



New Moon Productions stages Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka* July 10-27 at Washington Park.



Fever Theater looks at the philosophy and ethics of belief in *New Believers* through July 5.



Gay glass artist Richard Glenn is on display July 16 at gay-owned Brian Marki Fine Art.

Their Cup Runneth Over

Queer sports fetishists of Portland, rejoice! The dudes are donning their jocks and cups, and are begging you to come watch 'em swing their bats.

There'll be plenty of grass on Portland's ball fields for Independence Day weekend, as hardcore guy and girl softballers from Phoenix to Vancouver, British Columbia, descend on Stumptown for the Rose City Softball Association's eighth annual **Cascade Cup** tourney.

Over three days and nights of team-on-team action both on the field (at Gordon Faber Sports Complex in Hillsboro) and off (in dances and open-to-the-public block parties at Jupiter Hotel, C.C. Slaughters and Scandals), about 45 Western U.S. and Canadian teams will compete for champion titles, vying for tall Cascade Cup trophies and serious bragging rights.

So are all these competitors serious sports junkies? No way, says **Tim Bias**, a 13-year RCSA member and public relations ambassador for the group, who says you'll find the same mix of types at the tourney—"drag queens to jocks and everything in between," he says, adding, "of course, I'm on the jock side"—that you're likely to find any night out at the bars. Except not being at the bars is, he adds, part of the point of the RCSA league and the Cascade tourney. "It's an amazing way to meet other men and women," he says, adding with brio that "it has nothing to do with dark, seedy bars and alcohol."

Well, not exactly nothing. After daylong softball games on Saturday and Sunday, both nights close out with major bashes at gay bars—a Saturday night **Obsession Block Party** at C.C. Slaughters and Sunday night street party/awards ceremony at Scandals. Bias says the parties are "a great time to meet players" and, he adds with a wink, "to help soothe their sore muscles after a long day of playing."

The Cascade Cup's games are free and open to the public (full info at www.cascadecup.org), and the parties carry a modest cover, from 3 to 7 bucks.

—Stephen Marc Beaudoin

SAT • JULY 5

The Rose City Softball Association presents the **Cascade Cup** through July 6. Early rounds of the tournament run continuously all day at Gordon Faber Sports Complex in Hillsboro, followed by the **Obsession Block Party** at C.C. Slaughters, which will block off the street all night for some dancing, dunk tanks and raffles. (8 am-8 pm softball, 4450 NW 229th Ave. 7 pm-1 am dance, 219 NW Davis St., \$7. www.rosecitysoftball.org.)

DJs Jack and DannyDamage play a mix of dance hits, '80s pop, new wave, no wave, new stuff and old stuff during **Pleasure Boys** every first Saturday at the Eagle PDX. (9 pm. 27 NW Sixth Ave.)

SUN • JULY 6

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ment run continuously all day at Gordon Faber Sports Complex in Hillsboro, then join the jocks and jockettes for outdoor grilled burgers as they unwind during the **Aftermath Street Party and Awards Ceremony** at Scandals. (8 am-6 pm softball, 4450 NW 229th Ave. 5-11 pm party, 1125 SW Stark St., \$3. www.rosecitysoftball.org.)

The **Adventure Group** takes a difficult hike to Silver Star, featuring views of volcanoes from Sisters clear out to the coast as well as ancient stone walls thought to be vision quest sites for ancient Native Americans. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Chris 503-329-3916.)

The **Adventure Group** takes a 30- to 50-mile bike ride. Meet at the north end of Northeast 33rd Drive. Repeats July 13. (9 am. 2904 NE Marine Drive. Dave 503-281-4798.)

In Other Words presents **Homorobics** every

Sunday, physically strengthening our community in a feminist, queer and body-friendly environment with an emphasis on enjoyment, not weight loss! Bring a towel and hand weights if you've got them. (11 am. 8 NE Killingsworth St. \$2-\$4 donation.)

