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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.

15 APRIL 2008

### NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) UMO Pride Week, April 14 - 19. See the listing of events below on those dates.

(NEWS #2:) Share your story by April 25th. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category.

(NEWS #3:) Lynn Deeves concert in portland See listing below at APR 26.

(NEWS #4:) AIDS Walk of Northern New England (formerly Maine AIDS Walk). Organized by Maine Community AIDS Partnership (MCAP), walks will take place across the state and in Portsmouth, NH, during the weekend of May 3-4. The funds raised will be matched by the National AIDS Fund, and all monies will go to local HIV/AIDS service organizations. On Saturday, May 3, 2008, the AIDS Walk of Northern New England (AWNNE) will be held in Bangor and Brunswick. On Sunday, May 4, the Walk is being held in Augusta, Brunswick, Ellsworth, Machias, Ogunquit, and Portland, Maine and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. FMI about the walk nearest to you, check the web site at <http://www.maineaids.org/walk> and/or phone your area's local AIDS Network office. FMI about The National AIDS Fund you can check their web site at [www.aidsfund.org](http://www.aidsfund.org)

(NEWS #5:) No-Cost Women's Health Screening Day in Greenville, Millinocket and Patten. See the postings below at MAY 14 & 15.

(NEWS #6:) 2008 Summer Face to Face - a GLBTI Community Weekend. Some of the folks on Maine Gay Net are organizing a great summer GLBTI community weekend: 2008 Summer Face to Face. The weekend will take place on Mount Desert Island from Friday, July 18 - Sunday, July 20 and will consist of a variety of fun, indoor and outdoor activities that all GLBTI folks and allies are welcome to take part in. Get OUT, get to the island, and enjoy some of the great Maine summer !! Many of the events listed are still in the planning stages and will go off depending upon how much interest there is for each. If you plan to attend, please contact Dawn at [bbqinANP@roadrunner.com](mailto:bbqinANP@roadrunner.com) to sign up for the events you plan to attend. In some cases, space is limited, and there may be some fees involved, so please make your plans early! Here's some of the going's on that are being planned so far:

Friday Evening: Open Mic Comedy (come hear the pantyhose story!), talent show, and improv plus an Ice Cream Social featuring Dawn F's Hot Fudge Sauce. This will be at the Otter Creek Hall.  
Admission is free, donations accepted. Performers and storytellers welcome!

Saturday Day: Photography hike around Upper Hadlock Loop in Acadia National Park  
Golfing at the Southwest Harbor Causeway Club  
Brook fishing  
Big potluck cookout/picnic in Acadia National Park at noon (at the Fabbri Picnic area)  
Carriage rides through the park

Saturday Evening: Theatre of Marvels Magic Show featuring Dr. Miller (aka Rusty), at the Otter Creek Hall, 7:00 pm, Admission \$5 at the door.

(Please note this is not an exclusively queer event, but a public show.)

Sunday Day: Sunrise coffee and muffins atop Cadillac Mountain  
Gentle bike ride on Acadia's carriage trails (perhaps with a lunch stop at the Jordan Pond House)  
Men's hikes led by Sturgis and/or Mike G., followed by tea and popovers at the Jordan Pond House  
More golf, fishing, and photo hikes

Anything from Saturday that didn't happen but that you still want to try.

Some events may incur a small fee, contact us to sign up and for more information.

At present we're looking for folks who are interested in attending, and perhaps folks who might be willing to lead small groups of gaynetters around to your favorite spots and places here on the island.

**LODGING:** Many options are available, from camping to chain motels, posh hotels, cozy B&Bs, and people's couches. We're also looking for folks who might be willing to offer a spare bedroom or fold-out couch to some of our out of town guests. We'll try to help hook you up; let us know what you need.

**PARK PASSES:** Are a must for events in the park. They cost \$20, are good for a week, and 80% of the money stays local to help support services at Acadia National Park. Discounts are available for seniors and for people with disabilities. Information about passes and discounts is available at the Hull's Cove Visitor's Center of Acadia National Park after May 1, or by visiting the website: <http://www.nps.gov/acad/> and following the links for fees & reservations.

