

# Wayves

## Everyday People: A Festival Becomes More Popular

by Peter Steele

**E**veryday People, the Cape Breton Regional Municipality's Pride Week festival, is now a 9-day event! With added

activities to include youth specific events, and partnering with our local PFLAG chapter, our festival will begin August 8 and will run until August 16. Pride Week in the



CBRM is growing into one of the island's major summer attractions, and participants continue to return for more fun and celebrations.

Always proud to be a part of celebrating our diversity, the CBRM will raise the Pride flag at a ceremony at Sydney's Civic Centre on Friday, August 8. The festival then literally kicks off with a splash, when the frolicking starts at our beach party at 2:00 p.m. As usual, the featured beach will be disclosed on our website a few days leading up to the coastal getaway. Bring your cameras, binoculars, maybe your guitar, and of course something warm for the later hours.

Our Pride Parade on Sunday, August 10, will feature Gemini Award-winning actor, Bette MacDonald, as our Grand Marshall. The star of CBC's "The Bette Show" and "Rideau Hall," brings a

high profile to the parade and festival. Bette's Cape Breton following goes back more than twenty years, and with her guest appearances on "Made in Canada," "Liography," "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" and Mary Walsh's "Hatching, Matching and Dispatching," she has achieved national acclaim. With performances at both the Winnipeg and Halifax Comedy festivals, this lady of comedy, who critics call "one of Canada's finest comedians," will surely attract a huge crowd to both the parade and the post-parade Gathering at Louisa Field in Sydney's north end. This free barbecue, games and attractions event will be a great opportunity for everyone to meet Bette in person, as well as the Pride Week crew.

On Saturday, August 9, in partnership with PFLAG, our com-

munity's gay and lesbian youth will enjoy their first ever dance and social event in Cape Breton, which will take place at the Southend Community Centre. Although chaperoned, the youth will do their own decorating, attend the door and collect admission, as well as all the set up and take down. Money collected from 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. will go back into future youth initiatives.

On Monday, August 11, the Pride Cape Breton Society will host the inaugural Pride Friendship Memorial Baseball Championship at the Bernie MacNeil Field, the middle field next to Sydney's Bicentennial Arena in the south end. This event will allow us the opportunity to honour deceased members of our community, with

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## AIDS Saint John are Pride Marshals

By SarahRose Werner

**A**IDS Saint John has been honoured this year to receive and accept an invitation from Port City Rainbow Pride to be the Honourary Parade Marshals for Saint John, New Brunswick's Pride parade on Saturday, August 16.

We're even getting a new banner made, after deciding that the one we've carried in previous Pride parades just will not do. I'm sure that anyone who's ever gotten an important invitation and only then realized that they have closets full of nothing to wear will sympathize.

AIDS Saint was founded in 1987, at a time when the AIDS epidemic had thrown the gay community into crisis. Over the years, some things have changed. For one thing, the face of AIDS in Saint John has changed as the number of HIV infections among intravenous drug users increases. Another change came about after

the release of the first protease inhibitors in 1996. AIDS Saint John, like other community-based AIDS organizations, was challenged to shift its focus from helping people die with HIV/AIDS to helping them live with HIV/AIDS.

Other things have not changed. AIDS Saint John maintains as one of its core values, "the respect of human beings regardless of age, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or socio-economic status." As Executive Julie Dingwell puts it, "we do not abide the word 'tolerate' and shoot only for equality. Stigmatization and discrimination are killers and force people into isolation."

Another constant is the strong level of both volunteer and monetary support AIDS Saint John has received over the years from the LGBTT2IQ community in Saint John. Without this support, our work would not be possible.

I learned about the relationship between AIDS Saint John and

the LGBTT2IQ community through my own experience. In the summer of 1999 I was trying to recover, with painful slowness, from a break-up. I desperately needed to make connections, but hadn't been in Saint John long enough long to know who was "safe" to talk to. I managed to locate the local PFLAG Canada chapter and went to a barbecue they were holding, where I met several people who were involved with AIDS Saint John. So I started dropping by the ASJ office when I needed to talk—or cry. It was the one place in town where I felt safe to walk in and burst into

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### Atlantic Pride Schedule

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](http://www.portcityrainbowpride.com).

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

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# Fundraiser for Bryony House

On Saturday, August 9, Night Magic Fashions is once again hosting an exciting night of magic, fun, and fashion to support Bryony House. This year, Night Magic has chosen Bubbles Mansion as their venue, at 5287 Prince Street in Halifax. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. with tickets available to be purchased for \$7 each at the door. The night of entertainment will begin with a fashion show featuring the latest in erotic lingerie fashions, swimwear and fetish attire with lots of prizes and giveaways throughout the evening. Host, Rouge Fatale, will keep the crowd on their toes with her dry wit and sharp tongue. Feature performances by Cadence MacMicheal of Pink Velvet Burlesque and Miss Molotov will also

be a part of the night's event, with Cadence performing her famous "fan dance" and Miss Molotov heating things up with her erotic fire-play performance.

All proceeds from the event go to help women and children

*Host, Rouge Fatale, will keep the crowd on their toes*

who suffer from abuse. Each year Bryony House offers safety and shelter to approximately 450 women and children and answers over 4500 distress calls. Women who call Bryony House come from many walks of life, socio-economic classes and cultural backgrounds. The issue they have in common is that they are in, or are fleeing, an abusive intimate relationship."

*Cape Breton Pride  
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names inscribed on a trophy, and enjoy some high-spirited competition. The tournament will consist of an all-male and all-female team, and participants are asked to organize in advance. Our annual Family Arcade and Picnic will take place later that afternoon at the Southend Community Centre, with games, prizes, refreshments and entertainment for the whole family.

Our Movie Night on Tuesday, August 12, will feature a tribute to Heath Ledger with the screening of

"Brokeback Mountain." Another yet-to-be-named movie will screen prior to this licensed event, and will cater an all-ages audience. Admission is free, and bring your lawn chairs or sleeping bags.

On Wednesday, August 13, Robert Barrie and Donna Cameron will appear by popular demand at our MusicFest at the Southend Community Centre. Entertainment begins at 9:00 p.m., so get there early to get a great seat for one of the island's best nights out. Admission is free, but donations are always gladly accepted.

On Thursday, August 14, PFLAG will host an open forum

at Sydney's McConnell  
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Memorial Library. PFLAG's partnership and participation with Everyday People will go a long way in bridging boundaries in our community. A light snack and refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Later that evening, we host our first ever Karaoke Night at the Southend Community Centre. Community members have been asking for this for some time now, so Pride Week provides a great opportunity to bring karaoke fans together.

Our annual Pride Dance will take place Friday, August 15, from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at the Kinsmen (Horizon Achievement) Resource Centre in Sydney. Admission is just \$6.00. We hope to see people visiting from all parts of Canada, the United States and around the world, so the bigger venue will be easier to accommodate the large crowd.

On Saturday, August 16, the festival will finish with yet another splash. A special drag show extravaganza, hosted by our own Darren McKinnon and held at the Kinsmen Resource Centre, will feature the Imperial Sovereign Court of Atlantic, Nova Society. The night will include Empress IV and VIII Boom Boom, who will return to her hometown of Sydney for the occasion. Accompanying her will be Regent Emperor VIII Cousin Cletus, Junior Empress Hanna Job and Dowager Empress Natasha N. Others maybe added to the entertainment, and will be posted at our website. It's been a few years since the island has hosted a drag show, so no doubt it will be a big hit.

As every year—with thanks to our numerous sponsors—there will be prizes and give aways at all our events. Visit us at [www.pridecapebreton.com](http://www.pridecapebreton.com), where you'll find Pride Week updates, as well as maps to every activity. We're always looking for volunteers, so if you're interested in getting involved with your community, email us at [info@pridecapebreton.com](mailto:info@pridecapebreton.com), or contact a board member. Come and enjoy yourself with some great everyday people. The hospitality is always warm and friendly; after all, this is Cape Breton!

## AIDS SJ

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tears. The office manager gave me tissues, coffee, and odd jobs to do on the computer. Sympathy and a reason to feel useful are both great curatives.

We hope there will be NO tears on August 16 as we lead Saint John's sixth Pride parade! We invite everyone to come and march with us—and of course, to check out our new banner. But if you miss us it then, come see it on Sunday, September 21, when we celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of our first AIDS Walk in 1993.

## Women's Pool Night in Halifax

Looking for a chance to meet and socialize with other women? Join us for women's pool night at Locas on Salter ([www.locasbar.com](http://www.locasbar.com)). On the last Tuesday of every month, tables will be reserved just for us. The tables will be rented by the hour, so to ensure the cost is covered there will be a fee of \$2.50 per

player per game. Any surplus in the pot at the end of the night will be donated to the SPCA.

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# Truro, Meet Wayves!

By Kelly Ryan

On June 17, nearly twenty people gathered at Neenamo's Restaurant in Truro to discuss Atlantic Canada's emerging rural rainbow communities. Organized by the Wayves collective, this "LGBT Town Hall" meeting marked the first in a series of meetings which aim to discern how LGBT media can best report and celebrate the many LGBT communities situated throughout Atlantic Canada. As an MA student of anthropology who happens to be studying rural LGBT communities, I jumped on the opportunity to tag along, and perhaps gain some valuable insights into the experiences, as well as needs,

of LGBT folks outside of Halifax. The meeting drew a diverse group of funny, friendly, and forthright individuals, and as it turns out, I was not disappointed.

