

out & about

september

5 FRIDAY

This weekend is the 30th and final **Women-source Gathering** through Sept. 7 at Camp Low Echo on the east shore of Lake of the Woods in southern Oregon. (Olivia 541-773-2928. olivia-joan@msn.com.)

The Jantzen Beach Barnes & Noble opens its doors to an **Up Close in Pink** reading/open mike night for survivors, family, friends and others affected by breast cancer. (7 pm. 1720 N Jantzen Beach.)

It's easy as 1-2-3 when Out Dancing's **beginning waltz** starts tonight and continues every Friday in September at Ankeny Street Studio. Intermediate country two-step follows. (7-8 pm waltz, 8-9 pm two-step. Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$20 a person. 503-236-5129. out_dancing@yahoo.com.)

Portland Taiko's thundering drums highlight the **Big Bang CD release concert** at Newmark Theatre through Sept. 6. Saturday also includes the children's matinee **Little Bang**. (8 pm, 2 pm matinee. 1111 SW Broadway. \$17.50-\$25 or \$4.50-\$13 for matinee from TicketsWest.)

Erika Lopez, a graphic artist in more ways than one, brings to The Church her one-woman show **Nothing Left But the Smell: A Republican on Welfare** through Sept. 6. (No, she's not a Republican; she just claims the rabid self-entitlement of one.) (8 pm. 602 NE Prescott St. \$10 to benefit In Other Words and KBOO-FM.)

Late-night cruising never sounded so hot as when **Storm Large & the Balls** take the stage of the Portland Spirit for 21-and-over sailing. If you can't make it tonight, they'll be back Sept. 19. (11 pm-1:30 am. \$15-\$23 from 503-224-3900. www.portlandspirit.com.)

6 SATURDAY

"Local Locomotion" is the theme of this year's **Belmont Street Fair** between Southeast 20th and 48th avenues. (10 am-5 pm. 503-231-9118.)

The **Five Dollar Soapy Hand Job** car wash and **Women and Their Kick-Ass Cars** show are back! Babes, bring your wheels (bikes, cycles and scooters welcome, too) to Oaks Park for washing, food, raffles, live music and

DJs and, of course, more picture-taking and video-documenting of women and their cool cars and bitchin' bikes. (2-10 pm. 1 SE Spokane St. \$5. www.fivedollarsoapyhandjob.com.)

Rosetown Ramblers and DJ Crystal's monthly **country western dance** at Portland Metro Club. (9:30 pm-1:30 am. 618 SE Alder St. \$5. www.rosetownramblers.com.)

7 SUNDAY

Performance Works NorthWest presents the 21st edition of **Holy Goats!** Sunday afternoon improvisations, including dancers and movement artists. (2 pm. 4625 SE 67th Ave. \$7. www.performanceworksnnw.org.)

The **Portland Gay and Lesbian Bowling Association** meets at Hollywood Lanes for the start of its 26th season. New players welcome to join a team now! (3:30 pm. 4030 NE Halsey St. 503-722-0438. www.pdxbowl.com.)

Drop everything and go to the Fox & Hounds to **play bingo** on the first Sunday of every month. Why? Because proceeds go to charity. (3-30 pm. 217 SW Second Ave.)

Stop to smell the roses during **Evening in the Garden**, a benefit for Coastal AIDS Network at the Connie Hanson Garden in Lincoln City. Silent and live auctions, music, food and wine. (6-9 pm. 1745 NW 33rd St. \$25 a person or \$45 a couple from 541-994-5597.)

You'll make the grade when you hang out with **Lesbians with Degrees** first and third Sundays at The Dive. (6:30 pm. 3145 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 503-330-6963.)

Write on! Authors **Judith Barrington** and Judith Arcana present their work at the Mountain Writers Center. (7 pm. 3624 SE Milwaukie Ave. \$3. www.mountainwriters.org.)

Kick off the 25th year of the Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund and meet this year's recipients during the annual **Turnabout** show at Darcelle XV. (8 pm. 208 NW Third Ave. \$5.)

9 TUESDAY

CityWalk with the **Adventure Group** and follow it up with dinner. (6:30 pm. 503-452-5680. www.adventuregroup.org.)

Central Library's Writers Talking series features **Nora Beck**, author of *Fiametta*. (7 pm. 801 SW 10th Ave.)



