



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

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TO AS MANY GLBTI-FAMILY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE.
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1 APRIL 2007

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) WOW!! There are a LOT of things going on in the next month and a half! Since this is the only newsletter you'll get until May 1 (remember, I'll be away and won't be able to send out an APR 15 issue), you should make sure to read this issue carefully so you don't miss any of the great events.

(NEWS #1:) PRIDE WEEK UMAINE MACHIAS. See the details for their two open-to-the-public shows at APR 4 and APR 5 below.

(NEWS #2:) Workshop on lesbian health. See the listing below at APR 5.

(NEWS #3:) Participate in either of two focus groups to help improve access to lesbian healthcare resources. See the listings below at APR 9 and APR 19.

(NEWS #4:) PRIDE WEEK AT USM. The University of Southern Maine PRIDE Weeks is April 9 - 21. Events and information will be available at the web site at www.usm.maine.edu/gltbqa/events.htm

(NEWS #5:) UMO PRIDE WEEK. Actually, it's a week and a half. Lots of fun events at the University of Maine in Orono! Check out the listings below on APR 11 through APR 22

(NEWS #6:) Media Team Members Wanted by Equality Maine and GLAD. Two free training session will be taking place. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category and the listings for APR 11 and APR 26.

(NEWS #7:) Youth Activism Gathering. See the listing at APR 14-16 below.

(NEWS #8:) Unity College, Day of Silence Celebration (concert & workshop). See the listing below at APR 18.

(NEWS #9:) Women's Dance. See the listing below at APR 21.

(NEWS #10:) Boston Gay Men's Chorus in Maine! Part of the UMO PRIDE Week celebrations. See the listing at APR 22.

(NOTES #1:) Professional Conference on adolescent sexuality (with a focus on GLBT issues). See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category.

(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@gwi.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.

1. Media Team Members Wanted! We Need Your Voice. Do you think we need better representation of LGBT people in the media? Have you ever thought of writing a letter to the editor of your local paper about an LGBT issue, but don't know where to start? Or what to write? Join the EqualityMaine/GLAD Media Team and help us make sure LGBT Mainers' voices are heard. We will be offering two Media Trainings: in Portland, Wednesday evening, April 11, and in Bangor, Thursday evening, April 26th. The EqualityMaine/GLAD Media Team will give you the tools to help promote our stories and opinions in media throughout the state. We are committed to the idea that no news article or opinion piece undermining the rights of LGBT couples and families will go unanswered.

As a Media Team member, you will: Get tips about how to draft a letter to the editor; Receive regular email Media Alerts about LGBT news stories in Maine, and talking points to help you write letters; Help us find the everyday stories of your LGBT friends and neighbors that can help Mainers understand our fight for equality; Commit as much or as little time to the Media Team as you can; Receive updates about the Media Team's successes!

Please join us on Wednesday, April 11th in Portland or on Thursday, April 26th in Bangor (times and locations to be announced soon.) FMI please email Darlene at dhuntress@equalitymaine.org or call 761- 3732 ext. 3004. We're fighting for equality in Maine. But we can't do it without your help.

2. A Solo Art Exhibit "Emergence", showcasing abstract multimedia oil paintings by emerging artist Mark Nutt, will open on April 6 at the Cafe De La Place, 285 Main St, in Madawaska. The opening reception will be from 6 - 9 pm. The Cafe is open Monday through Friday until 2 pm and by appointment. Mark says: "Light, color, texture and contrast infuse my paintings on canvas in oil - drawing on spirit, vision and life experience. My abstracts incorporate acrylic aggregates and gold leaf. Painting intuitively, I explore chromatic theory employing brilliant hues, floated, blended and layered. *Master* studies enlighten while natural light permeates my *plein air* landscapes. Command of medium and composition, reveal striking insight. Descriptions include: vivid; alive; bold; haunting; enthralling; and stunning - able to communicate feelings unmistakably full of passion." FMI you can call the Cafe at 207-728-0944 or email Mark at info@marknutt.com . You can also check the web sit at www.marknutt.com

3. Professional Conference. The 13th Annual Child Welfare Conference. Title: **Adolescent Sexuality, What We Still Aren't Talking About.** This is a conference for social service professionals, educators, nurses, law enforcement, foster parents, parents, medical professionals, and caregivings. Date: **Thursday, April 26, 2007.** Time: **7:30 am to 4:30 pm.** Place: **Bangor Civic Center.** Registration Deadline: April 22nd. **Keynote Speakers:** Jane Woody, MSW, PhD will speak about the challenges of sexual development for adolescent youths. Jenny Boylan, MA will speak about adolescent life in two genders. Diane E. Else MSSA, PhD will speak about responding to sexual minority youths in the child welfare system. **The film UGLY DUCKLINGS will be screened** with a panel discussion following. There will also be a variety of workshops. **Contact hours, CEU's, and certificates of attendance can be provided.** FMI contact Robin Arnold and the UMO School of Social Work by phone at 581-2398 or by email at rarnold@maine.edu

OP/EDS:

*This is your chance to spout off (or offer your insightful thoughts and opinions) about **ANYTHING** related to the GLBTI community. Any subscriber is welcomed to submit. Please keep your thoughts as succinct (and civilized) as possible. Subscribers should be willing to allow at least their first name and an email address to be listed with the posting.*

SEE THE BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS:

We in Maine are used to traveling long distances in order to entertain ourselves, socialize, support worthy causes, work, or just get "from here to there". One of the reasons we have to travel is because things in Maine are just so spread out. Another reason is because (outside the "big" cities of Portland, Lewiston-Auburn, and Bangor) the number of things that might attract our attention are usually infrequent and widely scattered. So we travel, and we're usually happy with the results when we do. On Sunday, April 22nd, we'll have another reason to travel. The Boston Gay Men's Chorus will be coming to Maine, to the Center for the Performing Arts in Orono, to give us all a FREE concert! The concert is sponsored as part of the UMO PRIDE Week festivities. Sure, they'll ask for donations, but even a moderate Maine donation is likely to be less than the \$22 - \$75 ticket price you'd have to pay to see them in Boston, and that doesn' even count the travel time, gas money, and food money you'd have to spend to get there. What a deal! I think everyone who possibly can should turn out to welcome the Boston Gay Men's Chorus to Maine. After all, if 150-175 gay guys wearing tuxedos are willing to travel on buses for 8 hours or more to come see us, then we should be willing to travel a little to meet them part way. And we should sure as hell be able to have more people in the audience than are on stage!! Tell all your friends, and come on OUT!

