

out about town

G R O U P S

Portland Leathermen is an informal social group that gathers regularly to wear and enjoy black leather. (10 pm, Fridays, Dirty Duck Tavern, 439 NW 3rd Ave.)

Tea and Lesbians provides a monthly chance to ponder, meditate, muse and ruminate over those timely topics of our lives in a thoroughly genteel environment. (Pat, 775-5888.)

The **Bisexual Community Forum** is a rap and social group open to men and women. (8 pm, second and fourth Mondays, Old Wives' Tales banquet room, 1300 E Burnside.)

A **transsexual support group** is open to male-to-female, female-to-male, androgynous persons, crossdressers, transvestites and supporters. (284-9531.)

Portlandia's Pride is a monthly social group of gay and lesbian employees of the City of Portland and Multnomah County. (245-2634.)

The **Gay Bridge Club** is a weekly rap and social group for young adults 21 and over. (7:30 pm, Wednesdays, First Congregational Church, Southwest Madison Street and Park Avenue, use Madison Street entrance, 244-3225.)

A support group for **women with adolescents** meets monthly for a potluck and discussions on parenting. (5 pm, third Sundays, Stevie or Marge, 282-2956.)

Cascade Guild — Health Care Chapter is a networking group for medical, social, and mental-health workers that meets monthly. (Hazel, 636-0509, or Chris, 297-4314.)

A **support group for single parents** meets weekly for discussions on parenting, referrals, resources, discipline techniques and finding adequate day care. (Sue Kaastad, 238-8819, or Debi McFeron, 249-2825.)

Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences is a non-technical field trip-oriented group interested in both life and physical sciences. (Lynn, 777-2339.)

The **Lesbian Gourmet Club** is for women who love to cook and eat great food. Monthly potlucks are organized around a particular cuisine or theme. (Jackie, 626-9114.)

A **support group for abused lesbians** meets regularly at Bradley-Angle House. It is facilitated by lesbians and is confidential; childcare is provided, donations are accepted. (232-7805.)

Portland Power and Trust is an informal support group for lesbians interested in safe, consensual S and M. (PO Box 3781, Portland, OR 97208.)

Ample Opportunity, a health organization for fat women, offers a "Fat Women Swim" this fall. An hour is provided for open swimming, laps, water play and instruction. This is a safe place for fat women to come together and enjoy themselves away from the judgments of others; a woman lifeguard is on duty. (7:45-8:45 pm, Metropolitan Learning Center Pool, 2033 NW Glisan St., \$2 per session, fat women only, Nancy, 645-0497.)

The **Healing Connection** is a breakfast gathering of lay people and professionals who come together to hear speakers, enjoy good food, meet and network with others, and start the day with a positive focus on personal and planetary healing. (7-8:30 am, first and third Thursdays, Ezekiel's Wheel, 2106 NW Northrup St., 281-0332.)

The **Funny Ladies Afternoon Tea and Posey Society** is a social organization of gay women 35 and over that offers monthly get-togethers, including trips to the theater, concerts, skiing, swimming and potluck dinner. (Elaine, 659-8778.)

A support group for **Gay Dads** meets twice a month to share problems and solutions and good times and bad. The group is for dads who may or may not have custody or who are trying to adopt. (7:30 pm, first Tuesdays and third Thursdays, Glenn, 223-5951.)

Westside Organization of Women is a social group for west-side women who identify as gay and lesbian. A seasonal newsletter announces the group's events. (\$6 subscription, 17275 SW Blanton, Aloha, OR 97007, 643-9345.)

Debtors Anonymous is a 12-step recovery program for compulsive debtors and overspenders that uses methods similar to those of Alcoholics Anonymous. (7-8:30 pm, Tuesdays, Room 5: Thursdays, Room 4, fifth floor, Holladay Park Medical Center, 774-8048 or 220-0743.)