It's so hard to say goodbye...do your best Sept. 10 at the Rose Garden

Sigrid Weidenweber visits In Other Words to talk about her book *Escaping the Twilight*, a coming-of-age story about a Sudanese girl who undergoes circumcision. (7 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd.)

Get yourself a **Taste of Round Dancing** at Oak Grove Community Center. This free intro class might get you to come around to regular lessons. See Sept. 16 for another free class. (7:30-9:30 pm. 14496 SE Cedar Ave. Patty 503-234-6878. pattyfrench57@hotmail.com.)

Don't wait another 10 years before you attend **The Reunion**—a musical act with a twist you'll appreciate—at Wilf's Restaurant & Piano Bar. (7:30 pm. 800 NW Sixth Ave. \$10 from 503-223-0070.)

Tuesdays are **open mike night** at dyke-owned coffee shop Haven. (8-10 pm. 3551 SE Division St.)

10 WEDNESDAY

Venus energies and corresponding herbs are the topics of the Women's Healing Circle at SisterSpirit. (7 pm. 3430 SE Belmont St. #102. \$5-\$10 donation. 503-736-3297.)

Cascade Zydeco dance lessons Wednesday nights at the Alberta Street Public House. (7:15 pm lesson, 8-10 pm dance. 1036 NE Alberta St. \$2. www.cascade-zydeco.com.)

Cher. Rose Garden. Tonight. (7:30 pm. One Center Court. \$54.75-\$79.75 from Ticketmaster.)

11 THURSDAY

Calling all dykes to **Girls Night Out** at Dingo! Food and drink specials until midnight. (7 pm. 4612 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 503-233-3996.)

Hot-rockin' guitarist (and we do mean hot) **Garrin Benfield** heats up the Burlingame Acoustic Room. (8:30 pm. 111 SW Ash St.)

Get down at **Breakdown**, Portland's newest queer night hosted by Puppet, with DJs spinning hip-hop, rock, electronica and...ooh...the '80s! every Thursday at Cobalt Lounge. (9 pm-2 am. 32 NW Third Ave. \$4, but no one turned away.)

While you await the next election...**Bands Against Bush** (scheduled for Oct. 11 at Laurelhurst Park; stay tuned for details) holds a benefit show at Conan's Pub that includes Sawyer Family, Ross and the Hell Pets, Bizerkus and Shed, Inc. (9 pm. 3862 SE Hawthorne Blvd. \$5-\$8 sliding scale.)

Twin sexy genderfuckers Eva Ning and Max Voltage (San Francisco Drag King of the Year) bring their cheesy sensuality to all ages in **Homos Go Yo-Yo** at Nocturnal. (11 pm. 1800 E Burnside St. \$4.)

12 FRIDAY

Scotland has Edinburgh, Seattle has Bummer-shoot—and now the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art blurs the lines between theater, video, media, dance and music in the **Time Based Art Festival** throughout the city for the next 10 days. (Call 503-248-4335 or visit www.pica.org for a complete schedule.)

The Lesbian Connection meets every second Friday for dinner at the food court of Eugene's Fifth Street Public Market. (5:30 pm. 296 E Fifth St. 541-683-2793.)

Think outside the box during the **Gay Men's Labyrinth Walk** at Friendly House. (7 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave. 503-233-2026, ext. 3. www.gaylabyrinth.org.)

Portland Bisexual Women share favorite bi and lesbian literature, music and movies in the Broadway Coffee Trader Living Room. (7-9 pm. 2130 NE Broadway. \$3 donation. portlandbiwomen@comcast.net.)

Get all dolled up and join Empress XLV Chloe Stone for **Empress Weekend** through Sept. 14. Tonight is the "Cosmopolitan Kick-Off Party" in C.C. Slaughters' Martini Lounge. (8 pm. 219 NW Davis St. www.rosecourt.org.)

Singer/songwriter **Kim Townsend** visits Cafe Uniontown in Astoria to celebrate her new CD. (8:30-10:30 pm. 218 W Marine Drive. \$3.)

