meetings for members and volunteers.) at Smallwood/University Center, UC-6022. Building located on Prince Phillip Drive. Call us! Get involved!

PFLAG Canada - St. John's: Information or referral to one of our parents. web: www.pflag.ca (For support or information on chapter meetings regarding PFLAG Canada contact Gemma Schlamp-Hickey, Atlantic Director at gemmamhickey@yahoo.ca or Diana Deacon, St. John's chapter contact at ddeacon@mun.ca)

St. John's Pride, St. John's: St. John's Official Pride Organization. 709-746-6564 email: info@stjohnspride.net web: www.stjohnspride.net

Nova Scotia (902)

Acadia Pride, Wolfville: Acadia Student Union's GLBTT2IQQ group. 585-2165 email: acadia@acadiau.ca web: euler.acadiau.ca/~apride/, meets every Monday (9:00pm(during academic year)) at Beverage Forum (old SUB)

Acadia Women's Centre, Wolfville: 585-2140 email: 057996c@acadiau.ca web: axe.acadiau.ca/womencentre (Acadia SUB Second Level Balcony)

Affirm United, Halifax Metro: GLBT & Friends support, action and worshipping community within the United Church. 461-4528 email: alstew@eastlink.ca

AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton, Sydney: Support, advocacy, prevention/education for those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Free condoms!. (902) 567-1766 email: joannerolls@accb.ns.ca, christineporter@accb.ns.ca web: www.accb.ns.ca (Free Anonymous Testing 1-902-567-1123 Check our Website for events and updates.) at 150 Bentinck St, Sydney, N.S. B1P 6H1

AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, Halifax: non-profit, community-based AIDS organization, provincially mandated. (902)425-4882 email: acns@acns.ns.ca web: www.acns.ns.ca

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: Live & Let Live AA Group for GLBT community. (902) 425-8383/422-4972 email: courage449@yahoo.com web: www.rationalunlunacy.com/cout, meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St Matthews United Church, 1479 Barrington St, Halifax (Use side door near Maritime Centre at bottom of stairs)

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

Bedford United Church, HRM/ Bedford: An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada - ALL welcome. 835-8497 email: bedfordunited@eastlink.ca web: www.bedfordunited.com, meets every Sunday (9 am

service - Casual and contemporary - with free coffee and muffins before church to take into this service. 11 am service - Quieter and more reverent in tone, coffee after service. Call to confirm worship times as occasionally we have a 10 am combined service.) at 1200 Bedford Hwy at Sullivan's Hill, near Atlantic Gardens

BLT-Womyn of Halifax, Halifax: Bi Sex-auls, Lesbian, Transgender Womyn's Discussion Group. Sue's # 499-0335 email: sueandrews1964@hotmail.com web: ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynof-halifax/ (Every second Sunday evening 6pm - 7:30pm) at Dalhousie Women's Centre 6286 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Bluenose Bears, Halifax: Club for bears and those who like them. 463-4312 email: bluenosebears@accesswave.ca, meets 3rd Wednesday

Cape Breton University Sexual Diversity Centre, Sydney: We provide a welcoming environment for GLBTQ people and their Allies. 902-563-1481 email: sdc@cbusu.com (M-F 9-4pm. Call or drop by for event listings, Ally Training, and Anti-Heterosexism/Homophobia Workshops!) at the Students' Union Building, Cape Breton University.

Colchester Sexual Assault Centre, Truro: Provides support and information to anyone (GBLTQ included) affected by sexual assault and abuse. 902-897-4366 email: trurosexualassault@hotmail.com (Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30) at 80 Glenwood Drive

Cumberland Pride, Amherst & Area: for: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals. 660-5004 email: cumberlandpride@hotmail.com web: cumberland-pride.sytes.net, meets 3rd Sunday (2-4pm)

DalOUT, Halifax: LGBTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: societies.dsu.ca/dalout, meets every Thursday (During the academic year we meet at about 7pm each Thursday night.) at Dalhousie University, check OUT our website or contact us for details

Frontrunners Halifax, Halifax: Running/walking club. 422-7579 email: Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca web: www.frontrunners.org/clubs/halifax/, meets every Saturday, and every Tuesday, and every Thursday (Sat: 9:30am, Tue: 6:00 pm, Thu: 6:00pm) at Main gates of the Halifax Public Gardens, corner of Spring Garden Road and South Park Street.

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL YOUTH GROUP AT Q.E.H.: Jeanie Buffet, Counsellor, at 421-6797

Get Out, Halifax!, Halifax: Recreation activities (team activities, cycling, running, rowing - you name it) for metro & beyond!. web: www.getouthalifax.ca at Visit and get on the email list for more info.

