

OUT & ABOUT



APPEARS NEXT TO EVENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE JUST OUT ARTS STAFF.

» FRI AUG 7 •

Portland's first Erotic Arts Festival. A celebration of sacred sexuality and the erotic through visual arts, performance arts, culinary arts, movement arts, workshops, playshops, parties and more. (Runs through August 9, Jupiter Hotel, 800 E. Burnside, for tickets go to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/65516, for more information, ErosFestNW.com)

Leather Vegas and Contestant Meet and Greet: Blackout Leather productions hosts a casino night with auction. Expect to have lots of fun gambling, socializing and bid on fabulous prizes! (6pm, 21+, food and drink available, Embers Ave., 110 NW Broadway, buy scrip to play at the tables and bid on Auction items)

C.U.B (Cubs, Unity, Bears), the party that brings everyone together is back for a repeat performance! The evening kicks off with a happy hour just for the Bears, then dance the night away with DJ Brad PDX. (Members get \$2 off well drinks from 9pm-12am, www.oregonbears.org)

GO Mr. Oregon State Leather '07, Ben Brown "Tangible Vandalism," a Bears/Fetish/Poster show and sale. This is a special fundraiser for the Q Center and SMYRC. Come and view original signed fetish art prints that may be purchased for \$5 as well as several mounted prints that are available for \$15. (6pm door, Presentation 7pm, Q Center, 4115 N. Mississippi, \$5 recommended entry, though no one turned away for lack of funds)

GO Benefit for Conduit Dance Inc. Join Conduit in celebrating and supporting Portland's innovative dance community in two separate programs. See great dance up close and help keep this dedicated space for contemporary dance practice, creation and performance open (8pm, Conduit Dance, Inc., 918 SW Yamhill, 4th floor, Tickets \$15-\$250 available at www.brownpapertickets.com)

ERA (Elder Resource Alliance) annual barbeque potluck picnic birthday party. Lunch with all the fixin's served 12-1:30pm. At 2pm we celebrate birthdays with cake, ice cream and prizes. (Friendly House, 1737 NW 26th Ave., free, www.friendlyhouseinc.org)

Lesbian playwright Sandra de Helen is invited to Women Playwrights International Conference in Mumbai, India to present her solo play "Copperheads and Common Women." To raise funds for the trip, de Helen is doing readings of the play. (7:30pm at CoHo Theatre, 2257 NW Raleigh)

Men's Wellness Center invites you to Film Friday. Every Friday this month we will show and discuss how your coming out experience has impacted your life. Join us for our community-building discussion group from 8-10pm. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided. (8-10 pm, 928 SW Stark St., cityguy@cascadeaids.org)

» SAT AUG 8 •

GO Umatilla Morrow Alternatives presents the first Multicultural Event.

Food, music, vendors of sorts and performers including singers, dancers, speakers on behalf of other social justice & human dignity groups. There will be representation from Oregon, Washington & Montana as well as possible surprise appearances and, of course, fun & games. We hope people will join us to celebrate the pride of East Oregon and the efforts to continue to open the hearts and minds of a community. (12-5 pm, Mckinzie Park, Hermiston, www.umalt.com)

» WHAT'S SEXIER? A soapy hairy chest or a wet white t-shirt? Either way you swing, you'll get them both at the THIRD ANNUAL SUDS AND STUDS CAR WASH event. To learn more, see page 22.

Men's Wellness Center offers free rapid HIV testing. First come, first served for men who have sex with men. (5-9 pm, 928 SW Stark St., cityguys@cascadeaids.org)

Celebrate good times! Every second Saturday of each month Embers presents L4L.PDX for lesbians 35 and older. Dance to '50, '60s, '70s and '80s music. Laugh, relax, enjoy! (5-8:45pm Embers Ave., 110 NW Broadway, \$5 no smoking)

GO Eugene Gay Pride Celebration: "Your Rights, Our Rights, Human Rights" (12-7pm Alton Baker Park, Eugene, www.eugenepride.org)

Northwest Gender Alliance monthly open meetings provide opportunities for members and prospective members to meet and socialize with other transgendered individuals in a protective and supportive environment. A portion of each meeting is set aside for a demonstration, discussion or workshop on a topic such as clothing, cosmetics, feminine deportment or legal issues related to gender expression. (2pm, Q Center, 4115 N. Mississippi, www.pdxqcenter.org)

Q Center hosts a Queer Youth Coffee House. Calling all queer youth who enjoy watching/performing original songs, poems, & art! Come and sip a stellar cup of coffee, meet new folks, and enjoy a great night of talent. In addition to this being a great place to hang out on a weekend night, the Queer Youth Coffeehouse is the perfect time for writers and musicians to test out new original material and connect with other local youth creatives. We've got the space, the coffee, and the piano—now all we need is you! (7-10pm, 4115 N. Mississippi, www.pdxqcenter.org)

Vendors Fair hosted by the **Portland Leather Alliance.** Join local vendors for a summer spending spree. (12-5pm, Village Ballroom, 700 N. Dekum St. \$1, 18+ with valid ID)

Pansexual Dungeon Party: Hosted by the Portland Leather Alliance as well and following the Vendors Fair with a break for Dinner and maybe a quick nap.

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