

## DIVERSIONS

### Rocker dykes from down South

Ever wonder what your fellow folk/rock artists are up to down South? Come find out Sept. 18 at Hollywood Theatre, where Belinki and DuPrey Art Gallery and the Lesbian Community Project have joined forces to present the **W.A.M. Extravaganza**, "an evening of women, art and music," as a benefit for both organizations.

The event kicks off at 6 p.m. with an Art Party in the upstairs lobby, where visual artists will display and sell their treasures. There are also complimentary munchies and a no-host bar.

The crowning glory of the evening is the dyke duo concert, featuring Nashville-based singer/songwriters Kelly Zullo and Cynthia Williams. According to one smitten critic, Zullo's music will "make you want to look into your lover's eyes and let them see right into your soul." Williams has been described as "a lovelorn sorceress whose tales of [love] could seduce and reduce Casanova to a whimpering, worshipping puppy."

But, really, one need only look at photos of these women for reason enough to break down the theater doors. Tickets are \$8 in advance from In Other Words or \$10 at the door.

### Bowling association turns 25

Time to break out those snappy shoes and retro short sleeves with the contrasting embroidered name. It's bowling time.

But this upcoming year isn't just any bowling season, oh no.

Beginning Sept. 8, Portland's longest-running sporting group celebrates its 25th anniversary season. The **Portland Community Bowling Association** began in 1976, officially organizing as a league in 1979. Bowling has become the most expansive sports activity for the gay and lesbian community, with nearly 300 active participants for more than



Tennessee dyke Kelly Zullo belts it out Sept. 18 at Hollywood Theatre

nine months of the year.

Tom Geil founded the league, he says, "as a means to foster more communication between the men and women of the community back when there weren't many opportunities for interaction." He has continued to lead the organization through its 25-year history but celebrates this season as his retirement year.

Everyone, says Geil, "from beginners to experienced bowlers" is

welcome to join, and he emphasizes the league is open to all ages from youth to seniors. Far from competitive, members have maintained a casual approach to the sport through the years in order to create a more social atmosphere.

The league is split into two halves—September to December and January to May—to allow bowlers more options for commitment. Awards and cash disbursements are made at the end of each half.

This coming season, Geil notes, will also be the 20th anniversary of Portland's oldest international sports tournament—the Rosebowl International Classic. Each year this event attracts bowlers from all over the United States, Canada and New Zealand. Last June a co-ed team from Vancouver, British Columbia, took home the top prize.

To make the quarter-century mark memorable, limited-edition commemorative pins are being created, and specially produced awards are being commissioned by artists.

The bowling association knocks 'em down every Sunday at Hollywood Lanes, 4030 N.E. Halsey St. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m., with regular games starting at 3:30. Weekly cost is \$10. For further info check out [www.pdxbowl.com](http://www.pdxbowl.com).

### Bienvenido Onda Arte Latina

When you're wandering around Northeast

Alberta Street on last Thursday this month, you'll no doubt notice that the gay-owned Onda Studio is back, albeit with a different name and a whole new look. **Onda Arte Latina** at 2215 N.E.

Alberta St. celebrated its grand reopening last month.

Owner Allan Oliver changed the focus of what used to be a traditional art gallery with rotating exhibits to more of a retail shop of arts and crafts from Ecuador, Cuba, Uruguay, Nicaragua, Guatemala and other places south of the border.

"Onda Studio & Gallery got a lot of favorable public and critical recognition," says Oliver. "If I'd been able to clear a modest income, I would have continued, but unfortunately, that never happened."

He says he feels the economic downturn has affected people's ability to buy higher-priced art. "I have decided to offer art, design and craft items which are unusual and attractive but also affordable for gifts and other lifestyle purchases."

New merchandise includes an inventory of nearly 1,000 items, including Cuban papier-mâché cars, Ecuadorian shawls and scarves and Guatemalan hacky sacks as well as finer art pieces.

Oliver has lived and worked in Peru, Venezuela, Chile, Puerto Rico and Mexico for a total of five years. "As they say in Brazil," he says, "I have *sangue quente*, or hot blood."