Girl-ish Productions, Halifax: Girl-ish puts on hot and heavy bi-monthly-ish dance parties for queer-ish folks and their friends. email: girlishproductions@yahoo.ca web: www.girlish.ca

GLB CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE (SUNS): 494-6654 at c/o the Students' Union of NS

Group Harrison Society, Cape Breton: Dances, Socials & Support Group for Cape Bretoners. (902)270-6969 email: groupharrison@society@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/groupharrisonociety, meets last Saturday (of every month Admission \$6.50 -\$5.50 for members- Best light and sound show around! Restricted 19 yrs and over) at Steel Workers Hall, Sydney

Hal-Gal Mailing List, Halifax: Low-traffic Yahoo group providing events and information for queer women in the Halifax area. email: halgal@yahoo.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/hal-gal/ (Join the list to keep in touch or post your events.)

Halifax Sexual Health Centre, Halifax: Anonymous HIV testing, open and inclusive sexual health clinical services, education and workshops. 455-9656 web: www.HalifaxSexualHealth.ca

Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society, Halifax: Fundraising. 902-449-7612 web: www.imperialcourtns.com, meets 1st Sunday, and 2nd Sunday (Executive Meetings Are Currently Held Every Second Sunday) at Meeting Locations Vary

Manna For Health, Halifax: A special needs referral food bank for those living with life threatening illness. 429-7670

Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Colchester, Pictou, Cumberland & East Hants. 895-0931 email: nacs@eastlink.ca web: northernaidconnectionsociety.ca (Our Board of Directors meet bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month. Annual General Meeting held regularly in June. See webpage for contact numbers in your area of

northern Nova Scotia.) at 33 Pleasant Street, Truro, N.S.

Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, Halifax: fostering change through networking, education, outreach & community education. 902-444-7887 email: nsrap@nsrap.ca web: www.nsrap.ca at TBA

Outlaw, Halifax: GLBTQ & Allies Law Students Association at Dalhousie Law School. email: chad.skinner@dal.ca web: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2416842853 (Meetings vary. Please email for further information or check out our Facebook group.) at Dalhousie Law School. 6061 University Avenue. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

PFLAG Canada - Halifax, Halifax: support and education for parents, family and friends. (902) 443-3747 (September-March: 2nd Sunday of the month, 2-4 PM April-June: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7-9 PM) at individual homes

PFLAG Canada - Middleton, Middleton: Information and support for GLBT community and their friends and families. 902-825-0548 email: middletonns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/middleton.html (Check online for meeting times and locations- or phone 825-0548)

PFLAG Canada - Sydney, Sydney: PFLAG Sydney provides support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. Karen 564-8728 email: sydneyns@pflagcanada.ca, meets last Sunday (of the month at 7:30pm. No meetings for July and August.) at Family Place Resource Centre 106 Townsend Street, Sydney NS

PFLAG Truro: 662.3774

Positive Connections: Teleconferenced support groups for people living with AIDS. email: connections@acns.ns.ca, meets every Monday (evening 7:00pm - 8:00pm) at by phone. No long distance charges. For more info call 425-4882 ext 228 or 1-800-566-2437 ext 228 or e-mail.

Pride Cape Breton Society, Sydney: Dances and Social Events. Monthly dances are Adults Only! Check website community events. (902) 539-4627 email: info@pridecapebreton.com web: www.pridecapebreton.com (Dances on the last Saturday of every month. Check website for dance and special event dates!) at Southend Community Centre. Maps are at our website.

Pride Guide Publishing: publisher of community focused maps, directories, event programs and more. 902-423-6999 email: prideguide@eastlink.ca

Pride of Pictou County, New Glasgow: All GBLT in Pictou County. email: chair@prideofpictoucounty.ca web: www.PrideofPictouCounty.ca (see web page for meeting info)

Quakers, Halifax: Quakerism emphasizes that we all manifest the Divine. 429-2904 web: halifax.quaker.ca, meets every Sunday at Library at Atlantic School of Theology, Franklyn St. All very welcome.

Queer Play, Halifax: A Queer performing arts group in Halifax NS. email: queerplay@gmail.com

Rainbow Playtime, Halifax: Food & social meetings for same sex families with tots or couples considering parenthood. 461-9414

Red Door, The, Kentville: Youth health adolescent center counselling, for up to age 30, all ages STD testing. 679-1411 (Monday through Friday, 1pm to 5pm, Wednesday open to 6:00) at 28 Webster Court

RESPECT, Truro: Students Making Healthy Decisions. 893-6300 email: respect@nsac.ca at P.O. Box 550, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, N.S. B2N 5E3

SAAFE (Supporting An Alternative Friendly Environment), Truro: Social/support group at the NS Agricultural College. 893-6300 email: lyoung@nsac.ns.ca (Meetings as requested. Membership changes each academic year.)

