

# WAYVES



Halifax exercised its “License to Celebrate Twenty Years of Pride” with great enthusiasm on Sunday, July 26. Under sunny skies almost 35,000 people lined the downtown route to watch the festive two-hour celebration of almost 6,000 participants bop, blare, ride and dance their way to the Garrison Grounds for yet more music, entertainment and a Community Fair. See Page 10 for more photos.

*Photo: Gordon Sleight, gord@spoon.org.*

## Masq Goes To Church

By Sandi Jordan

**M**asq, Halifax’s monthly exotic masquerade party, it seems, has grown in leaps and bounds. The event has developed a strong community feel and, with the support of local performers, artists and businesses, Masq has become a nonjudgmental sanctuary for anyone who lives, or seeks, an alternative lifestyle of any kind.

After hitting capacity and drinking the bar dry for the first few months, the organizers of Masq have made a change of venues to the North St Church and, to celebrate September, the theme is Teacher and School Girl/Boy.

Masquerade dress code is always in

effect and strictly enforced. Leather, lace, lingerie, PVC, all black, gothic, punk, glamour, fantasy, fetish/kink, costumes and uniforms can be found mixed throughout the crowd and the “no street clothes” rule keeps walk-ins and wallflowers to a minimum.

If you want to dance the night away, meet old friends and new, listen to great music and, generally, have an amazing night out, this is the place for you. The next Masq happens on September 20 and is hosted by local DJs who spin industrial, goth, trance, techno, electronica, and EBM. Cover is \$7 or \$5 VIP (or in theme). All events are 19+.

## CAS: New Atlantic Regional Director

By Angus Campbell

**Y**ou may know him as one of the cute and friendly bartenders at Menz Bar (aren’t they all) or perhaps you recognize him as the calliente-hot leatherman in the Halifax Pride Parade but Eric (Rick) Johnston is more than just a pretty face and has been named as the new Atlantic Regional Director for the Canadian AIDS Society (CAS).

Born and raised in New Brunswick, Rick lived in Vancouver for a few years but has been back in the Maritimes for awhile now. He is currently living in Halifax where he is attending Dalhousie University in his third year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Rick has been involved with HIV/AIDS work for many years, mostly in a volunteer capacity, and he also did a Treatment Information Coordinator contract for the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia. He has served on two Boards of Directors including co-chair of the Phoenix Heraldic Society in Vancouver. “I have been dedicated to the HIV/AIDS movement and I believe that I have a great deal to offer to the Board of CAS and am very excited about serving our membership,” says Rick.

As the Atlantic Regional Director for CAS, his main responsibility in his two year term is to communicate with and represent the concerns and

issues of all CAS member groups within the Atlantic region. He is also jointly responsible, along with the Person Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHIV/AIDS)

Regional Director, Stephen Hurst, for communicating the concerns and issues of the PLWHIV/AIDS community within the Atlantic region. “I am also accountable to the issues of the regional member groups and



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# TIME IS RUNNING OUT



*George Hislop was the lead representative plaintiff of this significant case. He is pictured here with Ron Shearer (right), his partner of many years. George won the right to a CPP survivor's pension for himself and for other same-sex survivors across Canada.*

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# AIDS Coalition of NS Ceilidh: Pain, Love, Friendship and Joy

By Denise Holliday

I approached the Ceilidh with my usual personal level of emotional caution that I recognize occurs with anything I have never experienced. I was supposed to learn but exactly what, was seemingly in the air. Lots of very friendly people talking at the same time and so wrapped up in touching base with others they knew, left me a little reticent. Hanging back and trying to match the woodwork seemed to be working and I settled down to watch the world go by.

While I only directly knew about four people, there were many more that stopped to say hello and I struggled to hear what they had to say. Hearing aids were useless in the stone floored building of this beautiful property of Mount St. Vincent University. I had never been here before and as my stay grew to a close I knew I would miss this special experience of history and new beginnings.

The people at the Ceilidh were every bit as different and individually impressive. This however was something that was to take me a couple of days to fully realize. I struggled to learn first names and listened with my hand over my mouth as I sat for the first time in my life in the Healing circle and while struggling to learn the basics I also started to see pain, love friendship and joy that was being shared unconditionally and in ways I had not experienced before. The smell of the sweet grass was amazingly calming and I left holding that particular piece and feeling slightly lacking/unworthy. Those present expressed such genuine issues and concerns it was a humbling experience to be able to sit in on their stories.

I was to hear stories of despair, love, and courage that would challenge my own sense of value and worth. The humidity was taking its

toll on all the people present regardless of their individual health status. The air so heavy it was at times hard to breathe. My respect for my own children was raised as I listened to what young people are facing and realized how wonderful my children are and what they must have faced and avoided without ever being a burden to me. People shared their stories and as each one told their story the myths and lies were cast aside and real personal needs and victories were exposed.

The closing Annual AGM started with a moment of silence and as in previous sessions I once again mentally had the vision of the support group scene in "Rent" and how as the song progressed people faded from the picture, depicting those who had died of HIV/AIDS. But this was no movie and the people were alive and obviously brave souls dealing with an issue that would test theirs and

everyone else's strength in the days and months to follow; not knowing which seats may be empty at future gatherings.

The last night was the end of a long hot day and the hot weather broke and a cool refreshing blanket of air descended as we sat around in the garden area and shared our life experiences, not bragging or complaining but merely expressing the truth each had lived.

Not being HIV positive was a blessing I had never gave a lot of thought to, yet as rough as these folks had it and the friends they had lost, nothing stop the outpouring of compassion many shared with me and several had solid suggestions to offer those who struggled. Amazing stories of rejection, misunderstanding and the bravery of those souls who put

themselves on the line for the benefit of their friends and neighbours were frequently told.

The final morning a picture that I had admired the night before was handed to me as a keepsake and as I showed it to the group and fibbed about it being my spouse, the compliments flowed; while the lady in the picture was one of the male participants that got a lot of fun from not being recognized. Once they were told, it was a source of riotous laughter and that, I thought, was a great way to part-company, with a smile for each one present. Until the next time we meet, may they all stay strong in body and spirit.

Special thanks to all those who made this awesome learning experience possible.

## Padding on the Magical Misty Sea

By Bill McKinnon

What's it like when sixteen LGBT's go out in kayaks in the early evening among the misty, pristine islands in the sea off Lower Prospect? It was wonderful, magical and invigorating adventure. They say that not only is

Everyone had a chance to explore sheltered inlets and rocky shores at a comfortable pace with professional guides. We kept our fingers crossed for porpoise and seal sightings and although we mostly saw blue herons and ducks, the scenery was breathtaking and it was a welcome escape from the city. After the paddle we enjoyed a barbecue on the wharf while the sun set to the gentle sounds of the ocean, redolent with its soft, misty fragrance.

ECO is a queer- and trans-positive space with a com-

munity based outdoor resource centre specializing in guided sea kayak tours. Their staff is especially professional, certified in kayak instruction and most reassuringly safety conscious so it was great that no experience is required to participate in their outings on the sea. ECO is located in the

historic and picturesque coastal community of Lower Prospect. About 30 minutes from Halifax, off of Highway 333 on the way to Peggy's Cove and also at Mahone Bay. For more info, see [www.eastcoastoutfitters.net](http://www.eastcoastoutfitters.net) or call 1-877-852-2567.

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Heather Britton of *Live Landscaping* rides her *Pride* with owner Dougald MacDougall behind the wheel. Photo by Gordon Sleight, [gord@spoon.org](mailto:gord@spoon.org); cover design by Cam MacLeod.

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the paddling relaxing and great for arm and shoulder muscles but it also tends to flatten one's midsection and the fog is a good moisturizer for the complexion.

East Coast Outfitters (ECO) presented a Pride Paddle on Thursday, July 24 between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

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# Happy Birthday, Atlantic News!

For 35 years, Atlantic News has been a landmark destination in the heart of Halifax. They have won "Best in Halifax" nine years running with the Coast and have twice been voted "Best in Atlantic Canada" by the readers of Progress Magazine. Most recently they were awarded "Magazine retailer of the Year" by Magazines Canada for being an "outstanding retailer who goes the distance to provide customers with access to diverse titles."

Diversity is certainly their specialty. Twenty-five years ago Atlantic News started carrying Wayves magazine. When Michele and Stephen Gerard bought the store ten years ago there were a few GLBT magazines on the racks. They have continued to try and increase the selection ever since. Cur-

rently they carry over twenty different titles. As they have the best selection in the province they have even sent magazines by mail to customers who couldn't get what they wanted where they lived.

