

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
January 7, 2011

STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

[For more information on Stonewall Center events, join our Facebook page, visit www.umass.edu/stonewall, or call us at (413) 545-4826]

1. **Grease and Glitter: A Queer Sock-Hop -- 1/22, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., UMass Fine Arts Center**
2. **Free Screening of *The Man Who Drove with Mandela*, with Director Greta Schiller -- 1/25, 7 p.m., 101 UMass Campus Center**
3. **"Where's Love 101?: Creating and Sustaining Healthy Relationships" -- 2/9, 7 p.m., 917 UMass Campus Center**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. **East Coast FTM Group Meeting: "What It Means to Be a Man" -- 1/9, 3-6 p.m., Northampton**
5. **Authors Reading from *Dear John, I Love Jane: Women Write About Leaving Men for Women* -- 1/11, 7 p.m., The Odyssey Bookshop, South Hadley**
6. **Bon Appetit Burlesque's Beach Bonanza -- 1/15, 8 p.m., The Deuce (World War II Club), Northampton**
7. **North Star Reunion Night -- 1/15, 8 p.m.-2 a.m., Diva's Nightclub, Northampton**
8. **LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts Meeting -- 1/20, 7 p.m., 32 Industrial Drive East, Northampton**
9. **Noho Pride Fundraising Photo Shoot -- 2/1, 5:30-9 p.m., Media Education Center, Northampton**
10. **Third Annual Mamma Mia! Sing-Along + Anything Goes Costume Contest -- 2/5, 7:30 p.m., Academy of Music Theatre, Northampton**
11. **Heart To Heart Benefit Dance -- 2/11, 8 p.m.-midnight, Union Station, Northampton**

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1. **Grease and Glitter: A Queer Sock-Hop**
Saturday, Jan. 22, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
UMass Fine Arts Center

Free and open to all students.

2. **Free Screening of *The Man Who Drove with Mandela*, with Director Greta Schiller**
Tuesday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m.
UMass Campus Center, Room 101

During the time of apartheid, Nelson Mandela drove around South Africa in a limousine,

disguised as a chauffeur, while organizing the armed struggle against the white supremacist regime. But who was the distinguished-looking white man sitting in the back seat? This film introduces the viewer to Cecil Williams, an acclaimed gay English theatre director and an important but largely forgotten anti-apartheid and gay rights activist. Film director Greta Schiller will lead a discussion after the screening.

3. ["Where's Love 101?: Creating and Sustaining Healthy Relationships"](#)

Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m.

UMass Campus Center, Room 917

This unique gathering will feature a panel discussion with couples of different ages, races, and sexual orientations who have been together from a few years to decades, as well as experts who will address a broad range of issues related to creating and sustaining healthy relationships.

Topics will include:

- Physical health, values, resolving conflict, fidelity expectations, sex
- Money, race, class, gender, anti-LGBT prejudice, religion
- Meeting each other's families, alcohol and drugs, your self-esteem
- Staying together in a transitory environment
- When is it better to choose to be on your own?

With refreshments and door prizes, this promises to be a lively, informative and fun evening! Free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact the Women of Color Leadership Network: (413) 545-1671.

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4. [East Coast FTM Group Meeting](#)

Sunday, Jan. 9, 3-6 p.m., Northampton

Discussion Topic: "What It Means to Be a Man"

" We all have our own ideas and ideals about this. Come talk about yours. Do you consider yourself a man, a transgender man, a transsexual man – or none of those? What does being a man mean to you? Is that the same or different than what it means to society? Whether you are post-op, pre-op, non-op, gender queer or questioning, this will be an interesting discussion in which you can hone your gender identity.

Please note that East Coast FTM Group meetings are now specifically for FTMs only, meaning the full spectrum of masculine-identified, female- or intersex-born persons in the transgender and gender non-conforming community. This includes FTM transgender persons, FTM transsexuals (non-op, pre-op, and post-op), FTM cross-dressers, gender queers, stone butches, gender blended, queer, and questioning."

For the location and for more information, contact Bet: (413) 584-7616 or betpower@yahoo.com.

5. [Authors reading from *Dear John, I Love Jane: Women Write About Leaving Men for Women*](#)

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m.

