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**THE  
(F)AMILY (A)FFAIRS (N)EWSLETTER**

**FORWARD THIS OR PASS IT AROUND  
TO AS MANY GLBTI-FAMILY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE.  
THE MORE FOLKS WHO TAKE PART, THE BETTER.**

**1 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:**

**(NEWS #1:)** An Evening With Lily Tomlin to benefit Maine Won't Discriminate, at Merrill Auditorium in Portland. See SEP 8 below.

**(NEWS #2:)** Party for Equal Rights. Bangor. See SEP 16 below.

**(NEWS #3:)** Have you ever wanted to learn quilting? See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category.

**(NEWS #4:)** Raise The Roof & Cookout Party. See SEP 11 below.

**(NEWS #5:)** Well, in what has got to be the shortest-running feature of The FAN, the THINKING CAP category is now gone, since no one felt moved to respond to Question # 2 !! C'est la vie!

**(REMINDERS #1:)** You can help the newsletter by sending me notices of upcoming GLBTI-related activities that you hear about in your area. Trust me, I would rather receive the same notice from 8 people than have everyone assume that I know about it and miss the chance to tell other GLBTI family members. Email [megress@tds.net](mailto:megress@tds.net)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*This category is for non-social notices about GLBTI community members that you think other GLBTI community members might like to know about...things like: births, deaths, adoptions, commitments, graduations, promotions, new jobs, awards, shows, ongoing classes, trying-to-start-a-group, etc.*

**Beginner's Quilt Classes.** Classes are held in Madison. Sign up to start this fall. Learn the basics of machine quilting. Your classes can run as long as it takes you to complete your project. You need to supply yourself with materials needed. I will teach you to measure, cut, and sew your quilt. Creating something you can be proud of can be lots of fun. Use of sewing machine available at an extra fee per class. You can arrange day or evening classes. FMI and pricing contact Brenda at 696-4967.

**Parents with young children gathering.** Hello, I am a single lesbian parent with a 6 month old looking for other GLBTI parents with young children (possibly infant to age 3 or older) to get together, either with or without the children, in Bangor or other nearby places. The structure of the gatherings will depend on the needs/wishes of those folks who want to participate. If there is anyone willing to help me organize this and get some people together to try it out, I would be grateful. Some activities I was thinking about were possibly: a picnic/BBQ in a park, arts and crafts day, meeting at the Discovery Museum or finding a quiet place just to hang out. You can contact me via email at [beth\\_stepone@hotmail.com](mailto:beth_stepone@hotmail.com) Thanks!

**EVENTS:**

• **SEP 1 (Thursday), Bangor, Native American GLBTI support/friendship group, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St.** This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (whether Native American or not). Individuals are encouraged to bring a snack or drink. One of our goals is to create a circle of friends to share stories, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Wednesday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI

contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email [nativeglbti@wmconnect.com](mailto:nativeglbti@wmconnect.com)

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\* **SEP 2 (Friday)**, Rockport, Greater Belfast/Camden/Rockland Area **social/support group for lesbians over 40**. From 6:30-8:30 pm FMI and meeting place contact Pat at 763-3115 or at [patput@midcoast.com](mailto:patput@midcoast.com)

\* **SEP 3 (Saturday)**, Acadia National Park, **day hike up Day Mountain**. (This is an easy hike.) Dogs are welcome. Those folks who want to gather afterwards for dinner somewhere in Bar Harbor. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at [megress@tds.net](mailto:megress@tds.net)

\* **SEP 4 (Sunday)**, Belfast, 9:00 - 11:00 am, group **planning meeting for the lesbian retirement home**. Group will meet at Virginia's place in downtown Belfast. FMI/location/directions etc. contact Gabrielle at [gabrielle@prexar.com](mailto:gabrielle@prexar.com) or call Virginia at 338-1729

\* **SEP 4 (Sunday)** Augusta, 4 - 6 p.m., **Transcare2000 Social Support Group, for transgendered individuals**, their families, friends, partners and interested professionals age 18 or older. This is a moderated group to provide non-sexual social time to explore gender in a safe environment. Donations asked to help defray the cost of room rental. FMI contact Marty at 582-8779 or at [martyrnc@earthlink.net](mailto:martyrnc@earthlink.net)

\* **SEP 5 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444

\* **SEP 7 (Wednesday)** Belfast, **Belfast Outright** meets from 4 - 6 pm. (For GLBTQI youths and allies ages 15-22). FMI call Carolyn at 273-3444.

