

# Westside Florist



Our professionals  
will arrange  
your delivery

**10% OFF**  
Flowers for Pride  
Parties & Events

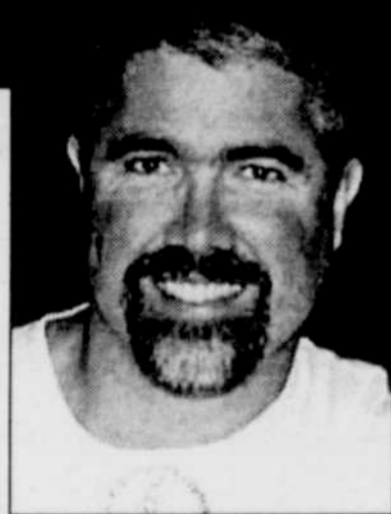
Don Duncan  
owner



**(503) 642-9992**  
**1-800-356-1884**

Aloha Market Centre  
20455 SW TV Highway  
www.westsideflorist.net

In the real estate game, you need  
the perfect pair working for you.



Chris Mee  
Rose City Mortgage



Ernest Cooper, ABR  
RE/MAX Equity Group

Visit our booth at  
**GAY PRIDE!**

Rose City  
Mortgage Specialists

RE/MAX  
equity group, inc.

Chris Mee | 503.635.0101 | chris@rosecitymtg.com

Ernest Cooper | 503.495.5412 | ecooper@equitygroup.com

comprehensive loan & realty services. free consultations. \$0 down loans. all credit/loan types

## Frequently asked questions

**Question:** What is Pride Northwest?

**Answer:** Pride Northwest is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization whose main objective is to organize the Portland Pride celebration every year. It is an all-volunteer board that strives to create a diverse and accessible event. The mission of Pride Northwest is to encourage and celebrate the positive diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans communities and to assist in the education of all people through the development of activities that showcase the history, accomplishments and talents of these communities.



The parade is held on Sunday to increase anticipation and to ease downtown traffic rearrangements

**Q:** How does Pride get organized every year?

**A:** The Pride Northwest board starts planning in August for the following year's Pride event. Each board member leads or helps lead a committee that organizes a particular part of the celebration, such as entertainment or parade. Committee members are drawn from the community and volunteer their time to help plan the event.

**Q:** Why does Pride happen in June?

**A:** Pride celebrations have been happening in Portland for nearly 30 years. Originally, the event was scheduled in June to commemorate the Stonewall riots in New York.

**Q:** Why is Pride on Father's Day weekend?

**A:** Pride was originally scheduled on the third weekend in June. As Waterfront Park has become more popular, and more events reserve weekends in the summer, it is increasingly harder to find a free weekend. In addition, the parks have a strict maintenance schedule and are very careful about giving enough time between events for turf remediation. If we hadn't had the tradition of reserving the third weekend, we would have a hard time scheduling Waterfront Park at all. Although the event does conflict with Father's Day, it would be nearly impossible to hold it at any other time.

**Q:** Why is the parade on Sunday?

**A:** Originally the Pride celebration was a one-day event, with a parade and a festival. Several years ago it became a two-day event. It is more natural to make the parade the culminating

event, to increase the anticipation and excitement by building upon the festival and dance. It is easier to rearrange the downtown traffic around the parade route on Sunday as well.

**Q:** Who organizes the Dyke March?

**A:** Although the Dyke March occurs on Pride Weekend, and is an important part of the event, it is not organized by Pride Northwest. The Lesbian Avengers organize the march and are solely responsible for the work that goes into making it happen.

**Q:** Why does Pride Northwest allow women to be topless at the event? Why are there scantily clad men in the parade? Why are there kink and leather-oriented people in the parade?

**A:** Pride Northwest provides a venue for members of the LGBT communities to gather, celebrate, disseminate information and enjoy one another. These communities vary widely, and people come from many different backgrounds and hold many different beliefs. Therefore, Pride Northwest is not responsible for the opinions and actions of each and every person who attends the event. We have a freedom of expression policy that states that as long as people are not breaking the law or demeaning or degrading one another, they are free to do as they like. In Portland it is not illegal for women to go topless in public, so they are free to do so at the Pride events.

Pride encourages all of its attendees to express themselves as they choose and reminds people that we have to be tolerant of one another. The event belongs to everyone in the LGBT communities, and we don't always agree on things.

**Live Long.  
Live Strong.  
Get Tested.**

Free Walk-In HIV Testing  
Monday Nights 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

• Anonymous • Needle Free • Results in one week



Washington County Health Clinic - Beaverton  
12550 SW 2nd (between Hall & Watson)

For more information, please call 503|846|4734.