The Odyssey Bookshop, The Village Commons, 9 College St., South Hadley

Sara C. Rauch (from Northampton) and Amelia Sauter (from Ithaca, NY) will read from and discuss their essays from the anthology

6. [Bon Appetit Burlesque's Beach Bonanza](#)

Saturday, Jan. 15

The Deuce (World War II Club), 50 Conz Street, Northampton

The show starts at 9 p.m. and runs until 11:30 p.m. Please arrive early; seating is limited and fills up quickly. Doors open at 8 p.m.

"This month we're bringing our summer beach theme to the wintery Pioneer Valley with burlesque that is guaranteed to warm you right up. The show features games, prizes, and sexy stripteases from a variety of performers that will leave you laughing, lusting, and wanting more! Featured performers include: Serendipity Galore, Miss Bettysioux Tailor, Captain Elastico, Ruby Solitaire, The Baroness Blitzen VonSchtupp, Buns Anderson, and Anna Tainment. The host of the show is local performance artist Hors D'oeuvres. Stick around between acts and after the show for music from WMUA's Studebaker Hawk, voted 2010's Best DJ in *The Valley Advocate's* Grand Band Slam.

Open to ages 21 and up. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door on a first come, first served basis. A cash bar is provided by The Deuce."

7. [North Star Reunion Night](#)

Saturday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m.-2 a.m.

Diva's Nightclub, 492 Pleasant St., Northampton

North Star was the gay bar of Northampton from the mid 1980s to mid '90s. DJ Betsey will be at the turntables and Sally will be at the bar. All are welcome.

8. [LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts Meeting](#)

Thursday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m.

At their new office: 32 Industrial Drive East (between the Coca-Cola plant and Steve Lewis Subaru) in Northampton, 1st floor. Parking is available in front and in back of the building

The LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts is a non-profit organization established to improve and preserve the wellbeing of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Identified people of all race and ethnicities through education, advocacy and outreach programs.

9. [Noho Pride Fundraising Photo Shoot](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 5:30-9 p.m.

Media Education Center, 60 Masonic St., Northampton

Glenn Koetzner, Noho Pride's official photographer, has graciously offered to hold a Photo Shoot fundraiser for Noho Pride. Glenn has been a tireless advocate of LGBT rights and is seen at almost every event related to the LGBT community, whether as a photographer or as a supporter. For more information on Glenn, visit his website, Crazy Dog Photography, or check him out on Facebook.

Suggested donation of \$10 per sitting. Your donation is 100% tax deductible. Visit the Noho Pride website (www.site.nohopride.org) for further details and to complete the Online Photo Order and Contact Information Form.

10. [Third Annual Mamma Mia! Sing-Along + Anything Goes Costume Contest](#)

Saturday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Academy of Music Theatre, Northampton

Back by popular demand, Out! For Reel presents the 3rd Annual Mamma Mia! Sing-Along & Anything Goes Costume Contest.

Closed caption will be used for lyrics and for the deaf community. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for contestants to show off their costumes to contest judges and for a casual social hour.

Mamma Mia! is the award-winning film starring Meryl Streep and Pierce Bronson. A fabulous musical and dance comedy based on the irresistible, upbeat songs of ABBA, Mamma Mia! continues to be popular worldwide.

Get in the mood! The Anything Goes Costume Contest with local judges is for all ages and genders from 6:30-7:30 p.m. There will be three winners selected. Contestants may dress as an impersonation of a Mamma Mia! character or in island attire or in wedding attire, or deck themselves out with props. Costumes are welcome even if you don't enter the contest. Wear boas, flippers, Hawaiian shirts, bridesmaid gowns, 70's fashion, overalls, sunglasses, hats, etc.

For more information, visit www.OutForReel.org

Tickets are \$11 in advance, \$14 at the door, \$9 for students with current ID at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased online at www.OutForReel.org. Tickets may also be purchased at these ticket outlets: State Street Fruit Store, Northampton, Food For Thought Books, Amherst, and World Eye Bookshop, Greenfield. Or, tickets can be purchased at the Academy Box Office (box

office fee applies).

11. [Heart To Heart Benefit Dance](#)

Friday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m.-midnight

Union Station, 125 Pleasant St., Northampton

This fundraiser for the LGBT Coalition of Western MA will benefit the Shining Star Scholarship Fund to further educational opportunities for LGBT youth. Music by DJ Melissa.

Tickets: \$10/advance, \$15/door (18+). On sale at Pride & Joy, Food for Thought Books, and Odyssey Bookstore on 1/17/11 or at <http://www.lgbtcoalitionwma.org> under "Events."

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