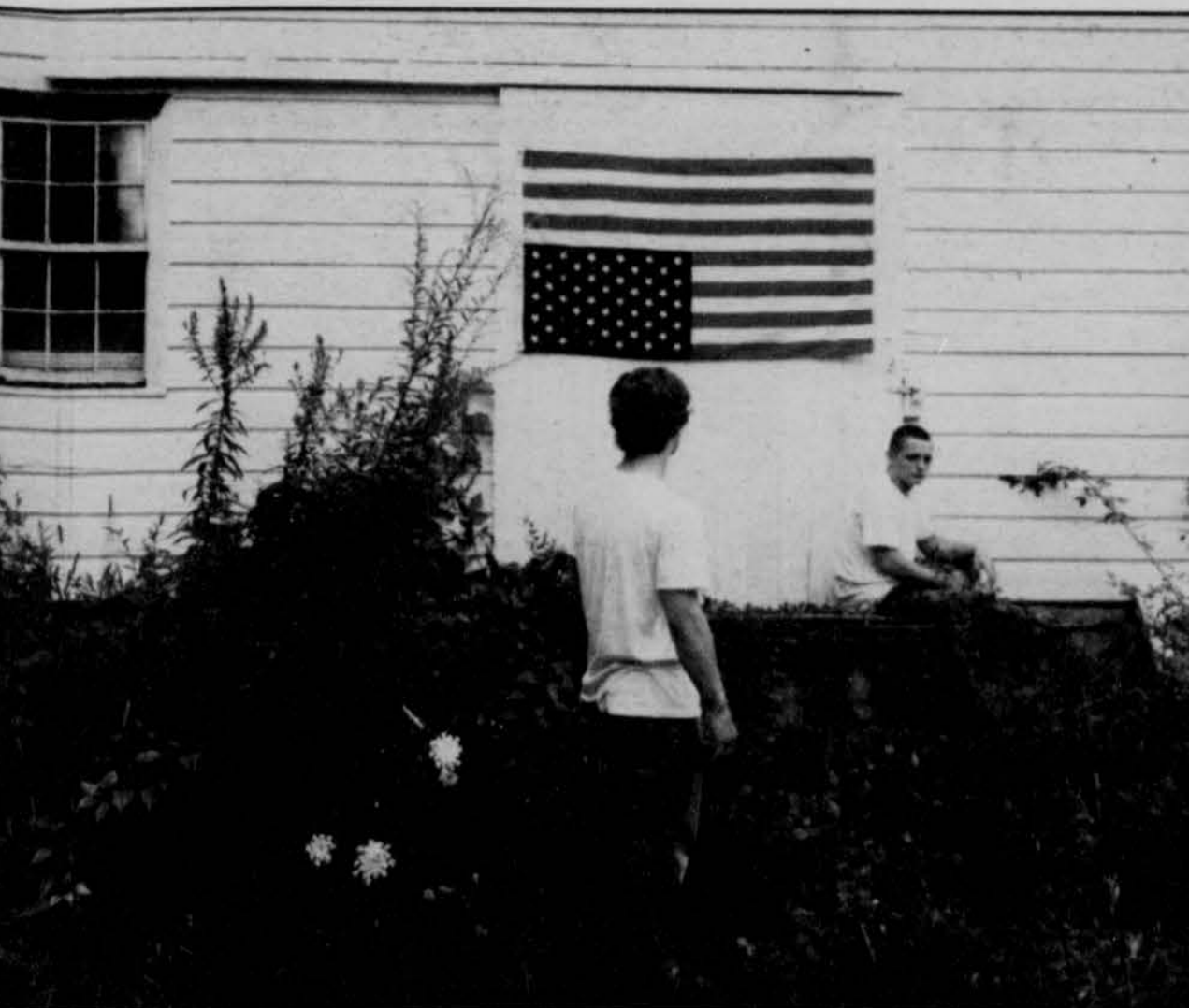




owned Quality Pictures exhibits photographer Jen DeNike's *Don't Tread on Me* through Oct. 27.

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## FRI • OCT. 12

The 11th annual **Portland Lesbian & Gay Film Festival** runs through Oct. 21 at various venues. (For a complete schedule visit [www.plgff.org](http://www.plgff.org).)

