

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
January 28, 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. **"Where's Love 101?: Creating and Sustaining Healthy Relationships" -- 2/9, 7 p.m., 917 UMass Campus Center**
2. **Free and Anonymous Rapid HIV and STD Testing -- 2/14, Noon-3:30, 168C UMass Campus Center**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. **Leslea Newman to Speak about Anti-LGBT Violence -- 1/30, 1 p.m., Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 220 Main St., Northampton**
4. **Noho Pride Fundraising Photo Shoot -- 2/1, 5:30-9 p.m., Media Education Center, Northampton**
5. **Women of Color Leadership Network Social Hour -- 2/2, Noon-2, New Africa House, UMass**
6. **Pride & Joy Book Readings 2/5, 7 p.m., Pride & Joy, 20 Crafts Ave., Northampton**
7. **Third Annual Mamma Mia! Sing-Along + Anything Goes Costume Contest -- 2/5, 7:30 p.m., Academy of Music Theatre, Northampton**
8. **Cast Call por Los Monologos de La Vagina -- 2/9 & 2/12, Holyoke Health Center**
9. **Stephanie Coontz, "'Mad Men,' Working 'Girls,' and Depressed Housewives: The 1960s and *The Feminine Mystique*" -- 2/10, 7:30 p.m., Mahar Auditorium, UMass**
10. **Smith College Production of the "Vagina Monologues" -- 2/11, 7:30 p.m., John M. Greene Hall, Smith College**
11. **Heart To Heart Benefit Dance -- 2/11, 8 p.m.-midnight, Union Station, Northampton**
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14. **4th Annual Springfield Falcons Hockey Pride Night -- 2/19, 4 p.m., Mass Mutual Center, Springfield**
15. **Gather the Lesbians, A Lesbian Tent Revival -- 2/19, Unitarian Society of Northampton**
16. **Tickets Now on Sale for Valley V-Day's 3rd Annual Community Production of The Vagina Monologues**
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1. **"Where's Love 101?: Creating and Sustaining Healthy Relationships"**

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m.
UMass Campus Center, Room 917

This unique gathering will feature a panel discussion with couples of different ages, races, gender identities, 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.

2. [Free and Anonymous Rapid HIV and STD Testing for Valentine's Day](#)

Monday, Feb. 14, Noon-3:30 p.m.
168C UMass Campus Center

No appointment necessary and no blood is involved, just oral swabs. An HIV test will take about 20 minutes. Tests conducted by Tapestry Health.

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3. [Leslea Newman to Speak about Anti-LGBT Violence](#)

Sunday, January 30, 1 p.m.
Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 220 Main St., Northampton

"Renowned lesbian author Leslea Newman will bring her moving and inspirational presentation 'He Continues to Make a Difference: The Matthew Shepard Story' to the Unitarian Society. The presentation grew out of the lasting impact of Shepard's tragic death and Newman's concern about recent LGBT youth suicides, as well as violence and bullying aimed at LGBT people. Newman, a former Northampton poet laureate, will share readings from a new poetry collection entitled *October Mourning*, photo images and an invitation to take steps toward making the world a safer place for all." A reception will follow.

4. [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.

5. [Women of Color Leadership Network Social Hour](#)

Wed., Feb. 2, Noon-2 p.m.
Room 127, New Africa House, UMass

"Come meet members of our staff, connect with each other and enjoy some refreshments. Take a break from your hectic schedule and bring a friend to support us in welcoming all to our new space!" More information: wocln-info@stuaf.umass.edu, (413) 545-1670

6. [Pride & Joy Book Readings](#)

Saturday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m.
Pride & Joy, 20 Crafts Ave., Northampton

Poet Patrick Donnelly will read from his book *The Charge*, poet Melanie Braverman will read from her book *Red*, and novelist David Pratt will read from his book *Bob the Book*.

7. [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).

Diva's After Mama Mia! Party
9:30 p.m.-Closing
492 Pleasant St., Northampton

Oldies music 10-11 p.m. with DJ Lori B
Only \$3 cover with film ticket stub, program book, or mention of Out! For Reel

8. [Cast Call por Los Monologos de La Vagina \(a performance of the Vagina Monologues in Spanish\)](#)

9 Febrero, 5-7 y 12 Febrero 2-4
Holyoke Health Center, 230 Maple St., Holyoke

Tiene preguntas?? holyokevday@gmail.com

9. [Stephanie Coontz, "Mad Men,' Working 'Girls,' and Depressed Housewives: The 1960s and *The Feminine Mystique*"](#)

Thursday, Feb. 10, 7:30-9 p.m.
Mahar Auditorium, UMass Amherst

Well-known author and social historian Stephanie Coontz will draw on her new book "*A Strange Stirring*": *The Feminine Mystique and American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s*. The talk is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact M.V. Lee Badgett: lbadgett@pubpol.umass.edu, 413-545-3162.

