

If it's not in *Just Out*,

OUT ABOUT

it's not happening.

Not Enough! planning meeting. (3-5:00 p.m., *In Other Words*, 14 NE Killingsworth, notenoughpdx.tumblr.com)

Tranz Guyz discussion group. (6-8:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

MON APRIL 18

GO *Just Out* presents **Gay Skate!** A night of the hokey pokey, backwards skate and putting on some serious mileage at Oaks Park. Proceeds benefit the *Just Out* Scholarship Fund. (7-9:00 p.m., 1 SE Spokane St., \$6 plus a food donation for Esther's Pantry)

Word OUT: A poetry open mic, featuring the hilarious Robyn Bateman! (7:30 p.m., *Star E Rose Cafe*, 2403 NE Alberta)

GO Wreak **HAVOC**, dance your ass off, and worship at the altar of DJs Jimmie Jamma and Galavant. (8:00 p.m., *Saratoga*, 6910 N Interstate, 21+, No cover!)

Mary-oke! (8:00 p.m., *Hamburger Mary's*, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:30 p.m.)

Burger night at Starky's! Come enjoy a delicious \$5 burger with your hostess Marie Waters. (6-9:00 p.m., *Starky's* 2913 SE Stark, starkys.com)

OUT Dancing dance lessons. (6:30 p.m. *West Coast Swing*, 7:30 p.m. *Salsa Basics*, *Ankeny Street Studio*, 975 SE Sandy, \$10, outdancing.info)

The **Portland Polyamory Circle** is a place to chat about inclusive relationships, extended families, and intentional community. (7:30 p.m., *Contact Laury* at 503-285-4848 for location)

TUES APRIL 19

GO Pivot presents **Lube Wrestling!** The winner gets a fistful of cash and a basketful of lube. (9:00 p.m., *Red Cap Garage*, 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

Beary-oke! (9:30 p.m., *Scandals*, 1225 SW Stark, 21+)

Late Awakenings is a support group for women who question their orientation or who come out and identify as lesbian later in life. (7:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

Trans-Fem social group. (7:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

Free Rapid HIV testing & STD screening for guys into guys. (5-9:00 p.m., *Pivot*, 209 SW 4th, pivotpdx.org)

WED APRIL 20

GO **Pink Flamingo Bingo.** It's high drama and good old-fashioned fun... with a few tiaras and catwalk turns thrown in for good measure. (7-9:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, \$5 for 8 games, pdxqcenter.org)

Trivia at Local Lounge. (8:00 p.m., *Local Lounge*, 3536 NE MLK, 21+)

Karaoke at Boxxes! Hosted by Adam West with \$2.50 well drinks from open to close. (9:00 p.m., *Boxxes*, 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

The Feminist Queer Sci-Fi/Fantasy Reading Group discusses *Flying Cups and Saucers: Gender Explorations in Science Fiction and Fantasy*. (6:30 p.m., *In Other Words*, 14 NE Killingsworth, inotherwords.org)

GO Habitat for Humanity presents their annual **HopeBuilder Breakfast.** Enjoy a free breakfast during this one-hour program that includes an in-depth update on Habitat's involvement in the local community. (7:30-8:30 a.m., *Oregon Convention Center*, 777 NE MLK, habitatportlandmetro.org)

Anawim Christian Fellowship. (6:30-8:30 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

The Ass Class (for women), an intro to anal sex, taught by experts provided by It's My Pleasure. (7:00 p.m., \$15. 18+, *Must register and pre-pay*, itsmypleasurepdx.com, 503-280-8080)

Inter-Personal Violence support group. (7-9:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

Free Rapid HIV testing & STD screening for guys into guys. (11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., *Pivot*, 209 SW 4th, pivotpdx.org)

THURS APRIL 21

GO BRO presents **Oregonians Against Discrimination: Business Leaders Luncheon.** Read *Just Out's* full coverage of this event on Pg. 10. (11:30 a.m., *Oregon Convention Center*, 777 NE MLK, basicrights.org)

