

Queer-e: Your List of LGBTQA Events in the Pioneer Valley
September 23, 2011

UMASS 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) 545-4824. Open MWThF 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., open Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.]

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1. Stonewall Center Board Games Night

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 7-9 p.m.
Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

Take a break from studying and join us for the Stonewall Center's game night extravaganza! From Battleship and Cranium to Scrabble and Balderdash, there is sure to be something for everyone! And if board games aren't your thing, just come by, mingle and enjoy some light refreshments! I hope to see you there.

2. Joy Harjo, "Soul Talk, Song Language"
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.
Bowker Auditorium, UMass

Joy Harjo is a self-proclaimed "poet-healer-philosopher-saxophonist," and one of the most powerful Native American voices of her generation. She was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is a member of the Mvskoke Nation. Her seven books of poetry, including *How We Became Human*, *The Woman Who Fell from the Sky*, and *She Had Some Horses*, have garnered many awards. She has also released four award-winning CDs of original music. This visit coincides with the release of Harjo's new book, *Soul Talk, Song Language*, being published by Wesleyan University Press. Co-sponsored by the Stonewall Center.

3. Stonewall Center Movie Night: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*
Thursday, Oct. 20, 9-11:30 p.m.
Stonewall Center, Crampton Hall, UMass

It's *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, a screamingly funny, sinfully twisted salute to sci-fi, horror, B-movies and rock music, all rolled into one deliciously decadent musical sci-fi satire about an alien "transvestite" named Frank-n-Furter, who is building the perfect man while playing sexual games with his virginal visitors. If this sounds like an intriguing premise for a movie, then you're in for a treat. "Let's do the time warp again!"

Refreshments and popcorn will be provided, but not to throw!

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4. UMass LGBTQ Faculty and Staff Support Group Now Forming

Thursdays, Noon-1p.m, starting October 13 and running weekly through December 15

UMass Campus Center, Room 805-09

Sponsored by the UMass Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP), this group is designed to provide a place for LGBTQ faculty and staff to give and receive support in a safe and confidential environment. Participants will guide the discussion topics, which may include work issues, family issues, negotiating intimate relationships, and more.

To register or for more information, please contact Maryelen Calderwood, FSAP's office manager, at 545-0350 or mcaldew@uhs.umass.edu

5. Rainbow RiverFest

Saturday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Holyoke Canoe Club, Route 5, Holyoke (two miles from Northampton)

After Party at Diva's – Doors Open Right after Riverfest (18+)

"The Rainbow RiverFest combines music, performances, art, games, a youth tent, educational workshops, demonstrations and the Zen Zone, a healing place for body, mind and spirit. Pop diva Crystal Waters is the headline performer. Other performers include legendary women's music icon Alix Dobkin, Comedian Amy Tee, MAOR, Sister Funk, Mercedes Diaz, Sara Grace, Loco Ninja, Who da Funk It, and more.

The festival also includes a Youth Tent, a safe and welcoming space for young people ages 12-22, with workshops addressing their needs and interests, as well as activities like the Graffiti Wall Art Project. Many of the RiverFest performers will tell their personal coming out stories and answer questions candidly in the Youth Tent.

This year, the Rainbow RiverFest is free for those 20 and under. Adults are \$10 advance/\$15 at the door, with funds supporting the LGBT Coalition of Western Massachusetts. A beer garden (21+) will be sponsored by Harpoon and Barefoot Wines. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to: www.RainbowRiverFest.org or call 413-588-1018."

6. Activist Workshop Organized by MASSPIRG and the Public Interest Network

Saturday, Sept. 24, 3-6 p.m., UMass

"Run by trainers affiliated with the Public Interest Network, the Activist Workshop will cover

the best techniques for citizens to take action. We will cover how to plan a campaign and develop your campaign's goals, strategies and tactics - and how to recruit volunteers and get people plugged into the thing you are passionate about. It's a chance to learn, share ideas and connect with other environmentally active citizens as well as activists from other causes. Click the link below for more details and to RSVP."

https://secure3.convio.net/engage/site/Donation2?idb=385250126&df_id=6221&6221.donation=form1

If you have any questions, email Jessie Miller at jmiller@publicinterestnetwork.org or call her at 978-621-7367.

7. SAGE Western Massachusetts Film Screening: Sappho's Fire
Saturday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.
Northampton Senior Center, 67 Conz Street

Tickets will be sold at the door (\$5-15 sliding scale). Q & A after the film with the filmmaker. The facility is wheelchair-accessible, and there is plenty of on-site parking. Refreshments will be served. For more information: (413) 586-2000, extension 146 or jmsorrell@sagewm.org

8. Free Film Screening: Bullied
Sunday, Sept. 25, 12:30 p.m.
Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 220 Main St., Northampton

Summary: Every day, thousands of LGBT students are verbally and physically harassed in schools. Bullied centers on the powerful story of Jamie Nabozny, a gay teenager who was tormented for years by classmates in his middle and high schools. Jamie fought back, not with his fists but in a courtroom. His historic federal case established that students have a constitutional right to be free from harassment and bullying. Narrated by Jane Lynch and produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Lunch provided and childcare provided with advanced notice. For more information, visit www.uunorthampton.org/bogblog, email bog@uunorthampton.org, or call (413) 584-1390. Presented by the Big 'Ol Gay Committee of the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence.