The meeting took place in the restaurant's modest-sized yet well-lit dining room, whose large storefront windows overlooked part of Truro's beautiful downtown. The room boasted subtle, yet classy décor, providing a comfortable, yet invigorating atmosphere for the discussion. Moderator Angus Campbell started off the discussion with a few words regarding the intentions, as well as general rules of the meeting, ensuring respect and consideration among the circle of

attendees. Wayves publisher Dan Mackay followed up Campbell's introduction with a brief history of the magazine and its evolution over the past couple of decades. Jim Bain then touched on advertising, distribution, and circulation, leaving the remainder of the meeting open to roundtable discussion.

Although participants were hesitant to directly criticize the newspaper, many suggestions for both content and circulation were put forth. Some voiced concern for the lack of women-oriented material—particularly material regarding Nova Scotia's aging lesbian population. This sparked an inter-

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# Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life

By Lauren Grant, NACS

Every September, communities across Canada come together to join the fight against HIV/AIDS and walk in the National Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life. Over fifty different communities participate in the Walk, which takes place from September 14-21.

Until recently, the Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life was referred to as the AIDS Walk for Life but because of a recent deal with Scotiabank and their generosity as the Walk's national sponsor, it was renamed. The first AIDS Walk for Life took place in 1986 in Vancouver, but it did not become a national event until ten years later in 1996. Since then over half a million Canadians have walked to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and close to \$28 million has been raised to go to AIDS organizations in their local communities. The Walk not only educates people about this virus, but also improves the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS. Teams involved in partnership with the Northern AIDS Connection Society (NACS) are given the option of having fifty percent of what they raised given back to them, and they are then able to donate it to their choice of AIDS organizations or to use it for AIDS education.

The NACS is located in Truro, serving the northern Nova Scotian areas of Pictou, Colchester, Cumberland Counties and the region of East Hants. Its mission is to promote the health and well-being of persons living with and those affected by HIV/AIDS and

to assist in reducing the spread of HIV through education, support and advocacy in northern Nova Scotia. The Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life is one of their main fundraisers.

The NACS is having four walks this year: Truro and New Glasgow on September 21, Amherst and Elmsdale on September 20. The money raised will go to support and education for those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, volunteer recruitment and training, a prison outreach program, and prevention education through presentations, and information sharing. NACS also has a resource library on hand for anyone who wants to access information.

There are currently 33.2 million people in the world living with HIV/AIDS and 62,000 of them reside in Canada. One person in Canada is infected with HIV/AIDS approximately every 2 hours. Add to that it is estimated that 27% of people who have HIV don't know that they are infected and continue to spread the virus. AIDS truly does affect us all. There is no cure for HIV/AIDS but with education and awareness it can be prevented.

To find out where the walk is being held closest to your community, visit the website at [www.aidswalkforlife.ca](http://www.aidswalkforlife.ca). We hope that

one day we will not have to walk anymore, but until then the walk will do us good.

For the past five years through government funding and the Nova Scotia summer student program Northern AIDS Connection has been able to hire a summer student to coordinate the Walk for Life in their region. This year the walk coordinator for all four is Lauren Grant. Lauren will soon begin her second year at Saint Mary's University in Halifax where she is working toward a Bachelor of Commerce Degree.

For more information about the walks in northern Nova Scotia please call (902) 895-0931 or e-mail [nacswalk08@hotmail.com](mailto:nacswalk08@hotmail.com).

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# Gay Men's Health

## Canadian Cancer Society: Oversight or... ?



By Angus Campbell

Do you know that gay and bisexual men have an increased risk for certain types of cancer? Skin, prostate, lung and colon cancer are the most common among all men, but several factors put gay and bisexual men at higher risk.

I wouldn't expect any Canadian to know about these increased risks as there is no information available on the Canadian Cancer website. Try searching for "gay," "homosexual," "sexuality," etc., and all you'll find is a 40-page brochure titled, "Sexuality and Cancer: A guide for people with cancer." It's nice to see that one of the five photos on the cover is of a same-sex couple; however the lip-service stops there. In the introduction it states that the booklet is for gay or straight,

but I couldn't find any evidence to that fact. On page 15, where there are seven drawings of intercourse, including anal intercourse, none is of a same-sex couple.

Hey, Canadian Cancer Society, where's the equal representation? Don't we a) deserve some prevention information, and b) deserve some pictorial recognition as cancer survivors, too? (I want to say that we invented bum-fucking and we are the experts, but I don't have the data to back up that claim. Yes, dear reader, it's okay for you to smirk here!)

The American Cancer Society has published a pamphlet titled, "Cancer Facts for Gay and Bisexual Men: Share this with someone you care about." So, I am! It can be found at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) - search

for "gay" and it's the first result. It is well worth the 15 minutes spent reading it.

As always, the best defences against cancer are prevention and early detection. If you haven't come out to your doctor, consider doing so or finding one with whom you feel comfortable. It's only through open, honest dialogue that health professionals can best serve us.

Now, here is where I mention my letter to the Canadian Cancer Society asking them to rectify this "oversight." Please join me in writing to them at: Canadian Cancer Society, National Office, Suite 200, 10 Alcorn Avenue, Toronto, ON, M4V 3B1, or email [ccs@cancer.ca](mailto:ccs@cancer.ca).



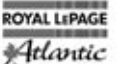
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est in perhaps documenting and including some stories honouring our rural lesbian elders—those who helped pioneer the movement and secure the rights we have today. Suggestions were also put forth regarding the black, as well as two-spirited community, whose voices and stories are so incredibly important, but are so rarely heard within the rainbow community. Many also exhibited an interest in reading about LGBT families—particularly gay fathers—and suggested that Wayves include a section devoted to birth, adoption, and marriage announcements.

Suggestions were also put forth regarding circulation and distribution. Many participants voiced a concern regarding the availability of Wayves to local youth, and suggested that Wayves, or similar material, be circulated among local high school libraries. While, as one participant pointed, today's gay teens appear to be more accepted by their heterosexual peers, everyone agreed that isolation, along with a lack of visibility and support, continue to severely impact the lives of many rural gay teens. Circulation,

especially among local libraries, was therefore a crucial issue for many participants.

The majority of participants also appeared rather shocked at how small-scale the Wayves operation really is, and many seemed rather delighted upon learning that they, along with anyone else, are able—even encouraged—to make their own written contributions. As Jim Bain pointed out, "one of the keys to empowering a community is giving it a voice, a way of talking to each other." And all too often, communities outside of urban centers lack the means of obtaining this voice. However, Bain also noted



that, "...it's very unique for counties the size of Truro and Amherst, and Pictou and Antigonish, to be having Pride celebrations of their own. That doesn't happen too much in other small communities in Canada." Indeed, a voice isn't something these folks appear to be lacking, and with more contribution and distribution throughout rural Nova Scotia, it is hoped that Wayves will be able help further promote and represent these dynamic and active communities.



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# Northern Aids Connections Society Report

By Lauren Gant

The NACS staff, volunteers and board members were all represented at the Truro Diversity Parade to celebrate Canada's 141st birthday on July 1, 2008. This was a first for the group and was generally well-received by the general public. Led

by Al McNutt, the team faced high temperatures and a couple of cool receptions but overall had a great time while distributing several bucket loads of pamphlets, pins and flags.

Earlier in the week, at a diversity fair in the local park, both

groups were there and, despite cold damp weather, they did a great job without public encumbrance.

NACS also sponsored a Transgender 101 workshop held at the Nova Scotia Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS, sexual health, sexuality and gender. NACS board

member and post-op transwoman Denise Holliday was the speaker.

Al McNutt spoke of the increased Trans client walk-ins over the last four years and Larry Baxter commented on the importance of gender components in strategies dealing with health/HIV/AIDS issues.

The workshop was attended by various members of the community working in fields such as HIV/AIDS, sexual health, sexuality and gender. Participants were representative from the community-based

movement as well as government.

NACS wishes to thank all concerned for supporting this educational effort. Special thanks to Abbott Laboratories for providing the needed funding to make this happen, and thanks as well to Larry Baxter and staff for the use of the facilities.



## Rainbow Proud Website

By Paula Arsenault

"Oh, I'll just go on the internet and find it."

How often do we say this in a day? In this brave new electronic world even those who live in rural areas must find ways to navigate the multiple lanes of the information highway. The Rainbow Proud group in Northern Nova Scotia knew it was important to put itself on the World Wide Web. For the past six months there have been some interesting negotiations and frustrations. We were not blessed with any techno geeks in our beginning group; however, we have

discovered we are competent web surfers! With tentative steps we ventured into the 'net, only to realize that we really should buy a domain. So many choices. What to choose? The group eventually agreed to "rainbowproudnova Scotia.ca." We purchased the domain name from ZID, a Canadian web-based business.

The next step was to attach our domain name to our Freewebs site. Well, the pressure was on when our banners were being printed with the domain name. Anxiety was high as the e-mails and technical details were being bantered back

and forth. With a day to spare, we finally got a real, live helpful woman in Quebec to help us find a solution to our problem. This wonderful woman from ZID made it possible so that when you type our web address you are directed to our active site. She was very supportive and wished us luck in our festivities.