\* **SEP 8 (Thursday)**, Portland, **An Evening With Lily Tomlin**, at Merrill Auditorium, to benefit Maine Won't Discriminate. Tickets ARE limited. Call Merrill Auditorium at 842-0800 or visit the box office on Congress St. for tickets today! Several different packages are available:  
 ---The All Things Lily Package - Love Lily? This special offer includes one premium seat for the 8:00 p.m. show, entrance to a private reception following the show at 9:30 p.m., a chance to meet Lily, hors d'oeuvres & drinks! Tickets are limited; call now to benefit NO on 1! 842-0800 \$150

---The Late Night Lily - Already bought your ticket to see Lily at Merrill? You can still come to the private reception with Lily at 9:30 p.m. following the show to benefit Maine Won't Discriminate! Includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and time with Lily! 774-3100 \$100

---The Quick Fix - Buy your ticket for just the show, mention MWD and \$5 of every ticket sale will benefit the NO on 1 campaign! Enjoy the best of Lily Tomlin while helping to end discrimination in Maine! Call Merrill today to reserve your tickets while they last! 842-0800 \$53.50 up  
 Maine Won't Discriminate is a bi-partisan campaign to say NO to discrimination on November 8th. For more information visit us at [www.MaineWontDiscriminate.com](http://www.MaineWontDiscriminate.com) or call 774-3100.

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\* **SEP 9 (Friday)**, Bangor, **Lesbians Over 40 Happy Hour**, 5-7 pm. Interested in meeting other lesbians over 40? Let's meet for happy hour at the Lounge in the Four Points Sheraton at the Bangor airport. Parking is free with validation at the lounge. Nice lounge, quiet atmosphere, not too many people, and there is a pool table. What do you have to lose? Meet new friends. Hope to see you there. FMI contact Linda at 827-0061 or email [linjoy4joy@yahoo.com](mailto:linjoy4joy@yahoo.com)

\* **SEP 10 (Saturday)**, Belfast, 6:00-ish to 8:30-ish, **lesbian potluck**. Join us for the Second Saturday Supper Gatherings at Virginia's place, a third floor walkup in downtown Belfast. FMI and/or directions call Virginia at 338-1729 or email [atbay@midmaine.com](mailto:atbay@midmaine.com)

\* **SEP 11 (Sunday)** Franklin, all day, **Raise The Roof & Cookout Party**, at Barbara & Rae's place. We are putting a new roof on the house and are looking for help. If you can climb a ladder and hit a nail, or work the grill, we would appreciate the help. Come over anytime there's daylight. **Please RSVP** at 565-3181 or email Rae at [reaurban@hotmail.com](mailto:reaurban@hotmail.com) so we know how much food to have, for directions, or if you have any questions. As the Amish say, more hands make less work. We will have plenty of great food!

\* **SEP 11 (Sunday)**, Bangor, **Club Detour presents the Starlight Performers in "Rememberance"**. As we all know the day of September 11, 2001 will remain in the minds and hearts of all Americans through all of time. There were thousands of organizations and individuals assisted in the disaster and one such organization is still working with families and children of those who were lost. Proceeds from this show will go to benefit the American Red Cross. Let's all come together and remember those who were lost, and celebrate what we still have. Let's join together on September 11 for "Rememberance". The doors will open at 8 pm, and the show will start at 9:30. Club Detour is located at 611 B Wilson Street in Brewer, across from Linnehan's Credit Now, on the corner of Sparks Avenue and Wilson Street. Everyone is invited and welcomed.