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax: A Christian Church with an affirming ministry to the GLBT community. Everyone is welcome!. 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbour-mcc.com, meets every Sunday (11 am) at Veith House, 3115 Veith Street, Halifax

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society:

Second Story Women's Centre, Lunenburg: We offer a meeting space for women, support counselling, programs, and referrals. (902)640-3044 email: secstory@eastlink.ca web: www.secstory.com at Second Story Women's Centre is located at 22 King Street, Post Office Centre, Lunenburg.

Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County, Amherst: Anonymous HIV testing, open and inclusive sexual health clinical services, education and workshops. 667-7500 email: shccc@ns.aliantzinc.ca web: cumberland-county.cfs.info (9 - 5 drop-in or appt) at 12 LaPlanche St. Confidential, hassle-free. Free condoms.

OUT! Alive – Is It For You?

By Angus Campbell

OUT! Alive is an alliance of citizens who are concerned about drug, alcohol, tobacco, and gambling issues within the GLBT Community in the Halifax Regional Municipality. The committee is open to all within the Rainbow Community and our allies.

Studies have shown that members of our community use drugs, alcohol and tobacco more frequently than our straight counterparts. OUT! Alive's mission is to increase knowledge of addiction and dependency issues by promoting outreach and understanding; to raise awareness about the treatment and support available; and to ensure that such options are able to meet, respect and respond to the needs and experiences of those within the Rainbow Community.

OUT! Alive is guided by the principles of harm reduction which state that knowledge empowers individuals, and with new learning comes freedom and healthier choices. There is no judgment,

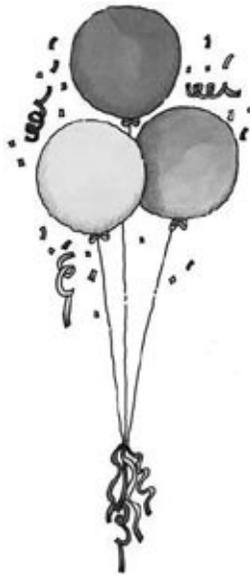
only respect, encouragement and support.

In March OUT! Alive launched a smoking reduction program with an information session at Venus Envy. In addition to data specific to GLBT smokers (yes, we are a target demographic), participants were offered free nicotine patches, gum, counseling and support. Plans are to offer the program again in the fall.

"Come meet our friendly faces on the Common after the Pride parade. Better yet, join and help raise awareness in the Rainbow Community about drugs, alcohol, tobacco and gambling," says chair Patrick Daigle. Volunteers meet once a month to plan community awareness and education activities.

For more information please visit the Facebook information page or contact Michelle Sperry, Volunteer Coordinator, Addiction Prevention & Treatment Services 424-4976 or michelle.sperry@cdha.nshealth.ca.

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Amherst

Second Monday

PFLAG Amherst/Sackville - in Amherst one month, Sackville the next. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street.

First and Third Wednesdays

Amherst and Area, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Group Meeting, 7-9pm. Anyone who is GLBT or questioning their sexuality in the Amherst, Oxford, Springhill, Pugwash and Parrsboro areas is welcome, this is a safe space where anyone can come and feel safe in talking about their sexuality and just being themselves without fear of ridicule or harassment. lgbyy-amherst@hotmail.com, all emails confidential.

Third Sunday of each month

Cumberland Pride Support Group: Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals in Amherst, Nova Scotia. Meets the third Thursday of each month from 2-4pm. Contact information: Gerard Veldhoven at 902-660-5004 or E-mail: gaylords_1975@hotmail.com

July 7-13

Cumberland Pride Week! Events in the works are a flag-raising at Town Hall on the 7th, an open forum panel discussion on building a Gay/Straight Alliance in Cumberland County on July 12th, a Dance/Social in the evening of July 12th and a Family Picnic at the week's close on Sunday July 13th. Other events forthcoming... Cumberland Pride is meeting bi-monthly as Pride Week approaches- Sunday afternoons from 2-4. Also we are about to get our website online so that updates on these and other area events can be more readily accessed. We have a small but thriving LGBT community in the Amherst/Sackville area and our celebrations will reflect the diversity that exists within the area, focusing on our common strengths and what the LGBT and straight communities can offer each other rather than focus on our dividing points. For more information or to get dates/times for meetings, please email cumberlandpride@hotmail.com

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday and First Saturday of each month

The Annapolis Valley Gay Men's Coffee House meets every Thursday Evening from 7-9pm. Also on the first Saturday of each month we host an over 19 gay/lesbian dance from 9pm-1am. There are various themes for dances so call or e-mail for directions and info to the following: 902-765-

2821 or menembracingmen@hotmail.com or yahoo.ca.

Every Sunday

Valley Girls is a social group for lesbians in the Annapolis Valley. Coffee Group on Sundays. For more information e-mail the group at Valley_Girls@yahoo.com.