Jean
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THE TWO HOWARDS:

Many years ago, a young gay man walking in downtown Bangor was attacked, brutally beaten, and thrown from a bridge which caused his death. The young men accused were found guilty and served time in jail. People have forgotten, and life moves on. But wait, have things changed? A few years ago, Dan Williams and his friends started the Charlie Howard Memorial Fund. This fund's purpose was to raise money to build a memorial in memory of Charlie Howard. They raised money, a memorial was created, and the city of Bangor has been instrumental in having it blocked from being placed.

Meanwhile, the cause of the attack and subsequent death is still alive and well: HATE. We were sitting around talking one night and we decided the only way hate will end is through education. We decided a new organization was needed, one that would work to educate people that hate is wrong. The Howard Foundation was born. Named for Charlie Howard, it is a distinct different group from the Charlie Howard Memorial Fund. The Howard Foundation is incorporated as a non-profit. We raise money through various activities throughout the year. All time is donated by those involved; all proceeds go to the Education Fund. The Education Fund we are building will be for scholarships at schools of higher learning like the Univ. of Maine. The students selected to receive any funds will have to meet a criteria of need, major of study etc. The goal being to reward and help students who are planning a life of teaching, dealing with social and family studies. If those who teach, teach that hate of gay is wrong, we will help start the world move toward a better place, one person at a time.

Remember, there is the Charlie Howard Memorial Fund that needs our help to get the monument placed in downtown Bangor. There is also the Howard Foundation which is building a scholarship fund to help students become teachers, to teach that hate is wrong. Please help both organizations.

Gary
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EVENTS:

- * **APR 1 (Sunday)**, Belfast, 9 - 11 a.m., group **planning meeting for the lesbian retirement home**. Group will meet at Virginia's place in downtown Belfast. FMI and/or directions call 388-1729 or email Gabrielle at gabrielle@prexar.com.
- * **APR 2 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Terry at 990-3626.
- * **APR 4 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American Two Spirited support/friendship group**, 6-8 PM, at the Hammond St. Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all of the Two Spirited community. Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for Two Spirited by offering them social opportunities, health education, and alternatives to the bar-scene. **We Also do confidential free HIV testing.** Native American Two Spirited will give Two Spirited individuals a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported, and accepted. Meets every Wednesday. so why not stop by and say hi. we have potluck dinners, movie nights, discussion, etc. the list goes on. FMI contact Rob at 990-0605 Ext. 5510 OR 1-877-775-8322 ext. 5510. Or you can e-mail nativeglbti@wmconnect.com
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- * **APR 4 (Wednesday)**, Machias (for those who don't mind traveling). As part of **PRIDE WEEK UMAINE MACHIAS**, the UMM's LGBTQA organization, the 100% Society, is sponsoring **"Chicks with Picks"**. This show is free and open to the public and features lesbian performers including Mona Rae of Bangor; Celia Jellison of Trescott; and the Hurricane Bertha band with members from the Machias area. Show starts at 6pm and runs through 8pm with some open mic slots. The event will be in Portside, in Kimball Hall across from the galley on UMM's campus. This event is geared to adult audiences. For further information, contact Lois-Ann at lkuntz@maine.edu.
- * **APR 5 (Thursday)**, Machias (for those who don't mind traveling). As part of **PRIDE WEEK UMAINE MACHIAS**, the UMM's LGBTQA organization, the 100% Society, is sponsoring a **Drag Show**. This show is free and open to the public and features drag queen and drag king student contestants vying for various prizes (including the grand prize of a Nintendo Wii system). There will also be a raffle fundraiser for the Down East AIDS Network (DEAN). The show begins at 8 pm and will be in Portside, in Kimball Hall across from the galley on UMM's campus. This event is geared to adult audiences. For further information, contact Lois-Ann at lkuntz@maine.edu.
- * **APR 5 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Lesbian Health: It Starts With Us**, a presentation and discussion of lesbian health issues, presented by Robin Long. This workshop will provide information on what is currently known about lesbian health, as well as a history of the Lesbian Health Project and its activities. There will be an open discussion about growing up and living in a

homophobic world and how it affects us physically, mentally, and spiritually. The workshop will be at the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, 700 Mt Hope Ave, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. This is part of the Center's spring educational series. Pre-registration is required. Suggested donation is \$10. FMI and or to register for this workshop, please contact Cindy Collins at 1-800-948-5337 or register at <http://www.mabelwadsworth.org/Registrationform.htm> .

