

PABA and Q Center Team Up for New PDX Gay Travel Portal, Seek Logo Submissions

If you think Portland's a gay travel mecca now, just wait. Q Center and the Portland Area Business Association (PABA) announced plans for a new travel portal for Portland's LGBTQ travelers, dubbed QueerNW.com. The collaborative effort is designed to highlight the Rose City and its surrounding areas as a destination spot for vacationing LGBTQ travelers. The launch is scheduled to take place in spring 2012.

The scope of the portal will reportedly be directed at both personal and business travelers. The QueerNW team is led by Marico Fayre of PABA. Committee members include Barbara McCullough-Jones, executive director of the Q Center; Jill Nelson, president of PABA; Bob Baskette, LGBT liaison for Travel Portland; Corey Eubanks, PABA member; and Heather McDaniel, Q Center liaison.

To get things rolling, organizers are seeking submissions from local artists and designers to create a logo or wordmark for the QueerNW.com website and for marketing materials. Interested designers are encouraged to submit their logos and contact information to the QueerNW.com committee by noon on December 31.

Logos will be reviewed in January 2012, and finalists will be selected and notified by January 31. The chosen designer will receive a

\$100 honorarium and promotion on the website and on marketing materials. A complete list of themes and rules for submissions can be found by visiting pdxqcenter.org.

Submissions and questions can be emailed to QueerNW@gmail.com.

Friendly House's Chamberlin Invited to Speak at National LGBT Housing Summit

Coordinators at Portland's Gay & Grey program announced November 30 that Friendly House's director of Services for Seniors and Homeless Families, Mya Chamberlin, was invited to speak at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) LGBT Elder Housing Summit. The summit was held December 7 in Washington, D.C., bringing together advocates and service providers from across the country dedicated to establishing safe housing options for LGBT elders.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Administration on Aging in the Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights convened the summit to address housing, health and long-term care issues for LGBT elders, whom Chamberlin represented on behalf of Gay & Grey (formerly known as the Elder Resource Alliance). Chamberlin shared with other LGBT leaders nationwide the progress and success of



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the effort's housing assessment program and diversity trainings.

The summit was available via webcast on the HUD site (hud.gov).

For your last-minute holiday party options, Gay & Grey hosts its annual soiree Friday, December 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Friendly House (1737 NW 26th Ave.). The party is free and no RSVP is needed.

On December 12, Gay & Grey's Diversity Training team will hold a training recruitment, again at Friendly House, from 1 to 3 p.m. The team is looking for LGBT elder adults and seniors to be trained as facilitators and/or panelists for the group's Diversity Trainings, which take place throughout the year and are given to nursing students, social work students, medical providers, housing providers and more.

Those interested in taking part can contact Lauren at gayandgrey@friendlyhouse.org, or call 503-224-2640.

For more information about Gay & Grey, visit friendlyhouse.org.

Other Community Notes

• Governor Kitzhaber proclaimed the month of December as "Transgender Child Awareness Month" for Multnomah County. The declaration comes on the heels of the City of Portland's similar declaration for the first week of December 2010, becoming the first municipality in the nation to issue such recognition. Multnomah County became the first county in the nation to issue such recognition.

• The results for the 2012 Jose Honorees are in, and two of the six are from our very own Imperial Sovereign Rose Court. Empress Stephanie Foxx and Emperor Shelley Hutchinson each received the highest award given to members of the International Courts System for outstanding accomplishments within the Courts System and in the larger community they live in. The Jose Awards will be presented during San Francisco coronation weekend, February 24, 2012.

• A Facebook page has been created for alums, former members and friends of the now-defunct gay youth group Windfire, as well as for its spin-off group for twentysomethings, the Bridge Club. Windfire was started in the 1980s, and anyone associated with it is encouraged to reconnect via this new group page. Find the group by searching for "Windfire & Bridge Club, Portland OR" on Facebook.

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