We update our site regularly and are open to comments, feedback and input. Please take a moment to visit [www.rainbowproudnova Scotia.ca](http://www.rainbowproudnova Scotia.ca).

## ... and a new Dyke one

By Zoey Roy

Queer women in Atlantic Canada have a new place to connect, thanks to the expansion of the popular social networking website, superdyke.com. Created in 2001 by founder Michelle Walker, superdyke.com is billed as "the ultimate free, online community for Canadian lesbians." Since its inception, the website has grown—largely by word of mouth—from its humble beginnings as a site mainly serving the Vancouver area, east to Toronto, and now to the Atlantic provinces.

Walker moved her base of operations from British Columbia to Ontario when she relocated to Toronto in 2007. She credits the success of superdyke.com with the "real life" community that has built up around it. Although the website is described as "100% lesbian run

and owned," the online community is inclusive of all queer women and transfolk. Members can create their own profiles, browse or search profiles, chat with other superdykes, send messages, view the events listings for their area, take part in polls, join in the discussion forums, or create their own blog. At last count, the site boasts more than 15,000 superdykes across Canada and around the world.

Walker's commitment to keeping the site accessible means that, while she has added "premium" features for paying members to help cover costs, superdyke.com will always have what she describes as "the not-so-limited free membership level" currently offered. A labour of love, superdyke.com depends on the support of its premium members, advertisers who pay to promote their events on the

site, and a lot of volunteer labour from local contacts in Vancouver, Toronto, and Halifax.

I came on board as the East Coast contact for superdyke.com when I stumbled across the site late last year. The website's smart design, inclusivity, accessibility, and sense of humour (check out the Super Dyke cartoon logo) impressed me. Unlike other social networking websites, Walker has designed superdyke.com to serve the regional needs of its members, thereby fostering local queer communities across the country.

It's our belief that superdyke.com has something unique to offer lesbians, transfolk, bi and queer women in each of the Atlantic provinces. Sign up for your free account or contact us to promote your local event on [www.superdyke.com](http://www.superdyke.com).

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## Crawford Hastie's KIBITZ AND BITEH

Bonjour Tom!

Me voici à Montréal. I'm here in la belle province visiting Monsieur Montréal who is taking pride in showing me the many delights of his home city. I have spent days unapologetically playing the complete tourist : gawking, browsing through postcard stands, eavesdropping on conversations in cafés, and snapping pics of statues, old buildings, fountains, street scenes and sweaty bare-chested runners in the park. Funny how even commonplace things like dogs and squirrels and sunbathers become somehow exotic in an unfamiliar place. There are many joggers and bicyclists here so the scenery is quite ... stimulating.

The park I mentioned is near where MM lives and one afternoon to escape the heat and humidity emanating like microwaves from bricks and asphalt, I took my little book and sat on a bench in the cool shade provided by the numerous trees there. I noticed shortly that there seemed to be quite a number of other men on their own, taking advantage of the serenity of the park. Very welcoming they were too, Tom. Several approached to mention that they lived near by and offered to give me a drink. And people say that city folk are not friendly! It quite restored my faith in human nature.

My new friends and I were interrupted in our cultural exchange when several city workers arrived with a truck to prune a dead branch from a large oak tree. Inevitably, this created a distraction as people gathered to watch the work. I've always said that whenever there is someone with a job to do, there will, of necessity, be someone who likes to watch him do it. This, of course, is the basis for the success of the porn industry.

MM and I have also taken the opportunity to drive into the countryside to see the beautiful pastoral land, forest-covered hillsides and many tiny villages named Saint something with enormous churches thrusting towards the sky. You know I never complain about size, Tom, but really! A bit of proportion seems called for.

The city itself is full of energy. Festivals happen all the time, there are free films, concerts, wonderful restaurants and everywhere street musicians. One lunch time there was a lovely old accordéoniste playing near the terrace where MM and I were dining on eggs Benedict, and later in the gay village a pair of young twins serenaded passers by with cello and violin. It seems almost like a setting for a film but every day is like that.

The gay village—known to everyone here simply as le village—it is even marked on the maps of the city that way – is closed to street traffic this year and so one can stroll for blocks and blocks

along Rue Ste. Catherine, absorbing all the myriad sights and sounds of gay life in Montreal. Le village is vibrant with people all day and all night with drag queen cabarets—like the one presided over by La Mado who is funny and outrageous (go figure!)—leather bars, bathhouses, a dollar store, sex shops, fine restaurants, clothing stores, coffee shops, liquor stores; you can find it all.

One gloriously sunny afternoon we stopped at Sky Pub and took a rest under an umbrella on the terrace on the top floor. We sipped our Belle Gueule beer and watched the passing parade of queer life : men and women, in couples or groups, of all ages, colours and races – a real rainbow. There were of course, a number of very nubile young men soaking up a few rays in scanty Speedos around—but never in—the rooftop pool. Forget «brown paper tied up with string» those are still my favourite kind of packages!

We've been dining out almost every night and the variety is incredible : French, Italian, Spanish—tapas, pasta, sushi and more. We waited forty minutes to get a table in the courtyard of Le Jardin de Panos, a Greek restaurant which is an institution in Montreal. My moussaka when it arrived made the wait worth every second. Of course the best part about dining out in Montréal is the preponderance of tight-panted waiters. The other night our server was a café au lait man of exquisite features and form who had me drooling before I had even seen the menu! Talk about working up an appetite.

Other nights we are content to stay home and eat a simple meal of cheese, fresh bread, olives and pâté while listening to music on the stereo. Many of the modern singers and songwriters of Québec are unfamiliar to me so I've enjoyed getting to know some of those. One evening recently, we were sitting quietly in the living room by the open door to the balcony, laughing, chatting and getting slightly tipsy.

«Shall we open another bottle of rosé?» MM asked.

I pretended to hesitate before answering, «Why not?»

We clinked glasses in a toast and then MM put on Edith Piaf and the two of us sang along with that glorious voice whose words seemed especially appropriate for me that night.

«Non, rien de rien.  
Non, je ne regrette rien.»  
Je t'embrasse, Tom.

*Crawford*

## Review

A Four Letter Word  
Written by Jesse Archer  
Directed by Caspar Andreas  
Produced by Embrem Entertainment

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Review by Ralph Higgins

A Four Letter Word is the sequel to the comedy hit, Slutty Summer, and viewers of that film will enjoy catching up with their favourite characters but even those who have not seen the first film will recognize these characters and circumstances from their own lives.

Peter, the waiter, has moved in with Derek and both are already wondering if they have made a mistake all the while publicly proclaiming they've never been happier. Marilyn has quit drinking, gotten engaged but is distressed to realize that she has no close women friends—aside from her AA sponsor, who made a pass at her—and so it falls to her gay friends to dress in drag and give her the bridal shower she longs for.

The key character of Four Letter Word is the frivolous, charming Luke (Jesse Archer) who continues to believe that life is a cabaret... or a dark backroom... or a crowded gay bar... or even a secluded section of a park. He is a flamboyant, exuberant, in-your-face gay man. Jesse works at a sex shop where his boss, Zeke, is a gay activist working with queer teens and trying to promote a wider image of the gay community than the sparkly, sex-obsessed types Luke exemplifies. Try love, he suggests, even a relationship. Luke, however, refuses to be politically correct or to accept the title, slut, for enjoying a healthy sex life. Love, slut and date, he declares are four letter words that have no place



in my life.

Then Luke meets Stephen (the charismatic and darkly handsome, Charlie David) and falls head over heels for him (the opposite of his usual position). Stephen thinks Luke is an uninteresting cliché no matter what the sexual chemistry between them. This rocky beginning turns into a bumpy comedic road as Luke and his friends explore the questions: Is there such a thing as Mr. Right or an ideal relationship? Where is the line between attraction, sexual pleasure and obsession? Why do we all search for love and how do we know if we've found it?

What makes Four Letter Word work so well is the tongue-in-cheek comedy talents of the ensemble cast and especially, Jesse Archer, whose character, Luke, is determined to enjoy every minute of life but who never takes any of it too seriously. The release date for this sexy, funny, romantic gay comedy is August 19.

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# For The Love Of A Queen, Part 3 of 3

## Erratum

"For the Love of a Queen" is written by Graham North, not Tim Humphrey, as was printed in the July issue.

By Graham North

"Take the show," said Lulu.

Eureka couldn't. It was too fresh. There was too much pain. Five Minutes of Fame was created around Lulu, and it only worked with her. Who was Eureka Love? A newbie drag queen. Not ready.

"Then change it!" demanded Lulu. "Make it your own."

Who would dare defy royalty?

In his next blog entry, Chuck Gillis told his friends and readers he believed in miracles. He asked everyone who knew him, and everyone who didn't, to pray for his life in unison. "With that much questioning to God from so many people, it will get his attention and hopefully help us out of this dire situation. It's worth a shot if nothing else."

One week later, on February 8, 2007, the Queen was dead.

\* \* \*

Timmy, the good cop, was shocked. Today, his eyes become moist when he thinks of Lulu. "I'll never again meet someone like Chuck Gillis," he admits. "Watching him made me put my own life in perspective. He changed me forever."