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- * **APR 6 (Friday)**, Bangor, **"Something Old, Something New", a Howard Foundation Benefit Show** featuring *The First Timers* at the Bangor Motor Inn on the Hogan Road. Show Time is at 8:00 PM with a Dance and cash bar following from 9:30 PM to 11:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased at American Retro located at 40 Main St. in downtown Bangor. All proceeds go to the Howard Foundation Fund. This is the 3rd performance by the *The First Timers*. Come have fun, have a laugh, and know the proceeds go to a good cause. All performers volunteer their time. See you there! FMI contact Dan at knead24u@yahoo.com
- * **APR 6 (Friday)**, Belfast, **First Friday Lesbian Potluck**, starts around 6 pm at Virginia's place in downtown Belfast. FMI and/or directions contact Virginia at 322-5308 or email her at vathrockmorton@mac.com
- * **APR 6 (Friday)**, Gardiner, 6 - 8 pm, **GLBTI Happy Hour!** All are welcome. It is held at the Kennebec Brewery Co., The Firkin Sturgeon Pub, at 625 Water Street Gardiner. The Pub is also a brewery - as you can probably tell - plus they serve food and soft drinks if that's your preference. There is also a pool table. I look forward to meeting lots of new faces and becoming re-acquainted with familiar ones. FMI or any questions contact Kathy at tessallate@gmail.com .
- * **APR 9 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Lesbian Health Focus Group**, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center. In order to better understand the health needs of the lesbian community, Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center is working collaboratively with the Lesbian Health Project to conduct a series of confidential focus groups. The focus groups will take place at Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center in Bangor. There will be 10 to 12 women per group. The focus groups will be relaxed, casual conversations about lesbian health issues and will take approximately two hours. Refreshments will be served. Focus groups will be audio recorded for researcher use only and all information shared is strictly confidential. The outcome of the focus groups should be improved health services, better access to services, and greater understanding of the needs of the lesbian community and they will directly benefit lesbian women. There are currently openings in the focus groups on Monday, April 9th and Thursday, April 19th. You can also receive a confidential written survey via snail-mail or e-mail if you prefer. If you would like to participate in either of the Lesbian Health Issues Focus Groups, please register by contacting Cindy Collins or Tracey Minervino at 1-800-948-5337 or email Cindy at cindy@mabelwadsworth.org
- * **APR 9-21 (Monday-Saturday)**, Portland, **PRIDE WEEK AT USM**. The University of Southern Maine PRIDE Weeks is April 9 - 21. Events and information will be available at the web site at www.usm.maine.edu/gltbqa/events.htm
- * **APR 11 (Wednesday)**, Orono, **UMO PRIDE WEEK, Reinventing Disability and Sexuality**, a talk and discussion. Time: 12:15 - 1:30 pm. Place: the Bangor Room in the Memorial Union. FMI call the Rainbow Resource Center at 581-1439 or check the web site at www.umaine.edu/glbti
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- * **APR 11 (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
- * **APR 12 (Thursday)**, Orono, **UMO PRIDE WEEK, Wilde Stein Open House**. Time: 7:00 pm. Place: the Multi-Purpose Room in the Memorial Union. FMI call the Rainbow Resource Center at 581-1439 or check the web site at www.umaine.edu/glbtc
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- * **APR 14 (Saturday)**, Orono, **UMO PRIDE WEEK, Karaoke!** Time: 9:00 - 12:00 pm. Place: the Bear's Den in the Memorial Union. FMI call the Rainbow Resource Center at 581-1439 or check the web site at www.umaine.edu/glbtc
- * **APR 14 (Saturday)**, Gorham, **Volunteer Training for Maine SpeakOut Project**. 9am-5pm. The free training will prepare LGBT and Allied volunteers to speak to schools, churches, and businesses throughout Maine about their experiences. Trainers will share the history of the Maine SpeakOut Project and help volunteers compose and present a story. There are also skill-building activities around non-divisive dialogue and dealing with difficult questions, although completing the training creates no obligation to volunteer with Maine SpeakOut Project. Lunch and snacks are provided. **Pre-registration is required**. FMI or to register, call Jen Hodsdon at 207.874.1030 (207.874.1043 TTY) or email speakout@commcc.org
- * **APR 14-16 (Saturday-Monday)**, South China, **Seventh Annual Youth Activism Gathering**. This is a chance for youth to come together, organize, & share ideas. Meet people from around the state, have a voice in our communities, and share skills and information to empower ourselves. This is not a GLBTI-focused event, but according to the organizer is a pretty glbtq-positive environment every year, and so would be a safe environment. Who is the Youth Activism Gathering for? "We welcome people of all ages. People at the last six gatherings have been mostly people in their teens, with others in their twenties and a little older attending too. For the first time, the gathering is on a weekend in the hopes that more people who are busy during the week can make it. Diversity of opinions and backgrounds is welcome! Come with an open mind to share ideas and meet great people." The Gathering is a place to learn and teach about activism and organizing...And have fun! This is an open, participatory gathering. We'd love to have you lead a workshop. Come to workshops & discussions on: * Youth Empowerment, * Patriarchy/Gender Roles, * Direct Action, * Political Prisoners, * Consent, * Herbal Healing, And much more..... Everyone is encouraged to bring their own ideas for workshops or discussions. There will also be Movies, A Cook/Bake-off, DIY music and entertainment, A Punk Show on Sunday evening, Icebreakers and time to hang out and meet activist youth from around Maine. All meals and lodging will be provided. **THE COST** is \$5-10 per day or \$20 for all three days OR whatever you can afford (You can pay at the door, too.) The event will be held at Friends Camp on Lakeview Dr. in South China (FMI info about the camp see their web site at www.friendscamp.org). FMI info about the Youth Activism Gathering you can check their web site at www.myspace.com/youthactivismgathering . To get a registration form emailed to you or for additional info you can contact Larry Dansinger at 207-525-7776 or at roscc@psouth.net .
- * **APR 16 (Monday)**, Orono, **UMO PRIDE WEEK, Rainbow Resource Center Open House**. Time: 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm. Place: the Rainbow Resource Center on the bottom floor in the Memorial Union (across from the Wade Center). FMI call the Rainbow Resource Center at 581-1439 or check the web site at www.umaine.edu/glbtc
- * **APR 16 (Monday)**, Orono, **UMO PRIDE WEEK, the documentary "Transgeneration" an MTV special**. Time: 7:00 pm. Room #100 (the big lecture hall) in the Donald P Corbett Building. FMI call the Rainbow Resource Center at 581-1439 or check the web site at www.umaine.edu/glbtc
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- * **APR 17 (Tuesday)**, Orono, **UMO PRIDE WEEK, Java Jive Presents Magdalen Hsu-Li**, singer and songwriter. Time: 8:00 pm. Place: the Bear's Den in the Memorial Union. FMI about Magdalen, check her web site at www.magdalenhsuli.com FMI about the event call the Rainbow Resource Center at 581-1439 or check the web site at www.umaine.edu/glbtc
- * **April 18th (Wednesday)**, Unity, **Day of Silence; Breaking the Silence Bash**. This event is free and open to all. Singer-Songwriter **Magdalen Hsu-Li** will perform from her latest CD Smashing The Ceiling from 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Unity Centre for the Performing Arts. (This live, high energy performance speaks to the intersection of race, gender and the arts. Magdalen Hsu-Li is an internationally acclaimed bisexual, feminist, Asian American, musician, visual artist, speaker, and cultural activist. To learn more about Magdalen, check out her web site at www.magdalenhsuli.com) **An interactive True Diversity workshop follows the concert**. (The True Diversity workshop further works to explore race and gender and societal/cultural programming. It helps us understand our own diversity, allows us to share our beliefs about race, culture, gender, and programming, explores the difference between programming and instinct, gives us tools for taking action and options for involvement, and offers suggestions

