

out about town

New Women's Writing Group meets to exchange constructive feedback on members' fiction and poetry. (4-6 pm, every Sunday, Third World Coffee, 232-3188.) (2/17)

Women Writers' Group self-assignment, check-in, feedback. For dedicated women over 40. (223-0761.) (4/7)

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Alcohol and Drug HelpLine (232-8083 in Portland) and **YouthLine** (233-1113 in Portland) give free, unbiased and confidential assistance. Call 1-800-621-1646 from elsewhere in Oregon. Service of the Oregon Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction. (11/4)

The Anti-Semitism Hotline, 295-0330, takes messages from victims of anti-Semitic incidents. All calls will be returned within 48 hours. Organized by the American Jewish Committee. (11/4)

The **Anti-Violence Line at 796-1703** helps compile statistics on hate crimes and gives victims a chance to talk to someone sympathetic. **Outside of Portland, call 1-800-796-1703**. A service of the Lesbian Community Project. (11/4)

Battered Lesbian Support Group is a confidential group for lesbians and bisexual women who have been physically, sexually or emotionally battered in their relationships with women. (Womanspace, Eugene, 485-6513, ask for Chell or Verna; outside of Eugene, 1-800-281-2800.) (11/4)

Battered Lesbian Outreach and Community Support offers a confidential, weekly, support group in Washington County, as well as one-on-one support, referrals, and advocacy. Open to women escaping domestic violence by a woman partner. Lesbian facilitator. Child care provided. (Jane 503-948-7579.) (3/3)

Call the **Bias Crime Unit** of the Portland Police at **823-0434** if you feel you have been a victim of any type of bias crime in Portland. Shirley Zahler and Frank Jolly are the bias crime detectives. If you are in immediate danger, call **9-1-1**. (11/4)

The **Bradley-Angle House** provides a weekly, confidential **Battered Lesbian Support Group** with lesbian facilitators. Child care provided. Donations accepted. (Sandi Clark, Transition Program coordinator, 232-1528 or 232-7805.) (11/4)

Ninety-two percent of early breast cancers are curable. Cancer Helpline gives information on free mammograms for limited-income women. (1-800-227-2345.) **Komen Helpline** answers questions about breast cancer and gives out materials on self-exams. (1-800-462-9273.) (11/4)

Clackamas Women's Services provides emergency shelter and safe homes. They are currently looking for compassionate and caring people who are willing to open their homes to women and children fleeing domestic violence, to be used when the CWS emergency shelter is full. (Mary Ann 654-2807.) (11/4)

The **Domestic Violence Resource Center** provides a 24-hour crisis line as well as shelter at a confidential location for all women and children escaping domestic violence. (640-1171.) (3/3)

A **Domestic Violence Support Group for Lesbians** meets at the YWCA of Clark County. Open to lesbians from the Vancouver and Portland metro areas, the group meets each Thursday, providing support and resource referral on a drop-in basis. There is no charge for the group or for the on-site child care provided. (6:30-8:30 pm, 1115 Esther St., Vancouver, Wash., 206-696-0167.) (11/4)

A **Gaybashing hotline** has been set up by the Department of Justice. Call **1-800-347-HATE** if you have witnessed or been the victim of homophobic violence. (11/4)

There is a new **National Suicide Hotline for Sexual Minority Youth, 1-800-347-TEEN**. (PO Box 20716, Indianapolis, IN 46220.) (11/4)

Prevent child abuse. Call the **Parent Hotline, 238-8819**, for support in a crisis or to get advice on reporting possible child abuse. (11/4)

Portland Women's Crisis Line, 235-5333, is available 24 hours a day for women dealing with rape issues who need crisis counseling, information and referrals, and for victims of rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, child sexual abuse, incest and sexual harassment. PWCL also provides transportation for victims from a dangerous situation to a safe place. (11/4)

The **Urban League of Portland's Youth and Family Service Center** is working with the Portland Police Bureau, Albina Ministerial Alliance, the Dougy Center and other agencies to reduce the incidence of violence in the Portland metropolitan area. The "circle of violence" affects everyone for days, weeks, months and years. Through these collective efforts, our communities can stop the circle. (24-hour information line 335-0074; or 280-2600.) (11/4)

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"**Stone, Steel and Time**" is an exhibition of new works by David Eckard showing at **Brad's House of Comfort**. Through Oct. 30. (10 am-6 pm Wednesday-Saturday; noon-3 pm Sunday, 530 NW 12th Ave., 226-1259.)

