

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
April 29, 2011

STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: As of May 6, the Stonewall Center will be located in room 203 Middlesex (yes, Middlesex) Hall for the summer as our space is renovated to be wheelchair accessible and to look less like a throwback to the 1980s. Our phone number will remain the same: (413) 545-4826.

1. **The 13th Annual Rainbow Graduation and LGBTQA Recognition Ceremony -- 5/4, 7 p.m., 10th Floor, UMass Campus Center**
2. **Work-Study Positions Available at the Stonewall Center for UMass Students**

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. **Queerfest Lawn Day -- 4/29, 10-2 p.m., UMass Student Union Lawn**
4. **S. Bear Bergman, "Life, Gender and the Pursuit of Happiness" -- 4/29, 3 p.m., Neilson Library, Smith College**
5. **S. Bear Bergman, "Sex and the Very Serious Transsexual" -- 4/29, 7-9 p.m., Resource Center for Sexuality and Gender, Smith College**
6. **UMass Queer Writing Class Reading and Open Mic -- 5/2, 7 p.m., Food For Thought Books, Amherst**
7. **Tickets Now Available for Kate Clinton Show and After Party -- 5/6, 8 p.m., First Churches, Northampton**
8. **Queer Prom 2011 -- 5/6, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Greenfield High School, Greenfield**
9. **Northampton Pride Bi Brunch -- 5/7, 9:30-11 a.m., Northampton**
10. **Queer Insurgency Pride Contingent: Take Back Noho Pride**
11. **30th Anniversary Noho Pride Parade and Rally -- 5/7, Noon, Northampton**
12. **Pride Potluck -- 5/7, 1-4 p.m., Media Education Foundation Community Room, Northampton**
13. **Northampton Pride Day After-Party at Smith College**
14. **"The Black and Radical Origins of the LGBTIQ Pride Movement: A Slide Show and Speak Out" -- 5/7, 7 p.m., Media Education Foundation, Northampton**
15. **Bon Appetit Burlesque: The Nerd Show -- 5/14, 9-11:30 p.m., The Deuce, Northampton**
16. **5th Annual Western Massachusetts Youth Pride Prom -- 5/14, 7p .m.-Midnight, Baystate Conference Center, Holyoke**
17. **See DOMA Do Harm: How the Defense of Marriage Act Impacts Same-Sex Couples and Their Communities and How We Can Work Towards Repeal -- 5/22, 1-3 p.m., Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, Northampton**
18. **Call for Proposals: Transcending Boundaries Conference**

HOUSING

19. **Home for Rent in Florence, Monday-Friday**
20. **Room(s) for Rent in Northampton**

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1. [The Thirteenth Annual Rainbow Graduation and LGBTQA Recognition Ceremony](#)

Wednesday, May 4, 7 p.m.
Amherst Room, 10th Floor, UMass Campus Center

Keynote Speaker and “Continuing the Legacy of Stonewall” Award Recipient: Pat Griffin, UMass Professor Emerita, Social Justice Education, and LGBT People in Sport Activist and Expert

2. [Work-Study Positions Available at the Stonewall Center](#)

The Stonewall Center is looking for UMass students with work-study awards to work at the center for about 10 hours per week for the school year. Applicants should have experience working/volunteering in LGBTQ communities. To apply, please fill out the application at

www.umass.edu/stonewall/working and email it along with a resume to the center.

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3. [Queerfest Lawn Day](#)

Friday, April 29, 10-2 p.m.
UMass Student Union Lawn

Food, bounce rides, tie dying, give aways

4. [S. Bear Bergman, "Life, Gender and the Pursuit of Happiness"](#)

Friday, April 29, 3-5 p.m.
Neilson Library Browsing Room (on the right as you enter Neilson Library)
Smith College, Northampton

Come hear Bear read from hir previously published works, as well as from some new writing! Books will be available to purchase.

5. [S. Bear Bergman, "Sex and the Very Serious Transsexual"](#)

Friday, April 29, 7-9 p.m.

Resource Center for Sexuality and Gender (basement of Wesley House)
Smith College, Northampton

The process of de-sexualizing transpeople in order to make us respectable and non-threatening is nearly complete - but where does that leave us (besides sitting bolt upright and fully dressed with all four feet on the floor)? This lecture is an exploration of the social and sexual norms imposed upon the trans* community, what happens to those who break them, why we love to hate them (and hate to love them), and what sexual orientation means to someone whose gender is a subject of debate.

