

hopes to gather endorsements and support from equality organizations like Basic Rights Oregon and Planned Parenthood. She said that though she'll be addressing civil rights issues throughout her campaign, her stance on addressing inequality is not limited to behind the podium.

"It's something I've talked about for a long time, so it's a personal issue for me that I would be talking about anyway," Brady said. "I'm excited to use whatever platform I can. It's an opportunity to be outspoken on those issues, and Portland should be leading the way on civil rights."

Eileen Brady holds her first Regional Meet Up Monday, September 19 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Tom's Diner (3871 SE Division St.). For more information about her campaign, visit eileenformayor.com.

OSSCC and GLAPN to Lead Queer History Walking Tour

As part of Portland Pride 2008, the Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest (GLAPN) led a walking tour of important locations for queer history in Downtown Portland for city employees. A similar event was held in June 2009, garnering about 20-30 attendees. Fast forward two years and GLAPN is partnering with the Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition for another installment of the Queer History Walking Tours, to be held Saturday, October 1 as a benefit for OSSCC.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m. outside of Old Town restaurant Hobo's (120 NW Third Ave.), GLAPN president Rob Douglass and GLAPN member Dave Kohl will lead the tour south along Third Avenue. During the early 20th century, this area of Portland was known as the "vice neighborhood," and was the epicenter of the 1912 Portland Vice Clique Scandal. The tour will visit a selection of older Portland gay bars and meeting spots—including the "men only" park at Lownsdale Square (SW Fourth Ave. and Main), which as GLAPN secretary Robin Will relates was a well-established cruising spot for gay teens of the last century.

Although many of these landmarks—particularly the bars—are now gone, Will says the tour isn't about reliving the past.



"The stories are the point of the tours," says Will. "People seem amazed that there is such a thing as pre-Stonewall queer history, and they are interested to know that a queer population flourished under such repressive conditions."

During a tour break back at Hobo's, GLAPN will host a pictorial display and a brief discussion about their important role in preserving Northwest queer history. All proceeds from ticket sales for the tour go to OSSCC, and the organization will describe their campaign to keep schools and communities safe during this intermission.

The second leg of the tour takes attendees to the SW Stark Street area for a glimpse of Portland's more recent queer community history.

"It's good for people to be exposed to this information simply because it moves us out of the 'unmentionable' category," Will says. "It shows us how people survived in adversity."

The Old Town leg of the Queer History Walking Tour is Saturday, October 1 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The SW Stark Street leg runs from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person per tour, and all proceeds go to OSSCC. Tickets are available at oregonsafeschools.org.

Pride Continues to Thrive Throughout Oregon

Pride in Oregon receives a late-summer push with the highly lauded Southern Oregon Pride celebration taking place in Ashland September 30–October 1. The two-day event continues its growth spurt, partly fueled by public support following a mishap during the spring when Medford's Pear Blossom Parade initially denied

SOPride the opportunity to have a float or to march in its event. This year, SOPride is sponsored by the City of Ashland.

Building on the momentum of Prides past, the 2011 festivities include a Kickoff Celebration from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Ashland Armory (208 Oak St.), with KISS FM's DJ Hope keeping bodies on the dance floor, in addition to a fabulous drag performance. Cocktails and hosted hors d'oeuvres are available throughout the evening.

On October 1, SOPride welcomes its vendor booths and displays at Clay Combs Plaza from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At noon, a parade rolls through Main Street in Downtown Ashland, honoring two grand marshals this year in retired Naval Officer Beth Coye, and Ashland Mayor John Stromberg. The Pride festival runs from 1 to 3 p.m. in Lithia Park (59 Winburn Way).

Not to be outdone is the Oregon coast's premier Pride celebration, Iris Pride, which takes place in Lincoln City September 16-18. During the superhero-themed event, attendees are encouraged to dress as their favorite crime fighter and enjoy drag performances by Glamazonia and The Superstar Divas, sit for free caricatures and peruse the local vendors, along with much more throughout the weekend.

Of particular educational interest is a workshop presented by TransActive Education & Advocacy and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). "Of Trucks and Tiaras: Supporting Trans and Gender Non-conforming Children and Youth in Your Community" takes place Sunday, September 18 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Historic Anchor Inn (4417 SW Highway 101). The workshop

will cover tools and tips for how to best support gender non-conforming youth aged 4 to 18.

Tickets to the SOPride Kickoff Celebration are on sale now at Paddington Station and the Music Coop in Ashland for \$20, or \$10 for students and seniors 65 and older. For more information, visit sopride.org. For more on Iris Pride, visit oregon-coast.org/iris-pride-festival or call 800-452-2151.

Community Events

• **Gay & Grey co-sponsors a community conversation event** Saturday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at Friendly House (1737 NW 26th Ave.) called "In Memory of Me." The group planning and resource guide is designed to help plan authentic life celebrations, and will be moderated by Dr. Carol Brownlow.

Guest speakers include Nancy Ward of the Family Funeral Guide and Jeanne Staehli of Funeral Consumers Alliance of Oregon. Light refreshments will be provided.

To register, or for more information, call Friendly House at 503-228-4391, or email knowx3@gmail.com.

• **The third annual Gay Fair on the Square** invades Pioneer Courthouse Square Sunday, September 18 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. The event will feature performances by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus, the Portland Gay Symphonic Band, the Portland Lesbian Choir and Confluence, and will include informational booths and community outreach resources for Portland's LGBTQ community.

For more information about the Gay Fair on the Square, visit pdxgmc.org. This event is free to the public.

• **Members of the Portland Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence serve as bingo callers** for the 19th annual Women for Children fundraiser Friday, September 23 from 7 to 11 p.m.

The event, titled "Hope on the Horizon Bingo Bash," takes place at Wieden+Kennedy (224 NW 13th Ave.), and includes food and drink, entertainment and lots of prizes.

All proceeds go to the Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

For more information, visit womenforchildren.com.

Learn your local LGBTQ history while benefiting Oregon Safe Schools & Communities Coalition!

Queer History Walking Tours

Welcome to a day of living history. In collaboration with GLAPN, the Gay, Lesbian Archives of the Pacific NW, OSSCC will be leading downtown history tours, honoring our community's rich past and remembering those who made our journey possible.

Saturday, October 1st, 2011 at 1:30pm & 4:30pm

Meet outside Hobos, 120 NW 3rd Street

Tickets are \$30

More information and tickets at: OregonSafeSchools.org

