

out about town

august

19 FRIDAY

The **Plus Club Social Hour** provides a relaxing space for gay and bisexual men with HIV or AIDS to meet. (5-8 pm, *Esspress It coffee house*, 1026 SW Stark, CAP 223-5907.)

Raging Hormones, an improv comedy group, performs its final run this month. As part of the farewell shows, Raging Hormones reprises its funniest characters and best-loved bits. Every show is different! (9 pm *Fridays and Saturdays*, through August 27, *Portland Women's Theatre Company*, 1728 NE 40th Ave., \$5, 287-7707.)

The Knights of Malta meet 'n' greet guests and contenders arriving in town for Sunday's Oregon State Leatherman/Leatherwoman Contest. (9 pm, *Dirty Duck Tavern*, 439 NW Third Ave., 727-3148.)

20 SATURDAY

Join the **Eugene Gay, Lesbian and Others Outdoor Group** for a day hike to **Sand Mountain Lookout**, near Santiam Pass. Easy, one-mile hike offers a spectacular view of the Cascades. Bring a lunch, water, and appropriate clothing and shoes. (9 am, to carpool to trail head meet at the *Beaury, Fifth and Olive Streets*, Kim 484-2147.)

Come together with individuals and local human rights organizations for the Portland observance of **Unity Day, an international day of recognition calling for the abolition of the death penalty**. The event offers speakers, music, readings and three minutes of silence to focus attention on those currently on death row worldwide. (Noon-3 pm, *Terry Shrunken Plaza, SW Third Ave. and Madison Street*.)

21 SUNDAY

The **New York Lesbian Avengers' "Civil Rights Organizing Project"** will be holding a roundtable discussion at Widdershins Books. Under discussion will be the group's work fighting initiatives in Oregon and Idaho. The Lesbian Avengers of Portland invite all interested activists to meet to discuss strategies and share resources for the upcoming election. (5 pm, 1996 SE Ladd Ave., 232-2129.)

Eugene's Gay, Lesbian and Others Outdoor Group will have a **potluck** at Orlin's house. (5 pm, 2646 Gay Street, Eugene, 344-5907.)

Join Rep. Gail Shibley and her guest Kathy Oliver, executive director of *Outside/In*, on **The Heart of Portland**, as they discuss the increasingly important problem of homeless youth. (7 pm, *repeats 7:30 pm Wednesday, August 24* Paragon and TCI Cable Channel 30.)

Leather Pride Week festivities culminate in the **1994 Oregon State Leatherman/Leatherwoman Contest**. (7 pm doors; 8 pm contest, *Darcelle XV*, 208 NW Third, \$7, 222-5338.)

Ballot Measure 9, a video documentary, shows at Clinton Street Theater. The video features the work of local videographer Linda Kliewer and is produced by Heather MacDonald. It documents the lesbians, gay men and allies that diligently worked to defeat the measure. Afterward, a panel of activists including Donna Red Wing, Kathleen Saadat and Scott Siebert will lead a discussion. (7 pm, 2522 SE Clinton, \$5-\$10 sliding scale, 287-3256.)

22 MONDAY

The **Rosetown Ramblers**, a gay and lesbian square dance club, invites the community and its



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friends for an evening of roller skating fun. This is a private party. Donations of canned food for local AIDS service organizations are encouraged. (7:30-9:30 pm, *Oaks Park Roller Skating Rink*, \$5.)

GreenHeart Partners and Bill Rampelt co-produce the first professionally staged reading of Rampelt's play **Do You Believe in Love?** The play is the story of an AIDS survivor. "It's about love, sex, death and friendship," says Rampelt. (8 pm, *Theatre on the Park*, 904 SW Main, \$5 with reservations; \$6 at the door, reservations: 226-6544.)

Queer Night benefits the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Portland-based "Fight the Right" Project. Spinning by DJ Rupert Kinnard. (9 pm, *La Luna*, 215 SE Ninth Ave., \$3, 241-LUNA.)

24 WEDNESDAY

"**The Ins and Outs of Oral Sex**" is the topic at the monthly forum of the Speak to Your Brothers Project at Cascade AIDS Project. Presented by Doug Zeh and Howard Dana, the forum provides the latest information on the risks of oral sex and HIV transmission. Participants will have the opportunity to identify their own boundaries around oral sex. (7 pm, 620 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 300, 223-5907.)

It's My Pleasure presents the workshop "**Children: Adoption, Artificial Insemination, Guardianship and More**" with attorney Cindy Cumfer. (7 pm, 4526 SE Hawthorne Blvd., free, must preregister: 236-0505.)

SisterSpirit presents a **Feminist Christian Communion**. Wheelchair accessible. Now, open to all. (7:30 pm, *Queen of Heaven Gnostic Chapel*, 2229 SE Market St., 294-0645.)

25 THURSDAY

"**Is Homosexuality a Sin?**" Learn biblical self-defense for those who say it is. All "gay-friendlies" welcome to the Rev. Alice Knott's empowering workshop. (7 pm, *It's My Pleasure*, 4526 SE Hawthorne Blvd., \$3-\$5, must preregister: 236-0505.)

