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about town

1 ● SATURDAY

Z. Budapest leads a one-day workshop for women on priestesscraft, sponsored by Sisterspirit. (10 am-5 pm, \$40-50 sliding scale, 630-7848.)

Portland Opera opens its 24th season tonight with Giacomo Puccini's "**Tosca**," a melodramatic thriller sung in Italian with projected English supertitles. (8 pm, Saturdays, Oct. 1 and 8; 7:30 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 5, Civic Auditorium, \$18-\$61.50, 241-1802.)

2 ● SUNDAY

The Names Project: Oregon/Southwest Washington presents a slide show and social featuring highlights of July's Names Project display in Portland. All ages are welcome; refreshments provided. Proceeds benefit the Names Project: Oregon/Southwest Washington, which still needs to meet expenses from July's exhibition. (7-9:30 pm, Echo Theatre, 1515 SE 37th Ave., \$3-5, Howie, 231-1232.)

The **Mayther Brothers** appear at the Dakota Cafe. (Sundays, through October, 239 SW Broadway, 241-4151.)

The **Funny Ladies Afternoon Tea and Posey Society**, a social organization for gay women 35 and over, holds a potluck dinner tonight. (659-8778.)

Powell's Books-Cascade Plaza explores "**Intuitive Arts**" with the practitioners, sages and metaphysicians of the great Northwest. Demonstrations of dowsing, tarot readings, numerology, I Ching and the runes are to take place throughout the day. (10 am-5 pm, across Highway 217 from Washington Square, free, 288-4651.)

4 ● TUESDAY

Poet and feminist writer **Judy Grahn** appears at Catbird Seat Bookstore to sign copies of her new book and first novel, *Mundane's World*. (5-7 pm, 913 SW Broadway, 222-5817.)

The **First Tuesday Coffeehouse** presents Theresa Demarest, with Mary Williams, Motherlode's Kathleen Fallon and Janet Peterson. Carol Steinel is master of ceremonies. (7:30 pm, Olivia's Restaurant, 1033 NW 16th Ave., 231-9351.)

6 ● THURSDAY

The **Healing Connection Breakfast** welcomes Bill Kutz, who is to speak on "Transforming Organizations." (7-8:30 am, Ezekiel's Wheel, 2106 NW Northrup St., \$2, 281-0332.)

"**Displaced by War: A New Documentary About the People of Nicaragua**," a 60-minute video depicting life in rural Nicaragua, that was produced by Jeff Hart and Barbara Wigginton of Salem, is shown by the Portland Central America Solidarity Committee. A reception before the video provides an opportunity to meet Oregonians who have visited Nicaragua. (7 pm, reception; 7:30 pm, video, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock St., 236-7916.)

The **Lesbian and Gay Heritage Alliance of the Pacific Northwest** sponsors a presentation by Kathy Hall, women's historian for the Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps Club. (7-7:45 pm, meeting; 8-9 pm, stamp program, room 4138, Seattle Central Community College, Bill, [206] 323-3007.)

7 ● FRIDAY

The **Northwest Women's Studies Association Conference** begins today with the theme "Joining at the Crossroads: Women's Thoughts, Actions and Community." Keynote addresses are by Paula Gunn Allen, Native American Studies, University of California-Berkeley; Bell Hooks, African and Afro-American Studies and English, Yale University; Ursula Le Guin, award-winning author; and Mitsuye Yamada, English, Cypress College. Panel and workshop topics range from racism to mentoring. (Friday through Sunday, Oct. 7-9, Portland State University, 464-3516.)

Portland State University's Northwest Women's Studies Conference presents a coffeehouse and poetry reading featuring **Ursula Le Guin, Paula Gunn Allen, Bell Hooks, Mitsuye Yamada** and local poets. (8-11 pm, Smith Memorial Center, free to conference participants; \$3 general public, 464-3516.)

The **Counseling Center for Sexual Minorities**, a community hotline staffed by trained volunteers that provide resources and information services for sexual minorities, offers a training tonight and tomorrow. (Call for details, 228-6785.)

8 ● SATURDAY

The **Names Project Quilt** returns to Washington, D.C., today. Since last year's display, another 20,000 women and men have been lost to AIDS. (Dawn, unfolding; all day, display and reading of names, [415] 863-5511.)

The Northwest Women's Studies Association Conference presents rock and reggae duo **Casselberry-DuPree** and Bay-area comedian **Marga Gomez**. (8 pm, Smith Memorial Center Ballroom, Portland State University, \$5, conference participants; \$8 general public, 464-4440.)

The Healing Touch presents "**Healing Fair: Ways to Feel Better**." Lectures on naturopathic

medicine, acupuncture, chiropractic medicine, massage, herbs and aromatherapy are to be given throughout the day. (10 am-8 pm, 1040 E Burnside Street, free, 235-5658.)

9 ● SUNDAY

The **Red Rose School**, an alternative, community-based educational project providing affordable education for persons interested in contemporary social and political issues, begins this fall's term with an open house and forum, "The 1988 Elections: Why Participate?" Classes include "Gay and Lesbian Spirituality"; "Israel and Palestine: Two Nations, One Land"; and "Local, Practical Ecology." Classes begin October 10. (6 pm, Friends' Meeting Hall, 4312 SE Stark St., 230-0488.)