Timmy was the producer of a show whose unrivalled starlet was no more. To make matters worse, Timmy, who had been putting in vigorous hours at the animation studio, a job that entails drawing hundreds of repeated images for the simplest of body movements, developed tendonitis. The doctor recommended he take a year off.

To make ends meet, Timmy picked up a serving job at Seasons Bistro. More than ever, the void of Lulu LaRude seemed enormous and hollow. He had lost a mentor, a partner, a hero, a bad cop, and a friend. He remembered Lulu now as he thought about the time they had come up with a drag event called "The Swine" —a variation of the extreme makeover televi-

sion show, The Swan. Lulu had no patience for the show.

"Take four women with severe mental and physical handicaps," she would rant. "Give them all extensive surgery, put them in a beauty pageant and still tell three of them they're too ugly to win."

For a moment, Timmy smiled to himself. Five Minutes of Fame truly is the perfect talent show. The audience loves it. The only way to revive it would be to find someone who can work the crowd like Lulu could.

But where could you ever find that person?

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"It's not working."

Eureka Love stormed off the stage and into the Reflections dressing room.

For two months, she had been hosting Eureka! —a trivia-based game show—as the substitute for Five Minutes of Fame. Contestants would spin a giant wheel and buzz in to answer trivia questions on a variety of topics.

The audience had complained. It wasn't the same. How could it ever be?

They were still working out the bugs in the show, but deep down Eureka knew the audience was right. For two months, grief had paralyzed her. But she simply couldn't let her grief take the legacy of Lulu LaRude away from her horde of fans. She knew she was ready.

If I'm not doing Lulu's show, she thought, I don't even want to do drag.

Eureka approached bar manager Stephen Filek about switching the show back, but Stephen was way ahead of her.

"It's time."

\* \* \*

Hours before the show, Timmy begins his transformation. It takes most queens between three and four hours to do their makeup when they first start, with the veterans trimming that down to an hour or two. Timmy's proficiency

in art and his training in theatrical makeup help him to finish within the hour.

His face, like those of his many paintings, becomes the caricature of an elegant woman. His lips are luscious and supple, and his shadowy eyes hint at mischief.

Brad has already gone down to Reflections to set up when Tim Humphrey slips on a playful blonde wig, and Eureka Love smirks back at him in the mirror in anticipation of one hell of a show.

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*The opening chords of "Sweet Child O' Mine" send an aura of hope and magnificence into the souls of those who had once thought the legacy of Five Minutes of Fame was over*

By the time you check your coat at Reflections Cabaret, the audience laughter fills the back of the bar and you can hear Eureka Love cracking dirty jokes. If you look up, you will find Tim Humphrey promenading around the stage in full drag—pink stilettos, a short pink dress overlapping a tiny black skirt, long black gloves and a blonde wig. His face is alive with exuberance... and makeup.

Admire the nimble way Eureka maneuvers the stage in her four-inch pumps. Notice the muscle in her legs—nearly two years of walking in heels has chiseled her calves. Unfortunately, Eureka progressed too quickly to taller stilettos, and the intense strain on her heels forces her to roll frozen bottles on her feet before every show to loosen up the inflamed tendons.

After producing Five Minutes of Fame for years, Timmy knows it by heart, so nothing needs to change. The four contestants will do their best to impress the panel of five judges to move onto the final round, where the remaining three compete for \$200 in cash. The judges give marks based on (yell this as loud and as long as you can) "Technical Merit!!!" and

Autistic Impression (not a typo, really!). Both are original Lulu LaRude touches Eureka keeps for the faithful 5MoF fans.

Tonight we are enjoying first-round performances by Alexis Stylez, April Showers, Ben Dover (Halifax's premier drag king) and a baby-faced, slender young singer named Jonathan. As an audience member, if you are feeling generous, do as two other girls do and slip a \$5 bill into Jonathan's tight jeans pocket during his performance. Laugh as Eureka fans herself when Jonathan is finished: "I'm wet to my knees, can you tell?" Congratulate April, Ben and Jonathan as they move onto the final round.

In between sets, join the audience in swarming the dance floor for whatever minutes they can steal while the DJ blasts techno music. Look around and try to find a face without a smile—you won't.

Reflections is bustling.

Some drag queens wish Eureka wouldn't run the show the same way Lulu ran it, but as Eureka puts it: "I know that show inside and out—it only runs one way."

Stephen Filek agrees. "Lulu and Tim created the show, fine tuned it, and made it what it is today... There are always reminders of Lulu within the show—and good! Who would ever want to forget the wonderful legend she was!"

Return to your seat as the new producer, Brad, prepares the crowd for the final round. The host is nowhere to be seen.

But Eureka is ready.

The wailing guitars of Guns 'N' Roses silence the chatter of the audience. The opening chords of "Sweet Child O' Mine" send an aura of hope and magnificence into the souls of those who had once

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# Is Pride Passé?

by Paula Arsenault

It was a sunny July 1st in Bible Hill, but there were lots of rainbows. Rainbow Proud Nova Scotia was a part of the local parade with the theme, "Diversity." Both men and women came out to walk and ride in the parade. A boom box was carried to accompany the walkers with songs like, "I'm Coming Out," and for some of the Rainbow Proud group they really came out. There were several Rainbow Proud members in the parade who work at the local hospital, a minister of a church, some local service agency workers, all proudly displaying their colours. Not only did we proudly display, but we also proudly passed out over 2,000 Canada Day flags, pins, bookmarks, and posters. The parade watchers were supportive and we counted five rounds of applause. Our banner

hung across a popular street in Truro to celebrating Pride Week. Since the "Flag Flap" last summer there was little media attention paid to us this year, which in a way is a good thing, but in another way have we may have been passed by, regarded as "old news."

Speaking of old news... at the last Rainbow Proud Dance in June we had almost fifty people come out to party. It was a low-key event which gave us lots of time to catch up with each other and to make new acquaintances. I was lucky to meet a couple of men from the Eastern Shore who have been partners for twenty-nine years who come to every Truro dance. One man told us stories about what it was like when he was a young man in Toronto, when if you went to a gay club you had to be careful who you picked up because he might be

an undercover police officer. He also told us about young people some of whom after coming out were sent to the mental hospital in Dartmouth to receive shock treatment as a cure.

These are important stories. They are part of our history. We do have a special, unique culture, and we have good reason to be proud. It has been said that history is written by the winners. We can only remain winners if we continue to tell LGBT generation to come our stories. It is very exciting that Halifax is celebrating twenty years of Pride parades. We also need to celebrate our neighbours who may be having their first parade, or their second or third. For those who live in Atlantic Canada we are lucky we can travel three or four hours almost every weekend this summer and celebrate a rainbow event.



Some members of Rainbow Proud getting ready for the Diversity Parade

Pride is not passé...it is part of our vibrant culture. We are old and young and we are all the

colours of the rainbow. Just like a dandelion, we will find a crack in the pavement to grow, and we will carry on.

# Who qualifies for Al-Anon / Alateen?

## What I learned

By Anonymous

I was suffering in a verbally abusive relationship—not my first—when I attempted to join Al-Anon. I heard that it could help me with my problems. I went to a meeting and asked a woman afterward if I had to know someone who drank to join. She said I did. Disheartened, I phoned the central office in my Area and asked the same question. I received the same response.

Ten years and two more abusive, obsessive relationships later, I dragged myself to an Al-Anon meeting hoping I finally qualified. The latest relationship disaster was with a man who'd decided to stop drinking 13 years earlier. I didn't know if that meant he was an alcoholic, but I decided that had to be enough to get me through the door. I was desperate.

To my relief, no one asked me for my credentials. The woman I asked to sponsor me didn't ask me if I knew any alcoholics. Eventually I told her what had happened

ten years earlier. She shook her head in dismay and told me that if anyone came to the meetings and related, they needed to be there.

I've attended meetings and worked the Steps for more than five years now, and the program has changed my life. I still don't know if there are any alcoholics in my family, but I suppose I really do qualify because I'm in a wonderful relationship with a man who has been sober in A.A. for eleven years.

Needless to say, I welcome newcomers with open arms, and

if they ask me if they belong in Al-Anon I tell them that's up to them to decide. I encourage them to try out different meetings and tell them that if they feel like they belong, they belong.

I know now that I did qualify all those years ago. Every one of those earlier, difficult relationships had been with adult children of alcoholics. Alcoholism had most definitely and profoundly affected my life. I just didn't know it at the time.

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## Chef's Corner



One of my favourite memories from my childhood was going berry-picking with my grandparents in southern New Brunswick. That first bowl of still-warm field berries with a splash of heavy cream and a dusting of sugar was a sure sign that school was almost out and summery vacation was about to begin. A lot has changed since then, and summer vacation is nothing but a fleeting memory since becoming a Chef; however, the berries come back every year as do the warm and fuzzy feelings. This month I offer you a light, no-bake dessert, which is easy, light and is the perfect vessel for those beautiful berries to be

the centre of attention.

Next month: Grilled Vegetable Salad with Creamy Goat Cheese and poached Garlic Vinaigrette.

