

QueerE, February 5, 2007

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STONEWALL CENTER

1. Valentine's Craft Night, 02/08, 7 p.m. ~ Stonewall Center
2. Free HIV Testing, 02/14, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ~ Campus Center
3. Sex Workers Art Show, 02/21, 7:30 p.m. ~ Student Union Ballroom

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. Michael Hatt lecture, 02/06, 5 p.m. ~ Smith College
5. Space still available in EDUC 395Z, Exploring Differences and Common Ground!
6. Interpersonal Relationship Group for GBQ Men ~ Amherst, MA (UHS)
7. Annual Five College Get-Together, 02/08, 4:30 p.m. ~ Hampshire College
8. Community Meeting: Working on Transgender Civil Rights Together! 02/10, 1-4 p.m. ~ Northampton, MA
9. For the Love of Women Winter Gala, 02/10, 8 p.m. ~ Northampton, MA
10. East Coast Female-to-Male Group (ECFTMG) monthly meeting, 02/11 ~ Northampton, MA
11. "Transcend" monthly support and social group, 02/11 ~ Pittsfield, MA
12. Support groups for women with the Everywoman's Center, February through April ~ Amherst, MA
13. Athens Boys Choir at Pride & Joy, 02/23 ~ Northampton, MA
14. Call for participants: Students' relationship with their parents research study
15. Drag King Show at Diva's, 03/02, 7 p.m. ~ Northampton, MA
16. Berkshire Stonewall Community Coalition's Twelfth Annual GLBTQI Festival, 04/27-04/28 ~ Lenox, MA
17. Scholarship opportunity for student with GLBT parent
18. Call for participants: Transgender mental health online research study
19. Call for participants: Online survey of LGBT military veterans of recent conflicts

HOUSING

20. Looking for a queer-friendly roommate ~ Amherst, MA
21. Seeking third woman for lesbian-friendly household ~ Northampton, MA

JOB OPENINGS

22. Summer 2007 Internships in Civil Liberties and Public Policy

STONEWALL CENTER

Come check out The Stonewall Center! We have great resources, a free lending library, and many other reasons to stop by. We are located at 256 Sunset Avenue, in Crampton Residence Hall on the UMass Amherst Campus. We are open M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. all year long.

1. Stonewall Craft Night

Thursday, February 8, 7 p.m. - Stonewall Center (Crampton House, SW)
Valentine's Day is approaching. Come make a gift or two for your partner. If you don't have a valentine, come anyway. It's a great opportunity to meet new people.

2. Tapestry will be providing FREE HIV testing on February 14th in Campus Center Room 905 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for Valentine's Day.

3. Sex Workers Art Show, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m., Student Union Ballroom. Free!

A cabaret-style show created by people who have been in the sex industry to dispel the myths around sex and sex workers.

AREA EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. Tuesday, February 6, 2007, 5 p.m., Smith College, Graham Hall: Michael Hatt (Head of Research, Yale Center for British Art), specialist in the study of Victorian art, culture and sexuality, will deliver a lecture at Smith entitled "The Book Beautiful: Reading, Vision and the Homosexual Imagination in the Late-Nineteenth Century."

The talk will cover the reading and publishing practices--as they relate to consumption and desire--by such prominent Victorian figures as the photographer Fred Holland Day, the artist and designer Charles Ricketts, as well as the writers John Addington Symonds and Benjamin Jowett.

Open and free to the public. Sponsored by the Department of Art and the Lecture Committee.

5. EDUC 395Z, Exploring Differences and Common Ground

This 3-credit INTERGROUP DIALOGUE course offers undergraduate students an opportunity to participate in facilitated small group conversations across differences of race, ethnicity, sex, gender, and sexual identity.

All undergraduate students are welcomed! Sections meet on Thursdays from 4:00-6:30 and also on Saturday, March 3 for a one-day class retreat from 9:00 to 5:00. The course runs for TEN weeks, beginning on Thursday, February 15 and ending on April 26.

For more information or to access a placement form, visit the course web site: <http://courses.umass.edu/educ395z/>

Interested students must fill out a placement form in order to register for this class. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at umassdialogue@yahoo.com.

6. Interpersonal relationship group for GBQ men
Confidential group for gay, bisexual, questioning, and newly coming out

male students at UMass Amherst who experience difficulties in interpersonal relationships. This group offers male students a safe place to openly discuss issues regarding sexuality, identity development, relationships, isolation, depression, family concerns, coming out, intimacy, and more.

Date and time of group to be announced. Contact Alison Kinger at 545-2337 for more information. Cost included under the student health fee.

7. Come and celebrate the second annual Five College LGBT get together for faculty and staff and their partners and friends.

Thursday, February 8, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Red Barn, Hampshire College
RSVP by February 1 to Five Colleges: neckert@fivecolleges.edu or 256-8316

8. Community Meeting: Working on Transgender Civil Rights Together!

Saturday, February 10, 2007, 1-4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Media Education Foundation, 60 Masonic Street, Northampton (behind Woodstar Cafe).