Women with Women and Children hosts a buffet brunch, followed by a program on foster parenting. (10:30-11:30 am, brunch; 11:30 am, meeting, Northwest Service Center, 1819 NW Everett St., \$2-5, kids eat free, Holly, 282-1529.)

A Woman's Place Bookstore hosts an auto-graphing with Native American writer **Lee Maracle** of Vancouver, B.C. Maracle's new book, *I Am Woman*, weaves lessons, values and the oratory herstory of her grandmothers to explore the Native American experience and her bond with the land. (3 pm, 1431 NE Broadway, 284-1110.)

The **Network of Entrepreneurial Women** holds its monthly potluck brunch for lesbian business owners and owners-to-be. "How to Raise Venture Capital" is today's topic. (11 am-2 pm, 5518 NE Fremont St., 774-8702.)

11 ● TUESDAY

Today is **National Coming Out Day**. Take the next step in your coming-out process: come out to a member of your family, to a co-worker, or to the general public at Pioneer Courthouse Square. Gays and Lesbians United hosts the local activities; speakers include Jawa Mockabee of Lesbian Community Project, Gary Wilson of Metropolitan Community Church, Linda Shirley of KBOO, and Dan Stutesman of the American Friends Service Committee. Howie Baggadonutz is master of ceremonies. Open-mike follows for you to take the next step. (Noon-1 pm, speakers; 1-5 pm, open-mike, Pioneer Courthouse Square, 233-7216.)

The **Portland-Corinto Sister City Association** presents a slideshow on Nicaragua by members of the Ben Linder Construction Brigade, who traveled there in June. (7:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church, Southwest 13th Avenue and Alder Street, 233-5181.)

13 ● THURSDAY

Alice B. Theatre opens its 1988-89 season with the American premiere of "**Steel Kiss**," a drama depicting the 1985 slaying of Ken Zeller, a gay librarian living in Toronto. [See preview on page 20.] (Oct. 13-Nov. 6, Little Theatre Off Broadway, Seattle Central Community College, 1524 Harvard, [206] 32-ALICE.)

14 ● FRIDAY

J'aime Schelz offers a workshop on "**Astral Travel**" tonight. Can the human consciousness leave the physical body and travel to other places and times? (7:30-9:30 pm, Healing Crystals, 8215 SE 13th Ave., \$15, 234-2224.)

15 ● SATURDAY

Dance E-Z returns with dancing to the best in pop, soul, oldies and reggae in a smoke-free, alcohol-free environment. All ages are welcome. (7:30-11:30 pm, Echo Theatre, 1515 SE 37th Ave., \$3 adults, \$2 kids, 231-1232.)

Lesbian Sushi Lovers dine tonight at Ichidai. (7:30 pm, 3384 SE Division St., reservations, 282-1529.)

Western States Chiropractic College Outpatient Clinic offers a **Women's Health Screening Clinic**. The exam includes a pap smear, breast exam, spinal exam, urinary lab test and blood-pressure check. (9 am-1 pm, 2900 NE 132nd Ave., appointments necessary, 255-6771.)

16 ● SUNDAY

Portland Civic Theatre presents "**Hair**" in a benefit performance for the No on Ballot Measure 8 Campaign. This musical reflects how people of different values and lifestyles come together to work for important social issues. (7 pm, \$25, reservations, 231-3913.)

Northeast Portland Lesbians: meet your neighbors at a potluck brunch today. (11 am, 282-1529.)

20 ● THURSDAY

The **Healing Connection Breakfast** presents Cheryl Kolander discussing "Silk for Health and Healing Colors." (7-8:30 am, Ezekiel's Wheel, 1206 NW Northrup St., \$2, 281-0332.)

A strike by women textile workers sparked the Russian Revolution in 1917. **Radical Women** discusses the significance of women's activism in the revolution that created sweeping changes in women's status before Stalinism reversed the progress. (6:30 pm, Multnomah County Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave., wheelchair accessible, 249-8067.)



Linda Moakes

21 ● FRIDAY

"**Just Out**" celebrates its fifth anniversary (*Dat da da da!*) with two of San Francisco's most exciting comedians, Linda Moakes and Danny Williams. Linda Moakes is a powerful comedian who reveals the truth about women's lives (because she is one) and the abundance of the universe (because she lives there). Three-time San Francisco Entertainer of the Year winner Danny Williams was called "the Gay Community's premier comedian" by the *San Francisco Examiner*. Williams opens, taking us through the Castro, Disneyland, the Boy Scouts and two decades of television reruns. (8 pm, Friday through Sunday, Oct. 21-23, Columbia Theater, 2021 SE Hawthorne Blvd., \$8 advance [tickets: A Woman's Place Bookstore, Just Out, Music Millennium], \$9 at the door, 236-1252.)

KBOO 90.7 FM and Powell's Bookstores present an evening with **Lynda Barry** as a benefit for KBOO. Barry is well-known for her unique view of the world of love, family and long-distance car trips. (7:30 pm, Northwest Service Center, 1819 NW Everett St., \$10 [tickets: Powell's Bookstores], 231-8032.)