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2 cups graham wafer crumbs  
1/2 cup melted butter  
16 oz cream cheese (room temperature)  
1 cup icing sugar  
1 1/2 cups lemon curd (store bought is fine)

zest of 2 lemons  
2 cups whipping cream  
2 pints fresh local strawberries  
juice of 1 lime or lemon  
1 cup white sugar

#### Method

1. Press the crumb butter crust into the bottom of the spring form pan and bake at 350°F for 8-10 minutes, remove from oven and let cool on a cooling rack until completely cooled.
2. In a stand mixer with the whisk attachment, whip the cream to stiff peaks and set aside.
3. Then with the paddle attachment, whip the cream cheese and icing sugar on high speed until light and fluffy, then fold in the lemon curd on medium speed until the mixture is homogenous.
4. In a separate mixing bowl, fold the lemon mixture and the whipped cream with a whisk, then pour the mixture over your crust, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least two hours before cutting.
5. During this time, hull and wash the berries. In a blender or food processor puree one pint with 1 cup sugar and the lime juice, press through a sieve to remove the seeds and set aside. Cut the remaining berries into quarters and fold the into the berry sauce.

#### Serving suggestions

Remove the tart from the spring form pan by running a hot butter knife along the edge of the filling and the side of the pan, then releasing the lever and pulling straight up. Cut the tart into 10 equal size portions, top with the berry mixture, a rosette of whipped cream and a sprig of mint.

## Gay by Design

By Mario Bourgeois

Hello! This month we will share a romantic proposal for an engagement or simply a celebration of your love for each other. Whether you want to get married or celebrate your next step in commitment, a relationship is based on a sharing of your lives and encouraging each other. Every day you take to celebrate will anchor your relationship for the future.

Every couple is different and the combination of what you decide to do is different. I encourage you to be creative in adapting the following to how you live your lives. Simple, yes? Do we take time to do this, possibly not enough?

Romance is not only a Cyrano de Bergerac story. It's in the details of making the other person happy, to have him feel wanted, important, that he has the freedom to express himself (or herself, as the case may be) and that both of you have fun in being yourselves.

Let's take a moment to plan the day. In the morning, get up before your partner, prepare a favourite breakfast—even just coffee. Buy a favourite single flower, be it a rose or some other kind, taking into account a favoured colour and/or scent. Write something like, "I love you and I want to be a part of your day, today and every day."

Wake your partner up with a kiss and mention there is something waiting in the dining room. At mid-morning break, deliver another flower with a note such as, "I'm thinking of you right now. Do you know how important you are to me? You are always in my thoughts. See you at lunch." Make reservations at the first coffee shop or restaurant you went to together and bring another flower with a note like, "I've been waiting to spend time with you all day, thank you for being part of my life."

Have your partner think this is the end of the surprises. In the afternoon prepare a meal at home or go to your favourite restaurant—perhaps at Chef Darren's. Call your partner up to choose the best wine to go with the meal. Have more flowers waiting, possibly arranged with Aspidistra and

Bear grass.

The card could read, "Our relationship has taken many steps that created a bouquet to represent who we are together. I want to continue living in this beauty with you. One more flower is still to come."

After the meal you can bring the dessert—a Sauterne or Port can be a nice accompaniment to dark chocolate truffles. At this moment, bring the last flower with the des-



sert... if this is an engagement tie the engagement ring to the flower with a card saying, "Each step is part of what we have lived together, one flower at a time, one gesture at a time strengthens who we are together. I have already decided that I want to be with you every day of my life. Will you spend the rest of your life with me?"

The rest is up to you. Enjoy your day.

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# All Aboard!

## This stop: Friday Night Chaos

By Mychol Holtzman

This is the second run of the Atlantic Party Train [henceforth to be known as the APT Express], and liable to morph into a limo, plane or cruiseship without notice. For those who have been standing on the platform waiting to go somewhere, your transportation has arrived and is now boarding!

So we departed the house at around 10:30 pm on Friday July 4, way early by my standards but we had a few stops to make; good thing I had an outfit in mind or we never would have made it out of the house until my standard witching hour (go ahead, I've heard it all before)! Our first stop was the official opening of Menz Bar, and who do we see but Queen Agnes aka Angus of Men's Health waiting in a parked car outside for enough people to go in to make an entrance (never did see her! LOL).



Second, we spot co-owners David and Doug catching their breath or having a word (I never can tell with David - his face always says 'Stonewall' to me without the riot! Just kidding, David.) Then, once we said 'Happy Birthday' to Kara at the door, we pranced upstairs and were very happy to see a



### Disclaimer: take two...and call me in the morning

Well, Babies, seems some peeps didn't get what the disclaimer is all about so let me clarify that this is where I set the tone for this particular trip. Pull your tongue out of ---- and place it firmly in a cheek. I don't do politics: I dress, I dance, I leave the politics to the pros and they can leave FABULOUS to me! And complaints still go to www.fuckoff.com. Are we clear now, my Pretties? Off we go, then, but be warned, I don't think small (I can't even WEAR it anymore)! This stop, kick it up a notch or get OFF my fuckin' train!



lot of the alumni from the old place.

I do love the library - nice job on the fireplace mantel, Chris! The music was its usual fun, bouncy fare. Well, cheeks kissed, drinks drank and on to the next stop, Blue Moon.



I always have fun here, it's like a houseparty, or maybe that's because when I first moved here I spent many late nights er, um, early mornings with a staple gun in my hand (easy!) hanging fabric and things that sparkle with Thing I and Thing II, and I do love things that sparkle - which reminds me, I need to make an appointment with Jay Wells for my Pride hair! By the way, the salon is moving to a bigger (and bigger is better!) space on Barrington -- stay tuned, I'll have an exclusive for you....

I think they should keep DJ Troy in that cage, don't you, and just push cocktails through the links - that way whenever we go he'd be spinning, and his tunes ROCK! You wouldn't mind a liquid diet, now would you, Troy?

Anyway, cheeks kissed/pinched, and on to the next sound system



they get the fact that they are the first representatives of the club and set the tone for inside - these guys get it! Let me expand that to ALL door staff, including the money takers and coat checkers, excluding that bitchy boy that worked the door the last couple of Thursdays I was there. Once all the greetings with the door boys and girls were out of the way we boogied to the

- Reflections, where when we arrived we were met by two of my fave doormen in the city. Doormen elsewhere take a page from the guys at Refs;

bar for a bevie and a perimeter cruise. Fully acclimatized, I realized the music was slammin', as was the crowd! On the dance floor I ran into Kristyn, the daughter of one of my fave broads in town, the groovie and chesty Trickey P (Priscilla), the grandest of all make-up artists and one of the head bitches of 5 Minutes of Fame Thursdays at Reflections. Anyway, I commented on the music to Kristyn and she told me that it was her boyfriend or a boyfriend of hers, something like that, and his name was Jay. Well, hello, JayBoy, love the tunes! I took a picture, but like much of the early 90's, I don't know what happened to it! It's funny 'cuz it's true! ROFL! After dancing our asses off, Calandra and I decided it was time to leave before that shameful moment when they throw the lights on - and that's never pretty!

On the walk home I was watching my feet and realized that my white runners were still white! Have they changed cleaners?



SIDETRIPS: NIGHT MAGIC FASHIONS 18TH ANNIVERSARY BASH

Hope to see you at Night Magic Fashions' fundraiser for Bryony House at Bubbles Mansion in Halifax on Saturday August 9. See the article on page 6 for full details, and dress to impress, cuties - I'll be there with my camera!



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# WAYVES GROUPS AND SERVICES

Al-Anon/Alateen: for families & friends of problem drinkers. Does someone you know have a drinking problem?. 466-7077 web: [www.freewebs.com/alanonmaritimes](http://www.freewebs.com/alanonmaritimes)

AtlanticCanadianLesbians: Online Group For Lesbians from the Atlantic Provinces. email: [AtlanticCanadianLesbians@groups.msn.com](mailto:AtlanticCanadianLesbians@groups.msn.com) web: [groups.msn.com/AtlanticCanadianLesbians](http://groups.msn.com/AtlanticCanadianLesbians)

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

Egale Canada - Atlantic: (888) 204-7777 email: [egale.canada@egale.ca](mailto:egale.canada@egale.ca) web: [www.egale.ca](http://www.egale.ca)

GaySpaces, Fredericton: Free postings of GLBT-friendly places to live in Canada. email: [info@gayspaces.org](mailto:info@gayspaces.org) web: [www.gayspaces.org](http://www.gayspaces.org)

Gender Expressions Atlantic: Support for transgendered individuals ranging from Crossdressers to Transsexuals. email: [gender\\_expressions@hotmail.com](mailto:gender_expressions@hotmail.com) web: [www.geocities.com/gender\\_expressions/](http://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](mailto:director@accesswave.ca) web: [www.hon93.ca](http://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](mailto:denisesined@ns.sympatico.ca) web: [www.3ns.sympatico.ca/winpapernews](http://www.3ns.sympatico.ca/winpapernews) (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](mailto:waydo7@hotmail.com)

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

Narcotics Anonymous: a fellowship of recovering drug addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. 1-800-205-8402 web: [centralnovaarea.ca](http://centralnovaarea.ca) at Call the phone number or visit the web page for meeting times and places.

