

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.

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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. **Coming Out Support Group** for women (Tuesday, June 21, free). **Metro Bi and Bi-Curious** support group for women (Friday, June 24, free). **Welcoming Lesbians to Portland**, a new social network evening with munchies. Meet other women and start friendships. Hosted by Alice Knotts and Jeanne Knepper (Saturday, June 25). **Safer Sex**: all women welcome. Free kit (Thursday, June 30, free). **Is Homosexuality a Sin?** Learn biblical self-defense for those who say it is. Presented by the Rev. Alice Knotts. All gay-friendlies welcome (Monday, July 11). **Erotic Stories and Poetry**: come read your own, and listen to local writer Shanti share lesbian erotica. All women welcome (Saturday, July 16). (Unless otherwise noted, all classes start at 7 pm, 4526 SE Hawthorne Blvd., must preregister, 236-0505.)

Louisville, Ky., will be the site of the **International Association of Gay and Lesbian Country Western Dance Clubs organizational meeting**, to take place during the annual River City Hoe-Down. The association was formed in March to link the country and western clubs in North America and around the globe. Events will include a late-night dance cruise, a major dance, and other social and performance events. (Friday-Sunday, July 15-17, write: Southern Country Louisville, PO Box 4382, Louisville KY 40201-0382.)

Do 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 **Lesbian Avengers** are organizing a **Dyke March** to proceed this year's Portland Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Pride Parade. They will meet at the Stonewall Celebration Street Party, make a loop through downtown Portland, and rejoin the Street Party when they're done. The intent of this event is to punctuate the need for dyke visibility and solidarity among all women. (7:30 pm, Friday, July 8, North Park Blocks, 452-5408.)

Women's Gathering at Willow-Witt Ranch: Womansource is creating a permanent gathering site on incredible, beautiful and gentle, women-owned land east of Ashland, Ore. The gathering will include entertainment, workshops, circles and a crafts fair. (Thursday-Sunday, July 14-17, write to Womansource, PO Box 335, Ashland, OR 97520, or call Lavelle, 503-488-4638.)

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, ageism, 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.)

Project Quest is organizing communal transportation to the upcoming conference "What Holds Promise: Caring, Community, Coalition," to be held in San Francisco, Calif. The event will feature Deepak Chopra, M.D., who is known for linking modern medical technology and the ancient teaching of the Indian Ayurvedic tradition. Lusia Marx and Lucas Harris of Project Quest will be leading a workshop on psychoneuroimmunology. (Thursday-Sunday, July 14-17, San Francisco Airport Hilton, contact Lucas Harris 241-6448.)

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.)

Women's Herbalist Conference: A Celebration for Women Who Love Plants will be held at the Lost Valley Education Center in Dexter, Ore. Topics include: birthing, candida, cervical cancer, Chinese herbal formulas, chronic fatigue, and many more. Registration deadline July 1. (Friday-Sunday, July 29-31, \$100-\$200 sliding scale, contact WHC, PO Box 3906, Eugene, OR 97403 or call 503-342-6369.)

The **International Lesbian and Gay Youth Annual Conference** is being held in Dublin, Ireland. It is the only international youth gathering of its kind. The conference, titled "1 & 1," will address relationships and other relevant issues within the young gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and drag community. Participants will also have the opportunity to investigate a range of fun topics like massage, rubber wear and creative safer sex. Open to anyone under the age of 27. (Sunday-Monday, July 31-Aug. 8, \$95 members; \$110 nonmembers, write IGLYO: America, PO Box 42463, Washington, DC 20015-0463, voice and fax 202-362-9624; InterNet: "EP4417A@American.EDU")

The Northwest Institute for Feminist Expressive Therapies will offer a week-long experiential training for women entitled "The Remembering Body: Feminist Expressive Therapies Camp for Women." The event will be held at Camp Lane, in the Coast Range, and will use the disciplines of art therapy, psychodrama, dance/movement therapy and personal theater to focus on accessing, expressing and transforming the remembered and forgotten experiences our bodies carry. Sessions will be taught by Leigh Files, Alize Dancer and Bethroot Gwynn. (Aug. 7-14, contact NIFET, 2250 Lorane Highway, Eugene, OR 97405, 503-344-3178.)

Join the **Lesbian Community Project** for softball, fun and sunshine at their annual **Tournament of Choice**. Open to C, D and recreational-level womyn's teams. Overnight camping is available at the tournament site. Deadline for registration July 1. (Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 13-14, Prairie Fields, Brush Prairie, Wash., team registration \$175-\$250, sliding scale, weekend camping cost is \$20 for RVs, \$10 for tents, registration or tournament information 503-235-0591, camping reservations 206-253-9424.)