As you can tell, we're still fluid at this point. We'd like to include as many people as we can, both local and from away so that we have lots of options so nobody will be able to go away saying they were bored. We're still looking for input, we're still looking for volunteers, and we're still looking for people who want to participate. FMI and help in planning your weekend contact Dawn at [bbqinap@roadrunner.com](mailto:bbqinap@roadrunner.com)

(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@qwi.net](mailto:megress@qwi.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. Transgender Suicide Prevention and Support Site.**

Jessica writes: I'm a moderator at a transgender suicide prevention and support site. It's a wonderful place with a live chat and lots of information. The chat runs 24 hours a day and I don't remember the last time there wasn't a moderator present. We screen the chatters to make sure we keep out 'admirers' and anyone who might harass. All moderators go thru suicide prevention training thru <http://training.sprc.org> as well as training from the administrators and supervisors. And it isn't only for suicidal individuals, a lot of TGs just go there to chat with people who understand their situation. I personally have found lots of support there and made some great friends. The people there are always willing to help answer any questions someone might have. Maine doesn't have much support to offer to TGs north of Bangor, or even much in Bangor. I just want to make sure that people know that Laura's Playground is around to offer support, answer questions, and help people find the resources they need. You can find it at: [www.lauras-playground.com](http://www.lauras-playground.com)

#### **2. Maine SpeakOut Volunteer Trainings: Learning to Tell Your Story**

Maine SpeakOut Project is looking for people who are interested in using their personal experience to provide educational opportunities for people all over the state, and for volunteers who would like to further SpeakOuts mission to create a society that is inclusive and respectful of people of different sexual and gender orientations by providing opportunities for dialogue. SpeakOut works because open dialogue creates shifts in perception that lead to lasting change. By giving Maine people an opportunity to hear about daily experiences with prejudice and discrimination, MSOP volunteers provide a very effective way for communities to hear and begin to understand how prejudice and discrimination hurt us all. There are several MSOP Volunteer Trainings scheduled for Spring 2008.

**Saturday, April 19: Ellsworth  
Saturday, May 3: Wiscasset**

Training covers a variety of topics that will help to prepare you for volunteering with Maine SpeakOut Project:

- \* Developing and telling a personal story
- \* Speaking and working with a co-speaker
- \* Non-divisive dialogue and responses
- \* Responding to difficult or hostile questions and comments
- \* How to refer and recommend community resources for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons

This training free, and is also open to people who do not wish to become members of the Speakers Bureau but would like to learn these skills. Pre-registration is required; lunch and snacks are provided. To register, or for more information, contact Program Coordinator Jen Hodsdon at 207-874-1030 or [speakout@commcc.org](mailto:speakout@commcc.org)

#### **3. Eighth Annual: Youth Activism Gathering,**

April 19-21, 2008 at Turner Grange, Route 117, Turner, ME (near Leavitt HS). This is a chance for youth to come together, organize, & share



ideas. Meet people from around the state; have a voice in our communities; share skills and information to empower ourselves. Come to workshops & discussions on: \*Youth Empowerment \*DIY Health and Reproductive Health \*Direct Action \*Political Prisoners \*Consent/Herbal Healing \*Know Your Rights \*Atlantica Teach-in And much more..... Everyone is encouraged to bring their own ideas for workshops or discussions.

ALSO: #Movies #Cook/Bake-off #DIY music and entertainment #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.

Who is the Youth Activism Gathering for? We welcome people of all ages. People at the last seven gatherings have been mostly people in their teens, with others in their twenties and a little older attending too. 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 (including GLBTI youth) 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.

Please try to register by April 15. FMI Contact Info: Ariel, (207) 774-9979 or [arielhp@riseup.net](mailto:arielhp@riseup.net) to register or Larry, [rosc@psouth.net](mailto:rosc@psouth.net) or (207) 525-7776 for general questions and more details. Also, see our page at [www.myspace.com/youthactivismgathering](http://www.myspace.com/youthactivismgathering)

When youth get together, there is ENERGY, there is CREATIVITY, there is INSPIRATION, and there is POWER.

