

out about town

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OUT ABOUT TOWN is provided as a free community service by just out. Listings of events, announcements and groups that are specifically relevant to gay men, lesbians and bisexuals of every color in Oregon are provided free of charge.

Just out prints a full group listing in the second issue of the month; the deadline for that issue is the Thursday before the first Friday. In the first issue that comes out each month, just out will list only immediate care organizations.

Announcements are subject to editing, and inclusion is subject to space limitations, relevance and receipt by deadline. Submissions cannot be accepted over the phone. Please type your announcement.

Send submissions to just out Calendar, PO Box 14400, Portland, OR 97214-0400; or fax to 236-1257.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's My Pleasure presents workshops to the community, designed to educate and inspire. A fee of \$3-\$5 will be charged for most workshops, on a sliding scale. All funds will go directly to the group presenter. **Metro Bi and Bi-Curious** support group for women meets every other Friday (May 6 and 20, free). Hear **J.P. De Poulé** perform. Enjoy her original songs, beautiful voice and guitar (7 pm, Saturday, May 7). Meet with Corvallis jewelers **Susan and Michelle from Sumicho Jewelry** to discuss special jewelry, commitment rings, etc. (Noon-4 pm, Sunday, May 8, free, drop-ins welcome). **Coming Out Support Group** for women. Meets first three Tuesdays of the month (free). **Sex Toys 101**: A safe, comfortable "show and tell" for women of all ages (Tuesday, May 31, free). **Intro to Tantra** with Evakena Rose and Anna Harvey from the Bay area (Wednesday, May 11, all women welcome). **Self-Nurturing thru the Moon**: using astrology to assist us to identify emotional needs (Thursday, May 12, call astrologer Eileen Galer to register 665-1442). **Native American Teachings** to form sisterhood, with Lakota teacher Gloria Brooks (Friday, May 13). **Children: Adoption, Insemination, Guardianship**. All welcome to meet attorney Cindy Cumber for discussion (Wednesday, May 18, free). **What Your Mother Didn't Sing**: women's lives through words, music and poetry. Kathleen Fallon on guitar, poetry by Kate Grey (Thursday, May 19, seating limited). (Unless otherwise noted, all classes start at 7 pm, 4526 SE Hawthorne Blvd., must preregister, 236-0505.)

Literature Reading Group for women is now forming: read and talk about writers like Virginia Woolf, George Eliot, the Brontës, Willa Cather, Emily Dickinson and many more. (Call Beth, 226-7919.)

The **National Women's Music Festival** celebrates its 20th year with a huge assortment of concerts, theatrical productions, art exhibits, sports, films and videos, workshops and a marketplace. Performers include comic Kate Clinton, Ferron, Topp Twins and Mary Watkins. Speakers include Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, Mandy Carter and Carmen Vazquez. All events are wheelchair accessible. Special headsets, seating and interpreters are available for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. (Thursday-Sunday, June 2-5, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, \$165; one-day, three-day and individual concert passes are available, call 317-927-9355 or write PO Box 1427-PR, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1427.)

Big men and their admirers are invited to the **1994 ABC Western Conference** in Las Vegas. The conference is sponsored by Girth and Mirth of San Diego and Girth and Mirth of Denver. Please make your hotel room reservations directly by calling the Palace Station Hotel Casino at 1-800-634-3101; identify yourself as an ABC Western Conference attendee. Discount rates are only good until May 21. (Friday-Sunday, June 3-5, 2411 W Sahara Ave., conference preregistration \$50; on-site registration \$60; day passes will be available, call 619-563-9900, ext. 4673 or write ABC Western Conference, c/o GMR, PO Box 2351, Denver, CO 80201.)

Scheduled to coincide with other Stonewall 25 events, the **International S/M-Leather-Fetish Celebration** will take place in New York City and will include more than 50 workshops, a vendor area, special attractions, Leather Pride Night and a Leather Dance. Call the Grand Hyatt Hotel directly for reservations, and identify yourself as a Leather Celebration attendee. 1-800-233-1234. (Thursday-Sunday, June 23-26, \$95, call 212-727-9878 or 718-597-0019, or write Leather Celebration '94, 332 Bleecker St., Suite 452, New York, NY 10014.)

Golden Threads, an organization dedicated to celebrating lesbians over 50, invites lesbians of all ages to a celebration in Provincetown, Mass. Women from the U.S., Canada and other countries will meet for entertainment, socializing and workshops. Attendance limited to 250. (June 24-26, Provincetown Inn, write for reservation information, Christine Burton, Golden Threads, PO Box 60475, Northampton, MA 01060-0475.)

