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## Gay Novelist in Our Midst

by Sarah Dougher

**M**atthew Stadler is a gay novelist who lives and works in Portland. He has published four novels and was the literary editor of *Nest Magazine*, a now defunct quarterly of interiors. He won a Lambda award in 1999 for his novel *Allen Stein*, and he is the editor at Clear Cut Press.

Clear Cut is a subscription press that features contemporary fiction as well as new art commentary. It has published the catalog for the much-vaunted Portland art exhibition *Core Sample: Portland Art Now* as well as works of poetry fiction by Charles D'Ambriso and Stacy Levine, among others.

Stadler's most recent appointment is writer-in-residence at the Southeast Portland restaurant Clarklewis. His position entails a simple exchange of goods and services: He organizes monthly symposia in exchange for a modest culinary stipend.

In addition, Stadler has recently been working with colleagues Stephanie Snyder of Reed College's Cooley Gallery and Sam Gould of the collective Red76 on an installation, discussion and performance



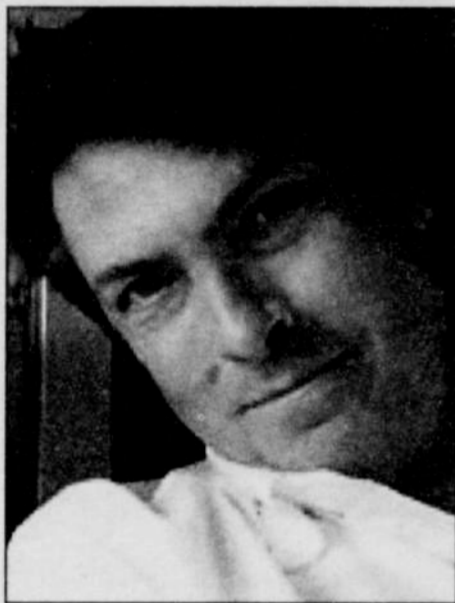
series called *Taking Place*. The series, which continues through mid-September, explores the role of place in the creation of art across a variety of media.

Stadler lives with his friend Linea King and their son, Mikko, in North Portland.

Stadler's novels are 1990's *Landscape: Memory*, 1993's *The Dissolution of Nicholas Dee: His Researches*, 1994's *The Sex Offender* and 1999's *Allen Stein*.

For more information about Clear Cut Press, go to [www.clearcutpress.com](http://www.clearcutpress.com).

*Taking Place: A Summer of Talks & Events* runs through Sept. 12. For more information visit [www.my.calendars.net/takingplace](http://www.my.calendars.net/takingplace).



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would like to nominate a person, place or thing to be featured in this column, e-mail [sarah@justout.com](mailto:sarah@justout.com).

## What are your favorite types of summer activities, especially those geared toward the gay community?

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My favorite summer event this year will be the Basic Rights Oregon annual dinner. This year's theme is "Studio BRO."



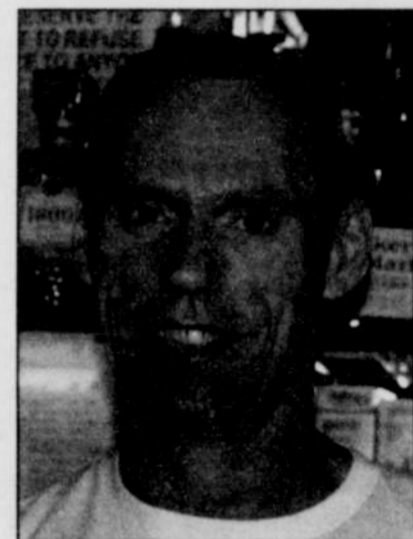
**JESSE JORDAN**  
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What I enjoy most is backyard barbecues at friends' homes—and admiring all the vegetable gardens.



**RUSS PICKENS**  
Starkey's Bartender

Peacock in the Park was always the main summer attraction for me. I am thinking about going to the C.C. Slaughters street party this year.



**STEVE WHEELER**  
Joq's Bartender

Gay Pride is the only thing going on—it can be kind of boring in Portland. I'd like to see a gay golf group get together.

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