Women with Women with Children is a social networking group for lesbians who have or want to have children in their lives, whether as mothers, mothers' partners, "Big Sisters" or adoptive mothers. (Monthly activities flyer, 2717 NE Hancock St., Portland, OR 97212, Holly, 282-1529.)

Windfire is a social/support group for people under 21 who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or unsure. (Thursdays, 7-9 pm, Multnomah County Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave.; Saturdays, 2:30-4:30 pm, Old Wives' Tales, 1300 E Burnside St.; newcomers' meeting, fourth Tuesday, 223-8299.)

Lesbian Gardening Club meets monthly to share plants and advice, tour public gardens and visit nurseries. (Susan, 287-9697, or Connie, 775-3919.)

Blue Collar Guys, a group for gay males employed in blue-collar jobs, gets together monthly for potlucks and networking. (PO Box 40740, Portland, OR 97240.)

Gay and Lesbian Writers meets twice monthly for support and critique of poetry, fiction and non-fiction. All are welcome, published or unpublished. (David or Jennifer, 230-9229.)

Phoenix Rising is a lesbian and gay service center providing professional counseling (on a sliding-scale fee), information and referrals, social-growth activities, an education program and speakers' bureau, and a big brother/big sister program for gay youth. (Suite 404, 333 SW 5th Ave., Portland, OR 97204, 223-8299.)

SPIRITUALITY

Sisterspirit

Tuesday, Nov. 9: Ritual planning meeting. (7:30 pm, A Woman's Place Bookstore, 1431 NE Broadway, 282-8615.)

Wednesday, Nov. 10: West-side discussion group on shamanism and metaphysics. (7:30 pm, 7430 SW 172nd, Aloha, 591-7008.)

Tuesday, Nov. 15: Wiccan discussion group. (7:30 pm, Pat, 774-3622.)

Thursday, Nov. 17: Healing circle. (7:30 pm, A Woman's Place Bookstore, 282-8615.)

Tuesday, Nov. 22: Christian discussion group. (7:30 pm, A Woman's Place Bookstore, 282-8615.)

Sunday, Nov. 27: November ritual. (6 pm, Echo Theatre, 1515 SE 37th Ave., 282-8615.)

Healing Crystals

Rituals are held on the full and new moon of every month; also held is a monthly drumming session, "Shake, Rattle and Roll." (8215 SE 13th Ave., 234-2224.)

The **Buddhist Association of the Gay/Lesbian Community** serves for the spiritual growth of gay and lesbian Buddhists; acts as a medium for the exchange of ideas and experiences about the unfolding of the Buddhistharma; and believes that the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha have special relevance to lesbians and gays. (PO Box 1974, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.)

Metropolitan Community Church of the Gentle Shepherd is a small, loving congregation that worships together in Vancouver and welcomes those looking for a spiritual community with a family feeling. (4:30 pm, Sundays, 4505 E 18th St., Vancouver, [206] 232-2512.)

Gay Men's Pagan Circle is a new group that meets monthly for socialization, networking, discussion of pagan spirituality, weekend wilderness retreats and ritual celebration. (The Sacred Band, PO Box 13072, Portland, OR 97213, Mark, 254-5048.)

Genesis is a weekly support group for men who advocate healing the conditions caused by AIDS through positive imagery, affirmations, unconditional love and camaraderie. (7 pm, Tuesdays, 287-8858.)

Affirmation is a social and support group for lesbian and gay Mormons, their families and friends. (Portland/Vancouver Group, PO Box 2917, Vancouver, WA 98668, [206] 696-9396.)

United Methodists for Gay and Lesbian Concerns (Affirmation) meets monthly for potluck and fellowship. (Affirmation, PO Box 12673, Portland, OR 97212, Paul, 287-6719.)

"That's What Friends Are For" is the monthly meeting of the Society of Friends. This is a lesbian and gay meeting. (11:30 am, first Sunday, 4312 SE Stark St., Mike, 236-6558.)



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