In June 1994, coinciding with the Gay Games and Stonewall 25, the **International Lesbian and Gay Association will hold its Annual World Conference**. ILGA is the first lesbian and gay non-governmental organization with consultative status at the United Nations. It represents 300 groups worldwide that collectively aim to affirm the human rights of the global gay and lesbian community. Join hundreds of activists in workshops and several planned actions. (To register, contribute, volunteer or get more information, please write to: Center ILGA Committee, c/o Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 W 13th St., New York, NY 10011, or call 212-620-7310.)

The Sage Within: The Spiritual Lives of Everyday Women seeks honest accounts of how women connect with the Divine and express spirituality in everyday living. All faiths, paths and backgrounds welcome and needed. (For information and writer's guidelines, send a SASE to, Hummingbird Press, PO Box 8116, Santa Rosa, CA 95407.)

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation, in association with Frameline and Falcon Studios, welcomes entries to the **Gay Men's Erotic Safe-Sex Video Contest**. First-time and experienced videographers are encouraged to produce original works of 10 minutes or less, which feature gay men having explicit, safe sex. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning videos. Write for entry guidelines

and category listings. (Safe Sex Video II, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 1170 Market St, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102.)

Lesbian softball in Canada, anyone? Teams of all skill levels, from slow-pitch to fast-pitch (orthodox and windmill). Free accommodations available, dancing and evening parties. (604-732-0786.)

De Jump Movement Theatre School is offering four sessions of **Summer Camps for Kids** (ages 3 and up) in circus and performance skills. The focus is to encourage physical confidence, freedom of expression and grace, in a creative and sane atmosphere. Camps are June 20-24, July 5-15 (advanced, audition only), July 25-29, and August 15-19. (Echo Theatre, 1515 SE 37th Ave., call 231-1232.)

The McKenzie River Gathering Foundation is now accepting applications for the **1994 Lilla Jewel Award**, available to women artists. The categories are film/video or interdisciplinary performance art. MRG recognizes that women artists have traditionally been underfunded and has established this award to provide support and recognition to women artists of Oregon. Artists who have been further marginalized due to race and/or sexual orientation are particularly encouraged to apply. Application deadline is June 15. (For application send SASE to: MRG Lilla Jewel Awards, 3558 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 102, Portland, OR 97214.)

Phoenix Rising, Portland's lesbian and gay mental health agency, is looking for a few good volunteers for front desk operations, greeting clients, answering phones and information referrals. (Bryan, 223-8299.)

The **National Association of Black and White Men Together 1994 Convention** will be held in Washington, D.C., July 16-24. The '94 convention theme will be "Breaking the Chains of Isms." NABWMT was formed in 1980 as a "gay, multi-racial, multi-cultural" organization committed to fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized. "The convention will explore the many ways the gay and lesbian community can work to overcome racism, sexism and homophobia." (Write to NABWMT Convention '94, 1747 Connecticut Ave. NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C., 20009-1108, or call 202-462-3599 or 1-800-624-2968.)

The **Women's Mountain Bike and Tea Society Summer Camp**, with founder Jacquie Phelan, a.k.a. Alice B. Toeclops, will take place Aug. 19-23 at the Mazama Country Inn, located near Winthrop, Wash. Phelan will conduct coaching clinics in uphill riding and descending. (\$425 per person, contact Lynn Nicholson, Bike Treks International, 13106 NW Germantown Rd., Portland, OR 97231, or call 296-0233.)

Painted Desert Publishing is seeking writings from people who have lost a loved one to AIDS for **Remembrance**, an anthology of writings to honor and remember all of the men, women and children who have died of AIDS. The stories should reflect on the highlights of the loved one's life, their relationship to the writer and how their passing has affected the writer. Pieces should be no more than 500 words. Painted Desert Publishing will donate a percentage of all sales of the anthology to AIDS research. (Contact Painted Desert Publishing, PO Box 461419, Los Angeles, CA, 90046-1419, Attn: "Remembrance," or call 213-656-7768.)

Project Quest announces new spring classes. A program on nutrition for persons with HIV disease begins the first week in May. This is a hands-on class, where participants will cook and eat with friends old and new. Yoga classes are also being offered at the Evergreen Yoga Center. At the end of each yoga session, Luejiah Marx, director of Project Quest, leads a visualization session for immune system enhancement. (Yoga at noon, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, \$5 sliding scale, 241-6448.)