#### 4. GLBT Art Show.

Susan Maasch Fine Art, Portland, presents an art show called Equality: Art By and For the GLBT Community. The work explores gender and includes the portraits of Berenice Abbott who photographed many prominent artists and writers in the 20's who were Lesbian and Gay. There are photographs of Frida Kahlo, and there are paintings that focus on gender questioning art. The curatorial effort is to see how art can tell a sensitive and effective story. The most fascinating people have come in to see the show, and we are collecting a book of comments and personal stories from those who volunteer to share their stories. Please visit this strong exhibition. SMFA is at 29 Forest Ave, near Congress Street. Hours: Wednesday thru Friday 11-6 and Saturday 11-4. The show runs through Wednesday, April 23. You can check the web site at [www.susanmaaschfineart.com](http://www.susanmaaschfineart.com). FMI contact Susan at 207-699-2966 or at [susan@susanmaaschfineart.com](mailto:susan@susanmaaschfineart.com)

#### 5. Make Beautiful Tribe Gathering: April 24-27 2008

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! The lodge we utilize is a wonderful single great room with a huge fieldstone fireplace and a brand new restaurant kitchen off to one side. There are various large and small cabins throughout the camp numbering more than a dozen. There is even a wood-fired sauna available for relaxation along with acres of wooded trails for hiking.

Our gathering weekend format is open, which means you pick and choose what you would like to do - attend a workshop, go for a hike, play cards or just sit by a roaring fire at the main lodge. We have a talent show on Saturday evening. So come sing, perform, dance, lip-sync, read poetry, tell stories & just come perform and show off! Have fun celebrating our diversity. Bring your own costumes, accessories and music.

For more information and to be added to the mailing list, please contact Jim at [bangoremail@yahoo.com](mailto:bangoremail@yahoo.com)

#### 6. SHARE YOUR STORY BY APRIL 25TH !

Rita and Sara Jane met in 1980 in South Paris. At a time when there were few role models, the couple thought they were the only lesbians on the planet, let alone in Maine. Times have changed since then. But as a community we still need to educate Mainers about the reality of the same-sex couples who are their neighbors, friends, and colleagues.

Help us today by sharing your story.

As part of a long-term public education campaign to raise awareness of same-sex relationships in the state, Equality Maine and GLAD have launched an exciting new project called Our Stories: Profiles of Same Sex Couples in Maine. These stories will be collected at [www.ourstoriesme.org](http://www.ourstoriesme.org) and in a print storybook. By showing Maine citizens what love really looks like, we'll open minds and hearts - and move closer to full equality for the LGBT community.

If you are in a committed same-sex relationship, I hope you and your partner will take a moment to share your story. If you have been inspired by a committed same-sex couple, we'd love to hear from you too. And please forward this message on to others - we need your help to spread the word. And know that your privacy is important to us. You can share your story without using your full name - visit [www.ourstoriesme.org](http://www.ourstoriesme.org) for details. Do you have questions about Our Stories? Email [stories@ourstoriesme.org](mailto:stories@ourstoriesme.org)

We need 150 more stories to reach our goal! Please fill out our online survey here by April 25, 2008, and tell us your story in about 400 words. Visit [www.ourstoriesme.org](http://www.ourstoriesme.org) for more details.



Thanks for all you do to support equality in Maine.  
Betsy Smith  
Executive Director, Equality Maine

## **7. The Femme Show: Call for Proposals**

The Femme Show is currently accepting proposals for artists to join the touring cast in our Portland show at the St. Lawrence on July 12.

With film, dance, literary readings, burlesque, drag, and performance art from award winning artists, The Femme Show offers a variety of diverse perspectives on femme identity with subject matter that is at times thoughtful, sad, sexy, funny, and fun.

The Femme Show is seeking proposals for performances in all genres. Comedy, film, performance art, dance, video, spoken word, literary readings, dance, short plays, music and other disciplines are all welcome. All work should directly address femme identity, femme experience, and/or queer femininity. The Femme Show welcomes work from all kinds of femmes and from people of all genders and identities who find those topics interesting. In other words: You don't have to be femme, female, woman, or lesbian ID'd to participate.