The store owes its longevity to their loyal customers. People from the immediate neighbourhood, greater Halifax, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and as far away as Vancouver choose to get their favourite magazine from this Halifax institution. Whether the interest is science and nature, business and finance, arts and culture, or a large selection of international language magazines and a

host more, everything is under one roof. One of their customers, Peter Lanyon, creative brand and advertising consultant,

*"Atlantic News is a place to pursue your passion; it's a toy store for adults."*

(Halifax, Boston, Vancouver, Toronto) believes, "Atlantic News is a place to pursue your passion; it's a toy store for adults." Another customer, photographer Shannon Hennigar, states, "Atlantic News is a jewel." Michele Gerard believes that much of the store's success is due to its employees. "We have long-term dedicated staff and that makes a huge difference."



Atlantic News (with Atcan Distribution, New Brunswick) introduced a new newspaper service to Halifax two years ago. Newspaper Direct is a digital newspaper distribution company that provides over 600 same day newspapers printed on site at the store. Formally the newspapers were shipped in by plane and the selection was rather narrow because it was based on demand. The store saw newspaper titles dwindle as freight expenses increased and sales either stayed the same or decreased. Now

they have the ability to print same-day newspapers on demand. "It is exciting to be able to have a customer ask for a newspaper from the Netherlands and be able to ask, 'which one of the five would you like?'" says Michele. There are newspapers from over 70 countries.

Atlantic News, located at the corner of Morris and Queen in Halifax, will celebrate its thirty-fifth anniversary on Saturday, September 13, 2008. There will be cake, music, free magazines and other giveaways.

## Amazing Amherst Pride Week

By: Gerard Veldhoven  
Chair, Cumberland Pride

The inaugural Pride Week in Amherst got off to a rousing start with the hoisting of the Pride flag in front of Town Hall on Monday, July 7, 2008. Mayor Jerry Hallee and a number of councilors were on hand to host this ceremony.

As 56 onlookers witnessed the raising, applauding and cheering, it suddenly occurred to some that the flag was upside down. A town employee had inadvertently hooked the flag in the wrong position. I brought it down again and rectified the situation to more applause. As I raised the flag I suddenly realized the importance of this ceremony. A few tears started to roll and everyone present also had a tremendous feeling of pride.

We also observed that there were quite a number of straights present and that made the ceremony even more poignant. Our topic for this Pride Week was the tremendous important impact a gay/straight alliance will benefit the community as a whole.

Well, here we had a great start as was evident by so many from all sides. The mayor signed the Pride Week proclamation. He insisted that my spouse, Norman Carter, who is also our Treasurer, read the document to the crowd.

That same afternoon an email arrived from Warden Keith Hunter of Cumberland County, inviting us to the signing of the Proclamation in his constituency. This was a pleasant surprise, to say the least. I will remember the refusal of the County Council to not raise the flag, consequently leading to a new flag policy. However, the War-



Amherst Mayor Jerry Hallee signs Pride Week Proclamation flanked by Treasurer Norman Carter and Chair Gerard Veldhoven.

den was free to sign this important document.

Cumberland Pride conducted a silent auction on the one Friday preceding the beginning of Pride Week and one towards the end. Again, this was a very successful attempt to raise some funds and to make us more visible to the community. It worked

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# A Rural Point of View

By Paula Arsenault

There is a sentimental saying about the value of one's life: "It is measured by how you live your dash, the dash between when you are born and when you die." The dash of time between 1988 and 2008 honed and polished my character. This summer's 20-year Halifax Pride celebration of where we have been and are currently in our rainbow history, provided a touchstone moment for me to reflect on my personal journey and "License to Celebrate."

In 1988 I worried about the question, "Am I here yet?" I was 23 starting a live-in job in Halifax so I could afford to pay for university. I was getting ready to meet new friends, to discover new ways to learn and most exciting I was getting ready to live in a "big" city. Living in Halifax would offer me such a broad horizon of opportunities, and I was ready to take them on. I had grown up in rural

northern Nova Scotia, and spent 5 years after high school graduation doing volunteer work and finding myself.

The summer of '88 provided me with two ends of a sexual experience spectrum, rape by a man and my first woman lover.

Getting ready for the next step was also difficult. I am naturally shy so meeting new people was one of my biggest challenges and I was getting ready to come out in a big way. I had been worried about entering into the hallowed halls of higher learning but this proved minor compared to the previous months and dramas. Luckily I had a friend who paved the way for me in coming out and was able to step into Rumours with her by my side, discovering that inside the bar were relatives and strangers and friends to be met.

Sitting shyly at the beginning of my gay dash with my back pressed to the back wall in a crush of LGBT fabulousness my heart thumped in time to the techno beat. I would not have believed an older version of myself sitting down and telling me

*Perhaps this is one of the best-kept LGBT secrets.*

that 20 years later I would be settled on 48 acres close to my hometown, married to a woman, with a live-in nephew, eight cats, a dog, three hens, a rooster, a garden.

Time between dashes seems to pass differently in the country. It takes on a very natural grounded rhythm, which is different than the pounding mechanical heartbeat of the city. Twenty years of time passing in the country brings alder bushes growing up and taking over abandoned farms, twenty years in the city brings big box stores and gentrification. Many

changes have occurred on Gottingen Street in the past twenty years; good-bye Wormwood Cinema, Tu-Doh restaurant, Rumours, and my old room over the shoe store.

When we moved in 2002 to rural northern Nova Scotia, whenever we found one, we eagerly read Wayves magazine to find out what was going on in our community. One thing the magazine seemed to lack was a regular rural LGBT voice. After attending Pride parades in Halifax and Moncton, I realized that there was little visibility of rural LGBT folks. This has been in stark contrast to what I see and experience. For the past five years my spouse and I have been a part of a thriving, growing, and fascinating LGBT rural community.

Perhaps this is one of the best-kept LGBT secrets. With the increasing awareness of the environment and sustainability, however, I feel that the time has come for rural LGBT's

to come out of the closet and lead the way back to nature for the next 20 years. The stories I have heard of foremothers and forefathers who bravely led the way for rainbow people to live more openly has inspired me to find a way to honour their work. When I meet the young people who are coming out and are in a transition and live in my area I realize that they need to know that they are not alone. Our rural LGBT community lives close to the earth providing role models of a life where we can get our hands dirty, hearts sometimes worn out from struggles, our bodies strengthened from hard work, and our souls uplifted which can shine brightly in the dash. I am humbled to begin to write stories from the dirt and fields of a Rainbow Road.

# MAC Leather X

The MAC Leather Society is pleased to invite everyone throughout Atlantic Canada and elsewhere to attend "MAC Leather X—A Celebration of Leather," taking place October 11 – 12, 2008 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A fun bar event nine years ago in Halifax expanded over the years to encompass and open doors within the three Maritime provinces. Now it's time for all those who live, enjoy, partake or have always been interested in Leather to come out to where it all began for the tenth anniversary of the Society. Plans for MAC Leather X are underway with "A Celebration of Leather" being just that: a celebration!

Had it not been for the numerous volunteers, supporters and GLBT businesses in our Maritime communities over the years opening the door to leather, many people would still be hiding their true feelings and passions for leather in a closet. So, now's the time to mark your calendars, prep your leatherwear, polish your boots and be ready to celebrate and show appreciation to everyone (yes, you!) within Atlantic Canada who has been a part of this amazing Leather history and family.

Should anyone out there with photos, video or other memorabilia from any past MAC Leather event, or if you require any information as to how

you can get involved, please contact us at MACLEATHER10@hotmail.com for details.

We've come a long way over the

past ten years, so please help us help you put forth what can and will be an outstanding "Celebration of Leather"

on our Thanksgiving weekend where it all began, in Halifax.

**Leonard Preyra**  
MLA, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island

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## Crawford Hastie's KIBITZ AND BITE

Hi Tom

Well, here I am back in Nova Scotia and it's great to be home again. But, I must admit I miss Monsieur Montréal and his wonderful city. MM and I had gotten into a nice daily pattern together. He would be off to the office in the morning while I worked on writing projects and then I set off to explore the city in the afternoon. We'd meet up at supper time, have a drink together and make plans for the evening. I know it sounds a little like a Fifties sitcom – Ward and June Cleaver as a gay couple - but really it was a perfect arrangement since each of us had enough alone time to make the together times appreciated. We had to make a few adjustments since I'm a night owl and he's an early bird but somehow we still managed to flock together.

After such a great time in la belle province, I came back to earth with quite a thump. (Part of that may have been the extra pounds I put on. OMG the food!!!) My mood, like the dreary airport corridors in Halifax, was dull beige. The airport has been renamed Stanfield, after the premier – and longjohn maker. It always makes me giggle a bit to call it Stanfield. I pretend that the exit is the fly opening of a pair of briefs. Why is it gay men are so obsessed with underwear, do you suppose, Tom? Probably for the same reason we take such trouble with the wrapping paper and ribbon on a special gift when we know (hope?) the recipient will just tear it open. Whenever I accidentally hit a gay sex site on the web I always notice what the model is wearing. Ginch Gonch and Calvins are hot, FTL... not so much. It's superficial and shallow I know, but there it is.