6. [UMass Queer Writing Class Reading and Open Mic](#)

Monday May 2, 7 p.m.

Food For Thought Books, 106 N. Pleasant St., Amherst

Donation to benefit Food For Thought

FB invite: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=126170454124274>

7. [Tickets Now Available for Kate Clinton Show and After Party](#)

New 2011 Comedy Show: "The Glee Party Tour!"

Friday, May 6, 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.)

First Churches, 129 Main St., Northampton

ASL interpreted

Celebrate Your Pride After Party

9 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Page's Loft Grand Ballroom, Clarion Hotel, Northampton

Kate Clinton, nationally renowned lesbian comedian and author of three books will perform her new hilarious comedy show, "The Glee Party Tour" in celebration of her 30 year career and Noho Pride's 30th anniversary.

Tickets available online only: www.OutForReel.org.

8. [Queer Prom 2011](#)

Friday, May 6, 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Greenfield High School, One Lennox Ave., Greenfield, MA

Sponsored by the Greenfield Community College Queer-Straight Alliance. Requested \$1 donation. Find the group on Facebook: Gcc Qsa. Smoking and drinking is not allowed on the Greenfield High School grounds.

9. [Northampton Pride Bi Brunch](#)

Saturday, May 7, 9:30-11 a.m.
Northampton

"Robyn Ochs, bi activist and long-time supporter of The Network/La Red is a Grand Marshal for Northampton Pride 2011! Join us to celebrate bi pride with a potluck brunch that morning. The event will be at a home on Elm Street in Northampton. People of all sexual orientations and genders are invited for brunch and/or to march with us. We will also be collecting old cell phones (no chargers necessary) to donate to The Network/La Red, which provides bi-inclusive support for survivors of partner abuse. For directions & to RSVP, contact Erika Kate at erikakatem@yahoo.com"

10. [Queer Insurgency Pride Contingent: Take Back Noho Pride](#)

"Have you noticed that Noho Pride - the parade and mega entertainment event coming up on May 7 - has replaced the annual Northampton (Massachusetts) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Pride March & Rally for civil rights? Do you agree that there are many rights yet to be won and that our struggle for equality is far, far from over? Join us in Queer Insurgency, a new, diverse, and inclusive TLGBIQ community activist group, to question the whiteness of Noho Pride and its commercialism, and to draw attention to all of the vital TLGBIQ issues that Noho Pride will not address while they're busy partying. Come be a part of putting the politics (and conscience) into the party at Noho Pride."

The group will gather on May 7 at 11 a.m. at Pulaski Park to march in Noho Pride.

11. [30th Anniversary Noho Pride Parade and Rally](#)

Saturday, May 7, Northampton

The parade starts at Noon at Lampron Park; the rally starts at 12:45 behind Thorne's Marketplace.

Headliners for the rally include Calpernia Addams and God-Des and She. ASL Interpreted.

For more information: <http://www.site.nohopride.org>

12. [Pride Potluck](#)

Saturday, May 7, 1-4 p.m.

Media Education Foundation Community Room

60 Masonic Street (behind Woodstar Cafe), Northampton

"Free community potluck for all celebrants of the 30th anniversary of LGBT Pride in Northampton. This event is intended as outreach to homeless LGBT youth and others in our community who still suffer from poverty, racism, and unemployment. Come grab a plate, help prepare food, serve, or clean up. All are welcome!"

13. Northampton Pride Day After-Party at Smith College

"Join us on Northampton Pride Day Sat. May 7 from 5- 10 p.m. at the Smith College Conference Center, College Lane (at the end of Green Street) for an after-party you won't believe!

2 bars, luscious couches, plenty of seating, fireplaces, an outdoor deck and patio, huge floor to ceiling windows with a view overlooking Paradise Pond....AND music by DJ Studebaker Hawk, voted "Best DJ in the Valley" by the Advocate! Free parking. Only \$10!!!! (18+)."

A benefit dance for the LGBT Coalition of Western MA. Sponsored by the Rainbow Times.

