

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
May 6, 2011

STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note: As of today, the Stonewall Center will be located in room 203 Middlesex (yes, Middlesex) House 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.

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Kate Clinton Show and After Party -- TONIGHT, 8 p.m., First Churches, Northampton**
2. **Queer Prom 2011 -- TONIGHT, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Greenfield High School, Greenfield**
3. **Northampton Pride Bi Brunch -- 5/7, 9:30-11 a.m., Northampton**
4. **Queer Insurgency Pride Contingent: Take Back Noho Pride**
5. **30th Anniversary Noho Pride Parade and Rally -- 5/7, Noon, Northampton**
6. **Pride Potluck -- 5/7, 1-4 p.m., Media Education Foundation Community Room, Northampton**
7. **Northampton Pride Day After-Party at Smith College**
8. **"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**
9. **East Coast FTM Group Meeting: "More Trans Than You? Or Trans Enough?" -- 5/8, 3-6 p.m., Northampton**
10. **Bon Appetit Burlesque: The Nerd Show -- 5/14, 9-11:30 p.m., The Deuce, Northampton**
11. **5th Annual Western Massachusetts Youth Pride Prom -- 5/14, 7p .m.-Midnight, Baystate Conference Center, Holyoke**
12. **Book Reading: *Revolution Starts at Home: Confronting Partner Abuse in Activist Communities* -- 5/15, 5-7 p.m., Food For Thought Books, Amherst**
13. **Sparkle Party: A Fundraiser for the Northampton Survival Center and the Western Mass Food Bank -- 5/21, 7 p.m., The Deuce, Northampton**
14. **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**
15. **Call for Proposals: Transcending Boundaries Conference**
16. **Call for Proposals: Translating Identity Conference**

LOCAL EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. [Kate Clinton Show and After Party](#)

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

TONIGHT, 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.)

First Churches, 129 Main St., Northampton

ASL interpreted, Tickets -- General: \$25 Advance / \$30 Door, Student: \$18 w/ID (Door Only)

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.

Advanced tickets available online only: www.OutForReel.org.

2. [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.

3. [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"

4. [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.

5. [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>

6. [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!"

7. [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.

8. "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.

9. East Coast FTM Group Meeting

Sunday, May 8, 3-6 p.m.

Discussion topic: "More Trans Than You? Or Trans Enough?"

Is there a hierarchy or competitiveness among trans men – among those who are post-op transsexuals, those who are pre-op or non-op, those who are transgender, and those who are gender queer? What has been your experience? What can we do so that each of our gender identities and gender expressions are treated with understanding and respect within our community and in society? How can we work for a more united trans community?

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.

10. 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 Blitzen 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."

11. [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)

12. [Book Reading: *Revolution Starts at Home: Confronting Partner Abuse in Activist Communities*](#)

Sunday, May 15, 5-7 p.m.

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

"Join us for a reading & discussion with the authors of the new book *The Revolution Starts at Home: Confronting Partner Abuse in Activist Communities*. Based on the popular zine that had reviewers and fans alike demanding more, *The Revolution Starts at Home* finally breaks the dangerous silence surrounding the "open secret" of intimate violence—by and toward caretakers, in romantic partnerships, and in friendships—within social justice movements. This watershed collection compiles stories and strategies from survivors and their allies, documenting a decade of community accountability work and delving into the nitty-gritty of creating safety from abuse without relying on the prison industrial complex."

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=115723741843086&ref=ts>

13. [Sparkle Party: A Fundraiser for the Northampton Survival Center and the Western Mass Food Bank](#)

Saturday, May 21, 7 p.m.

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

"The line-up includes burlesque performances by Bon Appetite Burlesque, acro performances by SHOW circus studios, drag performances by All The Kings Men, Georgia S. Michaels and Krista Ramos. Our hostess with the mostest will be none other than Bon Appetite Burlesque's own Hor's D' Vors. We will be having raffles with gift certificates offered by Heather Neal LMT with Integrated Therapeutic Bodywork in Northampton, a reiki session from Tracy Carroll at Valley Healing in Northampton, a new do from Kristin Knoll-Neal with The Underground Salon in Northampton and many other games and surprises. Dancing after the show. 18+. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$10 with two donation items (nonperishable food items or clean good condition clothing/bedding items)."

14. [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

15. [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>"

16. [Call for Proposals: Translating Identity Conference](#)

October 22, University of Vermont

"The Translating Identity Conference and Free To Be student organization of the University of Vermont are proud to announce the 10th Translating Identity Conference (TIC), a one-day conference focusing on gender and gender identities. Conference registration will be free and open to the public. This event hopes to reach out to the University of Vermont, Burlington, and broader communities and educate us all further about transgender and gender identity topics as well as their intersections with other identities. With multiple panels to choose from at any time, some panels will be directed towards trans people, their partners, and allies; while others will be for those who are fairly unfamiliar with the transgender movement and the topic of gender identity. This conference seeks to translate gender identity to both the queer community and its allies."

To submit a session proposal: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F99GN39>. The deadline for submissions is May 20. For more information: tic@uvm.edu.

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