13 SATURDAY

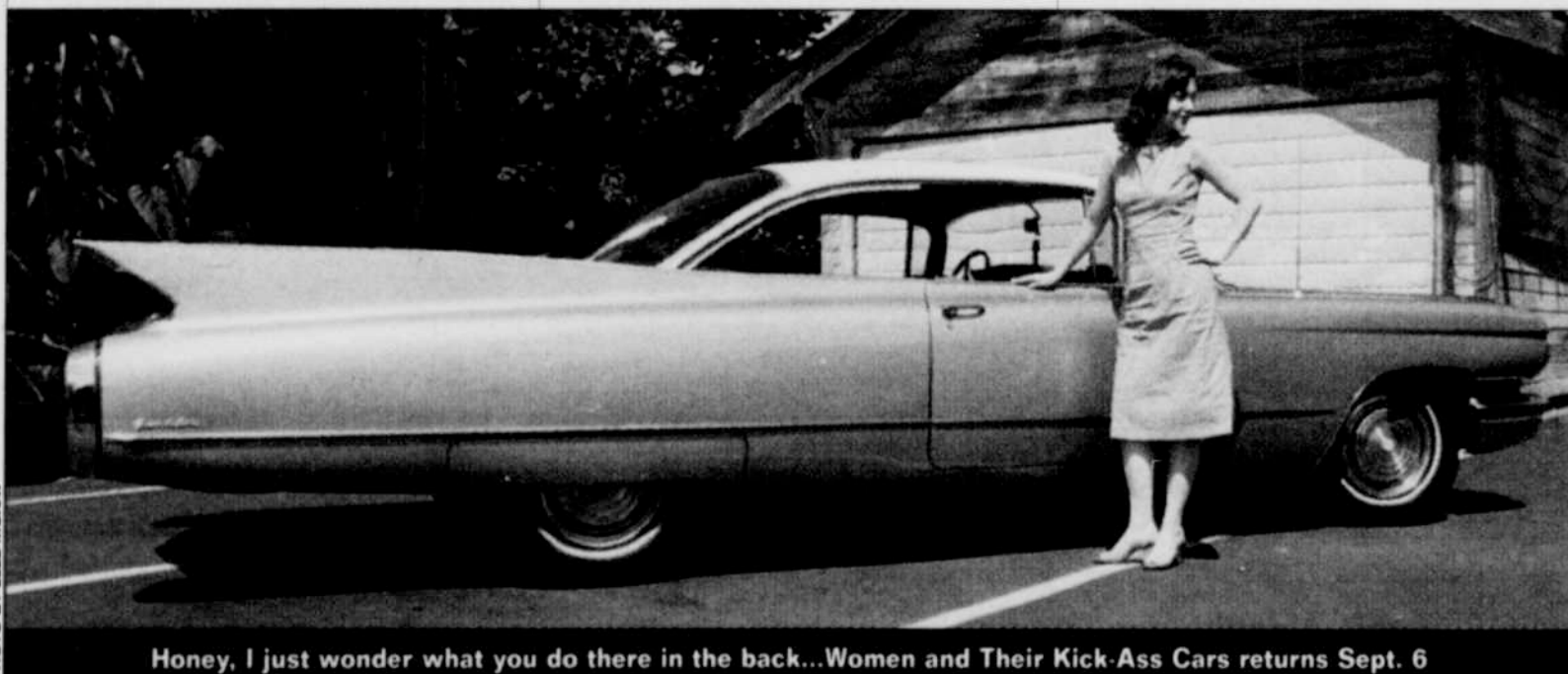
Pull an overnigher with the women of the **Forest Group** in Indian Heaven Wilderness. Beginner-level hiking and camping at 4,900 feet; dogs welcome. (Call 503-659-2782 as early as possible to sign up.)

Who is your type, anyway? Find out from gay spiritual director Dale Rhodes when he leads a **Personality Type Workshop** with therapist Cathy Hitchcock at Interfaith Spiritual Center. (9 am-1 pm. 1133 SE Center St. \$35. 503-233-2026, ext. 3. www.interfaithspiritualcenter.com.)

Get your fill of Bad Girls when they play host to an **All You Can Beat Brunch** at C.C. Slaughters. Everyone welcome! (10 am-2 pm. 219 NW Davis St. \$8 members, \$10 non-members. www.pdxbadgirls.net.)



Empress XLV Chloe Stone presents Empress Weekend Sept. 12-14



Honey, I just wonder what you do there in the back...Women and Their Kick-Ass Cars returns Sept. 6