\* **SEP 12 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444

\* **SEP 12 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.

\* **SEP 14 (Wednesday)** Ellsworth Area, **Gay Guyz Group (GGG) Potluck Dinner**, 6-9 pm-ish at various locations in the greater Ellsworth Area. FMI and to get directions and time contact Wayne at [wayne@mrlanguage.com](mailto:wayne@mrlanguage.com)

\* **SEP 14 (Wednesday)** Bangor, **Maine Eat-Out Project**, 6:30 pm. Join our group every other month for dinner at different area restaurants.

The September MEOP will be held at The Pizza Hut on Broadway (near the Salvation Army and McDonalds restaurant). **Reservations are needed.** FMI or to reserve contact Jean at 862-2063 or email [megress@tds.net](mailto:megress@tds.net) no later than Tuesday, September 13.

\* **SEP 15 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (whether Native American or not). Individuals are encouraged to bring a snack or drink. One of our goals is to create a circle of friends to share stories, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Wednesday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email [nativeglbti@wmconnect.com](mailto:nativeglbti@wmconnect.com)

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\* **SEP 16 (Friday)**, Bangor, **Party for Equal Rights**, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, at the home of Suzanne Brunner, 49 Sixteenth St. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 14th by calling 947-6274.** Additional info about the party is available at [www.mainewontdiscriminate.com/brunner](http://www.mainewontdiscriminate.com/brunner)

\* **SEP 17 (Saturday)**, Mt. Desert Island, **Full-Moon Beach-Lounge**. Those who want to can join up to do dinner somewhere in Bar Harbor beforehand, and then we can drive to Sand Beach, put out blankets, and sit and chat under the light of the moon. Twilight ends at 7:08 pm, moon rises at 6:41 pm. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at [megress@tds.net](mailto:megress@tds.net)

\* **SEP 19 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444

\* **SEP 19 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.

\* **SEP 22 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (whether Native American or not). Individuals are encouraged to bring a snack or drink. One of our goals is to create a circle of friends to share stories, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Wednesday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email [nativeglbti@wmconnect.com](mailto:nativeglbti@wmconnect.com)

\* **SEP 23 (Friday)**, Bangor, **Lesbians Over 40 Happy Hour**, 5-7 pm. Interested in meeting other lesbians over 40? Let's meet for happy hour at the Lounge in the Four Points Sheraton at the Bangor airport. Parking is free with validation at the lounge. Nice lounge, quiet atmosphere, not too many people, and there is a pool table. What do you have to lose? Meet new friends. Hope to see you there. FMI contact Linda at 827-0061 or email [linjoy4joy@yahoo.com](mailto:linjoy4joy@yahoo.com)

\* **SEP 23 (Friday)** Rockland, **Rainbow Family Potlucks**, 6 pm, at the First Universalist Church at 345 Broadway in Rockland. The Rainbow Family includes LGBTIQ people and their family, friends, and allies. These gatherings provide the opportunity for us to gather as a community, to enjoy each other's company over a great meal, and to share information. Please come and bring a friend. If you would like to be on our email list to be notified of future events, or if you have questions, email Annie and Lucie at [lbak@att.net](mailto:lbak@att.net). See you there!

\* **SEP 26 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444

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\* **SEP 30 - OCT 2 (Friday-Sunday)**, Augusta, the semi-annual Gay Men Together (GMT) gathering. Every spring and fall GMT hosts about 80 guys in central Maine, creating an opportunity for men to come together and celebrate being gay, unfettered, alive, and without shame. Registrations are now being accepted for GMT Fall 2005. FMI check the web site at <http://www.gaymentogogether.net> or email Mark at [gaymentogogether@comcast.net](mailto:gaymentogogether@comcast.net)