Faeries in Paradise: A Midsummer Dream Come True at Breitenbush Hot Springs. Meadow hot spring pools, medicine wheel hot tubs, a sauna, miles of woodland trails, a magnificent old lodge, and a serene sanctuary foster nurturing, peace, healing and play. Participants will enjoy ritual, dancing, soaking, general revelry, great food, heart circles and all the other elements of Faerie magic. Come share Mother Earth's gift of healing waters with brothers. (Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21, write: BBSU '94, 114 NE 22nd Ave., Portland, OR 97232, or call Sistrwonn 503-234-2345.)

The Northwest's only gay Harley-Davidson motorcycle owners organization will hold their annual **Harley Stokers Rendezvous '94** in northern Idaho. This is a Harleys-only event, open to all gay and lesbian Harley owners. The run site is on private property adjacent to the St. Joe National Forest. (Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21, write PO Box 86686, Portland OR 97286.)

The Women's Mountain Bike and Tea Society Summer Camp, with founder Jacquie Phelan, a.k.a. Alice B. Toedclips, 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 286-0233.)

The Cascade Bears announce their mid-summer prowl, a gathering of bears and their friends, called "Bears 'n' Roosts." The prowl will include a "bear-be-cue," several bar parties, a river boat cruise, "bear" sunbathing at a nude beach, and the infamous "Butt, Gut, Chest and Back Contest." (Friday-Sunday, Aug. 5-7, Red Lion Inn at the Coliseum, \$55 members before July 15, \$65 nonmembers before July 15, 635 SW 10th Ave., Portland, OR 97205-2788, 323-6071.)



A charming diva as seen in Marlon Riggs' Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien (No Regret)

Concord Choir announces auditions for a new performing group: "Viriditas Vocal Ensemble." Director Joan Simcoe seeks women singers who are open to a diversity of musical expression, who have prior choral experience, and who want to explore singing with heart, mind and body. Sight-singing ability and rhythmic acuity are desired. (Saturday, June 18; Monday, June 20; Tuesday, June 21; to schedule audition call 760-3722.)

The Portland Lesbian Choir is accepting new members for its '94-'95 season. New members must enjoy singing and be able to rehearse on Sunday evenings. (Through July 15, leave name, address and phone number on voicemail 241-8994, or write PLC Membership, PO Box 8212, Portland OR 97207.)

The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission is soliciting applicants for appointments to the Commission. Appointments are made by Mayor Vera Katz and County Chairwoman Beverly Stein for three-year terms, beginning in September. The mission of the 15-member commission is to foster mutual understanding and respect, and to protect the human rights of all persons in the city of Portland and Multnomah County. (823-5136.)

The Lesbian Community Project's Speaker's Bureau seeks interested lesbians wishing to enhance their public speaking skills. Topics cover a variety of issues. LCP will provide training. (Tina 282-2988, or LCP office 223-0071.)

The Lesbian Community Project is offering **Anti-Violence Line Volunteer Training** for women and men interested in fighting homophobic violence. The Anti-Violence Line offers a telephone call-in line for victims of homophobic violence to report the incident(s). Victims who tell their stories become survivors. Be a part of a caring team and join in this very important work. Line volunteers must be LCP members or willing to become members. (7-9 pm, Thursday, July 14, It's My Pleasure, 4526 SE Hawthorne, call for application and to preregister, 223-0071.)

Volunteers, English/Spanish translators, and ASL interpreters are needed for Cascade AIDS Project client service programs to provide practical support and advocacy. Volunteers are asked to make a commitment to the program and will receive training. (Contact Melissa 223-5907, ext. 115.)

Right to Privacy Political Action Committee is now accepting applications for its board of directors. RTP PAC formed in 1981 and is dedicated to advocating full civil and human rights for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. Board applicants will be considered for geographical, racial and experiential diversity. Board members agree to serve a two-

year term; meetings are monthly. (Write for application, 921 SW Morrison, Suite 518, Portland, OR 97205, or call 228-5825.)

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.)

A \$1000 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry contest sponsored by Hollywood's Famous Poets Society. The contest is open to everyone in the Portland area, and there are 25 prizes in all. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less. Deadline July 1, winners will be announced Sept. 1. (Send entry to Free Poetry Contest, 7095 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 730, Hollywood CA 90028.)