In Her Image Gallery presents a **30-year retrospective of prints by Betty LaDuke**. Through Oct. 30. (10 am-6 pm Wednesday-Sunday, 3208 SE Hawthorne Blvd., 231-3726.)

"**The Kids Bridge**" is a hands-on interactive exhibition for children and their families, which explores issues of identity, ethnicity and racism to promote mutual respect in a multicultural society. Activities include hopscotch from China, Ethiopia and Italy. Sponsored by the Oregon History Center. Through Oct. 30. (10 am-5 pm Tuesday-Saturday; noon-5 pm Sunday, 1200 SW Park Ave., \$4.50 adults; \$1.50 students, 222-1741.)

"**Passionate Visions of the South: Self-Taught Artists from 1940 to the Present**" is an exhibition recognizing the creative genius of 80 self-taught artists from the southern United States. At the Portland Art Museum through October. (11 am-5 pm Tuesday-Saturday; 1-5 pm Sunday, 1219 SW Park Ave., \$4.50 adults; \$3.50 seniors; \$2.50 students, 226-2811.)

Also at the Portland Art Museum, "**Master Drawings from the Stanford University Museum of Art**." 100 drawings selected to show the strength and diversity of the Stanford collection. Through Nov. 6. (11 am-5 pm Tuesday-Saturday; 1-5 pm Sunday, 1219 SW Park Ave., \$4.50 adults; \$3.50 seniors; \$2.50 students, 226-2811.)

Betty Durham's computer-based paintings will be exhibited at the University of Oregon, Portland Center. Her creative process consists of combining digital dots made by a computer with the traditional artistic medium of paint and canvas. Through Jan. 4. (9 am-5 pm Monday-Friday, 722 SW Second Ave.)

The **Vita Gallery** presents a show entitled "**With a Different Lens**," featuring the work of four women photographers: Mary Tapogna, Julia Kasman, Sara Erhardt and Gabrielle Ackerman. Through Nov. 26. (Noon-6 pm Wednesday-Saturday, 314 SW Ninth Ave., No. 14.)

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Boundless Spirits: a performance-oriented choral group of New Thought persuasion seeks experienced, like-minded singers and instrumentalists. Partnership in group vision includes Tuesday evening rehearsals, independent rehearsals, and several evening or weekend performances each month. (Rehearsals at Unity Church of Beaverton, Bob 231-5135.) (4/17)

Bridges is Portland's lesbian and gay choral ensemble. (242-1675.) (11/4)

Portland Gay Men's Chorus meets most Monday evenings, September through June. (PO Box 3223, Portland, OR 97208, 284-5386.) (11/4)

Portland Lesbian Choir always needs nonsinging friends to assist in productions. (PO Box 8212, Portland, 97207, 241-8994.) (11/4)

Rose City Gay Freedom Band is a concert band open to lesbians, gay men and supportive friends. Bring your instrument and a music



Sarah Lucht as Beatrice in *Much Ado About Nothing* at Tygre's Heart, through Nov. 6.

stand, if you have one. (Mailing address, PO Box 1082, Portland, OR 97207; information line, 790-2170.) (2/17)

Don't play an instrument or sing, but still want to join in the fun? Become a part of the **Rose City Gay Freedom Band's performance flag corps**. (Samantha Conn 222-9843.) (2/17)

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Agoraphobic Support Group for Gays and Lesbians meets weekly. Geared toward gay men and lesbians whose anxiety and fear control their lives. (Todd 234-8963.) (11/4)

The Center for Rational Thought/Atheist Community Center sponsors a **Rational Recovery group** for those interested in a substance-abuse recovery program which emphasizes personal responsibility outside of the "higher" power 12-step programs. (7:30 pm Thursdays, 415 SW 13th Ave., 241-9268.) (11/4)

Co-Dependents Anonymous for Gay Men and Lesbians meets weekly. (7-8:30 pm Sundays, Live and Let Live Club, 2802 SE Ankeny St., 231-3760.) (2/17)

Gay men's adult children of alcoholics group. (7:30-9 pm Tuesdays, Live and Let Live Club, 2802 SE Ankeny St., 231-3760.) (2/17)