for re-programming techniques.) The entire night is a tribute to the National Day of Silence. There will be food available before and after the concert. The Unity Performing Arts Centre is located at 42 Depot St in Unity, Maine. (For directions to the center go to

<http://www.unitymaine.org/theater/directions.htm>) FMI about the event contact: Chanel at 917-498-0178 or email cromney@unity.edu

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- * **APR 19 (Thursday)**, Orono, **UMO PRIDE WEEK, 2nd Annual Know-Your-Status Dinner**. Time: 6:00 pm. Place: the Buchanan Alumni House. Price: \$6 for non-students, plus donations welcome. Tickets need to be reserved ahead of time, and there is limited seating for the general public. Email amanda.babbitt@umit.maine.edu to purchase tickets. FMI call the Rainbow Resource Center at 581-1439 or check the web site at www.umaine.edu/glbtc
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- * **APR 21 (Saturday)**, Belfast, **Women's Dance**, sponsored by local friends to benefit the planning for the Old Dykes Home. The last dance was such a success that we're doing it all over again!! The women's dance will be held at the Belfast Boathouse, at the bottom of Commercial St, and will run from 8 pm to 12 midnight. Cost is \$5/person. FMI contact Margaret at 338-2598.
- * **APR 21 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **Rainbow Fellowship**. This gathering is open to the GLBTI community and straight allies. It is under the auspices of the very GLBT-welcoming Hammond St Congregational Church. While it usually consists of a potluck dinner at someone's home, there have also been gaming nights and other activities. Persons who are interested should call the church at 942-4381 for details of time and place.
- * **APR 22 (Sunday)**, Belfast, **Women's Breakfast Gathering**. This is just an opportunity for those women who stayed in Belfast overnight after the Women's Dance to get together for breakfast before leaving town. Other women are welcomed as well. The gathering/breakfast will be at 10:00 a.m. at a restaurant yet to be determined. FMI and/or to arrange to join the group contact

Virginia at vathrockmorton@mac.com

* **APR 22 (Sunday)**, Orono, **UMO PRIDE WEEK, The Boston Gay Men's Chorus!** Time: 3:00 pm. Place: the Maine Center for the Arts. This show is FREE and open to the public! Donations will be welcomed. The BGMC is a 150 - 175 voice choir currently celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year! Tell all your friends! Come on out and hear some great music, and let's have a great turnout to welcome them to Maine! FMI call the Rainbow Resource Center at 581-1439 or check the web site at www.umaine.edu/glbtc

* **APR 25 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American Two Spirited support/friendship group**, 6-8 PM, at the Hammond St. Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all of the Two Spirited community. Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for Two Spirited by offering them social opportunities, health education, and alternatives to the bar-scene. **We Also do confidential free HIV testing.** Native American Two Spirited will give Two Spirited individuals a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported, and accepted. Meets every Wednesday. so why not stop by and say hi. we have potluck dinners, movie nights, discussion, etc. the list goes on. FMI contact Rob at 990-0605 Ext. 5510 OR 1-877-775-8322 ext. 5510. Or you can e-mail nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

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* **APR 26 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Media Training**. Join the EqualityMaine/GLAD Media Team and help us make sure LGBT Mainers' voices are heard. The EqualityMaine/GLAD Media Team will give you the tools to help promote our stories and opinions in media throughout the state. We are committed to the idea that no news article or opinion piece undermining the rights of LGBT couples and families will go unanswered. As a Media Team member, you will: Get tips about how to draft a letter to the editor; Receive regular email Media Alerts about LGBT news stories in Maine, and talking points to help you write letters; Help us find the everyday stories of your LGBT friends and neighbors that can help Mainers understand our fight for equality; **Commit as much or as little time to the Media Team as you can**; Receive updates about the Media Team's successes! Times and locations to be announced soon. FMI please email Darlene at dhuntress@equalitymaine.org or call 761- 3732 ext. 3004. We're fighting for equality in Maine. But we can't do it without your help.