The National Library of Poets will award \$12,000 in prizes to over 250 poets in the **North American Open Poetry Contest**. The contest is open to everyone and is free. Every poem entered also has the chance to be published in a hardbound anthology. Send one original poem, any subject, any style, of no more than 20 lines. Poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by June 30, new contest opens July 1. (Send entry to National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., PO Box 704-YT, Owings Mills, MD 21117.)

Committee members, photographers and graphic artists are needed to help create **Lesbians of Oregon**, a photo journal depicting black and white images of rural, urban, young and old lesbian professionals, trades workers, volunteers, mothers, and athletes of all cultural backgrounds. This project is part of the Lesbian Community Project's visibility campaign to bring real lesbians to the forefront. (Tina 282-2988, or call the LCP office, 223-0071.)

GreenHeart Partners is seeking performers and acts for their "New Works and Jazz Nights" show, taking place Thursdays and Sundays at Theatre on the Park. Self-contained pieces, with no more than five cast and staff members, of at least 1 hour 20 minutes in length, and with simple production requirements, will be considered regardless of prior experience. Groups, singers and musicians, as well as improv and comedy groups will be auditioned. (Send press information, synopsis, and audio or video tape: Attn: Leigh Clark, PO Box 40044, Portland, OR 97240.)

Lesbians Off the Rag! A Menopausal Anthology is seeking personal narratives from women, including experiences of real or fictional lesbians who found the menopausal experience to be positive, who found ways to alleviate unwanted symptoms and/or who never had children. Subjects of particular interest are the effects of the process on relationships and sexuality, menopause as a fact (not a problem), and butch/femme experiences with menopause. (Send submissions to Lee Lynch and Akia Woods, c/o New Victoria Publishers, Box 27, Norwich, VT 05055.)

The Salem Group (formerly Women in Academia Salon) is having a discussion group/planning meeting/potluck brunch. Everyone is welcome. (11 am-1 pm, Aug. 7, 297-3480 or 224-0537.)

AIDS & HIV

AIDS Forum is finishing its fifth year of programming. The last program of the season will be "AIDS Forum Live: New HIV Care Money for Portland," a live, call-in program. Activists in the HIV/AIDS world discuss new and ongoing care money for people living with HIV/AIDS. Who decides how it gets spent? (8 pm, Wednesday, June 8, CAN Channel 12 [Channel 2 in part of Clackamas County], 284-6807.)

AIDS Hotline. (1-800-777-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. (1-800-999-7511.)

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 (223-5907).

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. On the first Friday the Plus Club will meet at Hobo's Lounge (5-8 pm, 120 NW 3rd Ave.) On the third Friday, 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, call client services (223-5907). 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 housekeeping. (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.)

Communitywide consumer group forming: all people with HIV/AIDS in the metropolitan area, including those in Clark County, are encouraged to attend. The time is now for people living with HIV/AIDS

to come forward and advocate for our needs in an organized way. (5-7 pm, 4th Friday of the month, Room 120, State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., 232-1710 or 284-6807.)

Esther'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 the Rev. 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, 9am-4pm, 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. (7pm, 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.)

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. (Milwaukee 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).

The NAMES Project shares information about making quilt panels. Educational materials and a speakers bureau are also available. (650-7032.)

Northwest Genesis Community is a 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 Loubey, 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 1-800-777-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 Alder St., 234-0175.)

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 1-800-777-2437, ask for Positive Link.)

Positive Place is a weekly gathering of HIV-positive youth and their friends. A safe place to talk about living with HIV. Free pizza! (6-7:30 pm, Thursdays, Outside In, 1236 SW Salmon, 223-4121 or CAP 223-5907.)

Project Quest, a nonprofit HIV and AIDS self-empowerment program, offers workshops in basic and advanced guided imagery, therapeutic touch, and other immune function enhancement programs. Project Quest's **Organic Gardening project** is looking for individuals, tools, seeds and plants for an organic garden. (Call to receive schedule and preregister for workshops, or to donate time, tools, etc., 241-6448.)

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.)

Tod'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 Evensong**. 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 338-7520.)

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.)

Meditation and Chat with Ishvara, Enlightened Master, at Shambhala. Ishvara's philosophy includes everyone, and the gay, lesbian and bisexual community is invited and welcomed. (10 am, Sundays; 7 pm, Wednesdays; 2154B NW Mast Place, Lincoln City, 503-994-2488.)

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.)