Performers participate in our profit-sharing program. Performers are expected to perform at preview performances in the weeks leading up to the show and help with outreach.

To apply: Send a one page description of your proposed work by Wednesday, April 30, to [info@thefemmeshow.com](mailto:info@thefemmeshow.com). Include number of performers involved, technical needs, and length (no more than 10 minutes please). Scripts, recordings, videos, text and pictures are desirable but not required. Be sure to indicate how your piece relates to femme identity. FMI check [www.thefemmeshow.com](http://www.thefemmeshow.com) or email [info@thefemmeshow.com](mailto:info@thefemmeshow.com)

## **8. Gay Men Together: May 1-4, 2008**

GMT is held twice a year, in May, and in October, with this May being our 24th WEEKEND. GMT was formed by a group of gay men, feeling a need to do "community" work, moving into the 21st century having dealt with such a devastating disease as AIDS for fifteen years which took all, and even more of our energy. GMT has been very successful. We hold approximately twenty different workshops at each retreat, some with laughter, some with tears and all are let by participants. The GMT week-end is an open format, which means you pick and choose what you would like to do. There are up to 5 different workshops for each time period. The food, prepared by volunteer participants under the direction of our chef is fabulous. We have a dance and talent show on Saturday evening. The lodge where this event is held is a wonderful turn of the century lodge, located in W. Gardiner, Me., connected by a boardwalk on the lake's edge to twenty different cabins. There are fieldstone fireplaces, loons calling in the morning (for real) and over a hundred acres of land. The lodge offers a wonderful place for us to hold our week-end! Canoeing, swimming, hiking and much more is offered as things to do, in addition to the workshops that GMT has. We do fill very quickly, and you must be pre-registered to attend. FMI and/or to register, see the web site at [www.gaymentogether.net](http://www.gaymentogether.net)

## **9. WE'VE SAVED YOU A SEAT at the Maine LGBTI Health Summit: Challenges/Opportunities/Changes.**

In Healthy Maine 2010: Opportunities for All sexual orientation and sexual minority status are factors that can lead to health disparities. These health disparities are intensified by a lack of population based data on the LGBTI community resulting in a scarcity of information on the health of LGBTI Mainers.

That's why the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (ME CDC) will be hosting its first LGBTI Health Summit - Challenges, Opportunities, Change on Thursday May 29th, 2008 at the Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, Maine, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Through a combination of educational sessions and workshops the 2008 Summit will focus on increasing awareness of health disparities, advocacy for consumers, and the collection of health related data in LGBTI communities.

Registration fee \$25. To register: visit [www.neias.org/mecdc/lgbti08.html](http://www.neias.org/mecdc/lgbti08.html) or call 207-626-3615

### **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.*

**No one has any opinions this issue.**

### **COMMUNITY REPORTERS:**

We'd all love to hear how your event, activity, gathering, show, wedding, project, etc went. Any subscriber is welcomed to submit news reports about the going's on in their geographical area (or about GLBTI community events that they have participated in elsewhere). Please keep your reports as concise as possible. Let's keep everyone "in the loop" ! The Maine areas we're presently covering in this category are: Aroostook County, Washington County, Ellsworth/MDI, Bangor, Belfast/Camden, Waterville/Skowhegan, and Dover-Foxcroft.

**No one submitted any reports this issue.**



## **EVENTS (CHANGING):**

\* **APR 14 - 19 (Monday - Saturday)**, Orono, UMO Pride Week, **Art Exhibit**. Tom Hudgins writes: I will be exhibiting "Portraits of the Working Man", my artistic series based on rural gay male identity in relationship to the urban Bear movement at the University Maine during it's Pride week from April 14- 19 in the Spirit Room (Memorial Union, next to the Information Booth). I will be talking briefly about the project at an opening reception on Monday, April 14th at 7 Pm. This is the first in a series of exhibitions of the project in the next few years. As some of you know, I am also planning and working on more work for the project in the form of multimedia and video. Thanks for supporting my artwork. If you're in the area, stop by. FMI check the web site at <http://www.thomashudgins.com>

