

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 groups 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.

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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 go directly to the presenter. **Is Homosexuality a Sin?** Learn biblical self-defense for those who say it is. Presented by the Rev. Alice Knotts. All "gay-friendlies" welcome (Friday, Oct. 21, \$3-\$5). **Welcoming Lesbians Potluck**, a social network evening. Bring a dish to pass and your own service. All lesbians welcome (6:30 pm Saturday, Oct. 22, call for location, \$5). **Samhain** is the final harvest, a time when one thing gives way to make room for another. Bring candle in holder and join other women in a ritual of transformation. Women only (Wednesday, Oct. 26). **Portland Bi-Women** support group. Women only. Topic: relations with non-bi partners. Call to reserve a seat (Friday, Oct. 28). **Living Together Agreement** and property issues for "nonmarrieds" by Portland attorney Cindy Cumfer. Advice and a starting place for discussion on these matters in your relationship (Thursday, Nov. 3). (Unless otherwise noted all workshops are free and start at 7 pm, 4526 SE Hawthorne Blvd., must preregister, 236-0505.)

Community meeting for those interested in working on next year's **Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade and Festival**. (Call for date and location 295-9788.)

Jewish and new in town? The Jewish Federation offers the booklet *Shalom Portland: A Newcomer's Guide to Portland, Oregon's Jewish Past and Present*. (Free, 245-6219.) (2/3)

SisterSpirit presents a variety of events. **Feminist Christian Communion** is held at the Queen of Heaven Gnostic Chapel. This service is now open to all. Wheelchair accessible (7:30 pm Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2229 SE Market St.). **Mystical Lecture Series**: tonight, "Mystical Image in the Visions of Julian of Norwich." The guest speaker is the Rev. Frodo Okulam (7:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 27, Metropolitan Community Church, 1644 NE 24th Ave., \$5-\$8; \$40 for series). **Samhain Celebration** (7 pm Sunday, Oct. 30, call for location). (Unless otherwise noted, all events are at the SisterSpirit office, Suite 426, 408 SW Second Ave., 294-0645.)

The Zone is an on-line computer bulletin board for lesbian, gay and bisexual teens. Based in Los Angeles, the free service operates 24 hours a day. (213-731-0390.)

Bridges Vocal Ensemble is looking for tenors and basses for the '94-'95 season. The group rehearses Wednesday evenings. (Schedule audition: 242-1675.) (10/21)

The **"Start Making a Reader Today"** book and reading program is looking for volunteers to read with kindergarten, first and second grade children. Meet for one hour a week to read one-on-one with selected students. Twice a month, SMART students take home a brand new book to keep. A program of the Oregon Children's Foundation. (Literacy Line 1-800-322-8715, or OCF 221-2012.) (12/2)

Portland State University will present a public forum on **"Mental Illness, Cultural Diversity and Prejudice."** The following day a workshop on this topic will be held for professionals, service providers and families. The events underscore the growing recognition that the cultural background of a mentally ill person can impact her or his treatment. (Forum: 5:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 17, Room 75, Lincoln Hall, Southwest Broadway and Market Street, free; workshop: 8 am-4:30 pm Friday, Nov. 18, Room 338, Smith Memorial Center, 1825 SW Broadway, \$65, 725-3711.)

Single and considering parenthood? A seven-week group for single people considering becoming parents begins in late October. Topics will include the "how-tos" of insemination and adoption; building support systems; financial realities; confronting one's values, fears and life goals; the myths and realities of single parenting; and other ways to have children in one's life. (Susan Rosenthal, LCSW, 223-1313.) (10/21)

Irvington residents are invited to join the **Irvington Gay and Lesbian Association**. (281-6781.) (4/21)

Wicca 101: A one-year class begins Sunday, Nov. 6. Topics covered will include Greek, Celtic and Norse mythology; the wheel of the year; goddess lore; pagan theology; ritual design; coven structure; astrology; herbalism; and spell casting. (11 am-3 pm Sunday, to register: 503-650-7045.) (4/7)

The Gay and Lesbian and Peace and Justice commissions of St. Philip Neri Parish will hold a prayer vigil around Ballot Measure 13 at St. Philip's. (7:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 3, Southeast 16th Avenue and Division Street, 231-4955.)

