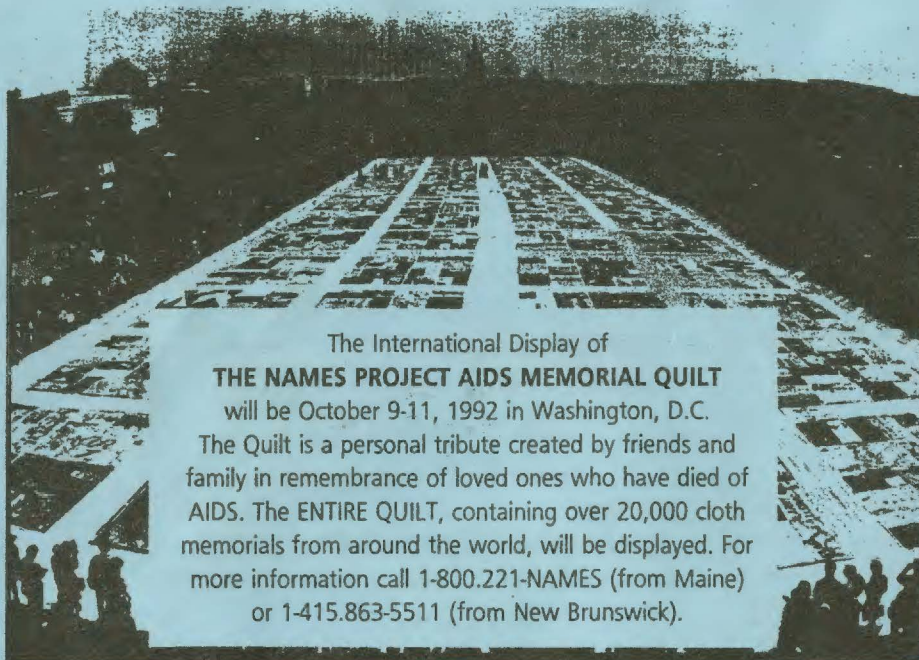


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The International Display of THE NAMES PROJECT AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT

will be October 9-11, 1992 in Washington, D.C.
The Quilt is a personal tribute created by friends and family in remembrance of loved ones who have died of AIDS. The ENTIRE QUILT, containing over 20,000 cloth memorials from around the world, will be displayed. For more information call 1-800.221-NAMES (from Maine) or 1-415.863-5511 (from New Brunswick).

photo: Marc Geller

La Cour d'appel de l'Ontario

LA LOI CANADIENNE SUR LES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE EST INCONSTITUTIONNELLE

Le 6 août 1992, la Cour d'appel de l'Ontario a confirmé un jugement qui avait été rendu lors du procès Birch et Haig, à l'effet que la *Loi canadienne sur les droits de la personne* est inconstitutionnelle puisqu'elle contrevient au principe d'égalité garanti par la *Charte des droits et libertés*. M. Ian Waddell, le porte-

parole néo-démocrate pour les questions relatives à la justice et député de Port Moody-Coquitlam, a mis Mme Kim Campbell au défi de respecter son engagement à modifier la *Loi canadienne sur les droits de la personne* de façon à interdire la discrimination fondée sur l'orientation sexuelle.



SCOTT F. TWEEDIE

September 2, 1962-August 17, 1992

Scott was a member of Northern Lambda Nord between 1981 and 1984. A native of Bridgewater, Maine he attended Mars Hill

High School. In the early '80s, he was selected Mr. Gay Maritimes at a contest in Fredericton. Most recently Scott resided in Sabbathus, Maine with his companion, and was assistant manager at Steego Auto Parts in Lisbon Falls. His death in Lewiston was of complications from AIDS. A memorial service was held in Bridgewater August 22.

CHANGES TO NLN CONSTITUTION RECOMMENDED

The Northern Lambda Nord Steering Committee is recommending significant changes to the organizations's constitution. The document was first adopted June 29, 1980. Since that time Lambda has experienced much growth and many changes. It is to see the group's charter better reflect the realities of today that the Steering Committee decided to review the constitution. At the membership meeting September 20 in Caribou the following changes were recommended:

- replace each reference to gay community with gay-lesbian-bisexual community
- expand the size of the Steering Committee from 6 to 10 people, 7 of whom are elected to specific positions and 3 elected at-large
- adopt guidelines for replacing Steering Committee members mid-term, and for

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Ontario Court of Appeal

CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACT DEEMED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The Ontario Court of Appeal ruled August 6, 1992 that the *Canadian Human Rights Act* was unconstitutional because it did not explicitly protect lesbians, gay men and bisexual people from discrimination. The Commission must now interpret, apply, and administer the Act as though it contained "sexual orientation" as a prohibited ground of discrimination. The Act covers employees and services under federal jurisdiction including the Canadian Forces, banks, railroads, and airlines.