Come find out what the state of transgender civil rights are in Massachusetts and how you can do everyday things to end discrimination. Facilitated by the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition, and Co-sponsored by the UMass Amherst Stonewall Center; the East Coast Female-To-Male Group; Generation Q; Unity of the Pioneer Valley; the Sunshine Club; Pride & Joy; and Tapestry Health, Inc.

9. For the Love of Women Winter Gala
Saturday, February 10, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. at The Hotel Northampton
To benefit the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts

Benefit gala for lesbians and friends celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Women's Fund. Festive night features dancing, mix & mingle, savories and sweets, raffle and cash bar. \$40 per ticket, in advance only. For tickets call 529-0087 x10; Website: <http://www.womensfund.net>

10. EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP (ECFTMG) · PO Box 60585, Florence, Massachusetts 01062 · ph: 413.584.7616 · email: betpower@yahoo.com

We get together on the 2nd Sunday of every month from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. All meetings are held at Bet Power's house: 146 Riverbank Rd., Northampton, Massachusetts. For directions to the meetings or for more information, call Bet at 413.584.7616 or email him at:

betpower@yahoo.com. FTMs or SOFFAs who have never come to one of the meetings should call and introduce themselves to Bet before attending. Meetings are open to all masculine-identified, female-born persons - FTMs, transmen of all sexual orientations/identities, crossdressers, stone butches, transgender, transsexuals, non-op, pre-op, post-op, genderqueer, bi-gendered, questioning - and our significant others, family, and allies.

Sunday, February 11, 2007, 3 to 6 p.m.: Sex (This meeting is for FTMs and masculine-identified, female-born persons only.) This meeting

is to share practical and useful information about sex, and to help you improve your sexual experiences. This discussion is NOT open to SOFFAs. Come share your experience with others and get your questions answered in safe, confidential environment, too.

11. "Transcend", a new support and social group for the trans community, meets the second Sunday of every month at South Congregational Church, South Street, Pittsfield, MA. Next meeting is Sunday, February 11.

There is a private bathroom for those who would like to change clothing after they arrive. Confidential. Resources available. Sponsored by Berkshire Stonewall Community Coalition. For more information, call BSCC's Infoline: 413-243-8484.

Directions: Take Church Street off South Street, just before the church if you're heading south. Turn into the parking lot just past the wood fence, and park in the large lot. Enter by the church's side door.

12. Support groups for women with the Everywoman's Center:

"Express Yourself": An arts-based support group for women who have experienced sexual violence. This group will meet for 4 sessions on Mondays nights from 5:30-7pm, beginning on February 12, 2007 till April 30, 2007, in Wilder Hall at the University of MA. The group will provide a safe and creative healing environment for survivors to experiment with self-expression through art, as well as to learn new coping skills. Each session will utilize art activities to explore topics including relationships, self-esteem, emotions, and self-empowerment. This group is open to all women. A pre-screening meeting with the co-facilitators is required. The group is co-facilitated by Jen Dewitt and Jillian Hynek. For more information, and to set up an initial screening, please contact Jillian Hynek at (413) 577-0077. Co-sponsored by the EWC Counselor Advocate Program and Counseling Services. Check the website for additional information: www.umass.edu/ewc

"Rape Survivors Support Group": The Counselor Advocate Program at the Everywoman's Center is sponsoring a closed 10-week support group for adult survivors of rape and sexual assault. The group will focus on common issues facing survivors including isolation, blame, grief, trust, anger, and intimacy. The group will co-facilitated by Heather Ruddeforth, LCSW and Jen Dewitt. The Rape Survivors Support Group will meet on Monday evenings from 8-10pm, beginning February 12, 2007 till April 17, 2007 at Wilder Hall, UMASS Amherst. The group is free, confidential, and open to all community and 5-College women. A screening meeting with the co-facilitators is required prior to participating in the group. For more information, and to sign up for a screening, please call the Counselor/Advocate Program at 545-0800, during the day, M-F. Check the EWC website for additional information: www.umass.edu/ewc

"The Healing Journey": a drop-in discussion group for women who have experienced violence. Reoccurring discussion topics include: trust, healthy relationships, the impact of trauma, and coping skills. The group will meet Tuesday evenings beginning February 13, 2007 till May 1, 2007, from 6-7:30 at First Congregational Church, 165 Main Street, Amherst in the Hawley room #14. This group is open to all women. The

group is co-facilitated by Jen Dewitt and Jillian Hynek. For more information contact Jillian Hynek at (413) 577-0077 or check the EWC website: www.umass.edu/ewc. Co-sponsored by the EWC Counseling Services and the Counselor Advocate Program.

13. Athens Boys Choir to Perform at Pride & Joy

The Athens Boys Choir will perform at Pride & Joy on Friday, February 23 at 8pm. The store is located at 20 Crafts Avenue in downtown Northampton. The spoken word performance is free and open to the public.