Red Light's annual **Co-Ed Naked Shopping Spree!** OK, so here's the deal... 4 contestants will strip down to nothing and have 3 minutes to put on as many clothes as possible. The one with the most clothes on wins cash, prizes, and an insanely big trophy. (2:00 p.m. *entertainment*, 5:00 p.m. *nakedness*, *The Red Light*, 3590 SE Hawthorne, 18+, redlightclothingexchange.com)

GO In celebration of ten years in business, *Dingos* brings back **Ladies Night!** (3-10:00 p.m., *Dingos*, 4612 SE Hawthorne, Free, dingosonline.com)

Scandals presents **Thursday Night Live with Twisted Whistle!** (7:00 p.m., *Scandals*, 1125 SW Stark, 21+, *No cover!* ScandalsPDX.com)

Rocky Rhodes karaoke. (9:00 p.m., *Local Lounge*, 3536 NE MLK, 21+)

Mary-Go-Round Mary-oke! (8:00 p.m., *Hamburger Mary's*, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:30 p.m.)

Closer Connections, a drop-in mental health group for gay/bi/trans men living with HIV/AIDS. Please contact Aleksandr Peikrishvili at 503-238-5203 x114 to sign up before joining the group. (6:30-8:00 p.m., *Pivot*, 209 SW 4th, Free, pivotpdx.org)

Negotiating Sexual Intimacy class. (7:00 p.m., \$15. 18+, *Must register and pre-pay*, itsmypleasurepdx.com, 503-280-8080)

Adult Young Adult Book Club meets. The AY-ABC is a group for adults wanting to read young adult novels and discuss them through a feminist/queer lens. (7-9:00 p.m., *In Other Words*, 14 NE Killingsworth, inotherwords.org)

Trans Life: A Communi-T Program. A weekly drop-in night for anyone on the trans spectrum to explore identity and socialize through active/hands-on workshops. (7-9:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, \$1-5, pdxqcenter.org)



Tom Goss performs at Q Center April 28.

FRI APRIL 22

GO Q Center Film Screening Series: **The Adults in the Room.** In 1995, Andy, a curious 15-year-old—began a relationship with a deeply closeted man nearly twice his age. In 2010, Andy revisited this complex relationship through film and explored how it informed his own sense of boundaries. Q&A session to follow. (7-10:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, \$5-10, pdxqcenter.org)

The Oregon Bears present a very special holiday edition of the **Double X Dance**, featuring egg contests, bunny ears at the door and photos with the "Perverted Easter Bunny." (9:00 p.m., *C.C. Slaughter's*, 219 NW 3rd, 21+, oregonbears.org)

GO In honor of National Poetry Month, celebrated Poets Lawson Inada and Emmett Wheatfall join together for **A Celebration of Poetry in Jazz.** (7:30 p.m., \$25-30, *First Unitarian Church*, 1211 SW Main, peterso-nentertainment.com)

Tease Time! It's an extravaganza of variety, tease, live music, comedy, dancing, and more! (9:00 p.m., *Tonic Lounge*, 3100 NE Sandy, 21+, \$7-10)

Twisted Licious Karaoke. (8:00 p.m., *The Northbank Bar*, 106 W 6th, *Vancouver*, 21+)

Spring Beer & Wine Fest! (Noon-11:00 p.m., *Oregon Convention Center*, 777 NE MLK, \$5 plus cost of tastings, springbeerfest.com)

Ainsworth Drug & Gifts Wine Tasting. (5:30-7:30 p.m., *Ainsworth Drug & Gifts*, 4027 N Interstate, 21+, ainsworthdrug.com)

Oregon Bears Happy Hour. (5-7:00 p.m., *Fox & Hounds*, 217 NW 2nd, 21+)

Dining with the Divas! Hosted by Sabel Scitias, it's a drag performance like you've never seen before. (7:00 p.m., *Hamburger Mary's*, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:30 p.m.)