As an antidote to my moodiness, I made a point of spending time with friends. One sunny afternoon passed quite pleasantly, chatting and laughing, at Rita Rhymer's house. I sat in the shade while she moved languidly back and forth through the shimmering water of her pool. It was quite hypnotic, like watching a giant aquarium, and I could feel my blood pressure lowering.

Then off to Dr. Martini's house where he and I worked on our ongoing project of 101 Fun Things To Do With Vodka. I sipped and nibbled while he prepared a huge rack of ribs for the fire pit. Okay, it's just a regular barbecue but there is something about seeing a man handle a huge slab of meat that appeals to the primitive caveman in me and my imagination gets carried away. A Quest for Fire sort of thing, except with crystal stemware.

The next day was the Pride Parade, the usual exuberant display and celebration – cute boys on stilts, dancing leather clad men on floats, drag queens, politicians counting the eligible voters among the spectators, lesbians with dogs, belly dancers, placards, banners and lots of costumed revellers dressed in a

wide variety of rainbow motley. The best thing about Pride is that the whole LGBT crowd seems happy and smiling, even the harried volunteers and organizers putting up booths and tents for the après Parade party. My only regret about Pride Week is I never seem to get enough time to visit with everyone I'd like to see.

To top off an already terrific day, Milosh, B, Dr. M and I went for a sail on Dr. M's boat. A light steady breeze, blue skies with the occasional drifting cloud gave us perfect weather. I was perfectly happy to be cabin boy (though it's a very different role in my pirate fantasies.) No hauling on ropes or taking the tiller for me; I wasn't even required to know starboard from port. My only duty was to stay out of the way and, once we were moored back at the marina, to open the coolers for beer and burgers.

But what would life be without irony? Having spent time in Montreal, a city where the arts and culture are woven into everyday life; then enjoying the festivities of Pride, a celebration of diversity and inclusion, perhaps I might be forgiven for thinking that society is moving forward, that people as a whole are reasonable human beings. Momentarily I had forgotten the Harper government who believes the three R's stand for Regressive, Repressive and Reactionary.

Perhaps annoyed at the public outcry around Bill C-10, the Conservatives have now cut all funding to the program that subsidizes international promotional tours of Canadian artists. Singers, musicians, dancers, writers and artists who are the cultural face that Canada shows to the world will no longer have access to the money necessary to tour outside of the country.

But perhaps I'm being too hard on Prime Minister Brainfreeze. With the soon-to-come exit of George Dubya from the global scene, the pressure on Harper to maintain the Philistine presence in the world will double.

Aagh! It's enough to drive a gay man to drink.  
Love ya!

*Crawford*

## Debbie Currie: Super Volunteer

By Lauren Grant, NACS AIDS Walk Co-ordinator

Often volunteers go unrecognized but that wasn't the case at the 2008 AIDS Skill Building Ceilidh at Mount St. Vincent University when Debbie Currie received the Volunteer Reward presented by the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (ACNS). The responsibility to choose a recipient rotates each year amongst the ACNS, AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton (ACCB) and Northern AIDS Connection Society (NACS).

Debbie resides in Amherst with her long time partner Sue, her mother and their pets. She has been involved as a Board member and volunteer with NACS for six years and continues to bring her wealth of knowledge and experience to the movement. She spends an endless amount of time working to create a safer community in Amherst for persons affected by HIV/AIDS.

In addition to being instrumental in organizing the Amherst AIDS Walk for the third year in a row, Debbie spends numerous hours speaking to schools and community agencies about the devastation of HIV/AIDS. This is a very personal topic and she tells of the loss of her two brothers to HIV complications.

Debbie has worked on many committees including Executive, Personnel, Fund Raising and Education. She has been a great asset to NACS serving as Vice Chair and is now run-



ning for the position of Chair for the upcoming 2008-09 term.

The founder of Northern AIDS Connection Society, Al McNutt knows about commitment and said, "this recognition of Debbie's dedication has been long overdue."

Photo by Sherry-Dawn Barrett, Volunteer

## New CAS Director

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caucuses at the CAS Annual General Meeting," he explained.

CAS's mandate is to speak as the national voice and act as a forum for a community-based response to HIV infection and AIDS and to advocate for persons so affected and to act as a resource for its member

organizations and coordinate community-based participation in a national strategy on HIV infection and AIDS. For more information about CAS please visit [www.cdnaids.ca](http://www.cdnaids.ca). If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact him at [rickj@cdnaids.ca](mailto:rickj@cdnaids.ca).

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# Shove It Up Your Arse!

By Angus Campbell

Well folks, that's exactly what you do with rectal microbicides ... but not quite yet, please. They are still being developed, but I've got some great news to share with you.

Earlier this year an announcement was made at a conference in Delhi, India that a gel containing a non-nucleoside HIV drug may prove to be effective in reducing the transmission of the virus during unprotected anal sex. The new protection would be in the form of a lube, cream, or enema. A douche is also in the works, as this product is also being developed for vaginal use. According to IRMA, the International Rectal Microbicide Advocates ([www.rectalmicrobicides.org](http://www.rectalmicrobicides.org)), "For those unable or unwilling to use condoms, rectal microbicides could be a safe and effective alternative means of reducing risk, especially if they were unobtrusive and/or enhanced sexual pleasure enough to motivate consistent use. Such alternatives are essential if we are to address the full spectrum of prevalent sexual practices and the basic human need for accessible, user-controlled HIV and STD prevention tools."

But I wouldn't start barebacking yet! There's still a lot of work to be done before this huge breakthrough would be available to the public. For one thing, further ANALYSIS (sorry, I can't resist as I'm trying to make gay men's health informative and fun) is required to look at the long-term effects of potential skin irritation. For another, there's the possibility of toxicity. We won't know the results of the study until the end of 2008, so keep your fingers crossed and lots of condoms and water-based lube at the bedside until then.

*The new protection would be in the form of a lube, cream, or enema.*

On a similar note, many of you may have heard of nonoxynol-9. It's a

spermicide that can be found in some lube and also on some condoms. DO NOT USE IT FOR ANAL SEX! It has been found to damage the lining of the rectum, which greatly increases the risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Nonoxynol-9 has also been known to cause inflammation of the vagina and cervix. Many organizations, including women's groups, have been lobbying for its discontinuation for a few years now. Some condom manufacturers have resisted, using all kinds of excuses, ahem, reasons.

This is the *bottom* line for anal sex:

- Use condoms with lots of water-based lube



- Avoid spermicides and oil-based lubes
  - Just say "no" to nonoxynol-9
- Got health or sexual health questions? Email me in confidence: AngCam59@yahoo.ca.*

## Queer Entrepreneur Opens Door On Eastern Shore

MUSQUODOBOIT HARBOUR: Freshly baked bread and scrumptious cookies! That's what Paul Nicholl will bring to the Eastern Shore with his soon to open business: Dobbbit Bakehouse.

A graduate of the Nova Scotia Community College's Boulanger and Baking Arts program, this gay entrepreneur will soon be opening his bakery in a former pizzeria on Highway 7 across from the old Musquodoboit Harbour train station. Dobbbit Bakehouse will carry bread, rolls, muffins, cookies and pies: all of it handmade, all of it fresh. "I want everything we make to be wholesome in that it won't have added preservatives, stabilizers, or other common additives found in packaged foods these days," says Mr. Nicholl. He plans to make all his products using natural, local and, when possible, certified organic ingredients because it's better tasting and more nutritious to do so. He even has plans to eventually

develop a line of products that are diabetic-friendly.

While Paul will have a range of freshly baked goods available at Dobbbit Bakehouse, it's mostly about the bread. Traditional breads like multi-grain, brown bread, and sourdough will share the shelves with specialty and international breads like focaccia, ciabatta, and traditional French baguettes. This man loves his bread and he sees a need for a local bakery as no one is offering handmade fresh bread anywhere along the Eastern Shore. "There really hasn't been anyone providing freshly baked goods here for a few years so I want to offer my community something that's long overdue."

Making his business kind to the environment is also a priority for Paul. He's been using recycled equipment, paint and materials in much of the renovations, and he will use recyclable packaging (no plastic shopping bags will be available) and environmentally friendly cleaning



products once he's open for business. Generally he's doing his best to be respectful of the earth, air, and water as that's an approach to life that he says matters a great deal to him. Paul is also making it a priority to keep a local focus to his business. "I want to contribute to the local economy by using local suppliers, hiring local people, and making products for local customers," says Mr. Nicholl.