Bridgewater

Third Saturday of each month (except July)

Wileville Dance. Smoke free. Door prizes. Cash bar. Must be 19. For more details call 530-5986 or email info@southshorepride.ca or go to www.southshorepride.ca

Cape Breton

Every 2nd Saturday

Pride Cape Breton Society hosts community dances at the Southend Community Centre in Sydney; admission just \$5, and open to those 19 yrs. of age and older.

Charlottetown

...see Prince Edward Island

Fredericton

Every Tuesday

Spectrum, UNB and STU's social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning, etc. students. As a group, our aim is to create a safe and supportive space for those who are questioning or discovering their sexuality, as well as providing a social outlet for members of the campus LGBTQ community. While our membership is primarily composed of UNB and STU students, everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. 7 pm, Top floor of SUB 203 (in the Sexuality Centre, across from the Ballroom) Everyone is welcome! For more information please contact us at spectrum@unb.ca

Every Wednesday

UNB/STU Women's Collective, at the University Women's Centre in the SUB, 5pm. Contact Lyndsey Gallant at gynkr@stu.ca or call 450-3870.

Third Sunday of each month

GLB ANGLICANS AND FRIENDS Integrity is a nonprofit organization of Gay and Lesbian Anglicans and Friends. Membership in Integrity is not indicative of sexual orientation. Integrity Fredericton was formed in October 2004 and supports and encourages Gay Men and Lesbians

in their spiritual lives. A Eucharist followed by a coffee hour discussion is held at 4:00 PM on the third Sunday of each month at St. John's, 58 Broad Road, Oromocto. For more details check out website: www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity

Fourth Wednesday of each month

PFLAG Fredericton meets at 7 PM at the Unitarian Fellowship, 874 York Street. Everyone welcome. Discussion, guest speakers, support and special events. For more information email pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca. Confidentiality assured.

Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

BOOM! NIGHTCLUB

Fredericton Nb, 474 Queen St. 463-boom (2666)

www.boomnightclub.ca

Thursdays:

3 Sum Thursday's 8-cl

Music: 3 Recent, 3 Retro, 3 Requests

Specials: On beer and spirits

Cover: None

Fridays:

NEW HOT NIGHT "CIRCUS" 8-cl

Music: Indietronic/ Dancers/ Special events

Cover: \$4

Deal: Be here before 12, pay \$4 and receive \$10

CIRCUS cash

Saturdays:

POWER 8-cl

Music: Main stream big city/ High energy

Cover: \$4 after 11, \$4.50 after 12

Sundays double header:

4-7 Sunday Social

Music: Laid back inviting social atmosphere

Cover: None

10-cl Sunday Open Turntables

Music: Live dj's spinning at crowd level

Specials: On beer and spirits

Cover: \$2

Halifax

Every Sunday

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax: a Christian Church with an affirming ministry to the GLBT community. Everyone is welcome! 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com, meets at 11 am at Veith House, 3115 Veith Street, Halifax

Every Sunday

Bedford United Church, 1200 Bedford Highway, Bedford. We are an Affirming Congregation and welcome everyone. Services at 9 am (Casual & Contemporary) and 11 am (Quieter & More Reverent in tone) Starting June 24-Sept. 9, one 10 am service. For more info, call 835-8497.

Every Sunday

East Coast Rainbow Softball Association Schedule: July 6, 13 @ 3pm & 4:20pm, St. Francis Field; July 20 @ 1pm – DYKES vs DIVAS! The Commons Field #9 (Canada Games Diamond) plus two other games TBA; July 27 @ 3pm & 4:20pm, St. Francis Field. (see most up-to-date Schedule at www.ecrsa.ca)

Second Sunday of each month

Play Group for Queer Families! 3-5pm Board Room (Play Room) at Needham Community Recreation Centre, 3372 Devonshire St (north end Halifax, near intersection of Duffus & Novalea, bus routes 7 & 9) Bring a snack for your child(ren). We will be collecting money from each family to cover the cost of the room rental, likely \$2-4 per week. For info, call 422-8780 or email lynnmacdonald@hfx.eastlink.ca

First and Third Tuesdays

Formerly known as the Queer/Straight Alliance, Mount Pride in the GLBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University. We are an active and online group that meets bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 12 noon in the diversity center in Roseria on campus, and online at mountpride@yahoo.com. Possible events that are being planned for the winter semester include sexuality awareness week, movies nights, potlucks, guest speakers, and many more. There are always spontaneous meals and events that are always fun. This group is open to anyone who would like to join.