\* **SEP 30 (Friday)**, Brewer, **"Dining With The First Timers"**, a benefit for the Howard Foundation. Enjoy social time, a silent auction, dinner, and a show...all to help the Howard Foundation. This will be at Jeff's Catering, on Coffin Ave, in Brewer. The social and silent auction hour is from 6-7 pm. Dinner will be 7-8:15 pm, and the show will be from 8:30-11 pm. Tickets at \$20/single or \$35/couple. The show will feature performers doing what they are doing for the First Time: being on stage, doing their acts, and (for some of them) being dressed in fashion you are not accustomed to seeing them in! The President and Vice-president have stepped up to the plate for this one. It promises to be a fun-filled evening with lots of laughter! FMI contact Dan at 942-9319 or [knead2@netscape.com](mailto:knead2@netscape.com)

## **BUSINESSES**

### **(NEW LISTINGS OF GLBTI-OWNED BUSINESS and GLBTI BUSINESS INDIVIDUALS):**

*The complete directory-to-date of folks who have asked to be listed is available on request. Also, it will be emailed to everyone next on September 15. If you are a GLBTI business owner or an "out" GLBTI business person associating with a non-GLBTI-owned business (within a 50 mile radius of Bangor) who wants a free listing, then contact me. I'm Jean at [megress@tds.net](mailto:megress@tds.net) or at 862-2063.*

## **ARTISTS:**

Gillyin Gatto

Gillyin Gatto Woodcuts  
 Kennebec Workshop  
 9 Bobcat Path  
 Machias, ME 04654  
 ph: 207-255-4515  
 email: [gillying@maineline.net](mailto:gillying@maineline.net)  
 web: [www.rst-art.com/gattowoodcuts.htm](http://www.rst-art.com/gattowoodcuts.htm)

Original hand-carved and hand-printed woodcuts of women, wildlife, and people working in Maine, by homesteader/writer/lesbian artist.

#### **REAL ESTATE:**

Dwight Wass, realtor  
 PO Box 5  
 Lincolnville Beach, ME 04849  
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 email: [campmee@yahoo.com](mailto:campmee@yahoo.com)  
 web: [www.lincolnvillerealestate.net](http://www.lincolnvillerealestate.net)

Dwight Wass GRI Realtor/Broker is the designated broker of Lincolnville Real Estate and offers over twenty years of experience representing buyers and sellers.

#### **GLBTI COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:**

**The Charles O. Howard Foundation** promotes education about diversity, acceptance, and tolerance. The foundation organizes a number of social events throughout the year to help raise funds for its work. Friendly volunteers are always needed. FMI check the web sites at [www.charlesohoward.org](http://www.charlesohoward.org) or at [www.mainevoices.org](http://www.mainevoices.org)

**Equality Maine**, has been providing education and legislative advocacy for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities since 1984. It sponsors a variety of social and legislative educational events each year and is always looking for volunteers and new members. If you're not a member, you should be. FMI contact Equality Maine at 207-761-3732 or toll free at 1-800-556-5472. Their email address is [info@equalitymaine.org](mailto:info@equalitymaine.org) and the web site is [www.equalitymaine.org](http://www.equalitymaine.org)

**Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN)**. To promote the safety and well-being of all students and teachers in our schools, without regard to sexual orientation. We undertake to educate and train school personnel, and to reach out to students who may be questioning their sexual orientation or who know that they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. We are teachers, parents, school administrators, counselors, and other interested citizens; men and women, gay and straight, working together. FMI contact the Downeast Maine Chapter at PO Box 373, Ellsworth, ME 04605. OR phone 244-3837 or 667-2358. OR check the local web site at [www.bridgesofrespect.net](http://www.bridgesofrespect.net) OR check the national web site at [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)

**Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)**. Based in Boston, GLAD is New England's leading legal rights organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. GLAD's legal victories in Maine have addressed HIV discrimination, harassment of gay students, co-guardianship rights for same-sex parents, domestic partner benefits and more. Mainers can call GLAD's free, confidential hotline from 1:30 - 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday, at 1-800-455-4523 to receive legal information, resources, and referrals to lawyers in Maine. Mainers can also visit GLAD's website to read more about the law in Maine and to download publications about your rights at <http://me.glad.org> FMI contact GLAD's Maine Outreach Coordinator, Stephen Farrand, at [sfarrand@glad.org](mailto:sfarrand@glad.org) or at 899-9488.

