

OUT & ABOUT

FRI SEPT 2

Oregon Bears Happy Hour. (5-7:00 p.m., Fox & Hounds, 217 NW 2nd, 21+, No cover!)

SWAGGER all-inclusive body-positive dance class! (6:00 p.m., Center Space Studio, 420 SE 6th, \$8 drop-in, \$35 5 classes, theotherspacelc.com)

Come join the Gay Pride 7s for a **Community Dinner.** (6-8:00 p.m., FOE #2158, 107 E 7th St., Vancouver, \$6 spaghetti dinner)

Portland Black Pride presents **Blackbuster Movie & Game Night.** This month's feature is *Noah's Arc: Jumping the Broom.* (7-11:00 p.m., Pivot, 209 SW 4th)

GO Oregon Bears presents **GAY BASH,** a party to help stop hate crimes. (9:00 p.m., Saratoga, 6710 N Interstate, 21+, \$3 cover, oregonbears.org)

MANTRAP, with DJ Lunchlady. (9:00 p.m., Red Cap Garage, 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

DJ Brandon. (9:00 p.m., Local Lounge, 3536 NE MLK, 21+, No cover!)

Burlesque S'il Vous Plait, a classic burlesque show with a contemporary variety twist! (8:30 p.m., Crush Bar, 1400 SE Morrison, 21+, \$5, BurlesquePlease.com)

Anime gnerds, your time is here with **SPEED UP!! + Kumoricon 2011 Official Pre-Party!** Initial P spins happy hardcore and anime remix tunes to get you psyched up for Kumoricon 2011. Cosplay encouraged! (8:00 p.m., Pop Culture, 1929 Main St., Vancouver, All ages, \$5, diskowarp.com)

Drinking with the Divas! Join Godiva Devine, Honey Bea Hart, and Allie McQueen (along with weekly guest performers) for a night of drinking and debauchery! (10:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+, No cover!)

SAT SEPT 3

Team Portland Tennis hosts the **21st Annual Rose City Open.** Visit teamporland-tennis.org for more info.

The Adventure Group goes on a moderate hike to Elk Cove via Vista Ridge. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (8:00 a.m., 3030 NE Weidler, RSVP to Jack at 503-413-0831)

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)

Bears at the Beach. (Noon, Collins Beach, Sauvie Island, oregonbears.org)

Men's Gardening & Food Sustainability Team. Learn practical skills and tips for fall gardening. (1-3:30 p.m., manifestpdx.org)

Free Rapid HIV Testing for guys into guys. (5-8:30 p.m., Pivot, 209 SW 4th, pivotpdx.org)

GO Join the Rosetown Ramblers for the **First Saturday Square Dance.** Come early for dinner and to learn the moves, then it's time to dance! (6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. lessons, 8:00 p.m. dance, Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd, Milwaukie, Free, iagdc.org/rosetownramblers)

Join the **The Adventure Group** and visitors from outdoors groups from Salem and Vancouver BC in a meet-and-greet. (6:30 p.m., Lucky Lab, 1945 NW Quimby, adventuregroup.org)

GO Drumcore hotties **STLS** perform live with Yellow Fever and Nucular Aminals. (7:30 p.m., Mississippi Studios, 3939 N Mississippi, 21+, \$6 adv/\$8 dos)

Come As You Were: Riot Grrrl Karaoke! (8:00 p.m., The Foggy Notion, 3416 N Lombard, 21+)

Mattachine Social plays Burgerville (!) at a benefit for Defunkt Theatre. (8:00 p.m., Burger-ville, 1122 SE Hawthorne)

Brand New DJ Brad spins with the best lights and sound the Local has had yet! (9:00 p.m., Local Lounge, 3536 NE MLK, 21+, No cover!)

Belinda Carroll Hosts **Hilarious!** (9:00 p.m., Hawthorne Theatre, 1507 SE 39th, 21+, \$5)

GO XXXotica, hosted by Sasha Scarlett, features the hottest drag, burlesque, and fetish performance. (10:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+, No cover!)

Maricon @ Matador, a night for homos and their homeys. (10:00 p.m., Matador, 1967 W Burnside, 21+)

Who are you calling "Miss"? **MRS.** is back, with a vengeance, for all of your queer dance party needs. (10:00 p.m., Mississippi Studios, 3939 N Mississippi, 21+, \$5)

SUN SEPT 4

Team Portland Tennis hosts the **21st Annual Rose City Open.** Visit teamporland-tennis.org for more info.

