

out about town

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16 FRIDAY

Every Friday enjoy **country western dancing** with Crystal upstairs at **Choices Pub**. Smoke-free. (8-9 pm. 2845 SE Stark St. \$3. 236-4321.)

The **Adventure Group** holds its monthly potluck social. (452-5680.)

The **Oregon Potters Association Ceramic Showcase** brings the work of more than 200 artists to the Oregon Convention Center. (10 am-9 pm Friday and Saturday, 10 am-5 pm Sunday. 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Free. 235-2756.)

Linda K. Johnson's improvisational dance and music piece, **Head/Out**, opens tonight at **Conduit**. (8 pm Friday and Saturday, 2 pm Sunday. Fourth Floor, 918 SW Yamhill St. \$10-\$12. 221-5857.)

The 17th annual **African Cultural Night**, hosted by Portland State University's Association of African Students, takes place tonight. Experience Africa through food, fashion and music. (7 pm dinner and presentations, 10:20 pm dancing at Smith Memorial Center Ballroom, 1825 SW Broadway. \$8, \$5 students. 725-5659.)

Milagro Bailadores, Miracle Theatre's dance troupe, performs **Alas Del Huracán**. Tonight's performance includes the presentation of a \$10,000 grant from Nike. (Friday: 7 pm reception and presentation, 8 pm show; Saturday: 8 pm show at Miracle Theatre, 525 SE Stark St. \$8. 236-7253.)

17 SATURDAY

Systems of Creation holds a weekend siting and design workshop emphasizing the requirements of natural building materials. (10 am-5 pm Saturday and Sunday at Full Circle Temple, 3125 E Burnside St. \$55-\$75 sliding scale. 238-0675.)

Kate Sullivan provides a musical interlude at **brew Sisters pub**. (8 pm-midnight. 53 NW First Ave. \$5. 274-9901.)

Seattle's **Rainbow Club** invites everyone to its first **Pink Prom**. Black tie not required. (9 pm-1 am at Shoreline Community College Pub, 16101 Greenwood Ave. N. \$12 in advance [206-546-5894, ext. 3302], \$15 at the door, \$25 per couple. kented@seattle.com.)



"Head/Out," a site-specific contemporary dance and music performance created and directed by Linda K. Johnson, is on stage at Conduit through May 18

Girlfriends meets for a potluck dinner and social evening. All lesbians are invited and welcome. (6 pm. Catherine 360-695-6809, Tina 360-834-2896.)

Our House of Portland hosts "Our House Casino Night," a spring fund raiser. Prize packages include rafting trips, dinners at leading Portland restaurants, Nordstrom gift certificates and artwork. (6-10 pm at Alberta Lodge, 1829 NE Alberta St. \$20 each, \$35 for two. 736-9276.)

Lesbian Community Project holds a yard sale, rain or shine. (9 am-3 pm in the alley at 1423 NE 28th Ave. 282-8090)

18 SUNDAY

Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign, speaks at the Metropolitan Community Church of Portland and participates in a **community forum** jointly sponsored by MCCP and Right to Pride. (10:30 am service, 12:30 pm forum. 2400 NE Broadway. Wheelchair accessible. 281-8868.)

29th Street Writers presents an evening of prose and poetry. **A benefit for Soapstone: a Writing Retreat for Women**. (6:30 pm coffee, 7 pm reading at Steen's Coffeehouse, 2603 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. \$2 donation. 288-6928.)

The **Adventure Group** helps Friends of the Gorge with trail repair. Meet at Lloyd Center Cinemas. (7 am. 452-5680.)

SisterSpirit celebrates Beltane. All women and children welcome. (6 pm at Michelle's Meadow, Northwest 53rd Drive in Forest Park. Wheelchair accessible. 294-0645.)

Bisexual and lesbian women's community forum addresses domestic violence in an interactive discussion. (2-5 pm in Room 1073, Emanuel Hospital, 2801 N Gantenbein Ave. Free, donations accepted. Wheelchair accessible. Erika 232-7812.)

Don't miss **Liza! A Double Date** at Darcelle XV. **A benefit for Our House of Portland**. (6 pm doors, 7 pm show. 208 NW Third Ave. \$9. 222-5338.)

LesbOS (Lesbians of Size) hosts brunch on the third Sunday of every month. (Call for time and directions: Samone 246-4382.)

Join the **FOREST Group** for a hike along the Lava Canyon Trail on Mount St. Helens. (239-5839.)

Cascade AIDS Project's seventh annual **Benefit Art Auction** takes place tonight at Saks Fifth Avenue. Proceeds support CAP's Direct Client Services programs. (6 pm. 850 SW Fifth Ave. \$30 [CAP 223-5907, ext. 197, Saks Fifth Avenue].)

19 MONDAY

It's **Queer Night at LaLuna** with DJ Dig-Dug and Frankie J. opening. (9 pm doors. 215 SE Ninth Ave. \$3, \$4 under 21. 241-LUNA.)

Jess Wells, editor of *Lesbians Raising Sons*, reads from and signs copies of the book at *In Other Words*. (7:30 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 232-6003.)

Bonnie Tinker, host of *Love Makes a Family*, speaks at **Forest Grove GLUE's** semimonthly meeting. (7:30 pm in the Fellowship Room, United Church of Christ, 2032 College Way, Forest Grove. Bill 357-8008, Rhonda 357-3107.)

20 TUESDAY

Love Makes a Family Inc. hosts a **community meeting** to discuss the formation of a group home for queer youth. (7 pm in Room 256, Union Station, 800 NW Sixth Ave. Greg 228-3892.)

Attend a **Catholic Mass** for sexual minorities and friends at the Downtown Chapel. (6 pm. 601 W Burnside St. Roger 223-5907, ext. 130.)

The Lesbian Community Project's **Lesbian Forum** meets to discuss its own future. This may be the group's last meeting. All women welcome. (7-9 pm at It's My Pleasure, 4258 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Donation requested. Call ahead for ASL or child care: Rebecca 762-1402.)

22 THURSDAY

The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission presents "Dynamic Differences," a community-based **diversity training workshop**. (6:30-9 pm at Southeast Precinct, 4735 E Burnside St. Free. Call 48 hours in advance to arrange for disability accommodations. Registration: Linda Hunter 823-5136.)

23 FRIDAY

Today is **Bike Commute Day**. Join other bicyclists for a celebration at Pioneer Courthouse Square hosted by the Bicycle Transportation Alliance. (7:15-8 am. Southwest Sixth Avenue and Yamhill Street. 226-0676.)

Kalles Family Ranch kicks off the summer camping season this weekend and hosts its annual

cathartic comics | featuring The Brown Bomber and Diva Touché Flambé by Prof. I.B. Gittendowne