SAT APRIL 23

GO **Hot Flash!** Hot Flash caters to seasoned lesbians who are too old for the "scene" and too young to stop dancing. (6-10:00 p.m., *Barracuda*, 9NW 2nd, 21+, \$8 cover)

Join the Oregon Bears for **Paws, Love & Music**, a benefit and music jam for BearTown 16, which will benefit SMYRC. (8:30 p.m., *Crush*, 1412 SE Morrison, 21+, oregonbears.org)

GO **Sibling Rivalry II.** The Rose City Rollers host Seattle's Rat City Rollergirls for a 4x4 bout of the century! (5-9:00 p.m., *Memorial Coliseum*, 300 Winning Way, \$14-20, rosecityrollers.com)

Hamburger Mary's presents **Doll House.** Queer girls party it up at *Hamburger Mary's* with resident DJ Alicious, who keeps the dance music fresh 'n' funky while you enjoy food and cocktails! (9:00 p.m., *Hamburger Mary's*, 19 NW 5th, 21+ No cover!, hamburgermarys.com/pdx)

GO **PFLAG Portland Black Chapter Second Birthday!** Come, learn about the chapter's work, make community connections, and learn how to get more involved. And then... it's time to dance! (7:00 p.m., *Local Lounge*, 3536 NE MLK, 21+, pflagpdx.org)

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Lipz Cabaret lures you "up north" with the beautiful and talented Zora Phoenix as your host. No cover! (9:30 p.m., *The Northbank Bar*, 106 W 6th, *Vancouver*, 21+, thenorthbankbar.com)

The Adventure Group joins the **Portland Front-runners** on an Esplanade walk with optional brunch afterwards. Meet by Vera Katz' statue (9:00 a.m., 1 SE Main, adventuregroup.org)

Deaf and Hearing OutReach welcomes all LGBT ASL lovers to coffee night every fourth Saturday! (6:30 p.m., *Three Friends Coffee House*, 201 SE 12th, Free, <http://dhorpdx.blogspot.com>)

Free Rapid HIV Testing for guys into guys. (5-9:00 p.m., *Pivot*, 209 SW 4th, pivotpdx.org)

SUN APRIL 24

Mary's Matinee. Watch classic films while you dine. (All day, *Hamburger Mary's*, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:30 p.m.)

GO **Hangover Helper** comedy and burlesque show! There's even a brunch buffet, whenever your hangover subsides. (2-5:00 p.m., *Tonic Lounge*, 3100 NE Sandy, 21+, \$5)

Dirty Porn Bingo, hosted by Chi Chi and Chonga. \$2.50 well drinks from open to close. (8-10:00 p.m., *Boxxes*, 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

Repent! **The Church of the Poison Mind** welcomes all sinners. *Poison Waters* presents the best hangover cure: no cover, free food, \$1 shots, beer bust, and a healthy dose of your favorite Silverado dancers. (4-9:00 p.m., *Silverado*, 308 SW 3rd, 21+, Free)

Superstar Divas Mega Show! (8:00 p.m., *CC Slaughters*, 219 NW Davis, 21+)

The Adventure Group goes on a moderate hike along the Salmon River to a viewpoint. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9:00 a.m., 3030 NE Weidler, call Ron at 503-737-4177)

Climax: Women's Literature Collective, an all-inclusive reading group centered around women's literature and the female voice. April's chosen book is *White Oleander* by Janet Fitch. (4-6:00 p.m., *In Other Words*, 14 NE Killingsworth, inotherwords.org)

The **Mindfulness for Living** group explores mindfulness through meditation, discussion and exercises. (6-7:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