Confluence: Willamette Valley LGBT Chorus presents a free concert/rehearsal at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem as a celebratory sendoff for the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses Festival in Miami. (4:30 pm. 5090 Center St. NE.)

MON • JULY 7

The **Bisexual Community Forum** hosts a casual discussion group every first Monday at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. (7:30 pm. 201 SE 12th Ave. 503-285-4848.)

TUE • JULY 8

Boys & Girl Aid presents an information session about **foster parenting** at Q Center. (6:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Milepost 5, a new intentional artists' community, hosts a panel discussion on the call for affordable live/work spaces for artists and creatives in Portland. Panelists include gay Mayor-elect Sam Adams and queer artist TJ Norris. Reception to follow discussion. (7-8:30 pm. 900 NE 81st Ave.)

Gilt Club hosts **Salon Q**, a monthly mixer for men and women to network, chat, socialize, flirt, dish and kibitz in a smoke-free environment. (7-11 pm. 306 NW Broadway. www.salonqpd.com.)

WED • JULY 9

The **Portland Area Business Association** holds its monthly meeting at Kells Irish Restaurant & Pub with the presentation "The Importance of Acceptance and the Consequences of Intolerance" by the Oregon Holocaust Resource Center. (11:30 am-1 pm. 112 SW Second Ave. \$18-\$25 from www.paba.com.)

Queer Insertion—a grassroots collective of anarchy-feminist, anti-racist queers committed to the destruction of all structural oppressions by any means necessary—presents two incredible, informative, interactive and playful workshops at In Other Words. "Radical Sex 4 Sexy Radicals" explores the need and practical strategies for applying anarchistic visions to sexual politics and aims to interject feminism and queer philosophies into anarchistic communities. "DIY Sex Toys and Safer Sex" discusses how to make toys out of the debris of post-industrial

Writers and Fans Come Together at Q Literati

Literature is fundamentally a private act. Writers create in their own secluded spaces for the enjoyment of readers who read in quiet solitude. But Diane Anderson-Minshall and her "co-pilot in life," Jacob Anderson-Minshall, want us all to come together to share our love of literature once a month at **Q Literati**.

The Anderson-Minshalls are relative newcomers to the Rose City. They met in 1990 at Idaho's very first Gay Pride celebration, where they were both part of "the four-person Queer Nation contingent." They moved to the Bay Area and spent 16 years immersed in San Francisco's literary culture. Diane founded two lesbian publications, *Girlfriends Magazine* and *Alice Magazine*, before returning to *Curve Magazine* and eventually becoming executive editor. Jacob (born Susannah)



MARCY PADILLA

Diane and Jacob Anderson-Minshall created **Q Literati** to celebrate "literary superstars" and to encourage fresh, young voices to emerge.

explored his gender identity and eventually transitioned three years ago. He began writing a monthly syndicated column about trans issues called "TransNation," which appears in *The SF Bay Times*, *Outlook* (Ohio) and *Bay Windows* (Boston). Together they have written two *Blind Leap* mystery novels (the latest was published earlier this year) with plans for at least three more in the series.

Among the pleasures the power couple indulged in were San Francisco's Radar Reading Salon and

the open mike at Femina Potens Art Gallery. So, it was only natural that when Diane felt the tug of "The Great Dyke Exodus" from San Francisco to Portland, she and Jacob decided to combine the best qualities of those two reading series into **Q Literati**.

Q Literati features established and emerging writers and spoken word artists. Each month, the Anderson-Minshalls hope to bring in published authors and "literary superstars" for readings as well as provide an open mike to encourage fresh, young voices to emerge. The first event in June attracted more than three dozen rapt listeners. Each month there will be snacks, doors prizes and, according to Diane, "homemade cookies for anyone who asks a question."

"Portland is a great city for writers and readers because people cherish the written word," Diane says. "We want to engage in literature without it being stuffy and academic."

Q Literati is held on the second Wednesday of each month at Q Center, 69 S.E. Taylor St.

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