Project E: Presentation for youth, on gender expression, myth busters, proper terminology and other facts. web: [www.freewebs.com/xprojecte/](http://www.freewebs.com/xprojecte/) at available via web page

Propitiation, Toronto: A fellowship of gay and lesbian Anglicans and their friends. 416-977-4359 email: [propitiation@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:submissions@wayves.ca) web: [wayves.ca](http://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](mailto:cqsunited@nb.aibn.com) web: [www.cqsunited.ca](http://www.cqsunited.ca), meets every Sunday (10:30am) at 215 Wentworth St, Saint John, NB

AIDS Moncton, Moncton: offers support to people living with HIV and their families and friends, education and awareness. 859-9616 email: [sidaidsm@sida-aidsmoncton.com](mailto:sidaidsm@sida-aidsmoncton.com) web: [www.sida-aidsmoncton.com](http://www.sida-aidsmoncton.com) at 80 Weldon St, Moncton, NB, E1C 5V8

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](mailto:sidaids@nbnet.nb.ca) web: [www.aidsnb.com](http://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: [aidsjsj@nb.aibn.com](mailto:aidsjsj@nb.aibn.com) web: [www.aidsaintjohn.com](http://www.aidsaintjohn.com)

Fredericton Lesbians and Gays, Fredericton: Email listserv of events/news in the Fredericton for gblt men and women. email: [jamesw@stu.ca](mailto:jamesw@stu.ca)

web: [www.geocities.com/westhollywood/3074](http://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](mailto:info@gngnb.ca) web: [www.gngnb.ca](http://www.gngnb.ca) (Dances are held at GNG club every Saturday night. See [www.gngnb.ca](http://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](mailto:davidstaples@rogers.com) web: [www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity/Integrity.htm](http://www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity/Integrity.htm), meets 3rd Sunday (Group gayfers 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](mailto:monctonnb@pflagcanada.ca) web: [www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html](http://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](mailto:pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca) web: [www.geocities.com/Pflagfredericton/](http://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](mailto:sacknb-amns@pflagcanada.ca) web: [www.pflagcanada.ca/en/prov-list-e.asp?RegionNo=6&ProvAbbr=NB](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:saintjohnnb@pflagcanada.ca) web: [www.pflagcanada.ca/saintjohn](http://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](mailto:events@portcityrainbowpride.com) web: [www.portcityrainbowpride.com](http://www.portcityrainbowpride.com)

River Of Pride, Moncton: Organizes, promotes and produces Moncton's Pride events!. email: [monctonriverofpride2008@gmail.com](mailto:monctonriverofpride2008@gmail.com) web: [www.fiertemonctonpride.ca](http://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](mailto:safespaces@gmail.com) web: [www.safespacesfundy.com](http://www.safespacesfundy.com) (See our webpage for schedule of meetings and socials etc @ [www.safespacesfundy.com](http://www.safespacesfundy.com))

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

Saint John LGBTQ Lending Library, Saint John: over 300 fiction and non-fiction titles. 634-8288 email: [cqsunited@nb.aibn.com](mailto: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.

Spectrum, Fredericton: social and support group for students, staff and faculty at UNB and STU. email: [spectrum@unb.ca](mailto:spectrum@unb.ca) web: [www.unbf.ca/clubs/spectrum](http://www.unbf.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](mailto:QCollect@UNBSJ.ca) web: [www.unbsj.ca/clubs/qcollective](http://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: Visé à éduquer, à sensibiliser et à offrir des ressources dans la langue française. email: [unsurdix@umoncton.ca](mailto:unsurdix@umoncton.ca) web: [www.umoncton.ca/unsurdix/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@acnl.net) web: [www.acnl.net](http://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](mailto:chris@acnl.net) web: [www.acnl.net](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.pflag.ca) (For support or information on chapter meetings regarding PFLAG Canada contact Gemma Schlamp-Hickey, Atlantic Director at [gemmahickey@yahoo.ca](mailto:gemmahickey@yahoo.ca) or Diana Deacon, St. John's chapter contact at [ddeacon@mun.ca](mailto:ddeacon@mun.ca))

St. John's Pride, St. John's: St. John's Official Pride Organization. 709-746-6564

Nova Scotia (902)

Acadia Pride, Wolfville: Acadia Student Union's LGBT2IQ group. 585-2165 email: [acadiapride@acadiau.ca](mailto:acadiapride@acadiau.ca) web: [euler.acadiau.ca/~apride/](http://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](mailto:057996c@acadiau.ca) web: [axe.acadiau.ca/womencentre](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:joannerolls@accb.ns.ca), [christineporter@accb.ns.ca](mailto:christineporter@accb.ns.ca) web: [www.accb.ns.ca](http://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](mailto:acns@acns.ns.ca) web: [www.acns.ns.ca](http://www.acns.ns.ca)

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: Live & Let Live AA group for GLBT community. (902) 425-8383/422-4972 email: [courage449@yahoo.com](mailto:courage449@yahoo.com) web: [www.rationalunlacy.com/cout](http://www.rationalunlacy.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](mailto:bedfordunited@eastlink.ca) web: [www.bedfordunited.com](http://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](mailto:sueandrews1964@hotmail.com) web: [ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynof-halifax/](http://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. 422-6416 email: [BluenoseBears2008@yahoo.ca](mailto:BluenoseBears2008@yahoo.ca) (Meetings and Events Schedule for Summer 2008 is in the planning stages!)

Cape Breton University Sexual Diversity Centre, Sydney: We provide a welcoming environment for GLBTQ people and their Allies. 902-563-1481 email: [sdcc@cbusu.ca](mailto:sdcc@cbusu.ca) (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](mailto: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](mailto:cumberlandpride@hotmail.com) web: [cumberlandpride.sytes.net](http://cumberlandpride.sytes.net), meets 3rd Sunday (2-4pm)

DalOUT, Halifax: LGBTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: [dalout@dal.ca](mailto:dalout@dal.ca) web: [societies.dsu.ca/dalout](http://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](mailto:Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca) web: [www.frontrunners.org/clubs/halifax/](http://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](http://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](mailto:girlishproductions@yahoo.ca) web: [www.girlish.ca](http://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: [groupharrisonsociety@yahoo.ca](mailto:groupharrisonsociety@yahoo.ca) web: [www.geocities.com/groupharrisonsociety](http://www.geocities.com/groupharrisonsociety), 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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:halgal@yahoogroups.com) web: [groups.yahoo.com/group/hal-gal/](http://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](http://www.HalifaxSexualHealth.ca)

Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society, Halifax: Fundraising. 902-449-7612 web: [www.imperialcourtns.com](http://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](mailto:nacs@eastlink.ca) web: [northernaidconnectionsociety.ca](http://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](mailto:nsrap@nsrap.ca) web: [www.nsrap.ca](http://www.nsrap.ca) at TBA

Outlaw, Halifax: GLBTQ & Allies Law Students Association at Dalhousie Law School. email: [chad.skinner@dal.ca](mailto:chad.skinner@dal.ca) web: [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2416842853](http://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](mailto:middletonns@pflagcanada.ca) web: [www.pflagcanada.ca/middleton.html](http://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: [sydneysn@pflagcanada.ca](mailto:sydneysn@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

Pictou County Centre for Sexual Health, New Glasgow: 695-3366 email: [youth.access@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:youth.access@ns.sympatico.ca)

Positive Connections: Teleconferenced support groups for people living with AIDS. email: [connections@acns.ns.ca](mailto: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](mailto:info@pridecapebreton.com) web: [www.pridecapebreton.com](http://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](mailto:prideguide@eastlink.ca)

Pride of Pictou County, New Glasgow: All GBLT in Pictou County. email: [chair@prideofpictoucounty.ca](mailto:chair@prideofpictoucounty.ca) web: [www.PrideofPictouCounty.ca](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 GBLT community. Everyone is welcome!. 453-9249 email: [safeharbour@eastlink.ca](mailto:safeharbour@eastlink.ca) web: [safeharbour-mcc.com](http://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: [sectory@eastlink.ca](mailto:sectory@eastlink.ca) web: [www.sectory.com](http://www.sectory.com) at Second Story Women's Centre is located at 22 King Street, Post Office Centre, Lunenburg.

Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County, Amherst: Open and inclusive services: information, education, workshops, free condoms. 667-7500 email: [shccc@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:shccc@ns.aliantzinc.ca) web: [cumberlandcounty.cfsh.info](http://cumberlandcounty.cfsh.info) (9 - 5 drop-in or appt) at 12 LaPlanche St. Confidential, hassle-free. Free condoms.



# Events >>

## 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. lgby\_pamherst@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](mailto:gaylords_1975@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@yahoogroups.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

### Last Saturday of the Month

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 gvnkr@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

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www.boomnightclub.ca  
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Music: 3 Recent, 3 Retro, 3 Requests  
Specials: On beer and spirits  
Cover: None  
Fridays:  
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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](http://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@yahoogroups.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](mailto: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 31, Aug 14, 28, Sept 11, 25, Oct 9, 23

Anonymous HIV Testing, AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia 1657 Barrington St, Suite 321, 5-8pm. 425-4882 for an appointment.

### Aug 3, 17, 31, Sept 14, 28, Oct 12, 26

Koinonia Ecumenical Church – Meaning 'community'. Services bi-weekly at 12:30pm at Halifax Feast downtown. Pastor Elaine, 876-8771 or koinonia@ns.sympatico.ca

### Aug 9th

Night Magic Fashions Presents A Charity event in support of Bryony House Location: Bubbles Mansion. 5287 Prince Street, Halifax 8pm-10:30pm 5287 Prince Street in Halifax. Doors will open at 7pm with tickets available to be purchased for \$7 each at the door.