* **APR 26 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Students for AIDS Facts and Education Resources: SAFER**, meets every Thursday from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Eastern Maine AIDS Network (EMAN) on Harlow St. The group is for any high school student from the ages of 14 to 18 yrs. old with questions about HIV/AIDS. We have group check ins, group discussion, watch movies, snacks. GLBT friendly. FMI and any questions call 990-3626 and ask for Terry.

* **APR 26 - 29 (Thursday - Sunday)**, **Make Beautiful Tribe Gathering**, This is a weekend retreat offering the opportunity to live in an intentional gay male community produced by, and for, participants to celebrate our unique wisdom and diversity. It's an event for men to get to know each other, have fun, build community, hang out, network, and explore being gay or bi in an attitude-free safe space. Situated in a wooded, rustic setting, the Tanglewood 4-H Camp provides wonderful place for us to hold our gathering!

Our gathering weekend format is open, which means you pick and choose what you would like to do, and we have a talent show on Saturday evening. For more information, to register, and/or to be added to the mailing list, please contact Jim at bangoremail@yahoo.com

* **MAY 2 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American Two Spirited support/friendship group**, 6-8 PM, at the Hammond St. Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all of the Two Spirited community. Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for Two Spirited by offering them social opportunities, health education, and alternatives to the bar-scene. **We Also do confidential free HIV testing.** Native American Two Spirited will give Two Spirited individuals a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported, and accepted. Meets every Wednesday. so why not stop by and say hi. we have potluck dinners, movie nights, discussion, etc. the list goes on. FMI contact Rob at 990-0605 Ext. 5510 OR 1-877-775-8322 ext. 5510. Or you can e-mail nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

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- * **MAY 3-6 (Thursday - Sunday)**, West Gardiner, **Gay Men Together**, the twice-a-year retreat for gay men at the Pilgrim Lodge on Lake Cobbosseeconte, is scheduled for May 3-6...their 22nd gathering! For more info about the gathering, registration, etc. go to www.gaymentogether.net. Numbers are limited, so register early. FMI about Pilgrim Lodge, check the web site at www.pilgrimlodge.org
- * **MAY 4 (Friday)**, Belfast, **First Friday Lesbian Potluck**, starts around 6 pm at Virginia's place in downtown Belfast. FMI and/or directions contact Virginia at 322-5308 or email her at vathrockmorton@mac.com
- * **MAY 4 (Friday)**, Gardiner, 6 - 8 pm, **GLBTI Happy Hour!** All are welcome. It is held at the Kennebec Brewery Co., The Firkin Sturgeon Pub, at 625 Water Street Gardiner. The Pub is also a brewery - as you can probably tell - plus they serve food and soft drinks if that's your preference. There is also a pool table. I look forward to meeting lots of new faces and becoming re-acquainted with familiar ones. FMI or any questions contact Kathy at tessallate@gmail.com
- * **MAY 6 (Sunday)**, Belfast, 9 - 11 a.m., group **planning meeting for the lesbian retirement home**. Group will meet at Virginia's place in downtown Belfast. FMI and/or directions call 388-1729 or email Gabrielle at gabrielle@prexar.com
- * **MAY 7 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Terry at 990-3626.
- * **MAY 9 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American Two Spirited support/friendship group**, 6-8 PM, at the Hammond St. Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all of the Two Spirited community. Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for Two Spirited by offering them social opportunities, health education, and alternatives to the bar-scene. We **Also do confidential free HIV testing**. Native American Two Spirited will give Two Spirited individuals a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported, and accepted. Meets every Wednesday. so why not stop by and say hi. we have potluck dinners, movie nights, discussion, etc. the list goes on. FMI contact Rob at 990-0605 Ext. 5510 OR 1-877-775-8322 ext. 5510. Or you can e-mail nativeglbti@wmconnect.com
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- * **MAY 9 (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
- * **MAY 10 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Students for AIDS Facts and Education Resources: SAFER**, meets every Thursday from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Eastern Maine AIDS Network (EMAN) on Harlow St. The group is for any high school student from the ages of 14 to 18 yrs. old with questions about HIV/AIDS. We have group check ins, group discussion, watch movies, snacks. GLBT friendly. FMI and any questions call 990-3626 and ask for Terry.
- * **May 11 (Friday)**, Portland, **OUTrageous Prom!** 8:00 pm - 12:00 am. An event for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning & Allied people ages 22 and under (you can bring guest up to age 25). Music by DJ Kate, Lights by High Output, Food by Holiday Inn. **Location:** At the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland. **Price:** \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. No one will be turned away due to ability to pay. Donations welcomed for youth sponsorship. This event will not tolerate alcohol, drugs or other substances. FMI, contact Andrew at: 207-874-1022 or prysm@commcc.org
- * **MAY 16 (Wednesday)** Bangor, **Maine Eat-Out Project**, 6:30 pm. Join our group for dinner at different area restaurants. The May MEOP will be at the Panda Garden Restaurant, 123 Franklin St (near the library) **Reservations are needed**. FMI and/or to reserve contact Jean at 862-2063 or email megress@gwi.net no later than Tuesday May 15.
- * **MAY 19 (Saturday)** Bangor, **Le Salon Du Somerset**, 5-9 pm, Chris & Jean's monthly, ever-changing event. It ranges from the silly to the serious, the arts to the sciences, politics to philosophy, history to histrionics, and all areas in between. The MAY Salon will be a **HOUSE CONCERT** with Randy Browning and Brett Kinney (aka Late Bloomers). Randy & Brett always bring out the crowds, so reserve your spot early. This is how a house concert works: You show up at the house with a potluck food offering. You make a donation for the artist (suggested donation is \$10/person, ALL donations go directly to the artist). You and the other guests eat a great potluck dinner and get to hob-nob with the artist. After dinner you are entertained with a close-up and cosy performance by the guest artist. The maximum number of guests for this performance is 15. **Reservations are needed**. Dinner will be from 5:00-7:00 pm, concert will be from 7:00-9:00 pm. FMI and/or to reserve contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@gwi.net
- * **May 19 (Saturday)**, Bangor, ME. **Volunteer Training for Maine SpeakOut Project**. 9am-5pm. The free training will prepare LGBT and Allied volunteers to speak to schools, churches, and businesses throughout Maine about their experiences. Trainers will share the history of the Maine SpeakOut Project and help volunteers compose and present a story. There are also skill-building activities around non-divisive dialogue and dealing with difficult questions, although completing the training creates no obligation to volunteer with Maine SpeakOut Project. Lunch and snacks are provided. **Pre-registration is required**. FMI or to