Lesbian and Gay Couples' Enrichment Retreat is a weekend designed to support and encourage couples in committed relationships to explore the many facets of intimacy. Retreat leaders are Sharon Bowland and Joyce McManus; they have been friends for 18 years and committed partners for 7 years. (Friday-Sunday, Oct. 28-30, The See View, Yachats, Ore., \$300 includes lodging, some meals and materials, 284-3426.)

The following talks are scheduled at the Crimson Phoenix. **Introduction to Tantra**, by Anna Marti. (7 pm Friday, Oct. 21). **Show and Tell: Pheromones—Fact or Fantasy?** (7 pm Monday, Oct. 24, free). **Vibrator Use for Women Only**, by Laurie Gilmer (7 pm Wednesday, Oct. 26). (Unless otherwise specified a \$5 donation is requested, 1876 SW Fifth Ave., please preregister, 228-0129.)

Heart of the West Festival is the first of what is planned to be an annual event, a combination womyn's music festival and Las Vegas vacation—a hotel fest! A variety of workshops, daily dance classes and competitions, and a womyn's craft area are part of the extravaganza. Among the slated entertainers: Lucie Blue Tremblay, JoAnn Loulan, Karen Williams and Dos Fallopa. (Friday-Sunday, Nov. 4-6, Hacienda Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nev., \$299, 1-800-GET-PLUS.)

The board of directors of Generic Leather Productions of Washington announces that it has **cancelled the 1995 Washington State Ms. Leather contest**. GLP thanks all of the women and men who volunteered to assist with the contest for their interest and support. (206-233-8527.) (4/21)

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will hold its annual skills-building conference, this year called "Creating Change," in Dallas, Texas. Featured speakers will include Mel White, Letitia Gomez, Glen Maxey and Phill Wilson. (Nov. 11-13, Hyatt Regency Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nev., \$299, 1-800-GET-PLUS.)

Building Connections Among Hospices, AIDS Service Organizations, and People Affected with HIV is a one-day program in which participants will explore issues related to hospice care and support for people living with HIV. Local authorities will be on hand to share their knowledge and to network. (8:30 am-4:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 10, World Forestry Center, 4033 SW Canyon Rd., \$25 includes lunch and conference materials, 225-6373.)

The Multnomah County Health Department is currently conducting paid, confidential **Interviews of African American gay and bisexual men**. The surveys are informal and address frequency of condom use, level of communication with sexual partners and methods of obtaining information. Participants will receive a \$15 gift certificate to Fred Meyer. (Jonathan 248-3030.) (2/17)

Confluence Northwest offers a two-day experiential workshop on the impact of diversity on the conflict resolution process. Called **Mediating Across Cultures**, the training is designed to equip mediators and other conflict resolvers with the awareness and skills to work effectively with cultural differences. (8 am-5 pm Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 9-10, \$295 includes manual, lunches and certificate of completion, 243-2663.)

Lesbian wannabe writers: a support group is forming to explore and develop interest and skill in various types of writing—poetry, prose, nonfiction. Meets for the first time in the fall of 1994. An interest in writing is all that is required. (Marty 297-3480.) (3/17)

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.) (12/2)

The Portland Women's Crisis Line announces openings in its volunteer training for men interested in working to end violence against women and children. The training is 40 hours over three and one-half weeks. The Portland Women's Crisis Line serves women and children who are survivors of domestic and sexual violence. (Application deadline: Monday, Oct. 24, 232-4176.)

Singers and instrumentalists are invited to sing and/or accompany a vocal ensemble sponsored by Shalom Ministries. Music will include a variety of styles, religious and social comment, in support of civil rights for all. (760-4215.) (2/17)



Happy Halloween!