In Other Words presents **Dirty Queer**, an X-rated open mike to celebrate sexuality and strut your creative stuff! Hosted by renegade writer and poet Sossity Chiricuzio, it promises to be an evening full of laughter and full-body shivers. (6:30-9 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. \$1. [www.dirtyqueer.com](http://www.dirtyqueer.com).)

The Men's Wellness Center screens **Bad Education**, a Spanish film about two boys (including gorgeous Gael García Bernal!) who discover love, cinema and fear in a religious school at the start of the '60s. (7-8:30 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

## SAT • OCT. 13

Weather permitting, **The Adventure Group** takes a moderate hike/bike around the Mosier Twin Tunnels, a historic and picturesque trail that follows part of the Old Columbia River Highway. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Chris 503-329-3916.)

Gay-owned Paolo Design Group and Sovereign Construction team up to present **Design-Build Basics**, a public service workshop about a new approach for building a custom home or undergoing a major remodel.



**ends Oct. 14, with Bob Mould on hand for interview session.**

cede the show humanize the four men who pro- for an hour and a half, as well as dispelling any urpuss.

—Jim Thompson

Breakfast included! (9-11:30 am. 1110 NW Marshall St. RSVP to 503-222-1757, ext. 11, or [relations@paolodesigngroup.com](mailto:relations@paolodesigngroup.com).)

**Portland Open Studios**, a self-directed tour of artists' studios throughout the east side of Portland, runs through Oct. 14. Repeats Oct. 20 and 21 on the west side. (10 am-5 pm. \$15 from [www.portlandopenstudios.com](http://www.portlandopenstudios.com).)

Hip Chicks Do Wine throw a **Squishfest Harvest Party** featuring wine and grape juice tastings and light appetizers. (3-8 pm. 4510 SE 23rd Ave. \$10.)

Celebrate good times! Embers presents **L4L PDX** for lesbians 35 and older. Dance to '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s music, meet, greet, sweet. (5-9 pm. 110 NW Broadway. \$6.)

Basic Rights Oregon honors Terry Bean during its 25th annual awards dinner, **Masquerade**, at the Oregon Convention Center. (5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner. 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. \$150 from [www.brodinner.org](http://www.brodinner.org).)

Folksinger/songwriter/guitarist **Arlene Hale** performs at Muddy Waters Coffeehouse. Repeats Oct. 20. (7:30 pm. 2908 SE Belmont St.)



The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence team with the Oregon Bears to bring you **NunderBear!** at C.C. Slaughters. Mr. Oregon Bear Mark Brown and Mr. Oregon Cub Brent Marr will be measuring inseams for those purchasing raffle tickets! Clothes check will be available. Proceeds benefit the Sisters' condom outreach program. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

## SUN • OCT. 14

Cascade AIDS Project presents **AIDS Walk Portland** featuring musical guest Logan Lynn at Pioneer Courthouse Square. (8 am-noon. Register at 503-223-WALK or [www.cascadeaids.org](http://www.cascadeaids.org).)

Darcelle XV Showplace hosts **Imperial Sovereign Rose Court Emperor & Empress Voting Day**. A valid identification from Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington or Columbia County is required. (Noon-7 pm. 208 NW Third Ave.)

Holocene presents **Pop Tart** for bois, dykes, ladies and the like every second Sunday. This month's party showcases the styles of Victor



Harry Shearer, the voice of **Simpsons** characters Montgomery Burns and Waylon Smithers (right), entertains Oct. 18.

Menegaux, resident DJ at Club Trinity in Seattle, with Portland's own DJ Harmony, along with a few hours of local queer performance art. (7 pm-1 am. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

Doug Fir Lounge presents an intimate solo performance by **Bob Mould** and a screening of his live concert DVD *Circle of Friends*. (9 pm. 830 E Burnside St. \$15 from TicketsWest.)

Berbat's Pan presents an evening with **Michelle Shocked**. (9:30 pm. 10 SW Third Ave. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance from TicketsWest.)

Logo premieres **Coffee Date**, a romantic comedy about a straight man who is set up on a blind date with a gay man as a practical joke. (10 pm.)

## MON • OCT. 15

In Other Words presents the Spanish class **Español Sin Fronteras!** (6:30-8 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. \$5-\$10.)

