

who is special to you? Elder Resource Alliance invites readers to **Seniors Sharing Stories** at Friendly House. Light refreshments served. (2-4 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave.)

Q Center presents **women's life coaching and consulting** focused on building greater personal knowledge and development. Gain life skills and perspectives applicable to both existing and future challenges. (7:30-9:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St. \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers.)

THU • AUG. 28

Kick off the wacky Alberta Art Walk with Manifest's **Last Thursday Music Jam**, a wonderful garden party featuring a potluck feast and tai chi demonstration. (5:30-8 pm. \$5-\$15 donation. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.manifestpdx.org/calendar.)

Q Center presents **Dads Group**, a safe place to discuss issues of common interest, listen and support. (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

GO OUT Siren Nation presents **New Orleans Rising: Commemorating Hurricane Katrina & Celebrating New Orleans** at Mission Theater featuring the documentary *Finding Common Ground in New Orleans* and several short films; a panel discussion about relief work; and music by Oz Street Fossils. Proceeds benefit Common Grounds Relief and the New Orleans Musicians Relief Fund. (8:30 pm. 1624 NW Glisan St. \$10 donation.)

Slaughters presents a CD promotion giveaway for **Solange Knowles**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St. \$4.)

FRI • AUG. 29

GO OUT Manifest goes on a **Men's Labor Day Eco-Camping Wilderness Trip** through Sept. 2. Queer U.S. Park Service forest ranger Sierra Willoughby will introduce participants to the incredible wildflower meadows, sub-alpine lakes, glacial and volcanic geology, and stunning waterfalls of Mount Rainier. (\$150-\$200 donation includes delicious veggie meals and camping fees. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.manifestpdx.org/calendar.)

Elder Resource Alliance invites seniors and allies to meet, greet and eat during a social in the food court at Clackamas Town Center. (1-3 pm. 12000 SE 82nd Ave.)

In Other Words showcases Portland female musicians during the monthly **Luna Music Series**. (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Out Dancing's monthly **Dance Social** is every last Friday at Ankeny Street Studio. Lesson and refreshments included. (8:15 pm. Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$8.)

SAT • AUG. 30

GO OUT The Adventure Group hosts "PDeXchange!"—an event with members of queer outdoors groups from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia—through Aug. 31. Saturday events include an urban walk, nature hike, urban hike, sailing and jetboats. Sunday events include road biking, kayaking and hiking. (Laurent 503-880-8900.)

Art in the Pearl, an annual fine arts and crafts festival, returns to the North Park Blocks through Sept. 1. (10 am-6 pm Saturday and Sunday, 10 am-5 pm Monday. www.artinthepearl.com.)

SUN • AUG. 31

Meet at Q Center for an enjoyable ride around the city's finest pedal-friendly destinations with **Q Cycle**. Followed by coffee, nibbles and social downtime; bring a snack to share. (2-3:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

GO OUT Darcelle XV presents the 27th annual **International LaFemme Magnifique & LaFemme Magnifique Plus Pageant** at the Oregon Convention Center. This year's theme is "Broadway...Be a Musical Star." (6 pm. 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. \$35.)

Jonathan Miller and Em Brownlowe of **Swallows** celebrate their fifth anniversary and the release of the remix collection *Loud Machines* by spinning some of their favorite tunes at East End and screening some of their favorite art/music/fashion YouTube videos. Also on the lineup are **Slutty Hearts** and **Karma Bomb**. (8 pm. 203 SE Grand Ave.)

The Press Club screens **Frida**, an acclaimed biopic about bisexual Mexican painter Frida Kahlo. (9 pm. 2621 SE Clinton St.)

MON • SEPT. 1

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 • SEPT. 2

Q Center presents **Board Game Night**, a great social evening of informal competition. Come alone and make friends, or come with a group. (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

WED • SEPT. 3

See what **Elder Resource Alliance** is up to during its monthly business meeting at Friendly House. (2:30-4:30 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave.)

GO OUT **Portland Lesbian Choir**, a nonaudition community chorus open to all women, begins its new season with a rehearsal especially for new members. Find your voice, preview the music, sing and socialize with continuing members at Ainsworth United Church of Christ. (6:30-8:45 pm. 2941 NE Ainsworth St. www.plchoir.org.)

Queer Artist Unveils Mind-Bending Exhibit

Look out for the hypercolor penises.