Initially Dobbbit Bakehouse will just have counter service offering Paul's freshly baked goods. However, plans are to eventually have coffee, tea, and hot chocolate available and the bakery will have a small seating area for customers who can't wait to get home to dig in. Mr. Nicholl says he'll be happy to reserve items for pick up later the same day (call 889-2919). Special orders will be welcome too; though he'll need a couple days notice for that. He's hop-

ing to have everything in place to be open for business for the beginning of September so keep an eye out for Dobbbit Bakehouse at 7896 Highway #7. Planned hours of operation are: weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., except closed on Wednesdays; Saturdays open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

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# MCC: Special Guest, Special Award

By Bill McKinnon  
Safe Harbour (MCC) welcomed a large Rainbow Community crowd in celebration at its annual Pride Service on Sunday July 27, at 11:00 a.m., at Veith House in north-end Halifax.

The guest speaker was Candy Palmer, accompanied by her partner, Denise. Candy is a comedian and motivational speaker (and “recover-

ing lawyer”) who captivates audiences throughout the Maritimes with her wit and intelligent humour. Her talk significantly helped this celebration of Pride with a reflection on the importance of spirituality in our GLBT lives.

Candy grew up in a safe, Mi’kmaq home on a mountain in the woods in north-eastern New Brunswick.

Her family had suffered an alcohol problem but the active addiction was over when Candy arrived in the world among much older siblings who had experienced a less prosperous and dysfunctional upbringing. Although raised as a Catholic, she dropped the

church in her teens and now her Mi’kmaq spirituality informs her activism, her comedy and her life. That, and many pearls of wisdom from her mother and her oldest brother, Billy. Some of these pearls she only understood when she grew up.

Billy was 21 when Candy was born and it was he who mostly reared her. Among many other things, he taught her is that, “falling is an inevitable part of skiing—so first you learn how to get up when you fall.” In many life experiences, falling is bound to happen, but if you are prepared for it, you need have no fear of falling.

While still in the church, Candy, as a feminist teen, was angry there were only altar boys—no altar girls. Why do you need a penis to serve communion? Finally, she was allowed to serve but having won a victory against gender discrimination she lost interest in it and left the church. She found a warmer welcome in Mi’kmaq culture—anyone can go into a sweat lodge, and whether one looks up to God, Jehovah, or Creator, what’s important is love and kindness towards all people.

Candy learned “to always think what you are saying before you say

it and try not to hurt people,” and the importance of love, kindness and forgiveness. Unfortunately in school in being a caring person, she suffered for being too soft. She also could not understand it when a family rejected their son who was dying of AIDS.

*falling is an inevitable part of skiing—so first you learn how to get up when you fall*

Candy’s mother told her that “the relationship between your father and me is our business, and your relationships are your business.” True to her word, when Candy found that special someone, after coming out when past 30, her mother immediately welcomed Candy’s female partner into the home.

She knows she has hurt people as well as being hurt, so she tries to leave space for others and to practice forgiveness. This is only a small taste of Candy; for more about this fascinating woman, see [www.candypalmer.com](http://www.candypalmer.com) and other websites.

Following Candy’s talk, Safe Harbour presented its 2008 Pride Award to Doug Melanson and David Landry, owners of Menz Bar, for the outstanding service and support they have given and continue to so generously bestow on GLBTI community of Nova Scotia. Doug and David have helped so many organizations in furtherance of their objectives in many ways, including providing space for events, giving coat room fees to groups and food provided for barbecues and events such as the Safe



Doug and David



Candy and Denise

In living her life, Candy tries to walk in love, caring about all people.

Harbour Christmas Dinners. There is so much to say in praise of these two men. For more about Menz Bar (and Seadog’s), check out: [www.seadogs.ca/menzbar](http://www.seadogs.ca/menzbar).

The warmth of the welcoming fellowship that is Safe Harbour’s watchword and a pot luck reception of delicious and bountiful, home-prepared foods followed the service.

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# Amazing Amherst Pride Week

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Pride Flag flies Proudly at Amherst Town Hall

On Saturday, July 12, a public forum was held in Hartz Hall. Six panel members discussed their ideas on the topic of the formation of a gay/straight alliance: Eldon Hay, a well-known and respected advocate for GLBT rights; Cherie MacLeod, Executive Director of PFLAG Canada; Corey Hunter, who, at 18 years of age, helped organize a gay/straight alliance at Amherst Regional High; Greg Daborn, GLBT rights activist from New Brunswick; j. wallace, an Ontario-based activist and educator, an expert in organizing alliances in Ontario, who also works with school boards in the Toronto area; LeighAnn Wichman of the Nova Scotia Youth Project.



Panelists Leighann Wishman of the Nova Scotia LGBT Youth Project, Greg Daborn, Cherie MacLeod and Corey Hunter

Each panelist spoke of his or her ideas on alliances, followed by a question and answer period where debate ensued. There were many ideas on how we may proceed with exploring the idea of advancing the gay/straight alliance in Cumberland County. It was clear this ominous task is achievable through education and the involve-

ment of both gay and straight community members. Local radio personality Geoff deGannes was the moderator.

In the evening of July 12, a dance and social time was held at The Old Warehouse Café in Amherst. Again, an evening to remember. For the size of our community, we felt the numbers were quite good. Also, a great mixture of the straight and GLBT community was evident.

Sunday, July 13 was a hot day at Northport Park, perfect for our family barbecue picnic. The food was phenomenal and plentiful. Many sat around and chatted as others enjoyed the waters of Northumberland Strait. Games were played on the grounds and plenty of sunburns. This was a fantastic end to Pride Week.

Cumberland Pride is proud of this inaugural Pride Week in Amherst and Cumberland County. Our main sponsors, Wayves Magazine and Lezah's Hair and Esthetic Cen-

tre, have our sincere thanks in making this such a successful event. To the many businesses that have shown support, also a sincere thank you. The many individuals that realized this dream must succeed you have our deep appreciation.



Amherst Mayor Jerry Halee signs Pride Week Proclamation. Cumberland Pride Treasurer Norman Carter (l), Chair Gerard Veldhoven (r) look on. Cumberland County Warden Keith Hunter (not pictured) also signed a Pride Week Proclamation. Photo Credits G. Veldhoven.

*"As I raised the flag I suddenly realized the importance of this ceremony."*

special mention.

During the week of July 7 to 13, Amherst and Cumberland County celebrated our place in this society by coming together in a very special way. Now we continue with our mission to form a gay/straight alliance.

To Cumberland Pride members, thank you for supplying food items for all the events, as well as barbecues. Also, Lloyd Petrie and Lezah's staff deserve



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# Celebrating Pride on the Rock: Report from St. John's

By Hans Rollmann & Wayves Staff  
 In addition to the hard-working individuals who came and helped, organizations which were officially represented on the St. John's Pride 2008 Organizing Committee included Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union, Graduate Students' Union of MUN, Canadian Federation of Students, Planned Parenthood Newfoundland and Labrador, PFLAG, EGALÉ, Newfoundland and Labrador Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Centre, LGBT Youth Group, Canadian Federation of Jewish Students, LGBT-MUN Resource Centre, and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)

all levels of government in fighting homophobia and creating a more inclusive and tolerant atmosphere for everybody within our public institutions and our communities. Speakers included myself (from the Canadian Union of Public Employees), Susan Rose (with EGALÉ), and Michelle Smith (from the Violence Prevention Initiative, representing the provincial government). Over 80 people attended the panel discussion - everybody from educators, to retired professionals, to high school students!

On Thursday July 31 a Pride Trivia Contest was held at Bitters Pub at the Memorial University campus. Following that, there was a Pride Week Open Mic night featuring a wide range of



*Revenge of the Drag Race Host Cyril Butler asks the crowd to choose qualifying round winners; (right) Student Christian Movement march with their banner followed by pink-shirted Young Liberals of Newfoundland & Labrador*

Week special events (drag performances, fetish night, and more) on Friday and Saturday night; they weren't official Pride Week events organized and advertised by the committee - which has a mandate to only organize events which are free and public - but were of course an integral part of Pride Week and we're happy they coordinated with us!

styles and performers. The bar was packed for both events!

A Pride pub-crawl wound its way through the bars of downtown St. John's Friday evening, and on Saturday the LGBT Youth Group hosted an all-ages bowling event in the afternoon, attended by about 40 youth and supporters. In addition, Zone 216, a local bar, held Pride

On Sunday August 3 the Pride Parade at City Hall was followed by Revenge of the Drag Race a St. John's Pride Event-Performance Art Project based around the ideas of creating and sharing queer spaces, trans-awareness and facilitating public discussion about queer (but not necessarily queer) politics, and a big free public bbq. Over 200 people attended the Parade and concluding festivities.

Everybody seemed to have a great time and seemed to feel it was a tremendously successful week. People of all ages and backgrounds participated - locals as well as plenty of tourists who found out about events through the posters (we had happy tourists from as far away as Calgary and Atlanta, Georgia!)