First and Third Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project Social Drop-in Nights. This is an unstructured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever, 6-9pm, 25 and under, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project 18 and under Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed, 6-8pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

First and Third Sundays

BLT-WOMYN OF HALIFAX DISCUSSION GROUP! This is a Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgendered womyn's Only! -Free Group, NO Dues, NO Fees- MEETINGS are every second SUNDAY. @6pm - 7:30pm(Please remember

when applying to this group, send full name and a contact number or call sue at 499-0335, everything is kept PRIVATE!) LOCATION: DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CENTRE 6286 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) HOW TO JOIN THIS GROUP: Come to a discussion night or send us your e-mail address or call a moderator (Sue @ 499-0335). If you have any questions. A discussion group for Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgendered women, who will meet to have open discussions, in a positive environment. To discuss topics concerning ourselves and our community. This is a bi-weekly meeting on Sundays. <http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynofhalifax/> or sueandrews1964@hotmail.com

First and Third Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project Movie Night, 25 and under, starting at 7pm. 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project ages 18-25 Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed, 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second Wednesday of each month

Spirituality for Lesbians, 7:30-9PM. We seek to deepen our relationship with God, knowing that God loves us and calls us into life just as he has created us. Persons of every or no denomination are welcome. For info about the place of the next meeting call 459-2649 and leave name and number. Personal mailbox: confidentiality assured.

July 3, 17, 31, Aug 14, 28, Sept 11, 25
Anonymous HIV Testing, AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia 1657 Barrington St, Suite 321, 5-8pm. 425-4882 for an appointment.

July 6, 20, Aug 3, 17, 31, Sept 14, 28
Koinonia Ecumenical Church – Meaning 'community'. Services bi-weekly at 12:30pm at Halifax Feast downtown. Pastor Elaine, 876-8771 or koinonia@ns.sympatico.ca

July 24

ISCANS will be presenting a wonderful night of Entertainment and Talent. On July 24th during pride We will be presenting At 2nd Gance, The best Female impersonator of Atlantic Canada in a very lavish downtown location. Talent from all

Events

over the Maritimes and a Couple from across Canada will be here to dazzle Halifax during Pride. So watch for details in the next issue and come out and support Reign VIII's Charities. Empress IV & VIII Boom Boom Lubalicious and Emperor VII and Regent Emperor VIII Cousin Cletus at this wonderful night of Fund Raising and entertainment.

Halifax Youth Project Calendar

Support, education and social activities for youth 25 and under across Nova Scotia. Weekly events, plus a youth food bank and STI testing on site in Halifax. Please refer to our website for details and schedule of upcoming events. Website: www.youthproject.ns.ca Phone: 902-429-5429 Email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca

Week 1

Monday - Transgender Discussion Group: A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what trans youth have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. A place to talk about trans issues and make new friends! 7-9 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.

Tuesday - Discussion Group (ages 18 and under) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.

Wednesday - Discussion Group (ages 18-25) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 7-9 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 2

Tuesday - Social Drop-in Nights (ages 25 and under) This is a facilitated but less structured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick Street

Wednesday - LBG Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn! 7 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 3

Tuesday - Guest Speaker & Discussion night (ages 25 & under) A new speaker every week to educate & spark discussion. This is a structured environment. 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street

Wednesday - Activity night (ages 25 & under) A chance to have fun and perhaps learn something new. Activities will be on this night lasting two and a half months. First activity class IMPROV classes. 6-8pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 4

Tuesday - Social Drop-in Themed Nights (ages 25 and under) This is a facilitated but less structured event with a fun & exciting theme. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick Street

Wednesday - LBG Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn! 7 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Halifax Bar & Business Calendar

BLUE MOON BISTRO/BACK BAR
2099B Gottingen St., Halifax, (902) 446-3644
5 pm-2 am, 7 days a week
Mondays - Poor Student Night--Cheap drinks and Halifax Has Talent! Come join Mz. Vicki and Friends. You could win a fabulous prize from Blue Moon or Mz. Vicki. \$3.00 cover
Tuesdays - Karaoke w/ Troy Cheap drinks and Cash prizes for the Karaoke winners! 10pm.
Wednesdays - Swing Out! Hot happenin' students of Dal, SMU, and MSVU swing dance til the wee hours. Come watch or learn how to swing dance to the great tunes of Big Band Mary you DJ Hostess! NO COVER.
Thursdays - Karaoke w/ DJ Specialtee. Cheap drinks and cash prizes for the karaoke winners. 10pm.
Fridays - DJ Specialtee. Spinning the latest tunes and the hottest remixes. No cover. Cheap drinks all night long! 10pm.
Saturdays - DJ Troy or Special house DJ's imported for your dancing pleasure. Hot bartenders and even hotter drink specials. 10pm No cover.
Sundays - ISCANS presents...ReignVII's chosen

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WED- WINGS Sponsored by Propeller Breweries! See Bartender for details...
THU- All U Can Eat Mussel & CFL! You could win a NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE! Ask for detail...
FRI- 2 Pieces of MOLLYZ Fish & Chips AND a COKE for only \$9.96!

