

Queer-e: Your Weekly List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
July 10, 2009

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. East Coast Female to Male Group Meeting: "Isolation and Loneliness" – 7/12, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
2. Valley Queer People of Color Social – 7/14, 6 p.m., Food for Thought Books, Amherst
3. Summer Tea Dance – 7/19, 3-7 p.m., Union Station, Northampton
4. Sara Felder performances, workshop, and lecture

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1. East Coast Female to Male Group Meeting
Sunday, July 12, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
Meeting Topic: "Isolation and Loneliness"

Trans people are too often deprived of lovers, spouses, supportive families, close friends and a consistent experience of being a valued part of a community or neighborhood. We've learned to adapt to judgment and hatred and many of us function as survivors accustomed to being isolated and alone. Some of us may continue to cut ourselves off from others and even from ourselves before or after transition. This meeting will discuss the physical, social, and psychological isolation we experience, how shame and low self-worth play a part, and how other people have helped us or we have helped others to overcome isolation and loneliness. As preparation for this discussion, please read an interesting article written by transwoman Monica Helms, "Stuck in Loneliness" (4/15/09) on her blog at <http://monicahelms.com/blog/>

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

2. Valley Queer People of Color Social
Tuesday, July 14, 6 p.m.
Food for Thought Books, 106 North Pleasant St., Amherst

Come meet the organizers, offer your vision and ideas for the future of this group, vote on a name, and best of all meet and connect with awesome QPOCs in the area. This is a closed, QPOC-only meeting. Some food will be served. Guests are encouraged to bring food, drinks, snacks, desserts, etc.

For more information, please email valleyqpoc@googlegroups.com. We also have a Facebook Group and you can find us by searching "Valley Queer People of Color."

3. Summer Tea Dance

Sunday, July 19, 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+

In support of the Dakin Pioneer Valley Animal Shelter, please bring cans or bags of cat & dog food for money off the price of admission. Save up to \$2. Blankets will also be accepted.

Sponsored by Pride Promotions: www.nohopridepromos.com, 413-588-1512

4. Sara Felder, "one of America's best-loved Jewish lesbian juggling theater artists," will be performing **OUT OF SIGHT**, a solo comedy that brings circus tricks, shadow puppets and a Jewish queer sensibility to questions of family loyalty and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on July 24-26 as part of the Ko Festival.

The performances will take place in Amherst College's Holden Theatre, which is located right behind the Admissions Office off of South Pleasant Street in Amherst.

Tickets: \$20/16 Students & Seniors. Call for information about a limited number of special \$8 tickets. For further information: www.kofest.com, info@kofest.com, or 413-427-6147.

Sara Felder will also be giving a free lecture on the history of Jewish Comedy called **SUCH A MEKHAYE!** – a short history of Jewish humor that covers the Bible, purim shpils, Yiddish theatre, Fanny Brice, Marx Bros, Lenny Bruce, Woody Allen, Wendy Wasserstein, Sarah Silverman . . . and asks what makes Jews funny. At the Jewish Community of Amherst on Tuesday, July 21 at 7pm.

AND – there are also a few spots left in her workshop on Creating Solo Performance: **Amusing the Muse** (or – **The Art of Juggling the Truth**) which runs 10-4 daily from July 27-August 1. Suitable for adults of all ages and levels of experience.