*(top left, bottom) Parade participants chanted as the march left St. John's City Hall and wound its way through the downtown; (right) Parade organizers wear their Pride t-shirts*



*Victoria Park Festival volunteers with their hand-made lanterns*

Photo Credits: Hans Rollman

There were over 200 people at the Pride Parade. Here's an overview of the other events:

Monday July 28 featured a flag-raising at City Hall. This was the official launch and press conference opening Pride Week 2008. Speakers included reps from MUN Students' Union, PFLAG, EGALÉ, LGBT Youth Group, and the Mayor of St. John's. The City of St. John's Poet Laureate also read some poetry. Over 60 people attended, which is a record (this is traditionally a small event, usually just the organizing committee and the media. This year we let people know when it was happening and - even though it was the middle of the day - more people showed up than they had chairs for! Crowds of tourists saw the posters and also came out to watch the flag-raising from below the City Hall balcony where it happened). In the evening there was an opening reception at City Hall, decorated by the organizing committee and hosted by the City of St. John's. They were incredibly supportive this year! Over 100 people attended.

On Tuesday July 29 a highly successful public bonfire at Middle Cove Beach was attended by over 100 people. Rainbow beach balls and all! A public panel discussion on the subject "Pride Not Prejudice: Whose Responsibility?" was held Wednesday July 30, and explored the intersecting roles of schools, community agencies, police, and

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# All Aboard!

## Interview With Local Soon-to-Be Celeb Mychol Holtzman



Read all about it in Wayves!

By Calandra Smith  
I set out to interview Mychol about his new column which has been running in the last two issues of Wayves, and making some wayves of his own, locally at least. The interview starts off somewhat formally as I attempt to be, or at least appear, suitably objective and unbiased, but once Holtzman pours me a Chivas the interview takes a whole new direction—rather like Holtzman's already infamous column is prone to do. So here is MY disclaimer, fearless reader: My prediction is that Holtzman is going to get the east coast party truly started, and I am so not talking politics here—shudder! Holtzman has said his vision is all about fun and, call me shallow, but this girl can't seem to get enough fun these days.

Calandra: What inspired you to get involved with Wayves, and why specifically did you choose to do a full-page events column?



Mychol's favourite Pride Day pic



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Mychol: Well the truth of it is, the conversation that you and Raymond [Wayves' managing editor] and I had one night over a bottle of wine about the mag needing a new events editor and I thought I was the man for the job. I used to do a full-page column in a mag called Tribe when I lived in the T dot (Toronto) that was part party, part fashion, part gossip and one hundred percent entertainment. So sure, I could be the events editor. WRONG—too much work—but what did happen was I piped up at a meeting and said that I would throw something together, a Q&A on what people were doing for Pride, and All Aboard! was born.

C: Funny that you should mention Pride, Mychol, because I had intended to ask you what events you went to and what you enjoyed most about Halifax Pride, and yet just thinking about Pride gets my blood boiling so much that it can ruin my entire day.

M: UH Yeah! I went and here are the pics to prove it. I LOVED the dude in the peacock feather outfit my fave... and this little cutie in his queer tie dye, but what was up with the empty busses as floats and (oh boy) I went to the website and found out what I coulda done in '07... er, um, lets stop this do you mind? Look for the ALL ABOARD float next year!

C: In the Halifax Pride parade, you mean?



"Bands in Drag" at Reflections during Pride Week

M: Here in Halifax, yeah, but ideally I wanna take the show on the road and hit as many of the Pride stops

### Disclaimer: Ding, Ding, Ding. Round III...



—and boy, did I have a fight on my hands with the heavy-weight champ (me) and the other champ (me, again) and it has been one hell of a fight over what to say in this month's column. I have so much I want to say, some good, some not so. I felt that I should be covering Pride, but that feels so long ago and I have to wonder after so much buildup how many care, and who's ready to move on. I've written complete columns and, like Goldilocks, one was too hard, one was too soft, and

was working on the third hoping it would be just right, until it all ended up in a crumpled mess on the floor, to be filed under frustrated. Then Calandra said, "A lot of people have been asking about you and the column. Why don't you let me interview you...." Ding! Ding! Ding! I



"Ain't they sweet?"

on the east coast as I can.

C: Now that would be fun!

M: Sure would. That's my goal—unity. I feel there is a strange seg-

regation between groups of folk and I would like this column to introduce the talent that is so abundant here and act as a springboard for the continuing growth of the

creative community.

C: Can you expand on that?

M: Sure, I'll try. What I mean to say is that there is so much talent here that I would like the column to become a brand. So many people sit on the sidelines and bitch that nothing ever happens. I am not that guy. I want to put my money where my god-damned mouth is and make it happen via fashion shows, parties, concerts, and gallery exhibits. But in order

to do this I will need the support of people that read this column. If you believe as I do then you need to contact me at mychol.events@wayves.ca or Facebook me at michael holtzman and lets get this shit started. Don't you want to see it happen?

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## Chef's Corner



This is the perfect time of year to enjoy the best that Maritime gardens have to offer. The fields are full of tender young summer vegetables, all bursting with their ultimate in freshness and flavour. I really enjoy this salad on its own, but it is also a super accompaniment to grilled halibut, turbot, tuna or swordfish, to make a full meal of it. But if you're not a fish fan, this dish stands up just as well to grilled lamb or the good old standby, seasoned chicken breast. This salad has a very southern France, almost Niçoise type feel to it, yet using all local produce it becomes our own. We use this type of salad quite often on our summer catering menus at Chives and it's always a great success. Whichever way you decide to try this one, it's a very healthy and delicious choice. Next month I'm thinking Thanksgiving...

Chef Darren is Chef and Co-owner of Chives Canadian Bistro, Halifax's newest two star restaurant, 1537 Barrington Street, Halifax, N.S. For reservation call (902) 420-9626, [www.chives.ca](http://www.chives.ca).

## McIsaac to Represent PLWHAs on Global Board

Mr. Blaine McIsaac of Sydney, Nova Scotia was recently elected as the Atlantic Region representative to the Board of Directors of the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS- North America (GNP+NA) which comprises 8 representatives from the United States and 8 representatives from Canada.

Mr. McIsaac is actively involved in a number of AIDS organizations, notably, Board of Directors of the AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton (ACCB), AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (ACNS) and is a member of CTAC, CATIE, CLAN, CWGHR, and ICAD.

GNP+NA operates a unique bilateral organization providing North American people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHIV/AIDS) with opportunities to network and organize across national borders, and to become a part of a global movement. GNP+NA was incorporated in the District of Columbia in 2002 and received its 501c(3) not-for-profit status in July 2003 and is in the process of incorporating and seeking charitable organization status in Canada.

GNP+NA strives to achieve and uphold the principles of parity, inclusion and representation in all of its undertakings, the inclusion of PLWHA in public debate and deci-

sion-making concerning access to care and treatment, and eliminating stigma and discrimination. To further its efforts, GNP+NA collaborates with local and national organizations to promote its mission and the inclusion of PLWHIV/AIDS in the development and implementation of programs and services. The GNP+NA Secretariat is located in Salt Spring, Maryland and is managed by the National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAPWA) and maintains an associate office at the Canadian AIDS Society (CAS) in Ottawa.

The Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+), formed in 1991, is a global network for and of people living with HIV/AIDS with headquarters in Amsterdam, Netherlands. GNP+ works in the 6 regions as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO): Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe, Latin America, Caribbean and North America and each region has its own priorities and programs. Since 1996, GNP+ has been a co-organiser of the biannual International AIDS Conference, this year being held from August 3-8 in Mexico City and a partner of the Living 2008 - The Positive Leadership Summit to be held July 31 and August 1, as a pre-Conference event.

## Grilled Summer Vegetable Salad, Creamy Goat Cheese, Poached Garlic Tomato Vinaigrette

1 red bell pepper	Several fresh basil leaves for garnish	zest of 1 small lemon
1 orange bell pepper		1 cup + 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 green & 1 yellow zucchini	1/2 cup peeled garlic cloves	2 Tbsp chopped chives and or flat leaf parsley
1 red onion	1/2 cup quartered grape or cherry tomatoes (mix of colours)	fresh cracked black pepper and sea salt
1 bulb fennel	1/4 cup white balsamic vinegar	
100 g creamy goat cheese		

### The Vinaigrette:

1. In a sauce pan, place the garlic and olive oil. Turn heat up to high and watch over it until the oil begins to bubble. Turn the temp down to simmer or very low, cover the pan and leave for approx. 10 min. The garlic should be fork tender, with no colour and the oil infused with the garlic flavour.
2. Remove the garlic from the oil and give it a rough chop. Whisk the vinegar and lemon zest into the oil, return the garlic to the pan, add the tomatoes, herbs, and season with salt and pepper. Let the vinaigrette sit at room temp for at least 1 hour. This dressing has best flavour left in an airtight container over night in the refrigerator.