**Howard Foundation**. This is a foundation dedicated to building a permanent scholarship endowment for high school seniors and post secondary students. The foundation focuses on students who are entering any profession that promotes diversity and a better understanding of differences in people within our communities. Guidelines for allotting the scholarships are presently being formulated. A second goal for the foundation is to establish a 3-day festival called "Multi-Cultural Days - Bangor" which will be open to every ethnic/cultural group in Maine with a focus on education, food, music/entertainment, dancing, and inspirational speakers. People interested in being on the Planning Committee, or being involved in any way, can contact Dan Williams at 942-9319 or at [knead2@netscape.com](mailto:knead2@netscape.com)

**Mainely Bears** is a social group in Maine for gay bears and their admirers. Most of our events are held in the Mid-Coast and Downeast areas from Brunswick to Camden, Belfast, Waterville, Bangor, Ellsworth, Bar Harbor, to Machias. FMI regarding Mainely Bears, contact [bgrbear@hotmail.com](mailto:bgrbear@hotmail.com) OR write to us at Mainely Bears, PO Box 8318, Bangor, ME 04402-8318 OR check the web site at [www.mainelybears.com](http://www.mainelybears.com) for upcoming activities.

**Northern Maine Pride** works to promote pride within our community and diversity and acceptance outside our community. They sponsor a variety of social and pride events during the year and are always looking for new members and volunteers to help with planning and organizing. Meetings are held every Monday at 7 pm. FMI call Rob at 327-1009 OR [www.northernmainepride.com](http://www.northernmainepride.com) OR email [robntp@wmconnect.com](mailto:robntp@wmconnect.com)

**Transcare 2000** provides transsexual education, professional educational seminars, group moderation, counseling, and referrals for the trans community. Private duty nursing care and consultations by a registered nurse for post-operative transsexuals. Presentations on "Post Operative Transsexuals, a Study of Integration." FMI contact Marty at [martyrnc@earthlink.net](mailto:martyrnc@earthlink.net) OR at 582-8779 OR check the web site at <http://www.transcare2000.com>

#### **LIVING SPACE RENTALS:**

*If you are a GLBTI family member who has a living space (room, apartment, house/apartment sharing) that you would like to rent to another GLBTI family member, OR if you are a GLBTI family member looking for a living space to rent from another GLBTI family member, then this*

is the category to post to. Send your listings to me, Jean, at [megress@tds.net](mailto:megress@tds.net)

**Augusta, rooms for rent in private home.** Private 2nd floor bedroom & living room (furnished) in a quiet West End neighborhood. Rent includes heat, hot water, electricity, TV, cable, high speed internet, semi-shared bathroom, full use of kitchen, use of porch and fenced yard, off street parking, easy access to highway. No pets, no smoking. We are a lesbian couple looking to rent to one quiet, clean lesbian. Rent is \$550/month with a \$550 deposit and a negotiable 12-month lease. Space is available on 08/15/05. FMI contact Connie at [conniep@adelphia.net](mailto:conniep@adelphia.net)

**Augusta, housing or housemates wanted.** Housing needed for lesbian with two dogs -- sweet, clean, and well-behaved (the dogs are, too!) I'm looking for a place in the Augusta area for the beginning of September. Please call Eileen at 441-2785 or email [hearne@natisp.com](mailto:hearne@natisp.com)

**Augusta, apartments for rent.** Great location, gay manager, pet friendly, 2 or 3 bedroom apartments in very quiet building. Get a \$100 discount on your first month's rent. FMI call Natty at 207-623-5090 or cell at 441-7701.

