

Queer-e: Your Weekly List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley  
June 4, 2009

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. "Queer Idol" Karaoke & BBQ Dance Party – 6/7, 4-9 p.m., Diva's Nightclub, Northampton
2. New England Trans United Pride March and Rally Community-Wide Organizing Meeting – 6/10, 7-9 p.m., Media Education Foundation, Northampton
3. East Coast Female to Male Group Meeting: ""Trans-Masculine Gender Expression and Body Image" – 6/14, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
4. Support Group Meeting for the Partners of Transgender People – 6/17, 6-8 p.m., West Springfield
5. Solstice Tea Dance – 6/21, 3-7 p.m., Union Station, Northampton
6. UMass UPride (the University's LGBT faculty and staff group) visits the Emily Dickinson Museum – 6/24, 4 p.m.
7. Transgender Support Group Meeting in Brattleboro, VT – 6/28, 2:30-5:30 p.m.
8. Everywoman's Center Summer Support Groups
9. Collection of Classic LGB/Feminist Books for Sale to Help Alexandra Burack

OUT-OF-AREA EVENTS

10. Full of Life Now: (Walt Whitman's) Songs of Liberation – 6/27, 6/28, 7/2, & 7/3, 8 p.m., Provincetown Meeting House, Provincetown, MA

HOUSING

11. Holyoke Home Needs Roommate

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1. The 1st Annual "Queer Idol" Karaoke & BBQ Dance Party  
Sunday, June 7, 4-9 p.m.  
Diva's Nightclub, 492 Pleasant Street, Northampton

Dance: 4-7 p.m., Dinner: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Karaoke: 7-9 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious afternoon BBQ and celebrate the warmth of the sun on Diva's outdoor deck. Vegetarian options available. Only \$10 if you buy in advance at <http://www.nohopridepromos.com> (price includes dinner). \$15 at the door.

Karaoke sign-up will be on a first come basis, so arrive early to get a place in the line-up. Karaoke starts at 7 p.m. This event is 21+.

Sponsored by Pride Promotions: [www.nohopridepromos.com](http://www.nohopridepromos.com), 413-588-1512.

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2. New England Trans United (NETU) Pride March and Rally Community-Wide Organizing Meeting  
Wednesday, June 10, 7-9 p.m.

Media Education Foundation Community Room, 60 Masonic Street, Northampton

The event, with its theme "Live Out Loud," will take place in Northampton on either October 3 or 10, pending permission by the city. Interested individuals and organizations are invited to help with the many facets of producing the march and rally.

For more information: [newenglandtransunited@yahoo.com](mailto:newenglandtransunited@yahoo.com).

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3. East Coast Female to Male Group Meeting

Sunday, June 14, 3-6 p.m., Northampton

Meeting Topic: "Trans-Masculine Gender Expression and Body Image"

How do you express your masculine gender identity? Do you focus most on clothes, hair styling, body movements and mannerisms, physical changes from testosterone, attitude, speech -- some or all of the above? Would you like to enhance your gender expression? What do you feel about your body image? Those who would like feedback, tips, and suggestions are welcome to ask and get answers here.

Note: This particular meeting is for FTMs only, meaning the full spectrum of masculine-identified, female-born persons in the trans and genderqueer community.

Call or email Bet for more information and location: 413-584-7616, [betpower@yahoo.com](mailto:betpower@yahoo.com).

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4. Support Group Meeting for the Partners of Transgender People

Wednesday, June 17, 6-8 p.m.

West Springfield, MA (email for location)

"I will be hosting the second support group meeting for partners of FTMs. Those who are interested in attending are more than welcome to bring their significant other to the meeting. Topics of discussion will include (but are not limited to) sense of identity and how it may or may not have shifted and the potential confusion surrounding it. Also, how this could effect, or does effect interpersonal relationships in terms of co-workers, family members, and friends. The ultimate goal of this group is to create a safe environment for people to discuss any feelings that they may have and also to gain a sense of community. If anyone is interested in attending and/or would like more information, please contact me, Una, via my email: [aida\\_girl\\_03@yahoo.com](mailto:aida_girl_03@yahoo.com)."

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5. Solstice Tea Dance

Sunday, June 21, 3-7 p.m.