\* **APR 15 (Tuesday)**, Bangor, **book reading of Stealing Nasreen** by the author Farzana Doctor. Ms Doctor will be at the Bangor Public Library, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, to read from her critically acclaimed debut novel: Stealing Nasreen. A doomed love triangle of sorts, the novel explores what happens when a South Asian lesbian becomes enmeshed in the lives of an apparently straight new immigrant couple from Mumbai. Farzana Doctor is a Toronto-based, South Asian, queer writer whose work has been published in Siren Magazine, Trikone, Sightlines 7 Anthology, NOW Magazine and Aurat Durbar. FMI about the reading call (207) 947-8336. For more information about Farzana Doctor, check out [www.farzanadoctor.com](http://www.farzanadoctor.com)

\* **APR 15 (Tuesday)**, Orono, UMO Pride Week, **screening of Zack Stratis' film "Could Be Worsel"**, 7:00 pm, in 101 Neville Hall, followed by a question and answer session.

\* **APR 16 (Wednesday)**, Orono, UMO Pride Week, **book reading of Stealing Nasreen** by the author Farzana Doctor. Ms Doctor will be in the Bangor Room, Memorial Hall, at the University of Maine, 12:15 - 1:30 pm to read from her critically acclaimed novel: Stealing Nasreen. A doomed love triangle of sorts, the novel explores what happens when a South Asian lesbian becomes enmeshed in the lives of an apparently straight new immigrant couple from Mumbai. Farzana Doctor is a Toronto-based, South Asian, queer writer whose work has been published in Siren Magazine, Trikone, Sightlines 7 Anthology, NOW Magazine and Aurat Durbar. Organized by the Women in the Curriculum and Women's Studies Program as part of Pride Week. FMI about the reading call (207) 581-1228. For more information about Farzana Doctor, check out [www.farzanadoctor.com](http://www.farzanadoctor.com)

\* **APR 16 (Wednesday)**, Orono, UMO Pride Week, **Know Your Status HIV and AIDS Benefit Dinner** in Stodder Commons, 6:00 pm, with special guests Renaissance (co-sponsored by The Counseling Center and The Peer Education Program), reserved for those who picked up a ticket in the Union at the Know Your Status table.

\* **APR 17 (Thursday)**, Orono, UMO Pride Week, **Our Vision and Memories: 20 Years**, 12:15 pm, in the FFA room in the Union.

\* **APR 17 (Thursday)**, Orono, UMO Pride Week, **Poetry Reading by Julie Enszer**, 7:00 pm, in 101 Neville Hall.

\* **APR 18 (Friday)**, Orono, UMO Pride Week, **GLBT Issues and the Job Search Process**, 2:00 pm, in The Career Center in the Union.

\* **APR 18 (Friday)**, Orono, UMO Pride Week, **DRAG SHOW**, 8:00 pm, in the Main Dining Room in the Union (seats fill up quickly, so it is suggested you show up early to be guaranteed seating)

\* **APR 19 (Saturday)**, Orono, UMO Pride Week, **Wilde Stein hosts Karaoke**, 9:00 pm - 12:00 am, in the Bear's Den in the Union.

\* **APR 19 - 21 (Saturday - Monday)** Turner, **Eighth Annual: Youth Activism Gathering**, at Turner Grange, Route 117, Turner, ME (near Leavitt HS). This is a chance for youth to come together, organize, & share ideas. Meet people from around the state; have a voice in our communities; share skills and information to empower ourselves.