His travels brought him in contact with a lot of artists, and he's excited to now be representing these various regions. "I've developed a taste for art which expresses the culture but doesn't settle for tourist effects."



Allan Oliver of Onda Arte Latina has all the arts and crafts you need from south of the border

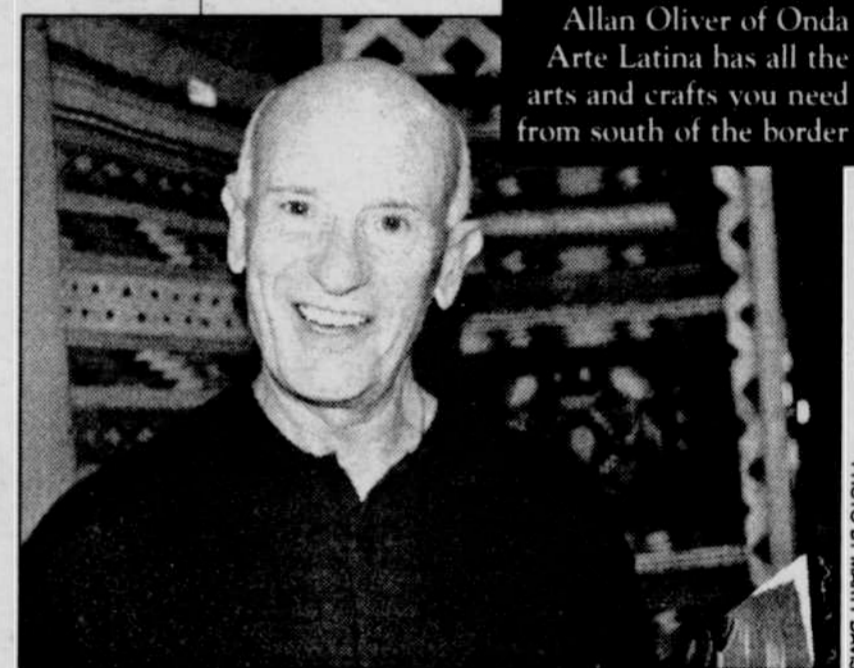


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mechanical support and emergency transportation will be available. Riders are welcome to raise the minimum pledge of \$40 through friends and family or donate it themselves.

Registration will take place the day of the ride from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Sen. Mark O. Hatfield West Trailhead. (Take Interstate 84 east to Exit 64 at Hood River and follow the signs.)

You can sign up in advance by e-mailing [bill\\_space@yahoo.com](mailto:bill_space@yahoo.com) or visiting participating Portland bike shops for registration forms. For further information call 503-283-8535.