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Sundayz - FREE 30 Minute Cruiseline Pass from 6pm till Close

Moncton

Every Thursday

LGBT AND FRIENDS VOLLEY BALL! École carrefour de l'acadie gym. No experience required. Info: Roger 383-1410 or Oscar 855-1328. \$5.00 / player includes refreshments.

Tous les jeudis

VOLLEY BALL POUR LGBT et AMI-E-S. École carrefour de l'acadie. Aucune expérience requise. Infos: Roger 383-1410 ou Oscar 855-1328. \$5.00 / joueur (rafraichissements inclus)

Third Monday of each month

PFLAG Moncton has monthly support meeting from 7:30-9:30 in room 302 of the Adrien-J.-Cormier bldg at U de M campus. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

Second and Fourth Mondays

SAFE SPACES MEETING, 7pm. Support group for GLB youth, 14-25. For more info, 869-6224 or safespaces@nb.aibn.com

Last Saturday

Moncton Leather Chapter Leather Nights at Triangles! With the interest and number of people that have started wearing Leather in Moncton, it only seems natural to have a monthly Leather Night so that any man or woman can wear their Leather and know that they will not be alone in doing so when they go to Triangles.

Moncton Bar & Business Calendar

TRIANGLES

234 St. George St, open Tues-Sun 8pm-2am
Tuesday & Wednesday: Free Pool, Beer / Bar Shots / Shooters \$3 all night
Wednesday: Learn to Line Dance - no charge!
Thursday: Karaoke Mystery Song - \$25 added each week until the correct song is picked! Beer / Bar Shots \$3 until midnight, Shooters \$2.75 all night
Friday & Saturday: Dance Music with DJ daBoss, Summer Special Beer with Shooter \$4 11pm-midnight
Sunday: Request all your favourite songs with DJ daBoss, Beer / Bar Shots / Shooters \$3 all night
Check out our monthly events page at www.trianglesbar.com, and send comments & suggestions to thegirls@nb.sympatico.ca
Our colour parties are back - watch for the blue party, coming up June 2. Check our website for upcoming Colour Party dates.

Prince Edward Island Pride Week! July 4-12

More details at www.arcofpei.com

July 4

Men's Pride Primer (10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.)
Piazza Joe's Wine Cellar, 189 Kent Street
Sponsored by Naked Grape (Vincor Canada). Complimentary wine tasting to begin the evening with red-hot trax kicked out all night long by DJ Michael Shawn.

July 5

Women's Night (10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.)
Piazza Joe's Wine Cellar, 189 Kent Street
Sponsored by Naked Grape (Vincor Canada). Complimentary wine tasting to begin the evening, with the latest mixes by DJ Alana.

July 6

Church Service at Trinity United, 1:30pm

July 7

Flag Raising, Charlottetown Town Hall, 11:30am

July 9

Open Mic Coffee House at 7pm, open to all of the community, especially youth. If you have a talent like singing, drumming, or poetry reciting we want to hear from you. Professional sound and lighting in this great venue will showcase your talents. To enter please e-mail us at www.arcofpei.com.

July 11

Drag Show and After Party (Queen's Ball) Confederation Centre of the Arts, 8pm. Sponsored by Vincor Canada. With professional sound, lighting and special effects this will surely be a show to remember! As our theme this year is "Diamonds are Forever," we ask all Drag Queens come to support their community and flaunt all the glitter and glamour they can. If you would like to be in the show please contact us at our website listed in this article.

July 12

Pride 2008 Parade (2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) The parade will run for one hour and end at the Fathers of Confederation Park in Charlottetown. If you would like to enter a float or group please contact us on our website. We ask all parade participants to gather at 12:30 p.m. at the Shaw Building parking lot to organize so we can be ready to go at 2:00 p.m.

Post Parade Beer Garden (3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Sponsored by Vincor and Rum Runners. There's nothing like a cool drink after being in the sun! Join us at Rum Runners, across from the Delta

Hotel in Charlottetown, for a post Pride parade cold drink. Drink specials, door prizes and munchies provided. The music will be up and the booze flowin'.

Pride Power Party (9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.) This event is sure to be the hottest ticket east of Montreal. With professional lighting, sound and the hottest music and wicked remixes hitting the air this event is sure to be the crown jewel in "Diamonds are Forever." Can we say party? Why not? It's PRIDE!

Sackville

Second Monday

PFLAG Sackville / Amherst - in Sackville one month, Amherst the next. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street.

Saint John

Third Saturday

Gay Men's Supper Club, 220 Germain St. <http://www.portcityrainbowpride.com/> for more information.

Saint John Bar & Business Calendar

CLUB MONTREAL

Wednesdays: No cover, free pool
Thursdays: No cover, karaoke with prizes
Fridays: No cover, open turntables
Saturdays: \$5 cover after 10 PM
Sundays: No cover, free pool
Your birthday: no cover, one free drink, just show your ID!