register, call Jen Hodsdon at 207.874.1030 (207.874.1043 TTY) or email speakout@commcc.org

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 June 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@gwi.net or at 862-2063.

ARTISTS:

Linda Griffith
Playwright & Fine Art Photographer
P.O. Box 174
Blaine, ME 04734
ph: 207-429-8787 (please speak slowly and clearly if leaving message)
email: lg@lindagriffith.com
web: www.lindagriffith.com
Private photography coaching beginner to professional; Maine Short Play Festival Award winner 2006 & 2007

Mark Nutt
Fine Art Painter
71 C Valley View Lane
Bangor, ME 04401-2985
ph: 207-941-9471
email: info@marknutt.com
web: www.marknutt.com
Original, expressive abstract and *plein aire* (painted in the open air) landscape oil paintings on canvas. Commission work and private instruction available.

HAIRSTYLING:

Chase Blanchard, Manager
Attitude's Hair and Tanning
619 Hammond St
Bangor, ME 04401
ph: 207-262-7233
email: attitudesplus@aol.com
Full service salon providing hair styling and tanning for men and women of all ages. Great low prices.

Steve Rossignol
c/o People's Salon And Spa
19 Temple St
Waterville, ME 04901
ph: (cell) 207-314-1487
email: hairslinger8@yahoo.com
Independent licensed hair stylist in business since 1981. Specializing in all hair care services. Also private body waxing services.

VACATION SPOT:

Magic Pond Artists' Retreat and Guest House
P.O. Box 174
Blaine, ME 04734
ph: 207-429-8787 (please speak slowly and clearly if leaving message)
email: lg@magicpondmaine.com
web: www.magicpondmaine.com
proprietor: Linda Griffith
Two modern, comfortable guest suites available for short or long term rental in the middle of a 75 acre wildlife sanctuary, ideal for individual creative and spiritual work.

PERSONALS:

My name is Scott. I am a 43 year old, S.W.G.M. I am 5 ft. 8.5 inches, 182 lbs., have hazel eyes and grey hair. I love being comical, I am easy to get along with and have a positive outlook on life. I enjoy going out, walking, dancing, hiking, and watching movies. I am looking for someone with common interests, between the ages of 24-50, who is easy going, honest, loyal and romantic. If you are interested, contact me at scott04774@yahoo.com

Could I be that special and unique person you're seeking? I'm a 25-year-old, long blonde-hair/blue-eyed, slim/athletic, openminded, intelligent, affectionate feminine transgendered lesbian in the southern Maine area seeking another openminded feminine lesbian or bisexual female. I'm currently professionally employed as an engineer, but I have done some modeling in the past as well. I plan to start Graduate School in the Fall for engineering. I'm into the martial arts, watching movies, going out dancing, cuddling with someone special, outdoor activities, and trying new things. So if you're looking for someone a little different, feel free to send me a message! hackmonkey00@excite.com

SELL/BUY/TRADE/GIVE:

If you're a FAN subscriber 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.

no listings this issue

LIVING SPACE RENTALS:

If you are FAN subscriber with a living space (room, apartment, house/apartment sharing) to rent to someone, or if you are looking for a living space to rent from someone, then this is the category to post to. Send your listings to me, Jean, at megress@zwi.net

Belfast, a variety of downtown offerings to rent. Contact Virginia at vathrockmorton@mac.com OR at 338-1729.

Ellsworth, Apartment/House Sharing needed. I am looking to move to a new place, I can only afford \$600 per month (which includes everything, can not afford more till 1 yr from now) I am looking to move into a roommate situation or to just rent a room in or around Ellsworth. I am a 39 yo male, clean and disease free, no pets, love to cook, love movies and photography. I have a full time job presently and I am looking for a part time job to add additional income. I am quiet and friendly, very easy to get along with. Looking to move asap. Email any info to an_italian_nice_guy@yahoo.com

Fairfield (near Waterville), roommate wanted. Home to share with professional male.....non-smoker, no pets. Furnished room, private bath, full use of house. \$480/month. Call Steve at 314-1487.

Lincolntonville, house for rent. Weekly or monthly summer rental of a beautiful, three bedroom, restored cape located in Lincolntonville near public ocean beaches. Check out the house at www.lincolntonvillerealestate.net (click on the "vacation rental" icon). FMI contact Dwight at campmee@yahoo.com or by phone at 207-763-4849.

Mars Hill, room for rent. Room in lovely home, located near Big Rock and just a few miles from the University of Maine Presque Isle. Local shopping nearby. To view or for more information please contact Al at 207-425-7848 or 207-990-3626.

Portland, house for rent. Clean, bright cape with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath upstairs; living room, kitchen, and dining room (complete with upright piano) downstairs; and full basement with washer/dryer. One-car garage and huge yard just ready for your green thumb complete the picture. House is on a dirt road off of outer Brighton Avenue in Portland, so you're close to everything and right on the bus line, but feels like you're in rural Maine. Pets welcome, and there's even a dog run in the backyard. \$1350/month, price negotiable to the right responsible tenant. Photos available. Email Erica at quineast@hotmail.com or call 773-3023 for more information.