The **University of Oregon Queer Film Festival** is now accepting submissions for a **juried screening of queer films and videos** to be included in the festival. Categories include narrative/drama, documentary and experimental. Prizes range from \$50 to \$200. Works must be 45 minutes or less and submitted on 1/2" video for judging. Deadline is Nov. 1. (For entry forms: Student Activities Resource Office, EMU Suite 2, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403, or call Debby Martin 346-4375, or fax 346-4400.) (11/1)

The **Journal of Australian Lesbian Feminist Studies** is a forum for lesbian research and radical feminist ideas. (JALFS, PO Box 364, Glebe 2037, Australia.) (12/16)

Call for scripts: one act or full length. Priority given to one-acts. Should deal with an aspect of cultural diversity. Selected scripts will receive an honorarium of \$100. Deadline Dec. 1. (Send to: Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center Theatre, 5340 N Interstate, Portland, OR 97217, for return of script send SASE.) (11/18)

Have you experienced **violence in the workplace** because of sexual orientation, race or gender? OSHA, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, is considering creating a new standard that deals with violence in the workplace. It must be educated to include a provision regarding hate crimes. Information is needed about physical attacks, harassment, etc., no matter when it happened or whether it was done by an

employer, co-worker or outsider. (Contact Doug Young, 131 Hartford St., Suite C, San Francisco, CA 94114, 415-626-3137.) (12/16)

A local freelance photographer is interested in shooting **photos for a book about drag queens, cross-dressers and transsexuals**. Ten percent of the profits from the sale of the finished work will go to AIDS research. (Michelle 253-5860 before 9 pm; or pager 321-4736, leave your number after the tone.) (12/16)

AIDS & HIV

AIDS Hotline. (1-800-777-AIDS.) (11/4)

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.) (11/4)

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 Fifth Ave.) Client service advocates can also assist HIV-positive people by appointment (223-5907). (11/4)

The **Buddy Network** is a nonprofit personal ad service for HIV-positive people only. (Send a SASE to PO Box 23251, San Diego, CA 92193.) (11/4)

Cascade AIDS Project provides counseling, support groups, advocacy, activities and information for people with HIV/AIDS 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 Third Ave.) On the third Friday, the group will meet at Espresso It coffee house (5-8 pm, second floor, 1026 SW Stark). MenTalk II presents the safer sex workshop **Speaking of Sex...** 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 continues its **Drop-In HIV Testing Program** for gay and bisexual men which offers confidential and anonymous testing (6-8 pm every Tuesday, offices). (CAP offices, Suite 300, 620 SW Fifth Ave., 223-5907.) (11/4)

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. (7-9 pm, offices, call Graham for details). (CAP offices, Suite 300, 620 SW Fifth Ave., 223-5907.) (11/4)

Clackamas County AIDS Relief Effort is a newly formed, community-based AIDS service organization in Clackamas County. Programs include HIV prevention education, support groups for people affected by HIV/AIDS, and a Personal Active Listener program for people with AIDS. (Call 653-8738 or write: CCARE, 4790 SE Logus Rd., Milwaukie, OR 97222.) (3/4)

Club BBS is a computer bulletin board with AIDS/HIV information, CDC daily summaries, AIDS newsletters from around the world, and support for AIDS/HIV affected individuals. Huge file base, and online text file information. Support for clinicians and lay people. This is a free bulletin board system. (24 hours a day, seven days a week, The Club BBS, PO Box 25954, Eugene, OR, 503-345-7988.) (3/3)

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 1-800-542-5921.) (11/4)

Communitywide consumer group forming: all people with HIV/AIDS in the metropolitan area, including those in Clark County, are encouraged to attend. (5-7 pm, fourth Friday of the month, Room 120, State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., 232-1710 or 284-6807.) (11/4)