### The vegetables:

1. Prepare all your vegetables, first by washing. Then open your peppers and remove the seeds and ribs. Cut your zucchinis on the bias into elongated coins. Peel and slice the red onion into thick disks, remove the fennel tops and cut from the top down towards the core, in thick slices.
2. Drizzle the veggies with 2 Tbsp olive oil and a pinch of salt and cracked pepper. Grill the vegetables on high heat on all sides so that they all have a nice char (yet not burnt). Arrange them on a serving platter either by type or a colourful mixture. Ladle 1/4 of the vinaigrette over the platter of veggies, garnish with pieces of the goat cheese and torn basil leaves. Season with salt and pepper and dig in!



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ATLANTIC NEWS

## AIDS WALKS Reminder

AIDS PEI Walk: Sunday, September 21st [thewalk@aidspei.com](mailto:thewalk@aidspei.com)  
Northern AIDS Connection Society: various dates - call or email for your location. (902) 895-0931 / [nacs@eastlink.ca](mailto:nacs@eastlink.ca)

AIDS Saint John: Sunday, September 21st [aidssj@nb.aibn.com](mailto:aidssj@nb.aibn.com)  
AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton Friday, September 19th [accb@accb.ns.ca](mailto:accb@accb.ns.ca)

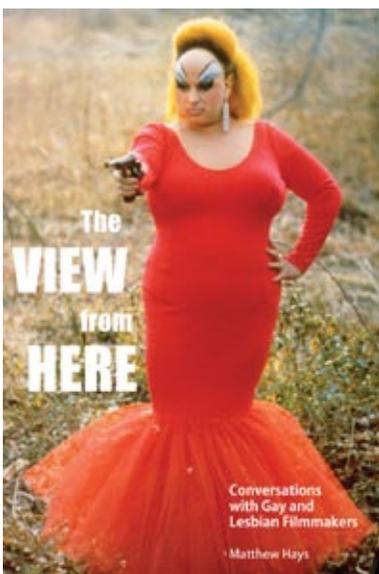
AIDS New Brunswick Sunday, September 21st [aidswalkfton@ns.aibn.com](mailto:aidswalkfton@ns.aibn.com)

SIDA/AIDS Moncton: Sunday, September 21st [sidaidsm@sida-aids-moncton.com](mailto:sidaidsm@sida-aids-moncton.com)

AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador Sunday, September 21st [jagollop@acnl.net](mailto:jagollop@acnl.net)

# Review

## The View From Here: Conversations with Gay and Lesbian Filmmakers



By Matthew Hays  
Arsenal Pulp Press  
www.arsenalpulp.com

Review by Ralph Higgins

Ever since gay men and women began telling their own stories in their own way, the influence on the art of filmmaking has been profound. And it is not just the queer community who has had their world view altered. While the work of the filmmakers interviewed by Matthew Hays in his book, *The View From Here: Conversations with Gay and Lesbian Filmmakers*, will resonate most strongly with queer movie lovers, many of the artists have had big mainstream successes in a wide variety of genres.

There is the campy creepiness of the *Chuckie* films by Don Mancini,

the award winning documentaries of Robert Epstein (*Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt*, *The Times of Harvey Milk*), the porn films of Wakefield Poole who revolutionized the industry in 1969 by making visually beautiful erotic films without any trace of degradation or shame in the sexual liaisons, and the iconic John Waters who went from being the *Pope Of Trash* to a revered and respected artist who has influenced generations of filmmakers. (No one who has ever seen *Pink Flamingos* will ever be quite the same again.) And, of course, Pedro Almodóvar whose idiosyncratic style has changed on an international scale the way movies are made.

Canadian filmmakers are well represented in the book, too: Bruce

LaBruce who pushes the boundaries between porn and art, Ian Iqbal Rashid whose *Touch of Pink* is a touching gay romantic comedy in which racial and sexual stereotypes are explored, Patricia Rozema's classic film *I've Heard the Mermaids Singing* and the prolific Robert Lepage with *Le Confessionnel*, a hard hitting story told with visual poetry.

It is often contended that many in the queer community have little knowledge, and perhaps little interest, in our own history. In *The View From Here*, Matthew Hays reveals why these filmmakers are important, not just to intellectuals and art students, but to all of us. Whether you are interested in queer history, sociology, the politics of art or if you just love watching movies, this book

belongs on your shelf. From groundbreaking pioneers in queer cinema to young contemporary artists, these filmmakers have made a difference in how others see us and, more importantly, how we see ourselves.

## First Transgender Workshop For Moncton

On September 30th, Moncton will have a transitional experience that PFLAG Canada thinks will push gender boundaries to a whole new level.

PFLAG Canada is hosting a special workshop that will test personal boundaries of social acceptance and challenge those who choose to attend to see gender in ways they may never have fully considered before.

The special introductory workshop on Transgender issues will be held at the beautiful premises of Amore Passion. This elegant setting is a Rainbow-owned business and a perfect setting for a friendly and personal type of workshop.

Attendees will hear about real life issues, and learn the truths and myths of gender variant children and adults. They will receive real-life statistics on issues from suicide and homelessness to HIV/AIDS, and come to understand the degree of mental pressure suffered due to social marginalization and workplace transphobia.

Workshop registrants will be able to choose from a morning or evening session, each lasting four hours. Amore Passion's owner, Mario Bourgeois Leduc, has promised fine food and an atmosphere that is outstanding. Visit Amore Passion's web site at [www.amorepassion.com](http://www.amorepassion.com).

The facilitator of the workshop is

Wayves freelancer Denise Holliday. She brought the transgender experience to Wayves pages with "Transgender Diaries," and writes articles on various issues. She also serves on the board of Northern AIDS Connection Society and volunteers as PFLAG Canada's transgender communication coordinator, answering the PFLAG Canada toll-free gender question line at 1-888-822-9494.

Denise also hosts a radio program, "Over the Rainbow," on Halifax's CKDU 88.1 FM. The program is a GLBT program hosted from a trans perspective and airs Friday mornings from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

For more details on the workshop or Denise's other activities, send her an e-mail at [overtherainbow@deniseholliday.com](mailto:overtherainbow@deniseholliday.com).

*Workshops (choice of two times) 10am*

*till 2pm or 5pm till 9pm. Registration 9:15 and 4:15 respectively. Early workshop includes buffet lunch; evening one includes buffet supper. Cost is \$75.00. Check <http://deniseholliday.com/Workshops.htm> for updates and upcoming workshops. Online Registration may be available at Amore Passions in the near future.*

## DO THIS SURVEY! Improve safe access to your healthcare!

prideHealth is conducting its second annual health survey! Join those who gave their opinions during Halifax Pride! Please go to our new website & click on the link to go to our online survey.

And stay tuned. prideHealth will be hosting a logo design contest in the fall. Keep checking our website for further information...

[www.pride-health.com](http://www.pride-health.com)

If you need assistance with this survey or if you are seeking safe health care call us: 902-220-0634 or e-mail [anita.keeping@cdha.nshealth.ca](mailto:anita.keeping@cdha.nshealth.ca)

# WAYVES GROUPS AND SERVICES

## Atlantic Canada

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

AtlanticCanadianLesbians: Online Group For Lesbians from the Atlantic Provinces. email: AtlanticCanadianLesbians@groups.msn.com web: 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/

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

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

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

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

Maritime Transgender Workplace Solutions Project, Upper Musquodoboit: Transgender Issues Workshops and information resource. (902)568-2935 email: denisesined@ns.sympatico.ca web: www3.ns.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

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

Narcotics Anonymous: a fellowship of recovering drug addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. 1-800-205-8402 web: 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/ at available via web page

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

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

## New Brunswick (506)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Moncton Line Dancing, Moncton: LINE DANCING 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Newfoundland & Lab (709)

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

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

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

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

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

## Nova Scotia (902)

Acadia Pride, Wolfville: Acadia Student Union's LGTB2IQ group. 585-2165 email: acadiapride@acadiau.ca web: euler.acadiau.ca/~apride/, meets every Monday (9:00pm(during academic year)) at Beverage Forum (old SUB)

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

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

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

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

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

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Group Harrison Society, Cape Breton: Dances, Socials & Support Group for Cape Bretoners. (902)270-6969 email: groupharrisonsociety@yahoo.ca web: 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@yahoo.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/hal-gal/ (Join the list to keep in touch or post your events.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PFLAG Truro: 662.3774

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society:

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

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

# 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. lgbyy-amherst@hotmail.com, all emails confidential.

### Third Sunday of each month

Cumberland Pride Support Group: Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals in Amherst, Nova Scotia. Meets the third Thursday of each month from 2-4pm. Contact information: Gerard Veldhoven at 902-660-5004 or E-mail: [gaylords\\_1975@hotmail.com](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](mailto:menembracingmen@hotmail.com) or yahoo.ca.

