

Fun seekers

Don't hibernate just yet! A new lesbian social group is forming with a focus on community-building activities. Join in the fun of planning future weekly events during the next meeting 7 p.m. Nov. 28 at Touchstone Coffee House, 7631 N.E. Glisan St. You can even help them come up with a pithy name! Creative thinkers and visioners welcome. Extra credit for joviality.

He's looking at you

"All photographers by their nature are voyeurs." So says celebrated photog Michael Childers, whose new book, *Hollywood Voyeur*, makes that case loud and clear. It features 100 black-and-white images of mostly nudes, male and female, some more erotically tinged. Known for his sensual theatrical style, Childers has shot subjects ranging from David Hockney to Chi Chi Larue. It was published this fall by Janssen Press.

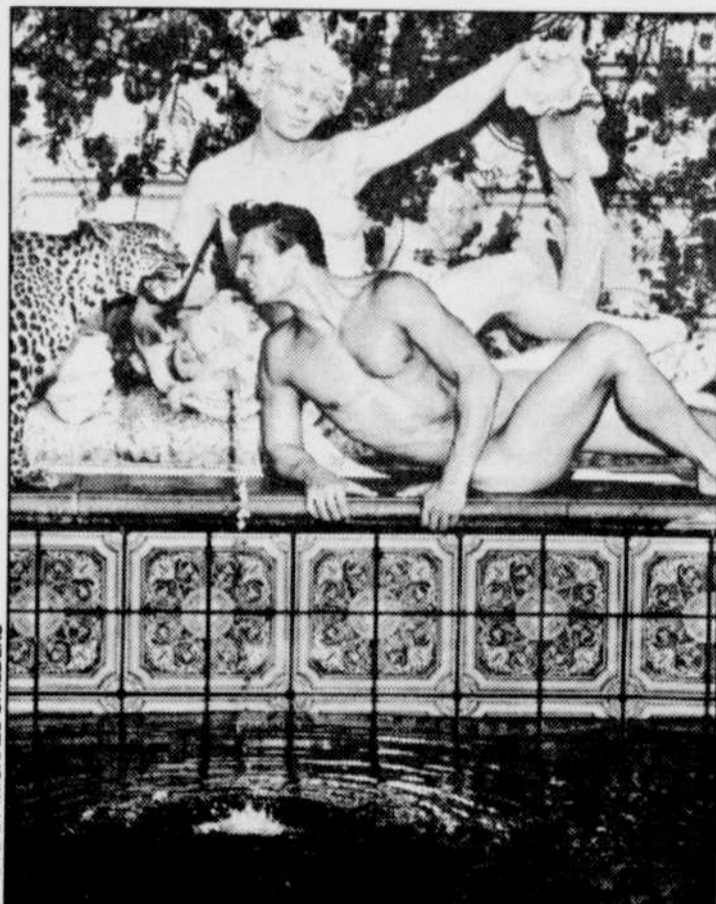


PHOTO BY MICHAEL CHILDERS

Grrrrrrreat photos abound in *Hollywood Voyeur*

cally, he hopes no one even notices his work! Notice him, however, on the Nov. 30 installment of the series, which this time is a two-hour special beginning at 8 p.m.

We're still wild about him

Nov. 30 is also the anniversary of the death of infamous queer author Oscar Wilde, who died in Paris, broke and alone, 100 years ago. One can only hope he'd feel vindicated by his nearly iconic stature today and entertained by the mini-industry that has sprung up to keep his name and works alive. Among the notable new books out about him are *The Complete Letters of Oscar Wilde*, *A Certain Genius* and *The man who was Dorian Gray*. Of particular note is the new bio *Truly Wilde: The Unsettling Story of Dolly Wilde*, Oscar's Unusual Niece, who shared her uncle's

taste for same-sex relationships. Find out more about all these at www.planetout.com.

A true trail blazer

This month's episode of *In the Life* features a profile of Dr. Juanita Owens, the first out lesbian of color to serve as president of an elected school board. No surprise, this breakthrough occurred in San Francisco, where she has long been an activist. As an administrator at San Francisco City College, she worked diligently to facilitate the hiring of gay and lesbian educators and administrators.

Also on this program is a segment on Romaine Brooks, an influential 20th century painter whose sexuality informed her work, and a story about two new gay films, *Punks* and *Chumey Popcom*. Irene Farrera takes the spotlight when she performs at the Kennedy Center, plus we get an update on the Dr. Laura Schlessinger controversy. *In the Life* airs at 11 p.m. Nov. 21 on OPB.

Stay tuned

Also on OPB this month, *Oregon Art Beat* catches up with Hiawatha Johnson, a gay Portlander who specializes in restoration. So, ironi-

Come commingle

"Let's Stay Together," an all-ages, all-women dance, benefits the Lesbian Community Project and the Amazon Dragons dragon boat team Nov. 18 at the Echo Theatre, 1515 S.E. 37th Ave. It kicks off with an hour of free country western dance lessons from Mara followed by music spun by DJ Lauren Sylvis. Lessons begin at 7 p.m., and the dance glides from 8 p.m. until midnight. Get your tickets at the door only: \$10-\$15 gets you in plus two soft drink tickets and one raffle ticket; \$15-\$20 gets you in plus two beer or wine tickets and one raffle ticket; children younger than 12 are free. Identification is required, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Complimentary snacks have been donated by Trader Joe's, and homemade goodies will be on hand from the Amazon Dragons. Call 503-233-3913 for additional information or to volunteer at the dance. jn

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