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NLN CONSTITUTION

resigning from the Committee

- nominations to the Steering Committee would be accepted from October 1 through December 1, and elections held by January 1 (usually at the New Year's Eve party) for a one-year term

- general streamlining of the document, including consolidation of ideas and more meaningful words, are also recommended

Those people who buy 1993 memberships at the October 3 membership drive party will receive copies of the 1980 and 1992 Constitutions. Further discussion will take place at the October 25th general membership meeting in Van Buren, and a vote will follow. ▼



Nous Sommes Partout/We Are Everywhere

Zaandam, the Netherlands
15th September 1992

Dear Northern Lambda,
We are an very small Gay group of older people. Are ages are 35 years and up. We are interested in history, culture (music, dance movies), we are visiting exhibitions, archeological areas, zoos and botanical gardens and we makes nice walking through our woods and cities. It would be nice to make contact with other people in the world with the same interest. May be can you help us. The ages are not so important but men knows that we are not interested in dancing, disco's and modern fashion. Beauty is for us not so important. The reel word is dignity. If there is any person which will contact us let us know. May be is it an nice start for an very interesting friendship. We are waiting on your reaction. Thanks in advance, Yours faithfully, J. Bakker, Postbus 1360, 1500 AJ Zaandam (NH), the Netherlands

Traveling? / En Vacance?

If you're future plans include a vacation, check out the information in one of the many travel guides exclusively for the gay & lesbian traveler. Listings include bars, restaurants, accommodations, local phonelines, organizations, and more. The guides listed here are part of the collection in Bibliothèque Lambda, NLN's lending library.

Gayellow Pages, The National Edition, USA & Canada, for gay men & women (1992)

The Damron Road

Atlas '90 includes over 125

color city maps - USA plus Vancouver, Toronto, Montréal and Québec

Bob Damron's

Address Book '90,

USA, Canada, Puerto Rico,

Virgin Islands, Mexico, for

gay men

Spartacus International guide has an entry for most every nation on the planet, for gay men (1991)

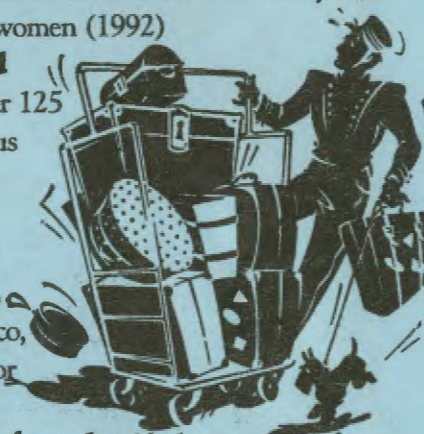
Ferrari's Travel Guides:

Places of Interest, worldwide gay & lesbian guide (1992)

Places for Women (1992)

Places for Men (1992)

INN Places, listing accommodations USA and worldwide (1992) ▼



DID YOU KNOW

RICHARD HATFIELD, former Premier of New Brunswick, was posthumously outed by the *Ottawa Citizen*. Disclosure of his homosexuality first appeared in a piece about how the Canadian press treats the personal side of its politicians. Hatfield's other life was never made public while he lived, although virtually every journalist - and many New Brunswickers - knew about it.

THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA have scored another blow for bigotry. Their supporters have pressured BankAmerica to reverse its earlier decision to cease funding the BSA because of their policy excluding gay youth from becoming scouts, and gay or lesbian parents of scouts from being adult volunteers. BankAmerica was one of three large San Francisco-based firms to stop making donations to BSA chapters in May, 1992, saying the ban violated their corporate giving standards, which bar the firms from making contributions to groups that engage in antigay discrimination. The other firms, Levi Strauss Co. and Wells Fargo Bank, continue to withhold funding from the BSA.

