

NORTHWEST newsbriefs

The Portland Oregon Visitors Association will be representing the Rose City at a booth in the travel pavilion. About 20,000 people interested in gay travel attend the show.

The cost to share the POVA booth will be \$300. That gets one badge for one person to attend and the right to bring your materials to the event and sell at the show. You also get one free ticket to the expo if you'd like someone else to attend.

To sign up e-mail barbara@pova.com.

ELDER RESOURCE ALLIANCE EVENTS SCHEDULED

The Elder Resource Alliance, serving sexual minority elders, will be holding a volunteer orientation from noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 21 at Data Systems Plaza, 975 S.E. Sandy Blvd. Lunch will be provided.

For more information call 503-224-2640 or e-mail eracoordinator@yahoo.com. To find out

thousands of Oregonians about equality for queers and families. More than 900 people signed up as supporters of marriage equality. Those who volunteered last year found it a wonderful opportunity to talk to ordinary Oregonians in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

"We believe that by engaging our fellow Oregonians in respectful dialogues about the realities of our lives, we transform ourselves and our society. Among the lessons we have learned from nonviolent movements for social change is that by listening and reasoning together, we can change ourselves and our society," said the Rev. Cecil Charles Prescod, director of the Public Voice for Peace and Equality Project.

The weekday fair hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and weekend hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. An individual may sign up for a two-, three- or four-hour shift. Organizations may want to take responsibility for staffing the booth for a day or a part of a day. Admission



When you aren't volunteering to promote marriage equality at the Oregon State Fair, take a ride on the swings!

more about upcoming events, check www.elder-resourcealliance.org.

In addition, ERA is hosting a Sock Hop and Barbecue at Station Place Towers, 1020 N.W. Ninth Ave. The event takes place from 5 to 10 p.m. Aug. 27.

ERA is a coalition of organizations and individuals within the Portland metropolitan area that works to enhance the lives of older sexual minorities community members through education, advocacy, outreach and resource development.

ERA trainings seek to increase sensitivity to the needs and concerns of the elder sexual minorities community by incorporating both academic materials and personal experiences in their presentations. ERA's training curriculum is presented to college classes, social service agencies, groups of long-term care providers or other groups upon request.

ERA is a program of Friendly House Senior Services.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT OREGON STATE FAIR

Love Makes a Family invites the community to participate at its "Families and Faith Communities Support Marriage Equality" booth at the Oregon State Fair from Aug. 26 to Sept. 5 in Salem.

In a spectacular show of community building and outreach, volunteers last year spoke with

into the fairgrounds is free for all volunteers. Love Makes a Family will train volunteers 7 p.m. Aug. 19 at Ainsworth United Church of Christ, 2941 N.E. Ainsworth St. For more information call 503-228-3892 or e-mail info@lmfamily.org.

SHARE STARTS PLANNING EARLY FOR ANNUAL FUND-RAISING EVENT

Senior Housing and Retirement Enterprises works to achieve its goal of a sexual minority senior community in the Portland area. April saw its first fund-raiser, which was well-attended and full of positive energy. SHARE will be conducting an event orientation and planning meeting to begin preparing for next year's "Sharing an Evening for SHARE!" The meeting will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Aug. 21 at Data Systems Plaza, 975 S.E. Sandy Blvd.

Several different volunteer opportunities are available, so there is certain to be an area that will interest you and your talents. Work groups include publications and marking, in-kind donations, décor, time management, sales and the main event.

SHARE is also looking for a co-chair of the event to learn the ropes for 2007. For more information contact David V. Wilson at sharinganeveningforshare@yahoo.com. 

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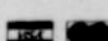


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