Rockland, one-bedroom apt/Professional space for rent. Main Street/downtown. 2nd floor/rear, quiet, one bedroom apartment. Would also make an excellent design studio/professional space—great North light. Located on the harbor side of Main Street, next to the ferry terminal. This is a GLBTIA-friendly arts-focused building (our gallery and studio are in the building). Apartment just completely repainted, new windows, hardwood floors, two large closets, claw-foot soaking tub(w/shower), new kitchen range. High-speed internet is available at a reduced rate for our tenants. Apartment has direct access to a new, spacious, 12'x35' deck overlooking Lermond Cove (five historic schooners are scheduled to be berthed there in the Spring) and the marinas. Rear entrance w/hallway off deck (in addition to Main St. entrance). No-smoking. No dogs. Well behaved cat welcomed. Off-street parking, rubbish service, heat/water/sewer included. Lease/security/references. \$675 month. FMI contact Virginia at vsilawson@midcoast.com

GLBTI COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

Connections! Gay or Bisexual male in Maine? On your own and not getting any younger? Want to be connected by phone with

other mature gay men in Maine? Network for conversation, companionship, connections for support, help in recovery from medical treatment, ice storms or accidents. Call or be called or both. If you know of anyone who may not see this message, for the sake of community pass this information on. Even slight connections among people raise our spirits. To find out more call Peter (in confidence) at 207-348-2212 between 9AM and 8PM.

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 and the web site is www.equalitymaine.org

(GLAD) Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders. To learn about and protect your rights under Maine's anti-discrimination law, visit GLAD's website at www.glad.org or call the free legal hotline at 1-800-455-GLAD (1-800-455-4523). GLAD is New England's 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.

(GLSEN) Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network. 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 national web site at www.glsen.org

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 knead24u@yahoo.com

Lesbian Health Project. Initiated in 1992, the Lesbian Health Project of the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center seeks to promote non-homophobic health services which will provide lesbians with the ability to make the best health decisions possible based on accurate knowledge. The focus of the project is on developing educational materials for lesbians and trainings for health and social service professionals. In addition, the project sponsors a Lesbian Health Clinic at the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center which provides low-cost, woman positive, lesbian-centered health care including: pelvic exams, breast exams, health education, instruction in breast self-exam, pap smears, mammography referrals, health advocacy, screening and treatment of STD's. For more information or to become involved in the work of the project contact the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center at 947-5337

Lesbian Radio. A feminist weekly half-hour show with interviews, discussion, music and news for women and lesbians. Host Virginia Throckmorton talks with intriguing Maine lesbians, takes on political topics, interviews the women of our communities and provides a local forum for area activists, writers and artists Wednesday afternoons from 1 until 1:30 PM on Portland radio station WMPG 99.1 FM and 104.9 FM or online at www.wmpg.org.

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FeministMajorityNewsWomen'sSpaceFeministingHumorAnnouncementsandConnectionsGLBTMichiganWomen'sFestival
LesbianChefCookingClassChoiceAgainstViolenceAgainstWomenandmore.

Living Queer Here! A locally-produced radio show aired on station WERU. An exploration into the full range of life created and experienced by the queer community in Maine. Hosted by Gail Mackinson & Cindy Montgomery. The show airs on the 4th Thursday of each month 10-11 am. WERU broadcasts in the greater Blue Hill area on frequency 89.9 FM, in the Bangor area on frequency 102.9 FM, and streams on the web at www.weru.org. WERU also broadcasts the nationally syndicated GLBTI show: **This Way Out** every Wednesday afternoon from 4 - 4:30 pm.

Mainely Bears is a social group in the State of Maine. We are a gay mens group open to gay, bisexual, and men who are not sure. We have events all over the state of Maine. FMI regarding Mainely Bears, contact Wayne at mainelybears@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 for upcoming activities.

Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program, offers no-cost mammograms, pap tests, and gynecological exams to qualifying Maine women (regardless of sexual orientation). If you are a woman in Maine and you are due for a Pap test or mammogram, help is just a phone call away. The Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program can help you get the health care you deserve. If you are a Maine woman over 40, have little or no insurance and meet certain income guidelines then you may be eligible for no-cost mammograms, Pap tests, and gynecological exams at your choice of participating area providers. Call today to see if you qualify, 1-800-350-5180. (TTY 1-800-438-5514) The best protection is early detection!

Maine SpeakOut Project. SpeakOut's mission and philosophy is to actively work towards the creation of a society that is inclusive, respectful, and safe for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender people. Volunteers educate their community by sharing the truth of their lives. SpeakOut provides schools, business, and churches with opportunities to engage in open dialogue that is non-confrontational and non-divisive. SpeakOut's community programming efforts include: SpeakOuts, Everybody Counts in the Workplace, Walk with the One You Love, and the Charlie Howard Memorial Library. To schedule a speaker or to arrange a volunteer training, contact Jen Hodsdon at speakout@commcc.org or phone 874.1030.