### Every Sunday

Valley Girls is a social group for lesbians in the Annapolis Valley. Coffee Group on Sundays. For more information e-mail the group at [Valley\\_Girls@yahoo.com](mailto:Valley_Girls@yahoo.com).

## Bridgewater

### Third Saturday of each month (except July)

Wileville Dance. Smoke free. Door prizes. Cash bar. Must be 19. For more details call 530-5986 or email [info@southshorepride.ca](mailto:info@southshorepride.ca) or go to [www.southshorepride.ca](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca). Confidentiality assured.

## Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

### BOOM! NIGHTCLUB

Fredericton Nb, 474 Queen St. 463-boom (2666) [www.boomnightclub.ca](http://www.boomnightclub.ca) Thursdays: 3 Sum Thursday's 8-cl Music: 3 Recent, 3 Retro, 3 Requests Specials: On beer and spirits Cover: None Fridays: NEW HOT NIGHT "CIRCUS" 8-cl Music: Indietronic/ Dancers/ Special events Cover: \$4 Deal: Be here before 12, pay \$4 and receive \$10 CIRCUS cash Saturdays: POWER 8-cl Music: Main stream big city/ High energy Cover: \$4 after 11, \$4.50 after 12 Sundays double header: 4-7 Sunday Social Music: Laid back inviting social atmosphere Cover: None 10-cl Sunday Open Turntables Music: Live dj's spinning at crowd level Specials: On beer and spirits Cover: \$2

## Halifax Every Sunday

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax: a Christian Church with an affirming ministry to the GLBT community. Everyone is welcome! 453-9249 email: [safeharbour@eastlink.ca](mailto:safeharbour@eastlink.ca) web: [safeharbourmcc.com](http://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](mailto:lynnmacdonald@hfx.eastlink.ca)

### First and Third Tuesdays

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

### First and Third Tuesdays

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

### MENZ BAR

2182 Gottingen St, Level II [www.MenzBar.ca](http://www.MenzBar.ca) (902) 446-6969 FREE WI-FI, FREE Meeting Roomz Pool Table, VLT's, Private Party Roomz ATM, Visa, M/C, Debit Mondayz - Do Drop-in Meet & Greet "2 FOR \$5 NIGHT" (2 Beer or 2 Draught or 2 Shots for \$5) Tuesdayz - Community Night - Book your Fundraiser Now! "TOONIE NIGHT" (Buy a Beer, Draught or Shot at regular price & get a 2nd for a Toonie!) Wednesdayz - Karaoke with Bear777 (Over \$600 in Prizes to WIN!) See Bar Coupon Thursdayz - Party with DJ Bear 9pm-1am (No Cover) \$2 Shooters ALL NIGHT! Fridayz & Saturdayz Dance Music with DJ Needles & DJ Bear (\$5 cover after 10pm) 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

5184 Sackville Street (902) 422-2957, toll free (877)422-2957



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1-888-837-1388 / 902-444-DOGS



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**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 (rafraîchissements 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 Street  
Moncton NB E1C 5B1  
(506) 857-8779

Wednesday - Free pool with happy hour all night. Learn to line dance FREE with Jean-Marc - starts at 8:30, followed by Karaoke at 11:00. The Wednesday card club still meets at 8:30 also.

Thursday - House Party with DJ's Sonny D and Just Jack at 11:00. \$4.00 cover. Student's get staff prices all night with student card.

Friday - it's request night. Dance to all your favourite tunes all night long. Cover \$5.00

Saturday - Best dance music in town with DJ daBoss. No cover till 10:00. Happy hour till 11:00. Admission \$6.00.

Sunday - Free pool and happy hour all night.

Monday & Tuesday - Closed.

Check out our monthly event page at [www.trianglesbar.com](http://www.trianglesbar.com) and keep up the Pride events - [www.fiertemonctonpride.ca](http://www.fiertemonctonpride.ca)

**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 (LGBT Office,

**Groups & Services Continued**

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. 685-3297 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:

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

tpineo@hotmail.com web: To be released

The Youth Project, Halifax: support, education and social activities for youth 25 and under from across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: [youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca](mailto:youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca) web: [www.youthproject.ns.ca](http://www.youthproject.ns.ca) (support and connection across, Week one: Monday - Transgender Discussion group 7-9 pm; Tuesday - 18 & under Discussion group 6-8 pm; Week two: Tues. Drop-in - 6-8 pm; Wed. - Movie Night 7-9 pm. Week three: Mon. Transgender Discussion group - 7-9 pm; Wed. Activity Night. Week four: Tues. Theme Drop-in - 6-9 pm; Wed. Movie Night - 7-9 pm. A youth food bank and STI testing on site. Please refer to website for times and details.) 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/religion/UUCH](http://chebucto.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

**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 email [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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# Ninth Annual Metro Moncton Gay Pride Week

September 6 — 14 has been designated as Gay Pride Week in Metro Moncton. The 2008 River of Pride Committee has spent the last ten months in preparation for what is to be the biggest Gay Pride celebration this community has seen to date! This year the committee has chosen to adopt the theme offered by InterPride, the international Gay Pride organization, which is "Live. Love. Be." A very apt theme, as the committee wishes to promote acceptance and inclusively not only within our community but for all people. A great example of this is through our "Event Partnerships" or sponsors, being Delta Beausejour, La Terrasse: Amore Passion, Kramer's Corner, Mikes Hard Lemonade, Moosehead and Triangles.

The Gay Pride parade will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 2:30pm. The 2008 committee is very proud to announce that Jacky Leduc and Mario Bourgeois-Leduc will be our Grand Marshals for this year's main event. The married couple are co-owners of Amore Passion (www.amorepassion.com), an event planning business with a focus on weddings and corporate meetings. Many locals will be familiar with their annual Diamond Diva dinner evening in support of C.A.R.A. Hotline. They

have both been involved with the annual gay pride festivities since its inception in 2000, giving freely of their time and the luxurious setting of La Terrasse for many Gay Pride events.

The parade route has been slightly altered from previous years. The parade will form up in the Highfield Square parking lot, turning right onto Main St.; east on Main to Westmorland St. and South on Westmorland St., where it will terminate at the Moncton Farmers Market parking lot. The parade will be followed by an afternoon of entertainment at the Riverfront Park, with guest performances by local artist Shirley Albert, as well as female impersonators, dancers, guest speakers all hosted by DJ John and Pride Chair Tina Hillier. We are inviting all interested parties to participate in our parade and rally afterwards at Riverfront Park. If you wish to march or enter a vehicle please register with Greg LeBlanc at ghl@nbnet.nb.ca. All groups and businesses are welcomed.

For the remainder of the week's activities, see the full calendar of events in the sidebar on this page.

We are searching for volunteers to help out during Pride's events. If you have time to give and would like to participate as a volunteer please



Parade Route: Saturday September 13th at 2:30pm. The Parade starts at Highfield Square parking lot on the corner of Highfield and Main and concludes on Westmorland. Stick around for the rally afterwards at Riverfront Park on Assumption Blvd.

contact Greg LeBlanc by email, at ghl@nbnet.nb.ca. Many hands make light work!

For more information about these and other Pride Week events please contact me, Tina Hillier or see our

website: www.fiertemonctonpride.ca.

## Events

### Saturday

September 6  
11AM Frontrunners and Walkers ‡ 1/2 Hour- Running Room 300 Main St  
8PM The White Party ‡, Triangles, 234 St. George St - \$6

### Sunday

September 7  
2PM to 4PM Family Day - Delta Beausejour Pool  
4PM Softball - Upland School, Salisbury Road  
6PM Kick Off BBQ ‡ - Amore et Passion, 154 Church, 854-0220

### Monday

September 8  
5PM Flag Raising, Moncton City Hall, followed by Wine and Cheese at Kramer's Corner, 702 Main Street.  
8PM to 10:30PM "Disco ‡" Bowling, Bowlarama, 476 Gauvin Road Dieppe, 857-9464. \$8 per person. Shoe Rental and Taxes included.

### Tuesday

September 9  
7PM Swimming, CEPS, Universite de Moncton  
9PM "O 69 ‡" Gay Bingo, Triangles, Happy Hour all night, Special "O" 69 shooter at \$1.50

### Wednesday

September 10  
7PM Soccer Game and Dog Show, Universite de Moncton  
8PM Special Karaoke, Prizes to be won, Triangles

### Thursday

September 11  
7PM Volleyball, Ecole Carrefour de L'Acadie School gym, Dieppe  
8PM Back to School ‡ Student Night, Triangles, \$4

### Friday

September 12  
8PM "La Nuit en Rose ‡" Triangles, \$6  
9:30PM to 10:30PM Co-ed Ice Hockey ‡ Tim Hortons Fourplex, C Pacific Avenue. \$10 per person.