### September 28

Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life 2008. Contact Robin Levy at 425-4882 @ Ext 228 or email walk@acns.ns.ca to register! Don't miss out on this chance to support people living with HIV/AIDS in Nova Scotia.

## 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](http://www.youthproject.ns.ca) Phone: 902-429-5429 Email: [youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca](mailto: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 charities benefit 100% from an inexpensive cover or silver collection. 10pm Visit us for more details @ Friends of BlueMoon on Facebook or [www.imperialcourtns.com](http://www.imperialcourtns.com)

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Happy Hour from 3pm till 10pm, FREE Cover before 10pm  
\$2 Shooters ALL NIGHT!  
Thursday August 28th  
DaPoPo CAFE  
Presented by DaPopo Theatre  
7:30pm Start Time  
Sunday August 31st  
The Chicklits Drag Show  
An Evening of Great Entertainment!  
9pm Sharp (approx 2 hours)

## REFLECTIONS

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mail@reflectionscaaret.com  
www.reflectionscaaret.com  
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Mondays - Student Night (Free lockers with valid ID)  
\*BEER BUST all domestic beer \$3  
Tuesdays - Lockerama (All lockers \$14 all night)  
\*BEER BUST all domestic beer \$3  
Wednesdays - Hump Night (Get 1/2 pass for your next visit)  
\*LIQUOR BUST - All liquor \$4.50  
Thursdays - Naked Night (Towels Optional)  
\*LIQUOR BUST - All liquor \$4.50  
Fridays - Orgy in the Maze....  
Sat & Sun - Early Bird Special (6am till Noon - lockers \$8 - Rooms \$15)  
Sundays - Free 30 minutes Cruiseline card after 4pm!  
\*WEEK END BAR SPECIAL (Fri.Sat.&Sun)  
Buy any MOOSEHEAD Beer at regular price and get a 2nd one for \$2

## 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](http://www.trianglesbar.com), and send comments & suggestions to [thegirls@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto: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.

## Sackville

### Second Monday

PFLAG Sackville / Amherst - in Sackville one month, Amherst the next. 506-536-4245 email: [jhammock@mta.ca](mailto: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 Bar & Business Calendar

### Zone 216

216 Water St, 754-2492  
<http://www.hello.to/zone216>  
Winter Hours  
Open Fri&Sat Nights 10pm-late  
No cover before 12 Friday  
No Cover before 11 Saturday

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rainbowproud@hotmail.com). Our website is in the works so send an email and to be kept up to date.

## WAYVES DATES!

Check out the front of the magazine for Wayves deadlines and meeting dates -- all are welcome!

## Wileville

...see Bridgewater

## Wolfville

### Every Second Tuesday

Kings County Prostate Cancer Support Group, 7-9 pm in the East Kings Memorial Public Health Centre on Earncliffe Ave in Wolfville. You can ask questions you forgot to ask the doctor or nurse and you can think aloud to help you make your decisions. There is growing evidence that your participation in a group of people who have gone through the processes you are now facing is mentally beneficial and may well contribute to

your recovery from prostate cancer interventions. We are an easy-going informal group of 12 men, some of whom bring their spouses/partners to our monthly meetings. Know that you are

truly welcome to join us and if you need more information please get in touch with me by e mail [dickgroot2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:dickgroot2003@yahoo.ca) or by phone 542 6125. Our correspondence address is the same

as my home address: 210 Main Street, Wolfville NS B4P 1C4.

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# Groups Cont'd

Sexual Health Centre for Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: Confidential info, education&support for everyone. Safer sex supplies, library, pamphlets, workshops. 527-2868 email: [LunCo@NSSexualHealth.ca](mailto:LunCo@NSSexualHealth.ca) web: [www.LunCo.cfsh.info](http://www.LunCo.cfsh.info) (Hours vary. Open by appointment or by chance. Please call ahead.) at 4 Hillcrest Street Unit 8, Bridgewater. (On the corner of Dufferin and Hillcrest Streets). Closed during summers.

South Shore Pride Social Club, Bridgewater: for 19 & older. 530-5986 email: [info@southshorepride.ca](mailto:info@southshorepride.ca) web: [www.southshorepride.ca](http://www.southshorepride.ca), meets 3rd Saturday (-- dances -- 9:00PM to 1:00AM) at Call or email for location.

Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche: We are an affirming centre, welcoming all gay, lesbian, and transgendered people. 1.800.218.2220 email: [tatacent@tatacentre.ca](mailto:tatacent@tatacentre.ca) web: [www.tatacentre.ca](http://www.tatacentre.ca)

Team Halifax, Halifax: All GLBT over 18, athletes and performance artists, as well as anyone willing to help out. 422-9510 web: [www.teamhalifax.com](http://www.teamhalifax.com) (No fixed schedule at this time, look on website for further details.)

The Rainbow - Atlantic Awareness Society, (Cape Breton/Halifax/Annapolis Valley): email: [tpineo@hotmail.com](mailto:tpineo@hotmail.com) web: To be released

The Youth Project, Halifax: 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. 429-5429 email: [youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca](mailto:youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca) web: [www.youthproject.ns.ca](http://www.youthproject.ns.ca) (Please refer to our website for details and schedule of upcoming events.) at 2281 Brunswick Street.

Truro Pride, Truro: A group supporting GLBT individuals in the Colchester County. 895-0931 email: [truropride@hotmail.com](mailto:truropride@hotmail.com), meets every Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) at FairTrade Cafe on Prince Street, between Commercial and Dominion Streets.

Universalist Unitarian Church, Halifax: an inclusive liberal religious community 429-5500 email: [uuchurch@eastlink.ca](mailto:uuchurch@eastlink.ca) web: [chebucto.ca](http://chebucto.ca)

ca/religion/UUCH, meets every Sunday (10:30) at 5500 Inglis St

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House, Kingston: socials for gay men; gay & lesbian dances 19+. 765-2821 email: [menembracingmen@yahoo.ca](mailto:menembracingmen@yahoo.ca) web: [faceitwithpride.tripod.com](http://faceitwithpride.tripod.com) (Coffee every Thursday 7-9pm, Dances on the first Saturday of the month, for the exception of in November. There is two dances held in October, On the First Saturday and the Last Saturday of that Month and NO Dance in November.) at email or call for locations or special events or themes

Venus Envy Bursary Society: An annual award open to all women studying in NS. web: [www.venusenvy.ca/halifax](http://www.venusenvy.ca/halifax)

WomynZone, Halifax: Social activities for womyn who love womyn in the Halifax region. email: [womynzone@eastlink.ca](mailto:womynzone@eastlink.ca) web: [www.geocities.com/womynzone](http://www.geocities.com/womynzone)

X-Pride, Antigonish: social & support group at X. 867- 5007 web: [www.stfx.ca/people/xpride](http://www.stfx.ca/people/xpride)

Prince Edward Island (902)  
Abegweit Rainbow Collective, Charlottetown: Serving GLBT Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: [info@arcpei.ca](mailto:info@arcpei.ca) web: [www.arcpei.ca](http://www.arcpei.ca), meets 2nd Tuesday (7:30 PM) at 144 Prince Street

AIDS PEI, Charlottetown: 566-2437 email:

[info@aidspei.com](mailto:info@aidspei.com) web: [www.aidspei.com](http://www.aidspei.com) at 144 Prince Street

Gay PEI Mailing List, province-wide: Electronic mailing list for all GLBT, questioning and friendly, focus is on PEI. email: [gay-pe-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:gay-pe-owner@yahoo.com) web: [groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pe-owner](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pe-owner) (It's an electronic list, there aren't meetings. You can join and start posting at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pe-owner> at any time. All first posts are moderated to stop spambots, otherwise, it's an open list.)

GLBT Youth group, Charlottetown: Safe Space Drop-Ins. 367-3408 or toll free 1 877 380 5776 (E-mail us for further details.) at 144 Prince St.

PEI Pride, Charlottetown: Organizing The Island Pride Festival. (902) 388-0969 email: [pridepei@isn.net](mailto:pridepei@isn.net) web: [www.peipride.com](http://www.peipride.com) (See webpage for meetings [www.peipride.com](http://www.peipride.com)) at 286 Fitzroy Street

PFLAG Canada - PEI, Island wide: Providing support, education and advocacy for GLBT persons, their families and friends in PEI. 902-887-3620 email: [pflagpei@eastlink.ca](mailto:pflagpei@eastlink.ca) web: [www.pflagcanada.ca](http://www.pflagcanada.ca), meets 3rd Tuesday at Ferry Road Centre, 24 Ferry Road, Cornwall, PE or Stratford City Hall check with Mary or Bill Kendrick on this months location by calling 902-887-3620.

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## Are We Queer Enough?

by Calandra Smith

This is a straight-up (no pun intended) challenge, readers: Are we (really) queer enough? I don't see us embracing our poly, trans, bi, etc., compatriots so much. This year as we rewrite local history to honour 20 years of Pride in Halifax, when I remember celebrating it here as a visitor way before then, I know I am guilty of being one of the many walking wounded still carrying in-

ternalized homophobia, transphobia, biphobia, and a whole lot of other social conditioning even while protesting it (too much?) in society at large. We cannot embrace diversity by paying mere lip service to an inclusivity that is largely illusionary outside of Reflections on a Saturday night.