Lesbian Contradiction: A Journal of Irreverent Feminism is seeking non-fiction accounts and reflections from women who have had experience struggling against efforts by the far right to make women, lesbians and gay men pawns in their hate campaigns (deadline open). (LesCon, 584 Castro St., Suite 356, San Francisco, CA 94114.)

One in Ten is now accepting film and video submissions for Reel Affirmations 4, an annual celebration of gay and lesbian films in Washington, D.C. Films or videos must be by and/or about lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered people and may be features, shorts, documentaries, experimental or animated works in 35mm or 16 mm film, or 1/2" or 3/4" video formats. Deadline Friday, July 1. (Write for guidelines, One in Ten, c/o NPMA, 1555 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20036, 202-966-1119.)

Request for submissions for **Arab Lesbian and Bisexual Women Tell Their Stories**, an anthology of writings by Arab lesbians and bisexual women from around the world. The purpose of the book is to break the silence about Arab lesbian and bisexual women. Submissions are sought from women of all generations, countries and socioeconomic backgrounds. Writings may be in any form including poetry, letters, essays, journal entries, short stories and plays, and must in some way touch on being Arab and lesbian or bisexual. You may write in Arabic or English; you may write under a pen name. (Deadline June 15, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your material to: PO Box 460526, San Francisco, CA 94114, USA.)

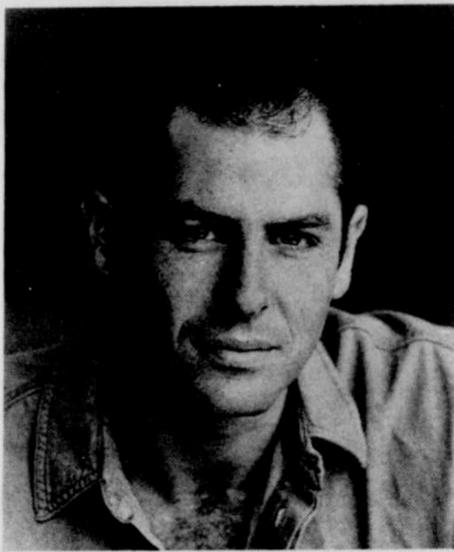
Tomboys! Dyke Derring-do: short fiction, essays, and personal accounts wanted for an anthology on tomboys and lesbian identity, to be published by Alyson Publications. Poetry considered. Looking for literate, imaginative, engaging writing. Attitude encouraged. (Deadline June 1, send typed, double-spaced submissions with SASE to: Tomboys, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118, 617-542-5679.)

Dyke Review Magazine, a San Francisco underground national publication, is seeking writers to do features on local lifestyles, happenings, local lesbian plays, films, books, etc. Positions unpaid, however, you will be supplied generous space in the issue in which you appear. (Free sample issue available, send 6 first class stamps to cover postage, 584 Castro, #456, San Francisco, CA 94114 or call 415-621-3769.)

Fly Away Home Workshops for Women, with Bethroot Gwynn and Hawk Madrone, will be held again this summer on beautiful rustic lesbian land in southern Oregon. Learn a short form of Tai Chi in the **Tai Chi Workshop** (July 21-25). The **Personal Theater Workshop** invites women to create an "inner character" based on personal material, in a safe, enthusiastic atmosphere. The focus is not on performing but on stretching and deepening personal truths—discovering parts of ourselves that need imaginative exercise (Sept. 2-5). Fees include vegetarian meals. (Tai Chi, \$115-\$200; Theater, \$100-\$200, registration information: Fly Away Home, PO Box 593, Myrtle Creek, OR 97457.)

The **Pacific Northwest Women's Music and Cultural Jambores** will take place on the Western Washington University campus

in Bellingham, Wash. Activities include four concerts, two dances, a workshop series, softball, volleyball, tennis, swimming, movies and a crafts fair. (Cris Williamson and Trest Fure, June and Jean Millington, and the Washington Sisters are just a few of the performers. (Friday-Sunday, July 1-3, room and board on campus are available on Friday and Saturday nights, call 281-3874 or fax 281-3881.)



Michael Mendelson performs in *Intimacies* through May 8 in Eugene.

AIDS & HIV

AIDS Hotline (800-777-AIDS.)

The **Aries Project** offers free group counseling by phone for men concerned about AIDS and unprotected sex. Confidential, anonymous groups of men share their experiences. (800-999-7511.)