### Saturday

September 13  
1:30PM Parade Line up, Highfield Square Parking Lot (Rain or Shine)  
2:30PM Parade: Grand Marshals: Jacky Leduc and Mario Bourgeois-Leduc, followed by a Rally at Riverfront Park  
8PM Pride Ball ‡, Triangles, \$8 admission at the door. VIP advance tickets available at Triangles until September 12. VIP gives you immediate admission for the event. VIP admission is \$9

### Sunday

September 14  
12Noon to 1:30PM Brunch ‡ Amore et Passion, 154 Church, 854-0220. \$14/person taxes included, \$18 at the door. Sports Festival Awards Presentation.  
2:30PM - Vernissage- Amore et Passion, Heron Bay La Terrasse Art Gallery, 154 Church, 854-0220. Featuring community artists  
2:30PM to 8PM T, Amore et Passion, 154 Church, 854-0220.

‡ symbol: Admission applies to this event. For all other events, there is a suggested donation.



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# The Last Word

## The Faith of a Writer

By Randall Perry

I was a writer from day one, so I'm told. I first laid eyes on a typewriter in the fall of 1973, when I was a mere six years old entering the first days of Grade One. I rushed through my first task to get my hands on this marvellous thing, and was promptly escorted back to my seat by the teacher, who taught me not only the fundamentals of story, but the essentials of self-discipline. A few weeks later I possessed a typewriter of my own, a thirty pound monster made of cast iron discarded from my mother's workplace in favour of newfangled electric models made of plastic. My teacher had obviously had a conversation with my mother.

When I was ten years old, I received my second typewriter, this one a compact little blue thing by Brother I could actually pick up without dislocating my little-boy shoulders. On this I wrote incessantly, wearing out ribbon after ribbon, writing stories and plays and novels (or what a child might term a novel) on any blank piece of paper I could get my hands on. "Little Blue" accompanied me out of my parents' house and to university and beyond. I wrote my first published pieces on its small keyboard. The typewriter eventually ended up back home, where it sat in the basement collecting dust.

I recently brought Little Blue back with me from a trip to visit my folks. These days I compose with Word, so I doubt I'll be wearing out any spools of ribbon anytime soon. Still, it's a connection to my past and I wanted it as a memento from my early days as a budding wordsmith.

I'm sometimes asked why I write, especially when there's not much (or even no) money in it. The question inevitably comes around to why I write for a gay audience who may not pay attention to the printed word in the age of poor spelling in online personal ads and vowel-less text messaging.

Simply, I write because I have faith. My faith as a writer hinges on whether people will take the time to read what I've taken the time to commit to paper. We at Wayves have a similar faith, that our efforts to

put out a monthly magazine are not wasted and are not passed over by disinterested eyes. When the nay-sayers cry, "The printed word is dead," I look at our ever-increasing circulation numbers and listen to the feedback

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of people I see reading the magazine in public, and think, "Long live the printed word."

When I was a teenager, writing out my fantasies and secret crushes on male classmates and celebrities on Little Blue and hiding them in issues of COMPUTE! magazine spirited away from the school library, I had no idea that gay-oriented publications even existed. Mine was the era that saw the founding of Xtra! I came of age during the period of the Gazette. For a time I edited the now-defunct ARC Quarterly, P.E.I.'s only queer publication. When I moved to Halifax in 2004 I wrote for Outlooks for a time, and now hang my hat at

Wayves.

Every queer publication—every one I've written for and every one I've ever read or not read—was founded on a leap of faith: that an audience will be found, that there will be enough money for printing and distribution (and maybe funds to pay the contributors), that its unique voice will be heard and accepted in the increasing clamour of an already-saturated marketplace.

A faith not unlike that of a six-year-old boy in Toronto, who tapped out his first words on an ancient typewriter; who became a teenager in rural P.E.I. concocting a fictional, forbidden romance; who decades later now inhabits his words and is sustained by his found, hard-won truths.

Many thanks to all who sustain us: our contributors, our advertisers, our production team, and especially our readers—past, present and future. Here's to all of us. May our faith continue....



### Last Month's Question:

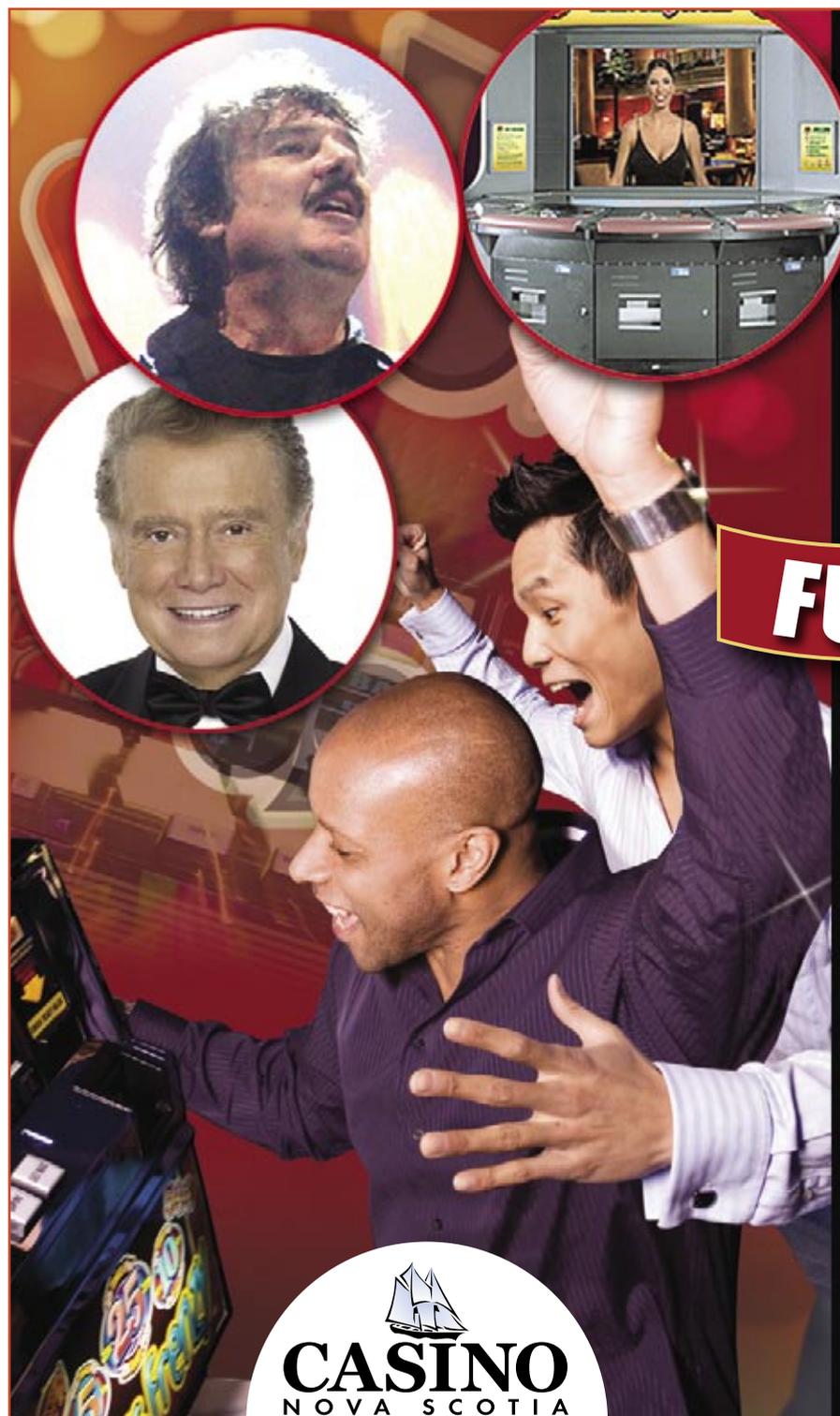
We received eight responses to the question, "If you could live the life of a famous (or infamous) queer from the past, who would you choose to be: a literary figure, sports figure, political activist, or entertainer?" Four chose "literary figure," two chose "political activist," and one each chose "sports figure" and "entertainer."

Four of the five comments were for literary figure(s): "I love the written word. I would enjoy the writing aspect as well as the ability to affect change in attitude (hopefully) and bring validation to others;" "Gays in the literary world were 'forgiven' for their queer tendencies and were thought of as eccentric rather than deviant. They made good money, albeit in relative obscurity outside of the literary world or upper crust of society;" "Oscar Wilde—because he was such a damn good writer;" and "...role model with lasting substance." The other comment, for political activist, was: "...to be involved in helping others in various ways."

### This Month's Question:

What kind of social events are you most interested in attending: live music events, casual and/or sporting events, private parties, special events at licensed bars/restaurants, regular (or irregular) attendance at licensed bars/restaurants, alcohol and drug-free events, events with other restrictions such as gender/sexual orientation/age, all or most of the above, none of the above.

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