NEW MARITIMES, an independent regional magazine, will publish a special issue focusing on lesbians and gays in the Atlantic provinces. Steven Maynard, editor, is accepting proposals for contributions on lesbian/gay politics and culture in the region. The issue will appear in the late fall. Send submissions by Oct. 15: Steven Maynard, 92 Cornwall Street, Toronto, ON M5A 4K5

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY trumpeted "family values" at its national nominating convention in Houston in August. Special malice was aimed towards the gay and lesbian community by speakers, including Vice-President Dan Quayle: "[We're] told that every so-called life-style alternative is morally equivalent. That is wrong." Conservative columnist and former Republican presidential contender Pat Buchanan declared "cultural war" against gays. Outside, baton-wielding Houston police bashed gay men and lesbians during a rally and march. Gay and lesbian issues have become highly-visible in the campaign between Gov. Bill Clinton (supports the abolishment of the U.S. military ban on gays, and is generally supportive of our issues) and President George Bush (supports the continuation of the ban on gays in the military, and is generally opposed to our issues). ▼

Highlights



OF NLN'S SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Five members present; four of them Steering Committee members.

- ❖ The target to set up the **library** collection in the computer is still November 1. Print-outs of the 1000-volume collection will be available for each member.

- ❖ **Outreach:** Still no reply from the Caribou Unitarian Church re: formation of parents & friends of gays & lesbians group.
- ❖ The **building fund** is up \$29.25 since August.
- ❖ All of the United Way excess office furniture has been dispersed; NLN's inquiry was too late.

- ❖ Two representatives from NLN participated in an orientation for resident hall staff at the University of Maine/Presque Isle. They both felt it went well.

- ❖ NLN participation in the Maine Coalition Against Hate was approved, meaning that Lambda agrees to have its name listed in ads opposing the Jasper Wyman-Maine Christian Civic League drive to require any gay/lesbian-related legislation to be put to a statewide referendum.

- ❖ Members present approved the placement of ads in the Presque Isle, Caribou, and Houlton weeklies, and in the *Aroostook Advertiser*, a free County-wide weekly. Ads will appear every three months for one year.

- ❖ ACAP Family Planning requests advice on their grant application for funding for HIV-prevention services. Some of our recommendations: informational tv ads promoting awareness of availability and cost of anonymous testing; targeting the high-risk teenage population for safer sex and AIDS-awareness information

- ❖ **Activities calendar** was set. There aren't enough locations for gatherings; more people are needed to host events at their homes.

- ☞ **Annual Membership Drive Party** - Sat, Oct 3, 8pm - New Sweden;

- ☞ **Discussion group & pot-luck meal** - Sat, Oct 17, Caribou, suggestion for topic and leader needed;

- ☞ **Monthly meeting** - Sun, Oct 25, 3pm, Van Buren;

- ☞ **Halloween costume party** - Sat, Oct 31, 8pm, Presque Isle

- ☞ **New - "First Friday" event** - Fri, Nov 6, 7-9pm - help sort and arrange the books on the library shelves followed by a movie at 9pm;

- ☞ **Pot Luck Meal** - Sat, Nov 14, location and theme needed;

- ☞ **Candlepin bowling** - Fri, Nov 20, 7pm, Presque Isle lanes;

- ☞ **Monthly meeting** - Sun, Nov 22, 3pm, location needed;

- ☞ **"First Friday" event** - Fri, Dec 4;
- ☞ **Christmas party** - Sat, Dec 19;
- ☞ **New Year's Eve party** - Thurs, Dec 31

The meeting adjourned after 1 hour 15 minutes followed by review of the Constitution which took 1 hour. ▼

BIBLIOTHÈQUE ▼ LAMBDA

Northern Lambda Nord's lending library, Bibliothèque Lambda, contains about 1000 volumes in the collection. Here are five of them:

KEITH HARING: The Authorized Biography, by John Gruen (1991)
Keith Haring was the radiant child of the art world. His life and work were emblematic of the popular culture of the 1980s. What began as rebellious street art became, in a ten-year career, coveted and lauded fine art by decade's end. But less than two months into the nineties, Keith Haring was dead from AIDS. Despite criticisms of his populist approach to art-making and of his overt sexual themes, he produced an outstanding diverse body of work and engendered a huge international public. This is the only authorized book of his amazing life and work.

PARDONNEZ-NOUS NOTRE EXISTENCE: Aspects de l'auto-oppression homosexuelle, par Andrew Hodges et David Hutter (1977), traduit par le Groupe gai de l'Université Laval

L'ultime réussite de toutes les formes d'oppression est l'auto-oppression. L'auto-oppression est atteinte lorsqu'un gai a adopté et intériorisé les définitions du bon et du mauvais avancées par les

"straights". Ce brochure vise à explorer quelques-unes de ces idées et à l'oppression homosexuelle de maintenir son écrasante réussite. Ecrite par des gais pour être lue par des gais, le choix de son sujet montre qu'elle est constamment critique.