I am, like all of us, a product of my environment and era, vintage Klippert and Stonewall. For those

of you who don't know who Klippert was, pardon this foray into Canadian queer history. Klippert was charged, sentenced and imprisoned for years simply because, when questioned as a witness by the RCMP in an arson investigation in the NWT, he admitted to same-sex activity with consulting adults. This was the landmark case that resulted in Pierre Trudeau declaring "there's no place for the state

in the bedrooms of the nation." Here in Canada we roll over every year and pay tribute to Stonewall, with the vast majority of queers, let alone mainstream Canadians, never having heard of Klippert. Shame on us. We have our own history, and it is not insignificant. Klippert is no longer with us, but we should be celebrating him. Here are a couple of relevant links: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBT\\_](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LGBT_rights_in_Canada)

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As Pride takes centre stage once again I challenge you, reader, however you define your sexuality, to take stock of how accepting you truly are of the other inhabitants of your community. That said, let's stop beating ourselves and each other up over it, and get on with acceptance.

## Why do People Judge Others?

By a member of BLT Women of Halifax:

It amazes me to no end in this day and age with the diversity we have all around us that people still feel they must judge others. Individuals are who they are. Everyone is different and everyone deserves the right to be one's own individual self.

I recently witnessed a very obvious and quite rude act of

judgement by someone, and on National Homophobia Day, no less. I was in an establishment in Halifax with some friends. One of those friends, who is very dear to my heart, is a transwoman. Two people very blatantly stared and laughed at my friend. I was quite offended by this.

I'm not naïve to the fact that this happens a great deal, everywhere, but I just happened to be there to

see this specific act directed to my friend. She was oblivious to the incident but I felt hurt for her. I approached this couple and politely suggested that they not judge someone until they've walked in their shoes. This approach is what I feel should be taken for those we love and support.

I also feel that no one is without some sort of demon they are struggling against. I myself am guilty of

judging people when I was younger and quite socially ignorant. I regret my actions to this day. I've also been on the receiving end of jeers and laughs and it does not feel nice at all. This is what I felt for my friend that particular night.

I feel that it is social ignorance that causes people to judge, or misjudge, others. It could be fear and lack of understanding. Whatever the reason, folks should try to learn

about others and their struggles in order to be more enlightened and understanding. This is only my opinion, but I think society would be a less bullied and friendlier place without such judgemental actions. I believe people are who they are from the inside, no matter the exterior.

I hope by sharing this little episode one person will stop and think before they criticize or judge.

## A Rural Point of View

By Paula Arsenault

Our home has gotten an infusion of teen energy over the past two years. Anne and I got legally married in May 2006, and a week later we had a 16 year old "son" living with us full-time—our nephew moved in with us to live because his life in the big city of Moncton was not working out.

In the past two years we learned about the Xbox, Guitar Hero, war games and boy hormones. He has done well in the small rural high school, meeting new friends, getting a girl friend and working for the local grocery store. We laugh a lot, nag a lot and we really live life to the fullest we can.

One day as we were talking about the Gaelic language our dear nephew piped up and said, "Is that

a GAY language?" He has learned that the saying, "That's so gay!" is an un-cool saying and is homophobic. While the school he attends is great and our village has an active artistic community, the youth have few places to safely discuss their issues. Unfortunately our area has a high occurrence of STD's, yet there is no specific initiative addressing teenage sexuality.

Recently we have had the experience of having a young person tell us they think they are bisexual. This shows that times have changed since Anne and I were young, as being anything but straight was not an option. The time has come though for us to have resources available that are peer based and accessible to anyone at any age in any area.

## For The Love Of A Queen

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thought the legacy of Five Minutes of Fame was over. Squint softly as the spotlight hits the disco ball and sends light in every direction. By the time Eureka Love emerges, you can barely hear Axel Rose over the relentless cheers.

Eureka's blond wig is wrapped in a leopard-print bandana, and she energetically pounces to the front of the crowd in black leather boots. She sports a Punisher t-shirt and doesn't miss a single step or lyric or opportunity to ignite the crowd. Listen to the words of the ballad, and what they might mean to Eureka:

*Now and then when I see her face*

*She takes me away to that special place*

*And if I stared too long, I'd prob-*

*ably break down and cry*

Somewhere, in a kingdom of lights, lasers and disco balls, Lulu is listening too.

*Oh, Sweet Child O' Mine...*

With the final guitar chord, leap to your feet and cheer on the spectacular host. Marvel as the crowd's applause lasts nearly as long as the song did, and on several occasions Eureka tries, uselessly, to interject.

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Despite his rise to drag fame, Timmy still finds it tough to take himself too seriously. He sings the songs he grew up vacuuming the living room to.

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# The Last Word

by Randall Perry

## 'Mo Glow 101

At coffee recently a work colleague asked me, "Why does it always come down to sexuality? Why do you have to tell everyone you're gay?" I smiled at her, having listened to stories about what she and her husband did over the weekend. "It's 'Mo Glow," I answered. "I can't help it."

"And what's 'Mo Glow?" she asked. I defined it for her, more or less: "It's when you drip with gay, even when you think you're passing through life with your rainbow firmly stuffed under your hat." (I once had a friend who said, "Nobody knows I'm gay," to which I replied, "Honey, DEAD people know you're gay!"—That's 'Mo Glow!)

Roll back the clock and picture me in grade six. It's 1979. I have really big glasses and an Erik Estrada fixation. My best friend, L, loves Shaun Cassidy. We keep scrapbooks. I secretly wish I had L's great hair and want to live in her fabulous house. The Glow is beginning to show.

It's Career Day, and Mrs. R wants us to talk about what we'd like to do after high school. It's the classic, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" packaged as an exercise in public speaking. Each of us is to give a short presentation

to the class. Five minutes, tops. When you're 11 and timid in front of crowds, it might as well be an eternity.

One by one, my classmates take their turns at the front of the room. The boys are going to be doctors, lawyers, firemen, policemen, farmers and fishermen. The girls are going to be hairdressers, moms and teachers. L has decided she wants to be a politician, which elicits a few giggles.

Since we're going by alphabetical order, it takes some time to get to me. It's my turn, soon enough, and I stand, shakily, in front of the class. "When I finish high school," I announce in my soft, somewhat-fey voice, "I would like to be a game show host."

Dead silence, but only for a moment. Then, from the back of the room, comes the pronouncement: "Fag!" The room erupts in laughter and I slink, red-faced, back to my desk. Kids can be fantastically cruel, and my 'Mo Glow proved terribly unpolished.

But that was then, and this is now. Over the years I've had many career aspirations: game show host, actor, disco star, writer... I once wanted to be ABBA's Frida, since she was married to Benny, my first

bear crush (that's another story), and she was rich. I was also a good Catholic boy and came close to entering the seminary; it was just a phase I thankfully outgrew. All of those dreams—pipe and not—were shot through with my own particular brand of glittery bird-flipping.

I polished my Glow to a blinding brightness twenty years ago this month, when I made my final exit from the closet by coming out to my folks. It wasn't exactly what

I had hoped for—indifference would have been preferable to the storm of raw emotions on all sides. I knew there would not be immediate acceptance. Looking back, I'm surprised they didn't figure it out. However, I was in an informatics void for most of my adolescence; I learned about the sexuality from an old health encyclopedia and read that homosexuality was an aberrant behaviour and considered a mental illness. It's enough to make the gayest bottle-blond chorus boy want to paint himself grey and trudge through life under wraps. I'm thankful that at least the official positions have changed.

Twenty years and more, onward, and my 'Mo Glow is still in the "on" position. I'm glad to see that other people have theirs

*Honey, DEAD people know you're gay!*



## Last Month's Question

Seventeen people responded to our mini survey. We asked about where you live, how "out" you are, and how and why you interact with Pride celebrations. Six respondents are from the city, three from a town, and six from the country; nine are totally out, four are selectively out, and two are closeted; nine enjoy Pride for both the activism and social activities; one for the activism only, three for the socializing only, and four do neither. Your comments included, "It's a fun time, but it also reminds everyone else in town that we're here and we're queer;" "Living in N.B. not much going on here for parades, etc. difficult to find a gay community in a small town;" "I live outside Halifax but work in the city every day so I feel like a city dweller. Pride is very important and a lot of fun!" "I am one of three openly gay workers in a department of thirty. Everyone is very accepting."

Someone also asked: My favorite activity is naturism and unfortunately the only social club, Bluenosers of Nova Scotia, will not allow me to join as there are not enough women to men ratio. So I go to Crystal Crescent in the summer in hopes of finding other gays to hang out with. I was thinking of starting a club myself. What would your thoughts be on this?

## This month's question:

If you could live the life of a famous (or infamous) queer from the past, who would you choose to be a literary figure, a sports figure, political activist, or entertainer?

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polished up. Sitting at a coffee shop the other day, I saw two young university men studying together... their easy, unselfconscious way as they leaned into their books and each other. They were obviously a couple, and I was pleased to no-

tice. Part of me was envious, that they were just at the beginning of the adventure, but the better part of me was proud that I helped in some small way to help create the world where we can all let our light shine.



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