Union Station, 125 Pleasant Street, Northampton

Dance to the music of DJ Studebaker Hawk

\$8 admission / \$5 students with ID. 18+

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6. UMass UPride (the University's LGBT faculty and staff group) visits the Emily Dickinson Museum  
Wednesday, June 24, 4 p.m.

Join us for a private tour of the Emily Dickinson Museum with our own gay tour guide, followed by an optional dinner at Panda East.

Tour is from 4-5:30 p.m. - admission is \$9/person\*  
Dinner is from 5:45-7 p.m. - pay your own way

\*To reserve your space, please send a check (made out to Emily Dickinson Museum) by June 10th to Martha Patrick, 305 Whitmore, UMass

For more information: [amoore@library.umass.edu](mailto:amoore@library.umass.edu).

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7. Transgender Support Group Meeting in Brattleboro, VT  
Sunday, June 28, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Open to anyone whose identity or expression does not fit neatly into the gender binary, including transpeople of all genders and sexual orientations: transgender, transsexual, FTM, MTF, non-op, pre-op, post-op, cross-dresser, bi-gendered, genderqueer, genderfluid, questioning. Confidentiality guaranteed.

For more information and for the location, contact Oshee:  
[oshee@gdess.net](mailto:oshee@gdess.net).

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8. Everywoman's Center Summer Support Groups

Supporting, Connecting, Healing Support Group

Find support for your experience of sexual assault or abuse with other survivors in a safe, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Topics include: trust, boundaries, breaking silence, relationships, shame, self-worth and coping. 8-week group beginning July 2009. Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. in Amherst. Call for information and a meeting with the group facilitator: 413.545.5834 ext. 3.

Healthy Relationships Support Group

Learn new skills to help you cope with your past experience while building healthy relationships survivors in a safe, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Topics include: exploring different types of domestic violence, the cycle of violence, diffusing anger, exploring power and control, self-esteem and self worth, defining healthy boundaries, learning how to be safe and learn new coping skills. 8-week group beginning in July. Monday afternoons in Amherst. Call for information and a meeting with the group facilitator: 413.545.5834 ext. 4.

Both groups are free and open to all women. Money for childcare is available. If

you are a person with a disability or who requires accommodation, contact Becky Lockwood: 413-577-0940 (TTY), 413-545-5832 (V)

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### 9. Collection of Classic LGB/Feminist Books for Sale to Help Alexandra Burack

Alexandra Burack, a pioneer in the 1970s-80s LGB movement in Connecticut and Massachusetts, recently suffered a traumatic brain injury in a swimming accident. Living on minimal income and without health insurance, she has been denied necessary treatment. Her valuable collection of classic LGB/feminist books is now for sale to fund her care. Please email [poesie64@sbcglobal.net](mailto:poesie64@sbcglobal.net) to receive a list of items for sale. Thank you!

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### OUT-OF-AREA EVENTS

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### 10. Full of Life Now: (Walt Whitman's) Songs of Liberation June 26 and 27, July 2 and 3, 8 p.m. Provincetown Meeting House, Provincetown, MA

Singer/songwriter Stephan David Hewitt performs the East Coast Premiere of Full of Life Now: (Walt Whitman's) Songs of Liberation, a Joni/Elton meets Puccini concert of original song settings from Walt Whitman's still-radical lyrics championing love, sex, body, and soul. Tickets: \$20 at the door, seniors/students \$10.

For more information: 508-487-9344

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### HOUSING

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### 11. Holyoke Home Needs Roommate

Roommate needed June 1. Spacious house in Holyoke has 1.5 baths, new appliances (washer/dryer, dishwasher, etc), wireless internet, ample storage, off-street parking, and a large backyard (plenty of garden space). House is in wooded hillside lot that abuts to Mt Tom conservation land. Very private yet accessible location! Great for grad student or professional. Easy access to Rts 91, 141, 202, 5 and 116! Available bedroom is large with closet and built-in shelves (some furniture available if needed). Rent is \$550 plus utilities (first & last). You must be queer or queer-friendly, no smoking, no drugs, and love cats (sorry no more pets, but may consider "the right" dog). Please send your name, contact information, resume and references (please include former landlord) to [llitterer25@gmail.com](mailto:llitterer25@gmail.com).