**Bangor, apartment for rent.** 1 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, small office, bath. Mid-town, first floor, near bus route. No smoking, no dogs. References and lease needed. Rent is \$550/month plus utilities. Available September 1st. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at [megress@tds.net](mailto:megress@tds.net)

**Bangor, house rental wanted.** I am looking to rent a house somewhere in Bangor. I have 2 cats who are housebroken and very clean. Minimum requirements: two bedroom, price range \$550.00 - \$750.00. Contact Gary at [gm1956@adelphia.net](mailto:gm1956@adelphia.net)

**Belfast, a variety of downtown offerings to rent.** Contact Virginia at [atbay@midmaine.com](mailto:atbay@midmaine.com) OR at 338-1729.

**Bridgton, apartment for rent.** One bedroom, kitchen, bath, living room (with fieldstone fireplace), off-street parking, close to town. 45 minutes to Portland, 25 minutes to Windham. No pets, no smokers. Rent \$800/month includes heat, hot water, electricity. FMI contact Merle at [wailmerle@verizon.net](mailto:wailmerle@verizon.net)

**Eddington, housemates wanted.** Looking for gay, bi, gay-friendly professional and/or graduate students only to share large, furnished home in Eddington. Wide pine floors, living room, dining room, large kitchen, fireplaces, storage, and enough other rooms for each of 3 tenants to have two private rooms each. Very comfortable. No pets, drugs, or heavy drinking. Smokers OK if you smoke outside. Free use of hot tub, ping pong table, washer and dryer, 36 inch cable TV, Only 20-25 minutes to the UMaine campus. The rent for each person would be \$425/month plus utilities. Security deposit, lease, and references from the last place you lived. Available June 15th, 2005. FMI contact Scott at [chefguy@adelphia.net](mailto:chefguy@adelphia.net)

**Fairfield, house sharing available.** Professional male seeks same to help me with expenses by sharing my home in Fairfield. Must love my 3 small dogs! Call Steve at 453-7401 for details or interviews.

**Lincolnton, house for rent.** On Levenseller Pond. One bedroom downstairs. Open loft. Wood stove and gas monitor heater. Large porch. Screen house down by the pond. New dock. Plenty of space to garden. Twelve minutes to Camden or Belfast. \$600/month plus utilities. FMI contact Pat at 763-3115.

**Montville, roommate wanted.** Large home in Montville, easy commute to Belfast, Augusta, Waterville, Camden, Rockland. Entire upstairs available (two large rooms), share kitchen and living room, two downstairs bathrooms. On dirt road, organic garden, fireplace, and lots of stars at night. I am a neat, clean, older, quiet lesbian. Rent \$500/month plus half of electricity. FMI call Marcy at 589-4177.

**Orland, room for rent.** Mature gay man looking for someone similar to rent space in my home. There would be a private bedroom and bath, and communal space which includes kitchen, dining room, and living room. I am looking for a congenial, responsible, single man, a non-smoker, who would respect the house and the relationship and perhaps share some of the home duties. No pets as I already have a cat. Cost would be \$350/month. FMI call Jim at 469-2612.

**Portland, room for rent.** Bedroom in large 3-bedroom Victorian apartment in USM neighborhood. Share apartment with lesbian-feminist author. Quiet house, great neighbors, fab landlord. \$400 includes heat and hot water. Basement, two porches. No pets, no drugs, no smoking. References. Available in August. FMI contact Carolyn at 774-4231.

#### **PERSONALS:**

No personals this issue.