St. John's - LGBT-MUN

Every Friday

Coffee House: Every Friday, 12-2 (LBGT Office, 6th Floor UC, 6002) Every Friday we invite anyone and everyone to come to LBGT and enjoy a cup of Coffee or Tea (regular or herbal) with us (members, non-members, etc). It's a great chance to vent, meet some new people, etc. Our office is located in UC-6022.

Every Second Friday

General Meeting every second week. They take place at UC-6022 at 11:00am.

St. John's - LGBT-MUN

July 2: Glenn Nuotio, a queer songwriter and performer from Newfoundland now living in Ottawa, is appearing in St John's as a fundraiser for St. John's Pride 2008 on Tuesday, July 2nd at the Grapevine, 206 Water Street, St. John's, starting at 9:30 p.m.

St. John's Bar & Business Calendar

Zone 216

216 Water St, 754-2492
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Winter Hours
Open Fri&Sat Nights 10pm-late
No cover before 12 Friday
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Sydney

...see Cape Breton

Truro

Every Wednesday

Truro Pride: GLBT support group in Colchester County, Nova Scotia. (Coffee hour at the Fair Trade Café on 535 Prince Street in Truro, every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. For information call Northern AIDS Connection Society at 902-895-0931 or email truropride@hotmail.com

First Sunday of each month

Rainbow Proud: We are the LGBT community of Truro and surrounding areas. We are an organizational group that meets to plan activities ie: parades, outings, dances and such. We meet the first Sunday of each month. (Taking a break during summer months) We could always use some more help, so if you are interested in joining our group or if you are looking for information about the LGBT community contact us by email: rainbowproud@hotmail.com. Our website is in the works so send an email and to be kept up to date.

June 28

Rainbow Proud Dance in Truro, Saturday, June 28th, 2008, Truro Lions Club, 1100 Prince St. 8pm - 12 midnight \$8.00 at the door. 19 years and older only.

July 12

Canoe the Stewiacke River with your friends - We need some men this year to add to our canoe pack, be brave and join us women on the river. note: added bonus this year Barbeque at the Stewiacke River Park for when we get out of the water. Email rainbowproud@hotmail.com for details.

Truro Diversity Week! June 29 - July 5

More information: jhunt@corda.ca, 893-8099

June 29

11am, Diversity of Religious Traditions, First Baptist Church 759 Prince St.
1pm, Kick-off Event & BBQ, Victoria Park

June 30

2pm, Taste of International Culture and Food, Sobey's on Robie St.

July 1

10:30am, Canada Day Parade, Bible Hill
Noon, Canada Day Events, Exhibition Grounds

July 2

8:30AM-4:30PM Open House 574 Prince St. United Way of Colchester County
9:30-11:30AM Parent and Tot Playgroup 129 Arthur St. Maggie's Place - Playgroup for parents with preschool children: crafts, snack and stories celebrating diversity.

10:30 AM Talk 37 King St. Thrown Together Pottery - Duration: 45 min.

7 PM Heritage Home Walking Tour Colchester Historical Museum (29 Young St), Heritage Advisory Committee - Preregistration is required, contact Angie Redmond 895-1148 or aredmond@truro.ca

7 PM Film: The Truth about Jane St. Andrew's Church (55 King St), Rainbow Proud - Film starring Stockard Channing. One mother's love, her daughter's sexuality and the truth they will face together.

July 3

9:45-11AM Storytime 60 Lorne St., 2nd Institute for Human Services Education

1:45-3 PM Storytime 60 Lorne St., 2nd Preregister at 897-0459 or taylorc@inst-hse.ca

4:30-8:30PM BBQ, Dancers, Musicians, Drummers 550 Prince St. Central Nova Women's Resource Centre

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Al Pineau

The queer community mourns the passing of a good friend, mentor and stalwart supporter. Joseph Alan Pineau passed away Thursday, May 22, 2008, at his home in Rustico, PEI, aged 52 years. He had recently entered the hospital suffering from pneumonia.

He is survived by his mother, Theresa Gauthier and brothers and sister, Wendell (Sherr), Cornwall; Barry (Janet), St Patrick's; Donald, Calgary; Melinda (Allan) Peters, Rustico and Stephen (Corrie), Mount Stewart. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Alan will be remembered by his special "biking" friends. He was predeceased by his father, Alphonse; step-mother Patricia Treadway and Lucille (Gran) Tread.

Many of the gay community knew Al through Pineau's Cafe which he operated for many years on Blowers Street in Halifax. Lots of restaurants provide good food and service but Al offered a personal touch that made any occasion a special one. Customers were treated not as patrons but as friends. "Al was a great cook and the restaurant was one of my favourite spots to relax, but it will always be his unconditional acceptance of me that I will remember," says Denise. Another

regular remembers Al's humour and style. "When Al saw that you were there with a gay friend, he would prance out of the kitchen and turn up the camp! And then, you could be in the next day with a client, you would get businesslike, formal service."