9. El Muro (The Wall): Open Forum"
Wednesday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m.

Carroll Room, Campus Center, Smith College

Lester Tome, Assistant Professor of Dance History and Theory, and Gary Lehring, Associate Professor of Government, share their personal responses to *El Muro*, photographs of gay and transgender life in Cuba by Eduardo Hernandez Santos with poetry by Virgilio Pinera. Join the discussion moderated by Patrick Connelly, Office of Student Engagement. Free coffee and cookies.

El Muro: Photographs by Eduardo Hernandez Santos is on view at the Smith College Museum of Art through November 20th. Selected images will be shown at the Forum by Aprile Gallant, Curator, Prints, Drawings and Photographs.

10. Students of Caribbean Ancestry Fundraising Potluck

Saturday, Oct. 1, 5 p.m.

Coolidge Hall, 5th floor lounge, UMass

Open to all Five College students, cost: \$5. For more information, find them on Facebook at "UMassSOCA."

11. East Coast FTM Group Meeting

Sun., October 9, 3-6 p.m., Northampton

Discussion topic: "Trans Men in Gendered Spaces"

"Come talk about your experience in gendered spaces – women's spaces, men's spaces, women's institutions like Smith College, contra dances, women's/lesbian events or groups, gay male events or groups, sports teams, locker rooms, gyms, choruses, outdoors clubs, men's or women's AA meetings, and more. Do you avoid them all together? Or do you enjoy them sometimes? How much do you or don't you include binary gendered spaces in your life?"

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.

12. Free Film Screening: Gen Silent
Tuesday, October 18, 5 p.m.
Greenfield Community College Dining Commons

Registration and refreshments from 5-5:45 p.m., the film to be shown at 6 p.m., discussion to follow from 7-7:45 p.m.

What would you do if you were old, disabled, ill and afraid of discrimination or abuse? Gen Silent is a new documentary that asks six LGBT elders if they will hide their lives to survive.

Registration is required by October 12 by emailing info@fchcc.org or calling (413) 773-5555, ext. 2296 or (978) 544-2259, ext. 2296. Sponsored by Franklin County Home Care, Greenfield Community College, and Boston's LGBT Aging Project.

13. Book Arts Workshops for the Pioneer Valley Trans Community
October 22 and October 29: book workshops for trans women
December 3 and December 10: book workshops for trans men

"Artist's books create structure and opportunity for hidden stories to be revealed, to become transparent and move physically off the page. These workshops introduce artist's books as a social-political art action. The books created during the workshops will help give voice for the necessity of transgender civil rights.

These workshops start with origami books then progress to more complicated structures to including collage, original and found text creating an interaction with the author and reader. In consultation with The Sexual Minorities Archives, there will be two six-hour workshops each, for male-identified and for female-identified individuals. Maximum enrollment is 8 people for each workshop.

Individual materials and supplies needed for the workshop: X-acto knife, scissors, 45-degree triangle, ruler, pencils, magazine images photographs and text for collage. We have enough to share, but having your own tools would be helpful."

Presented by Red Trillium Press / Aqui en la lucha. To register or for more information, please contact Steve Daiber at steve@redtrilliumpress.com or (413) 695-7990.

14. Holly Near with John Bucchino and Special Guest Laura Love

Saturday, Oct. 22, two shows: 2 and 8 p.m.

Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence, 220 Main Street, Northampton

Long-time political activist and entertainer Holly Near returns to the valley after a two-year break from touring. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door. For tickets:

<http://uunorthampton.org> Produced by Wildrose Productions. For more information:
BAWildrose@verizon.net

15. El Muro (The Wall): Photographs by Eduardo Hernandez Santos
Until Nov. 20, Smith College Museum of Art

On view for the first time in the United States, El Muro is a series of ten photographic triptychs by Cuban artist Eduardo Hernandez Santos. In 2005, Santos discovered that a block of the Malecon, the five-mile sea wall extending from Old to Central Havana, had been claimed as a place where gay and transgender Cubans congregated on a nightly basis. He photographed at El Muro (the wall) over the next year, engaging in discussions with his subjects, many of whom had no other public social outlet to express this aspect of their identities.

For more information: <http://scma.smith.edu/artmuseum/On-View/Upcoming/El-Muro>

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