You and your partner can learn essential

relationship skills. This can enhance your ability to communicate more effectively and better deal with issues of conflict. Focus on decision-making, stress management and negotiation strategies—all within the context of the challenges you may encounter as gay or lesbian partners—during **Problem-Solving for Same-Gender Couples** Mondays through Nov. 19 at Kaiser Permanente Interstate Medical Office Central. (6:30-8:30 pm. 3550 N Interstate Ave. \$90/couple members, \$130/couple non-members from 503-286-6816.)

Topaz Crawford and Bolivia Carmichaels host an **Imperial Sovereign Rose Court Emperor & Empress Candidates Forum** at Red Cap Garage. (7 pm. 1035 SW Stark St.)

Gather around the **Portland Polyamory Circle** for informal discussions of open relationships and commitment. (7 pm. Laury 503-285-4848.)



Grease your wheels during **Gay Skate Night** presented by Just Out at Oaks Park. (7-9 pm. 1 SE Spokane St. \$5 plus canned food items for Esther's Pantry.)

## Portland Studios Open

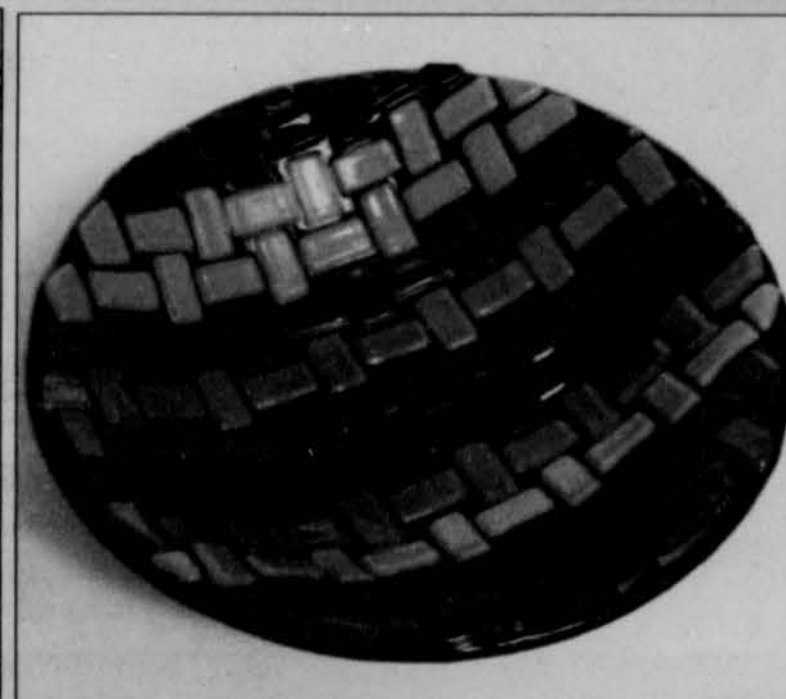
Once again, fall is here and Portland artists are opening their studios to the curious public. A total of 98 artists are participating in this year's **Portland Open Studios** Oct. 13 and 14 (eastside studios) and Oct. 20 and 21 (westside studios).

**Charles Schweigert**, who does abstract paintings using materials such as acrylic paints, wax, plaster, gold leaf, sumi ink and rice paper, is busily cleaning up his basement home studio for the occasion. The 60-year-old relocated to Southeast Portland from New Mexico in 2005 and lives with his partner, **Drew Herzig**.

"There's a lot of artistic energy here," says Schweigert. "It's a supportive environment for artists."

Schweigert's paintings have a strong Japanese influence, with sparse landscapes and a delicately balanced symmetry. He is looking forward to talking with people about his work when they come to visit his studio. "I really enjoy the contact with the people who buy my work because that really doesn't happen in the gallery setting," he says.

**Jenelle Kathan** is another artist who is new to Portland Open Studios this year. She is excited to show people the 300-square-foot studio in the back yard of the home she shares with her partner, **Patty Eiff**, in Northeast Portland. She intends to use this opportunity to showcase the different stages of fused glass art, from raw materials to final products. "I want to do some real-time art so people understand you don't just put it in the oven and cook it and there it is," she explains.



Queer artists **Charles Schweigert** (left) and **Jenelle Kathan** invite you into their studios this month.

—Julie Sabatier