Benefits Advocacy Clinic is held every Monday to assist HIV-positive people with governmental benefits and housing forms. Sponsored by the Cascade AIDS Project and Multnomah County HIV Clinic. (10:30 am-noon, Cascade AIDS Project, Suite 300, 620 SW 5th Ave.) Client service advocates can also assist HIV-positive people by appointment. (Call Jeri, 223-5907, ext. 136.)

The **Buddy Network** is a non-profit personal ad service for HIV-positive people only. (Send a SASE to PO Box 23251, San Diego, CA 92193.)

Cascade AIDS Project provides counseling, support groups, advocacy, activities and information for people with AIDS/HIV and friends and family. The **Plus Club Social Hour** provides a relaxing space for people with HIV/AIDS to meet in a social setting. It is held the first and third Fridays of the month. May 20, the group will meet at Espresso coffee house (5-8 pm, 2nd floor, 1038 SW Stark). The safer sex workshop **Speaking of Sex...** is offered the first and third Thursdays of every month. Open to all gay and bisexual men, the free workshop focuses on negotiating skills and eroticizing safer sex (6-9:30 pm, offices). (CAP offices, Suite 300, 620 SW 5th Ave., 223-5907.)

CAP Support Group Program hosts a Tuesday afternoon and Monday evening Family and Friends group, and Friday afternoon and evening Gay and Bisexual Men's Symptomatic and Asymptomatic groups. New groups are continually forming, based on interest. Potential topics include: Women's Symptomatic and Asymptomatic groups, HIV-Positive Caregivers group, and a Heterosexual Couples group. If you are interested in joining a support group or have an idea for a group you'd like started contact Becky Blyew. (223-5907, ext. 113.) The following are ongoing groups: a free **grief support group** for people who have experienced any type of loss due to HIV/AIDS is being offered weekly (7-9 pm, Thursdays, offices). A drop-in group for **HIV-negative gay and bisexual men** offers support and provides a safe place for HIV-negative men to communicate their needs around such issues as dating and intimacy, safe sex, and feelings of survivor's guilt. Meets every other Monday, May 16 the topic will be "Taking Care of Yourself: Care Giving, Support Giving and Volunteer Activism" (7-9 pm, offices, call Graham for details). (CAP offices, Suite 300, 620 SW 5th Ave., 223-5907.)

Clackamas AIDS Relief Effort is a new community-based organization forming in Clackamas County. Programs include HIV prevention education and support services for people with HIV/AIDS. Currently, volunteers are being recruited to provide clients with emotional support, transportation and assistance with light house-keeping. (Call Dawn Martinez, 655-8471, ext. 7946.)

Computerized AIDS Ministries Network is a computer network designed to provide a medium through which people may obtain current information and resources to assist in ministering to persons impacted by HIV disease. A project of the Health and Welfare Ministries Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. A modem is required to access this service. (212-870-3953 or 800-542-5921.)

Eather's Pantry is a food bank for persons disabled due to AIDS. (5-7 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays; office hours, 12-3 pm, Mondays and Fridays, 12-5 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Suite 123, 1101 NW Hoyt St., 274-0711.)

For the Women is a new education project offered by Cascade AIDS Project. This program is aimed directly at women and people that work with and for women. The program will provide home parties and staff education focusing on: women's issues, transmission risks, prevention, testing information, and local HIV and AIDS resources. (Ask for Caleb or someone in the CAP speakers bureau, 223-5907.)

Friends of People with AIDS Foundation is a non-profit organization offering assistance to people with AIDS. (245-7428.)

HIV Day Center offers unique hospitality, information and a variety of services to all persons with HIV/AIDS to help them cope intellectually, emotionally, spiritually and socially with the virus. Dinner is offered on Monday; lunches Tuesday through Friday. Specialized services include: Daily Bread Express for the homebound; Monday evening support group/relaxation techniques; Monday evening "Mass in the Time of AIDS" with Fr. Gary McInnis; Tuesday morning spiritual issues discussion/support group; Wednesday afternoon AA meeting; Thursday morning stress management/support group. Additionally, the Day Center offers "Friday Flicks," Tuesday YMCA health/fitness classes, and seasonal parties and field trips. Nursing is available. The Day Center is interfaith sponsored. (2-8:30 pm, Monday; 9 am-4 pm, Tuesday through Friday, 3835 SW Kelly St., 223-3444.)

HIV 12-step meetings apply the 12-step principles to coping with the epidemic. For persons with HIV or AIDS, support persons, friends, partners and caregivers. (7 pm, Thursdays, 2005 SE 11th Ave., 230-9270.)