Gay men's nonsmoking AA group. Emphasis on recovery. (10 am Sundays, sixth floor, Good Samaritan Hospital, 1015 NW 22nd Ave.) (11/4)

Lavender Lesbian NA meeting with child care available. (7 pm Mondays, 12-Step Haven, Small Group Room, 4160 SE Division St.) (11/4)

Live and Let Live Club offers lesbian and gay 12-Step programs. Call for calendar and meeting times. (2802 SE Ankeny St., 231-3760.) (2/17)

Madwomyn is a nonpolitical peer-support group for lesbians and bisexual women with mental and emotional health issues. Meets second and fourth Wednesdays in Vancouver, Wash. (All calls are returned, 206-750-4707.) (11/4)

New Beginning Sex Addicts Anonymous group meets Tuesdays at the HIV Day Center. (7-8:30 pm, 3835 SW Kelly St., 223-3444.) (11/4)

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous. You are not alone. A 12-step group for those struggling with sexual and/or emotional dependency. (6 pm Wednesdays and Sundays, PO Box 6736, Portland, 97228, 650-7009.) (11/4)

Triangle Project is gay-specific individual and group counseling for alcohol and drug problems, available through ASAP Treatment Services Inc. Sliding-scale treatment is offered regardless of ability to pay. When calling the intake coordinator please specify Triangle Project. (2130 SW Fifth Ave., 224-0075.) (11/4)

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Ample Opportunities organizes many activities for large women. (245-1524.) (11/4)

Bad Girls: Portland's newest women's S/M group is available to all women interested in exploring the deeper part of their psyches. All levels of experience welcome. A social and educational group. (Bad Girls, c/o NLA, PO Box 5161, Portland, OR 97208.) (11/4)

Cascade Bears is looking for new members. (Suite 125, 625 SW 10th Ave., Portland, OR 97205-2788, Bear Line 323-6071.) (11/4)

Cascade Guild Health Care Chapter is a networking group for gay and lesbian medical, social and mental health workers that meets monthly. (Ted 232-1655.) (11/4)

Chaps is an organization devoted to teaching men new to the leather community the tenets of safe, sane and consensual S/M. Learn the how-tos from more experienced players. (Send name, address and a brief statement of interest to: Chaps, PO Box 5161, Portland, OR 97208.) (11/4)

Dykes with Tykes is an informal social networking group for lesbians with preschoolers and children in primary grades. (246-8555.) (11/4)

Eastside Out is a woman's night of entertainment, dancing and community every Sunday. DJ Mel spins the discs and presents live entertainment. Don't be left out! (9 pm-midnight, East Avenue Tavern, 727 E Burnside St., \$2, 236-6900.) (4/7)

Gentle Giants of Oregon is a social club for fat gay men and their admirers. (Write Jim, c/o Gentle Giants of Oregon, PO Box 412, Wilsonville, OR 97070.) (11/4)

Lesbian Support Group for women 50 and over meets the third Saturday of every month. (7-10 pm, 236-8963, or 331-0415.) (11/4)

Lez Talk About Sex is a new group where lesbians and bisexual women can freely exchange ideas, knowledge and feelings about same-sex romance, dating, sex and more. The intention is to have fun with these topics. (771-0348.) (4/7)

Metro Club is a social group for gay men 40 and over and those who appreciate them. Potlucks monthly on the fourth Sunday. (598-3442.) (4/7)

North Portland Dykes support and social group. (Write PO Box 83892, Portland, OR 97283-0892.) (11/4)

Oregon Guild Activists of S/M includes people of all sexual orientations. Activities include dungeon parties, educational workshops, demonstrations and fantasy and erotica shows. (PO Box 5702, Portland, OR 97208.) (11/4)

Out Loud Men's Reading Circle reads aloud from literature, poetry, spirituality, politics and so on, in a home setting. (Bob, PO Box 2126, Portland, OR 97208.) (11/4)

Portland Area Business Association is a group for lesbians, gay men and friends in business, encouraging networking among community business professionals and creating awareness in the general public. Luncheons with guest speakers are held the second Monday of each month. (11:30 am-1:30 pm, lower level, Portland Marriott Hotel, 1401 SW Front Ave., 223-2984 for reservations.) (11/4)

Portland Power and Trust, a women's S/M social group, is open for novice to experienced players. (PO Box 3781, Portland, OR 97208.) (11/4)