10. [Smith College Production of the "Vagina Monologues"](#)

Saturday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.
John M. Greene Hall, Smith College

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at 106 Smith Campus Center for \$10, or at the door.

This year's beneficiary is Safe Passage. For more information: (413) 585-2639.

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."

12. ["Rockin' Valentine Dance Party": A Benefit for Noho Pride](#)
Saturday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m.-Midnight
The Deuce (World War II Club), 50 Conz Street, Northampton

Presented by LezleeAnne and Daniel Sevelt. Light & visual performances by A.R. Productions. Daniel Sevelt behind the decks; Richard Adams on drums and Brent Nielsen on bass.

Tickets: \$10 at Ultra Gal, 114 Main St., Northampton; \$10.50 at www.Lezleeanne.com via PayPal; or \$12 at the door. Only 220 tickets are available, so get yours now!

13. [East Coast FTM Group Meeting](#)
Sunday, Feb. 13, 3-6 p.m., Northampton
Discussion Topic: "Trans Youth and Our Own Trans Youths"

Note: This particular meeting only will welcome all people in the trans community, both trans masculine and trans feminine, our significant other, friends, family, and allies.

"Susan Maasch, Director of the Trans Youth Equality Foundation in Portland, Maine, will join us to talk about their work to support transgender and transsexual children. Come learn what Susan is doing and how you might show support or get involved. We'll also take some time to talk about what we were like and how life was for us when we were young and trans."

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

14. [4th Annual Springfield Falcons Hockey Pride Night](#)

Saturday, Feb. 19, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Mass Mutual Center, Springfield

As an added bonus, the UMass women's hockey team will be playing at 4 p.m., before the Falcons game at 7 p.m. Your single \$12 ticket will get you into both games. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Noho Pride.

Call Bill at (413) 739-3344 ext 120 by Thursday, February 10 for tickets.
Tickets will not be available after that deadline

15. [Gather the Lesbians, A Lesbian Tent Revival](#)
Saturday, Feb. 19
Unitarian Society of Northampton, 220 Main St.

Dinner/Discussion: 5:30-6:15 p.m., Tent Revival: 7-9 p.m., Dessert: 9-10 p.m.

To build energy for the Tent Revival, Gather the Lesbians will begin with dinner and discussion. Limited tickets are available for a hearty vegetarian dinner catered by Alice Cozzolino of Cummington's Old Creamery. Diners can share the meal with friends or join a table focused on one of several discussion topics, including Talking Across the Generations, Planning Future Lesbian Gatherings, Coming Out Stories, Relationships, and more.

The service will feature two sermons: "The Seven Deadly Sins and How to Bring More of Them Into Your Life" and "The Real L-Words."

Dinner: \$10; Tent Revival: \$10. Tickets are available at www.shopwesternmass.com/gather and Pride & Joy, 20 Crafts Ave., Northampton; Food for Thought Books, 106 N. Pleasant St., Amherst; and World Eye Bookshop, 156 Main St., Greenfield. Dinner tickets are limited. Wheelchair accessible.

For more information: 877-925-2999 or gatherthelesbians@yahoo.com.

16. [Tickets are now on sale for Valley V-Day's 3rd annual community production of Eve Ensler's award winning "The Vagina Monologues"](#)

The performance will take place February 25th and 26th at the Northampton Center for the Arts. Showtime 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m.

This year's beneficiary is Denise Beaudet's "Roots to Resistance". Denise is painting 12 large scale portraits of women activists from around the world who are working to end violence against women and girls. She has also created a world-wide postcard campaign in which you can be involved in to spread the word. Learn more about this amazing project as well as the work of these women at the show.

The last two years have been sold out performances, so don't wait, get your tickets early. Available now at Broadside Books in Northampton, sliding scale \$15-\$50. For more information: valleyvday@gmail.com.

17. [Bettina Aptheker](#), "W.E.B. DuBois: Personal Stories/Political Reflections"

Monday, Feb. 28, 4.30 p.m.

Cape Cod Lounge, Student Union, UMass

Bettina Aptheker is Distinguished Professor of Feminist Studies and History at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she has taught for more than 30 years. Her most recent book is a memoir, *Intimate Politics: How I Grew Up Red, Fought for Free Speech and Became a Feminist Rebel* (2006). She is also at work on a major research project: *Queering the History of the American Left: 1940s-1980s*.

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