The **Portland Women's Theatre Company** presents a staged reading of two one-act plays: **Play...Write!** written and directed by March Brooker, and **Door to Door**, written and directed by Krista Koontz. The readings will be followed by discussion with the playwrights. (8 pm, 1728 NE 40th Ave., admission by donation, 287-7707.)

"**Neither One and Half the Other**," stories in performance with performance artist and writer Travers Scott, poet Flora Durham, and guitarist Jon Bunce. Through Aug. 27. (8 pm, *The Idiot Room at the Rexall Rose*, 2403 NE Alberta, \$6 seniors and students; \$8 general, a light supper is available before the show for \$8, 282-9781.)

26 FRIDAY

"**Speaking Heart to Heart: A Communication Workshop for Lesbian Couples**" is presented by Sarah Wheeler and Ricia Schaff. This workshop helps create an opportunity to learn some of the skills necessary for intimacy. (7:30-9:30 pm; through noon Sunday, August 28, location available upon reservation, \$200 per couple, 245-2761.)

Country Western dancing for women. (7:30 pm lessons; 8:30-10:00 pm dance, 2800 SE Harrison, \$3 at the door, 233-2047.)

Last Friday Videos at Widdershins: *The Women*, a 1939 film with an all-female cast. The foremother of *Desert Hearts*. (8 pm, 1996 SE Ladd Ave., free, 232-2129.)

Queer Night's first birthday will be celebrated with a big party throughout the whole La Luna complex! Featuring DJs Aquaman, Mestizo, and Kitty Diggins and performances by the all-dyke band Team Dresch and Satan's Pilgrims. A benefit for SOC PAC. (9 pm doors, 215 SE Ninth Ave., \$6 or more donation at the door, 241-LUNA.)

Franci McMahon reads from her new novel, **Staying the Distance**, a literate, lovable, lesbian Western. (7:30 pm, *Laughing Horse Books*, 3652 SE Division St., free, wheelchair accessible, 236-2893.)

27 SATURDAY

Go **car camping and day hiking** to Smith Rock State Park near Redmond with the Eugene Gay, Lesbian and Others Outdoor Group. (Return Sunday, Aug. 28, contact J.P. 726-3908.)

Join other people with HIV or AIDS and their friends and families at Washington Park for a **Perfectly Positive Picnic in the Park**. Bring stuff for the grill, and a salad or dessert. Sponsored by Cascade AIDS Project, Project Quest, and the Immune Enhancement Project. (1-5 pm, near the *Sacajawea statue*, contact Graham Harriman 223-5907.)

Windfire lays out its **annual summer picnic** at Laurelhurst Park. All current and past members are invited! (11 am-3 pm, call *Phoenix Rising* 223-8299.)

28 SUNDAY

Joe Morales Reach for the Sky '94 Bicycle Tour to benefit people with AIDS. The courses—at 35, 65 and 100 miles—begin at Rex Hill Vineyards. The tour is sponsored by Pazzo Ristorante. Participants receive a T-shirt and post-tour meal. (7:30-9:30 am registration, \$30 entry fee, 228-1515 or 284-5446.)

Bring a dish to pass and your own service to a **potluck welcoming lesbians to Portland**. Icebreakers are planned to help make new friends. (6:30 pm, *It's My Pleasure*, 4526 SE Hawthorne, \$5, please make reservations: 236-0505.)

"**Sunday at Seven: A Dance/Performance Arts Forum**," provides movement- and performance-based artists with an informal opportunity to show and practice developing work and receive audience feedback. (7 pm, *Dreams Well Studio*, 2857 SE Stark, \$1-\$5, Carolyn 239-5794.)

Join the Lesbian Avengers at a **benefit to raise money for a self-defense workshop for queer women**. Hosted by Jivarc Sound, Club J, and DJ Mel. (8 pm-midnight, *East Avenue Tavern*, 727 E Burnside, \$3, 236-6900.)

29 MONDAY

Queer Night with DJ Aquaman. (9 pm, *La Luna*, 215 SE Ninth Ave., \$3, 241-LUNA.)

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1 THURSDAY

The "**Speaking of Sex Workshop**" is hosted by the Speak to Your Brothers Project of CAP. A hot new safer-sex workshop. (6-9:30 pm, *CAP offices*, 620 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 300, 223-5907.)

2 FRIDAY

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Learn about lesbian history from historians Brooks and Katherine, owners of Widdershins Books. Learn about the feminist and lesbian foremothers and events that shaped our "today." All women welcome. (7 pm, *It's My Pleasure*, 4526 SE Hawthorne, \$3-\$5, please preregister: 236-0505.)

Powersurge presents the **1994 S/M Leather Dyke Conference** in Seattle, Wash. Workshops, shows, a masquerade ball, and more are slated. (Friday-Monday, Sept. 2-5, *Ramada Inn*, 2200 Fifth Ave., Seattle, 98121, \$120 day of conference, hotel: 1-800-228-2828; Powersurge: 206-233-8429.)

3 SATURDAY

Climb the South Sister (10,358 ft.) with the Eugene Gay, Lesbian and Others Outdoor Group. Climb into the Moraine Lake area and camp for the evening, then climb the South Sister on Sunday. For experienced hikers, with good hiking boots. Some group meals will be potluck. (Saturday-Monday, Sept. 3-5, contact Carl 726-8901 or Kim 484-2147.)

(See the Theater and Gallery listings in **Out About Town**.)