The Adventure Group goes on a moderate hike to Horsetail-Ponytail-Triple Falls. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9:30 a.m., 3030 NE Weidler, call Ron at 503-737-4177)

The Adventure Group goes kayaking on Scappoose Bay. First-time kayakers welcome. Meet at the Montgomery Park parking lot. (10:00 a.m., 2701 NW Vaughn, call Evan at 503-701-7922)

Bottomless Mimosa Brunch! Get ready for that hang-over medicine, Mary! (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th)

Art in the Pearl Fine Arts & Crafts Festival. (10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., North Park Blocks, NW 8th between Burnside and NW Glisan)

GO Pacific NW Lesbian Author Reading & Chat Session. Come meet seven incredible lesbian Pacific Northwest authors at this reading and Q&A! (2-4:00 p.m., In Other Words, 14 NE Killingsworth, inotherwords.org)

Swimsuit Sundays. A drink tastes better when the bartender is wearing his sexiest swimwear. (3-8:00 p.m., CC Slaughters, 219 NW 3rd, 21+)

Bear Paw Bust! (4-7:00 p.m., Eagle Portland, 835 N Lombard, 21+, oregonbears.org)

GO Queerlandia presents **WERQ FORCE: 8 Parties in 8 Hours.** With DJ sets from Blow Pony, Cafeteria, Gaycation, BENT, Queerlandia, MRS., Maricon, and more! (4:00 p.m., Mississippi Studios, 3939 N Mississippi, 21+, Free!)

The Church of the Poison Mind welcomes all sinners with free food, \$1 shots, and a healthy dose of your favorite Silverado dancers. (4-9:00 p.m., Silverado, 308 SW 3rd, 21+, No cover!)

GO You won't want to miss the 30th Annual **La Femme Magnifique International & La Femme Magnifique Plus International Pageants!** (5:00 p.m., The Portland Ballroom, Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE MLK)

The Capitol Forum presents **Remembering Our Pride in Salem,** a reunion show of all LGBTQ businesses and organizations since Salem's first gay bar Tara's Pub opened in 1975. (7-10:00 p.m., Southside Speakeasy, 3529 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, 21+, No cover!)

La Femme Magnifique After-Party Champagne Reception! (7:00 p.m., CC Slaughters, 219 NW 3rd, 21+, No cover!)

Superstar Divas Mega Show! (8:00 p.m., CC Slaughters, 219 NW Davis, 21+, No cover!)

An Evening with Fred Armisen & Friends. One of those "friends" being Corin Tucker, it would pain me to miss it! (8:00 p.m., The Woods, 6637 SE Milwaukie, 21+, \$20 adv/\$25 dos)

GO Peaches is back in town, and she's dirtier than ever! (9:00 p.m., Rose-land Theater, 8 NW 6th, \$19, peachesrocks.com)

Gaay Aalto Sundays. (10:00 p.m., Aalto Lounge, 3356 SE Belmont, 21+, No cover!)

MON SEPT 5

The Adventure Group goes on a difficult hike up Cooper Spur's cinder shoulder to Tie-In Rock. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9:30 a.m., 3030 NE Weidler, call Aaron at 971-221-0937)



2B Or Not 2B

Portland artist takes a nostalgic look at coming of age in the '80s

With *BURLAP*, Stephen Scott Smith's November 2010 show, the artist examined modern society's relationship with nature. For his follow-up exhibition, *BURLAP 2B*, the Philadelphia native turns to his own nature, seen through the eyes of an adolescent circa the 1980s.

Smith, who's called Portland his "creative home base" for the past seven years, is known for his explorations of identity—sexual and otherwise, and his latest is no exception. Working with wood from the 25-foot, dying Copper Beech tree used in last year's show, he mines similar themes, along with the seven original colors, flashing back through family, pop culture, art, politics and AIDS.

Instead of photographic and internet images of sex, fame, consumerism and privacy—stacked into a sculptural mass—here Smith has rendered seven graphite drawings in 2B pencil. The drawings are accompanied by carved objects from the aforementioned tree, video and large-scale installation, in what makes for a coming-of-age journey—an explicitly time-specific one.

There's a coy whimsy to the juxtaposition of visual textures and generational icons. Army tanks conjure up *G.I. Joe*-era patriotism ("Matty & Stevie"). Ronald Reagan dons a "Star Wars" button ("Ronnie"). A bear—yes, a bear—has a vintage Madonna moment, clad in a "BOY TOY" belt (cover image "Like a Virgin" was Released in 1984").

In short, *BURLAP 2B* is the nostalgic counterpart to its predecessor's all-grown-up treatise on disconnection—and a provocative inward glimpse at the heart of the Me Generation.

Runs through Sat., Oct. 1, Wed.-Sat., noon-6 p.m.; the Mark Woolley Gallery sponsors the show at Breeze Block Gallery, 323 NW Sixth Ave.; 503-318-6228 or breezblockgallery.com.

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