#### **SELL/BUY/TRADE/GIVE:**

*If you're trying to sell/buy something, want to trade for something else, or have something to give away, this is the category to post to. The FAN makes no guarantees about anything listed here, we simply provide the free listing as a service.*

**For Sale.** Troy Built, "Horse" model, roto-tiller (1979). Still runs good. \$500. FMI contact Mike at [polarpops@verizon.net](mailto:polarpops@verizon.net)

#### **SOCIAL GROUPS (MORE THAN 50-MILES FROM BANGOR):**

**COASTAL WOMEN'S CONNECTION.** A women's social group that covers the coastal area from about Brunswick to Portland. Dances, BBQs, softball, camping, potlucks, etc. FMI and to get on mailing list contact Betsy at [giftedhantz@hotmail.com](mailto:giftedhantz@hotmail.com)

**LAVENDER LETTERS.** A snail mail newsletter for lesbian-identified women in the Washington County (Machias) area. FMI and to get on the

mailing list contact Gillyin at Lavender Letters, 9 Bobcat Path, Machias, ME 04654

**SEACOAST SAPPHOS.** A women's social group that covers the area from about Portland to Portsmouth. Dances, BBQs, potlucks, concerts, etc. FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Cherie at [seacoastsapphos@yahoo.com](mailto:seacoastsapphos@yahoo.com) or check the web site at [www.seacoastsapphos.org](http://www.seacoastsapphos.org)

**SINGLE OLDER LESBIAN ORGANIZATION (SOLO).** A group for single, older (45 years and up), lesbian-identified women, in the general midcoast Maine area (Bath to Damariscotta). FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Kathy at [naturalpet@suscom-maine.net](mailto:naturalpet@suscom-maine.net) or check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/sololesbians/>

**SOLO-N-FRIENDS.** A loosely organized women's group which often meets for restaurant meals and social conversation. We also do a variety of different activities that are of interest to those who attend. Solo-N-Friends is made up of the members of SOLO and women-loving-women (lesbian, bi, trans) of any age, whether single or partnered. We serve the general midcoast Maine area (Bath to Damariscotta). FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Janet at [janet@4footloose.com](mailto:janet@4footloose.com) or check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/lesbians04/>

#### **THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW OF THE FAMILY AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER.**

All communications to FAMILY AFFAIRS should be sent to [megress@tds.net](mailto:megress@tds.net) (Be sure to include the words "family affairs" in the subject line).

#### **WHAT IS "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?**

FAMILY AFFAIRS is a free, twice-a-month, social activities newsletter for the GLBTI (gay/les/bi/trans/intersexed) community. It is sent out on the 1st and 15th of each month. It is centered in Bangor and covers a 50 mile radius around the city.

#### **WHO CAN SUBMIT NOTICES TO "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?**

Anyone! This is your chance to organize your own activities and get some GLBTI-family company for those fun and interesting things you'd like to do. Do you want to host a potluck, attend a concert, or have someone to join you on that bus tour to Boston? Are you looking for someone to join you at the hockey or baseball games, for hiking, or to go to that special art exhibit? Are you looking for canoeing, golfing, camping, or fishing partners? This is the best place to look. Think up something fun to do, organize it, and let us know about it....it's easy!

#### **CAN I ORGANIZE AN ACTIVITY THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE "EVERYONE" ?**

Yes. People who want to organize an activity for the GLBT and/or l community are free to set whatever requirements or restrictions they want to on the activity they're organizing. If you want to organize a "women only" camping trip, a "men only" drumming night, a "youth from age 18-24 only" dance, or a day trip to a water park for GLBTI "couples with children", that would be fine.

#### **CAN I POST A SOCIAL ITEM THAT'S NOT GLBTI FOCUSED?**

But of course! Not everyone who watches women's basketball is a lesbian! If you want to organize an activity around something that is "mostly-straight-but-GLBTI-friendly", then do it!

#### **HOW DO I GET ONTO OR OFF THE MAILING LIST ?**

Just email me and ask to be put on (or taken off) the list: [megress@tds.net](mailto:megress@tds.net)

#### **CAVEATS:**

All newsletters are emailed BCC, and the email list is not given out to anyone. Still, keep in mind that while this newsletter is for the GLBTI community, not everyone on the mailing list may be a "family" member. People ask to be put on the list and I put them on. There is no interview process or attempt to verify "queer" status. It's up to you to behave appropriately for whatever level of anonymity/security you feel you need.