Ether's Pantry is a food bank for persons disabled due to AIDS. (5-7 pm Tuesday and Thursday; office hours, 12-3 pm Monday and Friday; 12-5 pm Tuesday and Thursday, Suite 123, 1101 NW Hoyt St., 274-0711.) (11/4)

For the Women is an 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 someone in the CAP speakers bureau, 223-5907.) (11/4)

Friends of People with AIDS Foundation is a nonprofit organization offering assistance to people with AIDS. (245-7428.) (11/4)

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; 9 am-4 pm Tuesday through Friday, 3835 SW Kelly St., 223-3444.) (11/4)

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.) (11/4)

Living with HIV is a safe place to share and gain support. Weekly meetings sponsored by Phoenix Rising. (223-8299.) (11/4)

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 Burlison, 654-6770.) (11/4)

Multnomah County HIV Clinic gives anonymous HIV antibody tests by appointment only (248-3775). County services also include an HIV outreach program (248-5020). (11/4)

The NAMES Project Portland Chapter runs panel-making workshops the first and third Monday of every month at the HIV Day Center. Educational materials and a speakers bureau are also available. (6-8 pm, 3835 SW Kelly, 650-7032.) (2/17)

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.) (11/4)

Our House of Portland is a nonprofit, 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.) (11/4)

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.) (11/4)

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.) (11/4)

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 to help with an organic garden. (Call to receive schedule and preregister for workshops, or to donate time, tools, etc., 241-6448.) (11/4)

Tod's Corner provides free clothing for people with AIDS. A service of the Friends of People with AIDS Foundation. (245-7428.) (11/4)

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.) (11/4)

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, 389-4330.) (11/4)

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.) (11/4)

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.) (11/4)

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.) (11/4)

Eastern Oregon

Blue Mountain AIDS Task Force. (PO Box 701, Pendleton, OR 97081, 278-1529.) (11/4)

Southern Oregon

Douglas County AIDS Council sponsors meetings and educational activities. (3035 Laurel Springs Drive, Roseburg, OR 97470, 440-2761.) (11/4)

OnTrack/The Allan Collins AIDS Project. (221 W Main St., Medford, OR 97501, 776-3021.) (11/4)

Rogue AIDS Awareness Network offers an HIV and AIDS support group 7:30 pm Tuesdays as well as a gay and bisexual support group 7:30 pm Wednesdays. (1215 SW "G" St., Grants Pass, OR 97526, 471-0979.) (11/4)

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.) (11/4)

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.) (11/4)

Willamette Valley

HIV/AIDS Resources provides free emotional and nonmedical practical support services to persons living with HIV, their family and friends, and those grieving. (3477 E Amazon Drive, Eugene, 342-5088.) (11/4)

HIV and AIDS Support Group for Women meets at The Center in Eugene for discussion of the physical, social and economic issues involved. (363-4963.) (11/4)

Mid-Oregon AIDS Support Service provides information and support to men and women with HIV/AIDS, and to their friends, family and caregivers. Support groups include: "Shoulders" for friends, family and caregivers (7 pm Mondays), "Open Door" for persons with HIV/AIDS (7 pm Thursdays), "Women Positive" for women with HIV/AIDS (7 pm Fridays), and "Friday Affair" (10 am-3 pm Fridays). (1410 SE 12th St., Salem, OR 97302, 363-4963.) (11/4)

This Moment is a support group meeting in a home setting in Salem, open to people with HIV or AIDS and their families. Social, emotional and referral support are provided. This program is an outreach of the Sweet Spirit Metropolitan Community Church. (363-6618.) (11/4)

Valley AIDS Information Network offers information, support, speakers and referrals for people affected by HIV/AIDS. Call VAIN's 24-hour hotline. (128 SW Ninth Street, Corvallis, 752-6322 or 800-588-AIDS.) (11/4)

Washington state

Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Health District AIDS Program provides services for people with AIDS or HIV. Included are counseling, testing and support groups. Call to arrange a screening interview. (C. Clark Geer, 206-425-7400.) (11/4)