For more information: www.lgbtcoalitionwma.org, (413) 588-1018, or on Facebook.

14. "The Black and Radical Origins of the LGBTIQ Pride Movement: A Slide Show and Speak Out"

Saturday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Media Education Foundation Community Room, 60 Masonic St., Northampton

Come learn about how Prides began, the 30-year history of the Northampton LGBT Pride March and Rally, and discuss its future. Sponsored by Queer Insurgency. The event is free and open to the public.

15. Bon Appetit Burlesque: The Nerd Show

A campy evening of stripteases, games, and prizes

Saturday, May 14, 9-11:30 p.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.)

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

"Come out and see our performers battle King Koopa, serve up a burlesque checkmate, and solve complex mathematical equations through the art of the striptease. The show features visual art, games, prizes, and neo-burlesque. Featured performers include: Serendipity Galore, Captain Elastico, Bettysioux Tailor, Baroness Blitzzen Von Schtupp, Lily la Vamp, and the debuts of Bunny Hill and Sensei Chanel. The host of the show is local 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. Come out early to see art on display from local artist Jenn Jacobs.

And for the first time ever, Bon Appetit Burlesque will have a show for ages 18+! Tickets are \$12 for ages 18- 20, \$10 for ages 21 and over, and will be available at the door on a first come, first served basis. Please arrive early; seating is limited and fills up quickly. To reserve a table, contact us at info@nohoburlesque.com. For more updates on Bon Appetit Burlesque, please visit our website at www.nohoburlesque.com or find us on Facebook."

16. [5th Annual Western Massachusetts Youth Pride Prom](#)

Saturday, May 14, 7p .m.-Midnight

Baystate Conference Center, 361 Whitney Ave., Holyoke

Free, open to youth 14-20 (ID required)

17. [See DOMA Do Harm: How the Defense of Marriage Act Impacts Same-Sex Couples and Their Communities and How We Can Work Towards Repeal](#)

Sunday, May 22, 1-3 p.m.

Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, Main St., Northampton

A special forum with Attorney Bernadette Stark, singer/songwriter John Brandoli and MassEquality. Learn about the fight for marriage rights, equality issues concerning adoption, immigration, estate planning... and what you can do now to make a difference.

Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts, The Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence's Big Ol' Gay Committee and The Rainbow Times. For more information, (413) 588-1018 or www.lgbtcoalitionwma.org

18. [Call for Proposals: Transcending Boundaries Conference](#)

"The Transcending Boundaries Conference for 2011 is starting the process of soliciting proposals for presentations. This year's theme is "Beyond the Binary." Male/Female, Straight/Gay or Lesbian, Man /Woman, Committed/Single, in a world of either-or's, where do those of us that don't quite belong in one category or the other fit? Gender, sex, orientation, relationships and identities don't always meet the definitions society gives us, but that doesn't mean they are any less valid.

Transcending Boundaries, Inc. began in 2001 as an organization and conference for those who blur the lines of sex, gender, and sexual orientation. This year's conference will include a variety of programming formats ranging from traditional informational lectures to panels to workshops to performances and everything in between. Time slots for presentations range from 50 to 75 minutes. Longer workshops will be handled on a case by case basis.

The Transcending Boundaries Conference 2011 will take place November 11-13 in Springfield, MA. The deadline for submission is August 15, but please don't wait till the last minute. Presentations will be accepted on a rolling basis meaning if we see something we like, we'll put it in the schedule and programming space MAY fill before the deadline!

Please see our website at <http://www.transcendingboundaries.org/presenter>"

HOUSING

19. [Home for Rent in Florence, Monday-Friday](#)

Lesbian homeowner in Florence who will be working in Boston during the week seeks tenant who has a home elsewhere but who needs to be in the Valley from Mon-Fri. Sweet house in country setting, 10 minutes to downtown Northampton. Please contact florencehome1112@yahoo.com

20. [Room\(s\) for Rent in Northampton](#)

Room(s) for rent for one person in beautiful two bedroom, dog-friendly home! Information and photos here: <http://dzmiscellany.wordpress.com>. I may consider a subletter for June through August. Contact danna.james@gmail.com.

To submit a listing or to subscribe to Queer-e, e-mail us: stonewall@stuaf.umass.edu.