### Take a Roman Holiday!

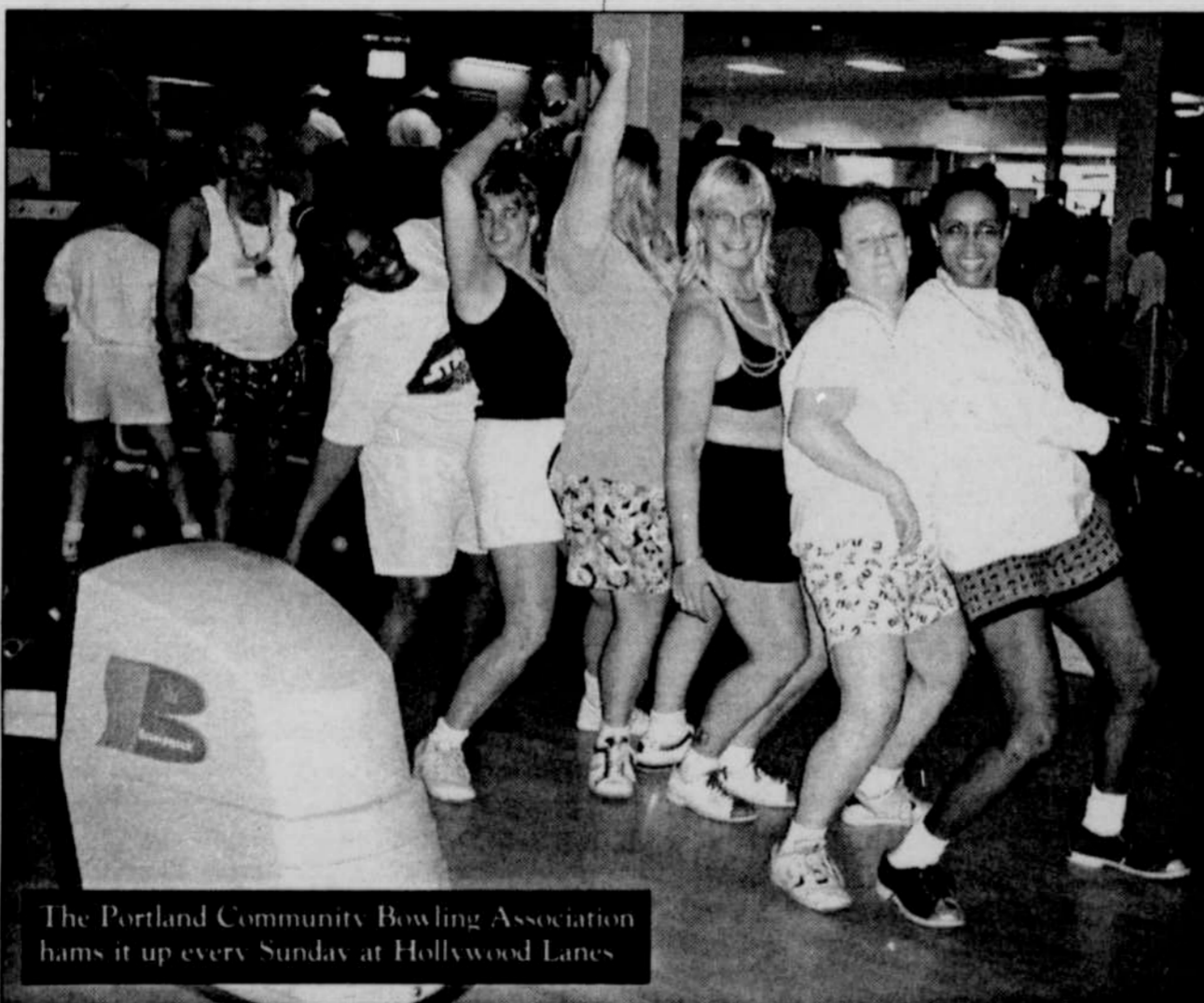
Hollywood Theatre runs the 1953 classic *Roman Holiday* from Sept. 13 to 19. And as if that wasn't enough, on opening night the hip theater is offering an **Audrey Hepburn look-alike contest**, the winner of which will win two round-trip tickets to Rome and the rental of two Vespas for buzzing around the Eternal City just like Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck!

Additional prizes range from Vespa-labeled Italian wine to Dr. Martens Classic 1460s shoes (probably worth the same as round-trip tickets to Italy, based on current prices of their new shoes).

Judges of the contest will base their decisions both on appearance and on style and voice—capturing "the essence" of Audrey. (Extra points given to those bringing a partner dressed like Gregory Peck.)

The contest starts at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13. There's a \$10 charge, the proceeds of which go to the Restoration Fund of the Hollywood Theatre Project. Visit [www.hollywoodtheatre.org](http://www.hollywoodtheatre.org) for complete contest rules. [E]

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The Portland Community Bowling Association hams it up every Sunday at Hollywood Lanes

### Peddlin' in the Gorge

The Friends of People with AIDS Foundation, a Portland grassroots nonprofit that gives direct help to people living with HIV, invite

you to ride your bike through the breathtaking Columbia Gorge on Sept. 21. The **Friends Ride benefit** will begin in Hood River and end in The Dalles via the Historic Columbia River Highway.

Riders can choose from easy to challenging routes of three different lengths. The Family Fun ride is eight miles and will be entirely free of pesky motor vehicles, a ride to Rowena Crest and back is a 24-mile circuit, and you'll trek 42 miles should you choose to cycle all the way to the Dalles.

"Of course, since it's a 'there and back' ride," says Friends secretary Bill Space, "people can turn around any place they feel they've spent about half their energy, making it a very flexible ride for folks not certain of their abilities."

The ride is self-monitored, but food,



Be like Audrey!