Q-Krew is a social activity group for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth (under 21) that meets Saturdays at Harry's Mother. (2-4 pm, 223-8299.) (11/4)

Salon Group (formerly Women in Academia Salon) is a tea and discussion group. Stimulating and varied topics. Everyone is welcome. (3-5 pm, 224-0537.) (3/17)

Travel Lambda Connections Club offers gay men over 40 the opportunity to travel with low-cost accommodations. Members stay in private homes of other gay men. Be a host- or non-host member and have a "home-away-from-home" experience. (TLC Club, PO Box 86492, Portland OR 97286, 598-3442.) (4/7)

Uncircumcised Society of America Northwest Chapter is a social group dedicated to the interests of uncircumcised men and their admirers. (PO Box 33190, Portland, OR 97233.) (11/4)

VOICES (Voices of Individual and Community Empowerment from the Streets) is a rap group for queer youth. Meets weekly. Free pizza. Sponsored by Phoenix Rising. (Phoenix Rising 223-8299 or Outside In 223-4121.) (11/4)

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A Year and a Day, a gay and bisexual men's study group focusing on the pagan traditions and magical practices of the Celtic nations, is now forming. If you are interested in blending these religious qualities into an everyday working spirituality, please join us. (Dafydd 774-8433.) (11/4)

St. Philip Neri's **Paulist Center** sponsors **Catholic Gay and Lesbian Outreach** with Mass, followed by socializing. (7:30 pm Fridays, 2408 SE 16th Ave., 231-4955.) (11/4)

Congregation Naveh Shalom (conservative) sponsors gay and lesbian outreach. Meetings, services and other events are held monthly. (Sheri Cordova 246-8831.) (11/4)

Dignity/Portland, the national organization of gay and lesbian Catholics, welcomes all to come to weekly Mass. Dignity believes that gay men and lesbians can express their sexuality in a manner that is consonant with Christ's teaching. Dignity/Portland sponsors an annual spiritual retreat at the Oregon coast and publishes a monthly newsletter.

ter, "The Rose City." (Mass 7:30 pm Saturdays, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Southwest Thirteenth Avenue and Clay Street; mailing address, PO Box 6708, Portland, OR 97228-6708, 295-4868.) (11/4)

First Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ is an open and affirming congregation that welcomes all people, regardless of sexual orientation. Wheelchair accessible. Child care available. (Worship 10:30 am Sundays, 1126 SW Park Ave., 228-7219.) (11/4)

First Unitarian Church of Portland welcomes lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. (Services: 8:30, 10, and 11:30 am Sundays, 1011 SW 12th Ave., Bill 236-2830.) (11/4)

First United Methodist Church is a reconciling congregation where you are invited to worship and serve God in every aspect of church activity. Off-street parking, wheelchair accessible. Nursery and Sunday School. Pastor Ross Miller, Wendy Woodworth, assoc. (10:30 am Sunday worship, 1838 SW Jefferson, 228-3195.) (2/17)

Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns Quaker Spiritual Support Group. Monthly potlucks on third Sundays. (Call for details, Bob 777-2623, or Mary 282-4961.) (11/4)

Gay and Lesbian Buddhists of Oregon: a new group forming to study and practice the Tibetan Buddhist teachings of S. Rinpoche in a supportive atmosphere. All welcome! (930-1382.) (11/4)

The God Connection Center for New Thought Christianity holds a Mid-Week Spiritual Pick-Me-Up, a light and informal service focusing on interfaith scriptural wisdom. (7:30-8:30 pm, Project Link-Age House, 2200 NE 24th Ave.) Rev. Casey Chaney and Rev. Berdell Moffett, senior ministers. (Worship 10 am Sundays, 643-7591.) (3/17)

Heart in Hand: People Affected by AIDS in Prayer, gathers once a week for an hour of shared prayer. Guided by the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi. (7:30-8:30 pm Thursdays, Franciscan House, 827 NE Alberta St., David Reinders, 287-9223.) (11/4)

Integrity is a gay and lesbian ministry in the Anglican Communion. (Mass and potluck 7 pm, second Fridays, St. David's Episcopal Church, 2800 SE Harrison St., 774-1064.) (11/4)

Journey Catholic Community. Searching? So are we. Mass with the Rev. Gary McInnis. (6 pm Sundays, Southwest 13th Avenue and Clay Street, 245-0339.) (11/4)