WITH DOWNCAST GAYS: Aspects of homosexual self-oppression, by Andrew Hodges and David Hutter (1977)

The ultimate success of all forms of oppression is our self-oppression. Self-oppression is achieved when the gay person has adopted and internalised straight people's definition of what is good and bad. This booklet aims to explore some of these ideas and to explain how, by oppressing ourselves, we allow homosexual oppression to maintain its overwhelming success. Written by gays to be read by gays, its choice of subject means that it is critical throughout.

RELATIVELY NORMA, by Anna Livia

Minnie, London lesbian feminist, flies to Australia to come out to her family, only to find her mother rebelling against the constraints

of motherhood, her foster sister struggling with nostalgia for an adoptive father and a growing love for women, while her little sister seeks solace in food.

HOMOSEXUALITIES AND FRENCH LITERATURE: Cultural Contexts/ Critical Texts, edited and with an introduction by George Stambolian & Elaine Marks (1979)

How significant a role does homosexuality play in the work of an individual writer? Is there a homosexual imagination, a creative impulse that can be described as distinctly homosexual? What effect have the women's and gay liberation movements had on the context of literary discussion? These six interviews and 15 essays offer a diversity of perspectives on the relationship of homosexuality - as a literary, social, psychological, and political phenomenon - to the rich corpus of French literature and critical theory. (Some of the authors in essay titles include Honoré de Balzac, André Gide, Jean Genet, Arthur Rimbaud, Paul Verlaine, Jean Cocteau, Marcel Jouhandeau, and Jean-Paul Sartre.) ▼

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CONSIDERED SAFE:

Mutual masturbation, Hugging/body rubbing, Massage, Social (dry) kissing, Fantasy, Light S/M (without bleeding or bruising), Sex toys (when used only on yourself)

CONSIDERED POSSIBLY SAFE:

Anal or vaginal intercourse with a condom, French (wet) kissing, Sucking (but stopping before climax), Watersports (external only), Cunnilingus

CONSIDERED UNSAFE:

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NEWS & FEATURES in this issue were from: *GO Info* (Ottawa), *The ADVOCATE* (Los Angeles), *Activist Alert* (Washington, DC), and *Centrefold* magazine. ▼

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MAILING
LABEL ON
THE
ENVELOPE!

- If you're a Northern Lambda Nord member ("MEM") and your mailing label number is 9251 or lower, your membership will expire September 30, 1992. If your number is 9252 or higher, you purchased your membership during the summer, and so it won't expire until September 30, 1993.
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BUILDING FUND

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Merci! Thanks!
to NLN members Randy A. from South
Northampton, New Brunswick, and Randy
M. from Hartford, Connecticut for their
generous contributions to the Building Fund.

The NLN Building Fund is designed to raise money for a community center for this region. The center would house the phoneline, library, office, meeting space, and party space. Since NLN is a 501(c)3 group, all donations are tax-deductible on federal U.S. income tax; merely ask for a receipt. Donations of any amount - U.S. or Canadian funds - are appreciated. ▼

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AROOSTOOK AREA GAY/LESBIAN AA GROUP meets Sundays, 7pm (Maine time) in Madawaska. Groupe bilingue/bilingual group. Call 207.498-2088 to make contact

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ACT UP/BANGOR POB 1554, 04402-1554, 947-3947

AIDS/SIDANew Brunswick 800.561-4009
AIDSLine/Maine 800.851-AIDS - Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Mon & Wed till 7:30pm

AM CHOFSI Maine Jewish group, meets monthly; POB 5017, Portland 04101, 207.871-1014 (Bob) or 833-6004 (Susan)

APEX: A Point of Departure, published monthly by Phoenix Press, POB 4743, Portland 04412
DIGNITY/MAINE Catholic group, POB 8113, Portland 04104

EASTERN MAINE AIDS NETWORK POB 2038, Bangor 04401-2038, 990-EMAN

FREDERICTON LESBIANS & GAYS (FLAG) POB 1556, Station A E3B 5G2, 457-2156 (Mon & Thurs 6-9pm)

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MAINE BISEXUAL PEOPLE'S NETWORK POB 10772, Portland 04104

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OUR PAPER: A Voice for Lesbians and Gaymen in Maine, published monthly, 9 Deering Street, POB 10744, Portland 04104, 761-0733

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OUTRIGHT CENTRAL MAINE for age 22 & younger, every Fri, 7:30pm 1st Unitarian Church, Pleasant St, Auburn; POB 802, Auburn 04212, 800.339-4042

OUTRIGHT TOO Bangor area Gay-Lesbian Bisexual youth group, c/o POB 212, Bangor 04401

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