Living with HIV is a safe place to share and gain support. Weekly meetings sponsored by Phoenix Rising. (223-8299.)

The NAMES Project shares information about making quilt panels. Educational materials and a speakers bureau are also available. (249-0662.)

Ministry to People Living with HIV/AIDS seeks to provide for the spiritual needs of families and individuals affected by the epidemic through prayer, worship and educational experiences. (Milwaukie Church of Christ, 4790 SE Logus Road, call M. Lee Burleson, 654-6770.)

Multnomah County HIV Clinic gives anonymous HIV antibody tests by appointment only. (248-3775.) County services also include an HIV outreach program. (248-5020.)

Northwest Genesis Community is a new non-profit designed to provide compassionate care for people living with AIDS, in an adult foster care setting. Members of the community are invited to volunteer or make a contribution to this new organization. (Terri Loubay, Business Manager, 626-3605.)

Oregon AIDS Hotline, a service of the Cascade AIDS Project, provides information and referral, treatment information, health provider resources and free theater tickets for people with HIV/AIDS. (223-AIDS or 800-777-AIDS.)

Oregon Minority AIDS Coalition. (3415 NE Broadway, 293-5870.)

Our House of Portland is a non-profit, residential care facility for men and women with AIDS. This agency provides 24-hour nursing care and quality living services to residents. Volunteer opportunities abound. (Call or drop by during business hours, 2727 SE Akler St., 234-0175.)

Project Quest, a non-profit HIV and AIDS self-empowerment program, offers workshops in basic and advanced guided imagery, therapeutic touch, and other immune function enhancement programs. (Call to receive schedule and preregister for workshops, 241-6448.)

Positive Link connects people who have tested HIV positive with trained HIV-positive volunteers for telephone support and information. Sponsored by Cascade AIDS Project. (223-2437 or 800-777-2437, ask for Positive Link.)

Shalom Ministries, a United Methodist outreach to the gay and lesbian community, sponsors an **HIV/AIDS support group** the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. (7:30 pm, United Methodist Church, 5145 SE Lincoln St., 760-4215.)

Ted's Corner provides free clothing for people with AIDS. A service of the Friends of People with AIDS Foundation. (HIV Day Center, 3835 SW Kelly St., 245-7428.)

Trinity Episcopal Church invites all who are affected by or concerned about HIV/AIDS to attend a monthly **Healing Service and Evening**. The service, which follows the Episcopal tradition, lasts 35 minutes and is followed by a free, simple evening meal and social time. Wheelchair accessible. (5 pm, second Sunday of each month, 147 NW 19th Ave., 222-9811.)

Central Oregon

Central Oregon AIDS Support Team provides emotional and practical support services for people with HIV/AIDS and education and outreach to the Central Oregon area. (Write to: PO Box 9184, Bend, OR 97708, or call 389-4330.)

Coastal Oregon

Clatsop County AIDS Coalition is a community-based organization formed to educate and give support to persons who are HIV-positive and their families and loved ones. (PO Box 445, Astoria, OR 97103, or call 338-7501.)

Coastal AIDS Network is a group of HIV-positive and HIV-negative people who meet twice a month for support. (Tillamook, 842-4375; Lincoln City, 997-4694.)

Eastern Oregon

Blue Mountain AIDS Task Force. (PO Box 701, Pendleton, OR 97081, 278-1529.)

Columbia AIDS Resources serves the Mid-Columbia in Oregon and Washington. Support groups, advocacy, information, referral and education. (386-3881 or 296-3700.)

Southern Oregon

Douglas County AIDS Council sponsors meetings and educational activities. (3035 Laurel Springs Drive, Roseburg, OR 97470; 440-2761.)

OnTrack/The Allan Collins AIDS Project. (221 W Main St., Medford, OR 97501; 776-3021.)

Rogue AIDS Awareness Network offers an HIV and AIDS support group at 7:30 pm Tuesdays as well as a gay and bisexual support group at 7:30 pm Wednesdays. (1215 SW "G" St., Grants Pass, OR 97526; 471-0979.)

Ruby House is a residence in Douglas County for people with AIDS. Housing, energy assistance and other services are provided. A project of the Douglas County AIDS Council. (3035 Laurel Springs Drive, Roseburg, OR 97470; 440-2761.)

Southern Oregon Lambda Association is a Rogue Valley-based organization of lesbians and gay men that does AIDS education outreach. (Hotline, 773-8146, 7-11 pm; PO Box 4387, Medford, OR 97501; 773-8146.)