Lake Oswego United Church of Christ, an open and affirming congregation, invites and encourages into its life and ministry all people, regardless of sexual orientation. (Worship 10:30 am Sundays, 111 SW Country Club Rd., 635-4348.) (11/4)

Lutherans Concerned/North America, is a pan-Lutheran association of lesbians and gay men. (227-5431.) (11/4)

Mass in Time of AIDS is held every Monday and provides spiritual assistance for those living with AIDS. (6 pm, 3835 SW Kelly St., the Rev. Gary McInnis, 223-3444.) (11/4)

Meditation Group for Women is a Saturday noon group for meditators or would-be meditators who like to sit together in silence. (Judy 287-1539.) (11/4)

Metanoia Peace Community is a Reconciling Congregation of the United Methodist Church that welcomes lesbians and gay men in its life and ministry. (Activity schedule, 284-7996; Co-pastors Joyce McManus, 284-3426 and John Schwiwert, 281-3697.) (11/4)

Metaphysical Study Group. There is interest in the gay and lesbian community in studying such works as *A Course in Miracles* and other writings that liberate the spirit and free the soul? Contact the Rev. Ron Powell with questions and suggestions. (Rainbow of Truth, PO Box 6747, Portland OR 97228, 621-2246.) (2/17)

Metropolitan Community Church of the Gentle Shepherd seeks to eliminate boundaries which separate us and to come together in Christian unity. Services open to all people. Teresa L. Nunn, pastor. (6 pm Sundays, 4505 SE 18th St., Vancouver; PO Box 5094, Vancouver, WA 98668, 206-253-8401.) (11/4)

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland is an ecumenical Christian church open to all people. Pastor A. Austin Amerine. (Worship 10 am Sundays; office hours 11 am-5 pm Monday-Thursday, 1644 NE 24th Ave., 281-8868.) (11/4)

Milwaukie United Church of Christ is a congregation that is open and affirming, and welcomes all people regardless of sexual orientation. (Worship 10:30 am Sundays, 4790 SE Logus Road, Milwaukie, 654-6770.) (11/4)

People of Faith Against Bigotry is an interfaith group united to oppose hatred, fear and intolerance, especially in the political arena. (Dan 230-9430.) (11/4)

Positive Presence is a gay, lesbian and bisexual spiritual discussion group that meets the first and third Sunday of every month for potluck, prayer, meditation and discussions of various spiritual issues. Topic: "How has the divine connected with you?" (Sunday, Nov. 6). **No on 13 Prayer Vigil** will be 24 hours of prayer, meditation and positive visualization (8 pm Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 7-8, Unity Church of Portland, 4525 SE Stark St., to help contact Rev. Grace Young 977-3876; information: 860-2798.) Varying forms of spiritual expression welcome and encouraged. (5 pm potluck, Loyola Retreat Center, 3220 SE 43rd, 860-2798.) (2/17)

Potter's House is an evangelical and charismatic Christian church open to everyone, with special emphasis on meeting the needs of the community. Bill Roberts, pastor. (Services 9:30 am Sundays; 7:30 pm Wednesdays, 3830 SE 62nd Ave., 775-5024.) (11/4)

Radical Faeries co-create their spirituality with nature, subvert uniformity and practice the politics of play. (235-0826.)

Reech Out is a support group for gay and lesbian former Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons. (PO Box 1173, Clackamas, OR 97015, 657-0620.) (11/4)

The Sacred Band is a spiritual brotherhood providing fellowship and support to gay and pagan men. (PO Box 13072, Portland, OR 97213.) (11/4)

SDA Kinship is a monthly support and fellowship group for lesbian and gay Seventh-Day Adventists. (PO Box 33104, Portland, OR 97233, 244-0286.) (11/4)

Shalom Ministries is open to all gay- and lesbian-friendly persons. Vocal ensemble (6:30 pm Wednesdays). Worship (7:45 pm Wednesdays). Also Coming Out, Grief and Reconciling Religion and Homosexuality groups and counseling. United Methodist pastors. (760-4215.) (11/4)

SisterSpirit is women sharing spirituality. All women welcome. Most events wheelchair accessible. (PO Box 9246, Portland, OR 97207, 294-0645.) (11/4)

St. Mark Presbyterian Church welcomes you! Join us for worship. (10 am Sundays, call for location, 244-8177.) (11/4)