Katz, with his Jewish roots dressed in cowboy boots, has often hailed spoken word as "cheap therapy". His pieces take a brave dive into a deep pool of personal, political, and sexual perspective. Katz performs under the persona of the Athens Boys Choir.

From a sports bar in San Diego to a sold out crowd at the Bowery Ballroom in New York City, the rhymes and rhythms of the Athens Boys Choir have struck a chord in the most diverse of audiences; many whose members claimed they disliked spoken word until the Athens Boys Choir was let loose on them.

For more information on this event, call Pride & Joy at 585-0683.

14. Ph.D. student at University of New Hampshire is doing research on college students' relationships with their parents. She is interested in how a young person's sexual orientation impacts their relationship with their parents. It is very important that the survey includes people with a variety of experiences with their families, not just all good or all bad, as well as people with a variety of sexual orientations and identities.

All students of UMass Amherst who are at least 18 years old can complete the survey. Your answers to the survey are anonymous. You can complete the survey online by going to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=724133041086> or you can request a survey packet in the mail by emailing rosemedeiros@cisunix.unh.edu or by sending a letter to: Rose Medeiros, Family Research Laboratory, University of New Hampshire, 126 Horton Social Science Center, 20 College Road, Durham, NH 03824. (Emails or letters requesting packets should state that you are requesting a survey packet and should include the name and address to which the packet should be mailed. After mailing, your personal information will be destroyed.)

For more information about this research or if you have any questions, you can contact me, Rose Medeiros, by phone at (603) 868-1907 or email at rosemedeiros@cisunix.unh.edu. You can also contact my advisor, Dr. Murray Straus by phone at (603) 862-2594 or by email at murray.straus@unh.edu.

For information about your rights as a research subject, you can contact the UNH Office of Sponsored Research at (603) 862-2003 or the UMASS Human Subjects Review Board at 556-1111.

15. "King St. Boiz" - Northampton's very own Drag King Troupe!

When: March 2, 2007 Doors open @ 7pm

Where: Diva's Night Club, Northampton

18+ \$12; 21+ \$7

* \$2 off at the door with a flyer*

Need to get a flyer? Contact us at: <http://www.myspace.com/kingstboiz>

16. Save the Date!! Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 at Seven Hills Inn, Lenox - Berkshire Stonewall Community Coalition's Twelfth Annual GLBTQI Festival!!

Tentative schedule includes Friday night Las Vegas casino and cabaret entertainment; Saturday afternoon displays, silent and live auction, tea and social time, and Festival Dinner with guest speaker and honoree Marc Solomon of MassEquality, the organization that did so much for marriage equality in Massachusetts. This event helps support BSCC programs and outreach throughout the year.

For more information, contact the BSCC Infoline, 413-243-8484.

17. There is a scholarship opportunity (\$1,000) for students with a GLBT parent. For more information, please see <http://www.colage.org/programs/academic/leedubin.htm>.

18. Transgender Individuals Needed for Brief Online Research Study.

To date, there has been little research done that attempts to identify the factors that are important in the mental health of the transgender population. You can help to change this by participating in a brief online study that is currently being conducted by researchers in the Department of Psychology at Ohio State University.

The study takes about 15 minutes to complete and is completely anonymous. Also, participants will be offered the chance to be entered into a drawing for \$50. If you are interested go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=734613011743>. Please e-mail kozee.1@osu.edu with any questions.

19. LGBT Military Veterans of Recent Conflicts Needed to Participate in Online Survey

Master's student at the Smith College School for Social Work is currently conducting research for my thesis on U.S. LGBT veterans of recent conflicts (specifically those who served in the first Gulf War or since).

Interested veterans can find the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=74423133653>. The survey is anonymous. Please direct questions to kgarland@email.smith.edu.

HOUSING

20. Looking for queer-friendly roommate to share 2-bedroom apartment with a queer transsexual man in Amherst. On bus route, close to UMass, Amherst and Hampshire. \$438/month beginning March 1st. Fun place to live, big bedroom. Contact ehdelisle@yahoo.com if interested.

21. Two friendly, funny Jewish lesbians looking for a roommate for anytime after February 1st, long-term or month-to-month. Beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath house in Northampton with hardwood floors, skylights, fireplace, porch, deck, yard with hammock, 15 minute walk to downtown, across the street from YMCA, Child's Park, bike path. Two dogs live here part-time, so probably no more pets. We're in our 40's, seeking a compatible roommate of any age. Music, books, plants and good cooking in abundance.

E-mail us at fernandkol@gmail.com and tell us a little about yourself. We'll respond pronto.

JOB OPENINGS

22. Summer 2007 Internships in Civil Liberties and Public Policy
The Civil Liberties & Public Policy Program offers paid summer internships that place Five College students at reproductive rights and social justice organizations. The internships are 10 weeks long with a stipend of \$3000. Among the organizations that students can choose from are the Center for Sex & Culture (San Francisco), COLAGE (San Francisco), the New York City LGBT Community Center, and the Third Wave Foundation (New York City). For more information, go to <http://clpp.hampshire.edu>

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