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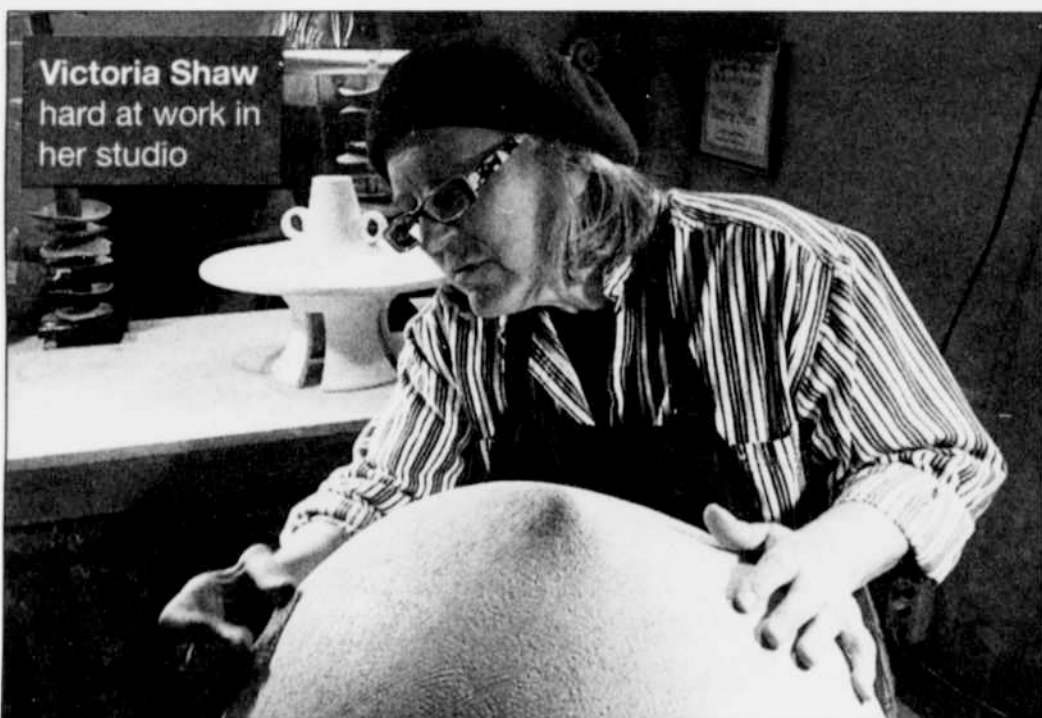
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Coming Out Group. Thinking about coming out? This group is not therapy or a lecture, and the answers you walk away with will be your own! (6:30-7:30 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

TUES APRIL 26

GO **Stumptown Stages** presents **Cabaret Karaoke.** Unlike yer mama's karaoke, you will be accompanied, live, on the piano! (6:30-9:30 p.m., *Wilfs Piano Bar*, 800 NW 6th, 21+)

Pride Financial LGBTQ Real Estate Seminar. (4:30-7:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)



Victoria Shaw hard at work in her studio

Gone To Pot? NOT!

Local queer potters throw down for annual ceramic show

Get ready to rejoice if you're a fan and collector of art made from aluminum silicate. The Oregon Potters Association holds its annual **Ceramic Showcase and Gathering of the Guilds** April 29-May 1, and on hand to intrigue are three very eclectic gay potters.

What do you do after living in a nunnery and becoming a trucker? For Portland artist Victoria Shaw, the answer was easy—you create art from clay. Although she didn't make it as a nun, she maintains her spirituality by creating beautiful prayer houses and religious totems from clay.

Eugene-based Kenneth Standhart leaves his mark, literally—anywhere from 500 to 5,000 handmade indentations—on his vessels. His one-of-a-kind pieces have been on display at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. and the American Embassy in Thailand, just to name a few.

Natalie Warrens, another Portland-based artist who has been throwing pottery for over 35 years, specializes in creating bright and colorful pieces with her unique, pre-*Portlandia* signature—that's right, a bird—on them. Warrens recently started employing an ancient firing technique using wood, a very Northwest ingredient, in what has rekindled her relationship to her art.

The OPA Ceramic Showcase is the largest annual show and sale of pottery in the nation. With such a diverse group of artists and their varied wares, this event isn't going to pot anytime soon.

April 29-May 1, Fri.-Sat., 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; *Oregon Convention Center*, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; free admission; 503-222-0533 or ceramicshowcase.com.

—BENNIE TAN