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 on various Monday evenings. FMI write Northern Maine Pride, PO Box 2815, Bangor, ME 04402-2815 or visit the web site at www.northernmainepride.org or email them at info@northernmainepride.org

(PFLAG) Parent's, Family, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodford St, in Portland. ALL are welcomed, not just parents. FMI call 207-831-3015 or email mdpalmers@gwi.net

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@adelphia.net OR at 582-8779 OR check the web site at <http://www.transcare2000.com>

The Transgender Fund. With offices in Freeport, Maine, The Transgender Fund is a national, completely independent, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charitable foundation. It has been created by and for transgendered individuals. Our funding is derived from contributions by caring individuals of all levels of means. Our strength and independence come from the fact that there is no single benefactor who has seeded the Fund with a large amount of capital. Contributions you make are added to those of your sisters and brothers. Individually, they may seem modest, but collectively they add up to a powerful force that is reinvested in the support of projects fostering the well-being of all our gender variant minorities. FMI write The Transgender Fund, PO Box 50, Freeport, Maine 04032 OR phone 207-846-7997 OR email info@tgfund.org OR check the web site at www.tgfund.org

SOCIAL GROUPS (MORE THAN 50 MILES FROM BANGOR):

Central Maine Outright. An organization, in Augusta, that supports youth 22 and under who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and their heterosexual allies (GLBTQA). This group is sponsored by Dayspring. Our drop-in groups are every Thursday evening from 7 - 9 pm. We are located at 9 Green St, in Augusta. FMI contact Faith at 621-3785 or email dayspring@mainegeneral.org

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 contact Morgan at coastalwomensconnection@yahoo.com, to get on their newsletter mailing list email dhgould@gwi.net OR you can check the web site at www.coastalwomensconnection.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

Northern Lambda Nord. A GLBTQ social group in Aroostook County hosts a monthly BBQ or potluck gathering. Location varies within the central Aroostook County area. Open to all gay, lesbian, bi, trans and questioning folks (and their friends & supporters). FMI and/or directions contact Kent at 538-7630 or Paul at 425-7119 or email northernlambdanord@verizon.net. You can also ask to get on their e-newsletter mailing list.

Out!...As I Want To Be. An organization, located in Rockland, for all GLBTQQ youth, ages 14 to 22, as well as straight allies. We are an all-volunteer, youth-driven organization. We seek to provide outreach, affirmation, support, and education in a safe space for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth in Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties and their offshore islands. We meet in Rockland at 501 Main Street (the building just before the Ferry Terminal), suite #3 (2nd floor) every Wed.5-8pm, and Fri. evenings/6-9pm, FMI, contact Lis at 632-4797 or email outmaine@yahoo.com. Check the web site at www.outasiwanttobe.org

Portland Lesbian Coffee House. Meets monthly in the greater Portland area. Join our community of women to talk about books, politics, music, raising children or the wacky thing that happened on the latest episode of The L Word. All stripes of the tribe welcome. This is a social group that includes women of all ages and statuses. You can check it out on the web at <http://lgbtfriends.meetup.com/78/>. FMI about dates, times, location contact Maura at mmckenney2@maine.rr.com

PRYSM (Proud Rainbow Youth Of Southern Maine) An organization, in Portland, that provides safe and supportive community for youth 22 and under who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and their allies (LGBTQA). Drop-in groups are every Tuesday from 6-9 pm, and the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 6-9pm. Located at 43 Baxter Blvd., 2nd floor. Also

provide outreach, phone & email support; community education, leadership development, safer-sex/HIV prevention education, and connections to community resources and LGBTQ youth case management. Volunteer opportunities available! FMI contact Andrew Jones at 874-1022 or email prysm@commcc.org

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 or check the web site at www.seacoastsapphos.org

SOLO (Single Older Lesbian Organization). 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 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 or check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/lesbians04/>

Trans_Port_Me This is a Trans-support group located in Portland for people who identify transgender. Both M2F and F2M are welcome. We are located in downtown Portland and meet on a monthly basis in a safe location. A screening and interview process is in place to insure security and discretion. Admission to this group is by invitation only. The group host and moderator is Gail, but this is YOUR support group so the more input, involvement, and participation you provide the better. Internet support is fine but person to person support, validation and interaction with people who are like us can have a profound affect on our overall wellbeing and sense of self. Meetings are held the 4th Saturday of the Month, at 1 Pleasant St in Portland, ME. Call 207-233-8157 on meeting days (between 12 noon and 5 pm) for details. FMI and/or to join the online information group contact Gail at g_g_moreau@yahoo.com

WEB BASED MAINE GLBT LISTSERVES & EMAIL LISTS:

Gay in Maine. An interesting little web site with separate chat rooms for men and women. Some parts seem to be updated daily, other parts (some of the links) not for years. www.gayinmaine.com

Maine Gaynet. One of Maine's longest running listserves for the GLBT community. Get all the info and/or join by going to www.maine-gaynet.com

Maine Lesbians listserv Anyone who identifies as a lesbian is welcome to join. The website address is: <http://groups.google.com/group/maine-lesbians> Women can request to join from the website or email me: patput@midcoast.com

(MEGONE) Maine Gay Outdoor Network Events is a yahoo group site/email list for Maine's GLBT? folks (& friends) for posting announcements of outdoor related events. It's not a formal club or organization—just an informal way to let folks know about outdoor activities that they might like to participate in—whether it's a hike, a paddle, camping trip, nature walk, or even a downtown shopping walk—it's up to you. This is not meant to compete with other groups such as the Chiltern Club—it's just an idea that some of us came up with on a recent trip to Baxter State Park :-). So, if you'd like some company the next time you take a hike, go on a bike ride, paddle, etc., just send an email to megone@yahoogroups.com to let members know the details. To join the group, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/megone/> Please pass the word along to other gay-related lists/groups—the more people who join, the more opportunities there will be for connecting with like-minded folks for some great outdoor fun. Right now, the membership is "open" to anyone who would like to join....however, if we have any problems with folks who are not gay-friendly, I may change it to a process requiring membership approval. Also, people posting should use discretion regarding publicly posting time/place to meet—you may want to simply say "anyone interested in details, please email me at _____, or call me at _____" Any questions? let me know! (mikeondavispond@yahoo.com)

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

All communications to FAMILY AFFAIRS should be sent to megress@gwi.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 I 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@gwi.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.