Al was a big supporter of the LGBT community, never turning down a request for sponsorship, often in the form of mountains of food for innumerable Pride events, sending out his own staff to make sure the presentation was perfect. Donations in Alan's memory can be made to the Dialysis Unit of Beach Grove Home. For those who knew and loved Al, and for those who only wished they had, perhaps the best tribute we can give him would be to continue his habit of performing acts of kindness. The best kind of legacy and one of which Al would surely approve..



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not discriminate." We see through that. If requests to fly the Pride flag had not been made, the flag policy would not have been changed.

Now is the time to protest these decisions. The only way to do this is to make a stand. Complacency is something we cannot afford.

It's time take a strong stand and show determination so we may, in one determined voice, denounce discrimination. It is a daunting task, but it is achievable. We must unite, so that all communities in Nova Scotia are free to celebrate Pride week and hoist the Pride flag.

This year marks the first year for Amherst to host Pride week, to be held during the week of July 7 to 13. We appreciate the support from the town of Amherst, and we have to make certain all communities in this province will experience this wonderful opportunity to celebrate our proper place in whatever town or county we live.

Join in our effort to have the Pride flag hoisted in every community across Nova Scotia. It is important we speak with one voice, to bring this problem to a successful conclusion, when all Nova Scotians can celebrate by flying flags, no

matter what a particular flag may represent.

Events

7 PM Worship Service 55 King St. St. Andrew's United Church

7 PM Poverty Game St. Andrew's Church Anti-Poverty Action Group

7 PM The Life and Times of Janet Connors NSCC, Truro (Rm 138) Northern AIDS Connection Society - Janet Connors is a well known AIDS Activist, and her story is truly incredible.

7 PM Heritage Home Walking Tour Colchester Historical Museum (29 Young St), Heritage Advisory Committee - Preregistration is required, contact Angie Redmond 895-1148 or aremond@truro.ca

7 - 9 PM Soirée de Musique 50 Aberdeen St. Bring your instrument and play traditional French music.

July 4

10:30 AM Demonstration Working with Clay 37 King St. Thrown Together - Pinching, coiling, slabbing and throwing.

9AM-NOON Cross Cultural Awareness Training NSCC, Truro (Forrester Hall) MISA - To register contact Kim 893-0140 or contact@corda.ca

1-4 PM Open House 168 Arthur St. Colchester Community Workshops

July 5

8AM-NOON Creamery Square Tatamagouche Tatamagouche Farmers' Market

8AM-NOON A Taste of Diversity Downtown Truro Truro Farmers' Market

8AM-NOON Stewiacke Valley Farmers' Market Stewiacke Valley Stewiacke Valley Farmers' Market

1 - 5 PM Transgender/Transsexual 101 Truro Library (Comm. Rm) Denise Holliday - Learn about terminology, issues, myths and marginalization issues within the Trans community.

All week long!

8:30AM-7:30PM Storytelling: Glooscap Legends 65 Treaty Trail Glooscap Heritage Centre - Mention Diversity Wk for a discount!

9AM- 4PM Guided Tours 168 Arthur St. Colchester Community Workshops

10AM-5PM The Dutch Presence in Colchester County 29 Young St. Colchester Historical Museum/Archives

10AM-5PM Open House 20 Arthur St. Little White School House Museum

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Queer Womyn's Murder Mystery Theatre

by Bernadine

For almost a decade now, a group of glbt womyn in the Halifax area have been putting together a popular and very fun murder mystery theatre evening/party at Halloween. Some years the event has been large and open to the general queer community as a fundraiser, while other years it has been a smaller, private event.

The mystery theatre portion of the event is an original play custom-written for a queer audience and is full of hilarity and sexual innuendo. Even though four of the eight roles are usually male, it is performed by an all-female cast.



Each year is a different theme. In "Frought With the Sin," Brother Swagart kept a close eye on Retch Hustler and Harlet O'Scara. In "Disturbing the Dead," Dr. Crok Ashytt and his archeological team unearthed some very dark secrets.

This year's production is called "Your Bleedin' Heart," which is about the country music industry. It will feature performances by Polly Phartin, Ann Murkey, Katie Twang, Wymoana

Juggs, Twitchy Hick, Darc Broods and Sonny Stash. Devoted fans will be pleased to know that their favourite makeup stylist Frankford Flamer will return this year.

There is an opening for a role this year. No previous acting experience is necessary. If you like to ham it up and have fun, you'll

fit right in. This is an amateur production, and the emphasis is on having FUN. If you'd like to join us either as an actress or to

help out in this year's production, please email moidah@eastlink.ca or check out our website at www.geocities.com/moidah.

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