B.E. Schellinger (pronounced "be," though you can call him Brian), in his second solo showing at the Pearl District's

Quality Pictures gallery, has just opened *Chi-Shifters and Recent Works on Paper*, an explosive exhibit of mind-bending oil paintings and otherworldly drawings from his curious mind. It's a sensational show.

Pairing Schellinger's vibrant paintings ("they pretty much knock you over the head," he says) with his detail-stuffed drawings (with "exploding, drooping flowers...and a lot of penises," according to the artist) packs a big punch in the Quality Pictures space, owned by Schellinger's longtime partner, Erik Schneider.

The day *Chi-Shifters* opened, I caught up with Schellinger by phone to talk about his work, his circuitous career path (he worked for many years as a French-trained pastry chef) and what it's like to open a new show ("it's kind of like passing a kidney stone").

Stephen Marc Beaudoin: So, uh, what's a "Chi-Shifter"?

B.E. Schellinger: The "chi" is for Chicago [where the paintings were first shown]. I used to do a lot of work in optical vibrations, and so the "chi" this time also applies to the

shifting of the flow of chi, the positive flow and trying to re-fract it differently.

SMB: Tell me about your painting process.

BES: I start with nothing. I really have no ideas, but I start by masking off areas and shapes and getting angles that start suggesting depth and angles in a very mechanical sort of way. I apply the stripes and use squeegees and things so it's more like a screenprinting process. I remask and just keep building—I look for the relationships that build in each individual work, and I follow those.

SMB: Do you identify as a "gay artist"?

BES: My work is turning toward a more homocentric place. I'm exploring my homosexuality more. I'm 44 and I don't know if I'm having a midlife crisis, but I'm more comfortable with it.

SMB: So you've been in Portland about two years now. What's your opinion of the art scene here?

BES: It's a little young, but it's maturing and coming on its way.

—Stephen Marc Beaudoin



Look for the exploding, drooping flowers and "lots of penises" in B.E. Schellinger's pen and ink drawings.

If you can tell your left hand from your right, then you've got what it takes for Rosetown Ramblers' annual **Taste of Square Dancing**—a relaxed evening of food, fun and seeing what square dancing is all about—at Milwaukie Grange. No dance partner or special attire needed. (7-9:30 pm. 12015 SE 22nd Ave. www.rosetownramblers.com.)

FRI • SEPT. 5

Here presents the premieres of **Lesbian Sex and Sexuality**, the second season of the critically acclaimed documentary series; **The Lair**, the sophomore season of the hit supernatural series; and **Ice Blues: A Donald Strachey Mystery**, the fourth installment in the gay private investigator franchise starring Chad Allen. (www.heretv.com.)

Out Dancing's **intermediate swing** class starts tonight and continues every Friday in September at Ankeny Street Studio. **Beginning fox trot** class follows. (6:15-7:15 pm swing [\$40 for month], 7:15-8:15 pm fox trot [\$32 for month]. 975 SE Sandy Blvd. 503-236-5129. www.outdancing.info.)

Nationally touring lesbian musician **Julie Schurr** brings her unique fusion of folk rock and comedy to Haven Coffee. (7:30 pm. 3551 SE Division St.)

SAT • SEPT. 6

Donna Dunaif takes 4-by-6 inch studio portraits of pets and their owners during the **Dog Days of Summer Pet Photogra-**

phy Fund-Raiser at Q Center. It's never too early to start thinking about holiday cards! Proceeds benefit Q Center's matching fund challenge. (10 am-2 pm. 69 SE Taylor St. \$20.)

Q Center accepts donations for tomorrow's **"Buy-Us-a-Garage" Sale**. (10 am-2 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Rosetown Ramblers, Portland's gay and lesbian square dance club, dances every first Saturday at Milwaukie Grange. (7:30-10 pm. 12015 SE 22nd Ave. \$5-\$11.)

GO OUT Queer musician **Logan Lynn** performs during MusicFestNW's Beat the World Records Showcase at East End. Also on the lineup are **Monstrous**, **Hazelwood Motel** and **The Upsidedown**. (9 pm. 203 SE Grand Ave. \$6. www.musicfestnw.com.)

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 • SEPT. 7

GO OUT Clean out your closets and help Q Center meet its building challenge during the **"Buy-Us-a-Garage" Sale** at Just Out headquarters. There will be all sorts of good things to buy, all priced to sell: CDs, DVDs, clothes, electronics—the sky's the limit. (10 am-4 pm. 6234 N Greeley Ave.)

Queer musician **Logan Lynn** hosts *NewNowNext* on Logo. (Midnight.)

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