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\* **APR 20 (Sunday)**, Portland, **Hookups, Pizza and Door Prizes? Oh My!** As a collaborative effort of the Frannie Peabody Center and the



Maine CDC, the film, *Hooked*, will be shown at One Longfellow Square starting at 2:00 pm. The film is only an hour long, and refreshments will be provided, as well as door prizes. *Hooked* is about the world of online hook-up websites. This film has been a favorite of film festivals all around the world, from San Francisco to D.C. to Sydney, Australia. This event is for men who have sex with other men. Even if this is not your area of interest, it is a major part of the gay community, of which we are all a part. We think it will be very enlightening and hope to see you there! Let us know if you are interested, just so we can get a sense of how much pizza to get! FMI about the Portland showing contact Elmer: 207-871-0216 or Jayson: (207)-287-4611

We will also be offering a Northern Maine showing of this film. Time and date is still to be determined. FMI about the northern Maine showing contact Jayson: (207)-287-4611 or Zack (207)-667-3506.

FMI about the film, check the web site: <http://imdb.com/title/tt0352408/>

**\* APR 22 (Tuesday), Bangor, Legal Issues For Lesbians**

Last Spring the Lesbian Health Project conducted two focus groups under the direction of Tracey Minervino, graduate student in social work. More information on legal rights for lesbians was one of the needs strongly expressed by participants. Therefore, the Lesbian Health Project of the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center is sponsoring a free educational session:

**Getting It All Together: Legal Issues for Lesbians**

**With Lynne Williams, Esq.  
Attorney in Private Practice**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2008**

**5:30 to 8:30 pm**

**Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center  
700 Mt. Hope Ave., Suite 420  
Bangor**

This session, for both singles and couples, will cover estate planning issues of particular interest to lesbians. If you want to direct where your assets go after your death, you must plan carefully. A will alone might not achieve what you wish. You must also plan for your care if something happens to you and you cannot care for yourself. This includes assuring who will have access to your medical records, make medical decisions, and have visitation rights. Lynne will discuss wills, trusts, durable powers of attorney and health care powers of attorney, as well as what role domestic partnership might play in your planning. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to receive extremely important information at no cost. FMI and/or to reserve your space please call 947-5337 or email [info@mabelwadsworth.org](mailto:info@mabelwadsworth.org)

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**\* APR 26 (Saturday), Eddington, 9:00 pm - 12:00 am, Bridge Alliance Dance Party,** at the Clewley Farm Restaurant. Dance to DJ and live music. Modest cover at the door. Beer, wine, mixed drinks will be available. Clewley Farm is 8.7 miles out Rte 9 from the Muddy Rudder Restaurant in Brewer. Located on the right just past the fire station. FMI contact [thebridgealliance@yahoo.com](mailto:thebridgealliance@yahoo.com). Or check the web site at [www.thebridgealliance.org](http://www.thebridgealliance.org)

**\* APR 26 (Saturday), Ellsworth, 7:00 - 11:00 pm, Jessi Mallory will be back at Calypso Bar & Restaurant,** 156 Main St. With new originals & covers along with some old favorites, you'll enjoy tossing back a drink and listening to some great music! It's always a great time with Jessi Mallory & Calypso! Family friendly!

**\* APR 26 (Saturday), Portland, Concert with Lynn Deeves, and Vanessa Torres and Touching Ground,** 8:00 pm, at the Luther Bonney Auditorium (46 Bedford St), on the University of Southern Maine Campus. Another Lesbian Radio Production. Sponsored by WMPG and USM's Women's Resource Center. Tickets are \$5 general admission. Free to USM students. FMI call 899-9363.

**\* APR 27 (Sunday), Portland, 7:30 PM, Women of the Rising: A Celebration in Music and Drama.** The St. Lawrence Arts Center (located at 76 Congress St) and the Center for Ethics in Action are co-sponsoring a special commemoration on the anniversary of the Easter Rising in Dublin. The evening will feature Maine's own all-women Irish band, Ladies of the Lake, presenting a program of traditional Irish music. It will also feature the North American premiere of the play *The Countess and the Lesbians* by Carolyn Gage. This is a play about Countess Markiewicz, the only woman leader of the Rising, and her relationship to her lesbian sister Eva Gore-Booth and Eva's life partner Esther Roper. All three women were activists and all three were involved in Ireland's struggle for freedom. The play is being showcased this year the Dublin International Gay Theatre Festival. There were many lesbians among the women of the Rising. This is not surprising, as these were women without traditional responsibilities toward husbands and children. These were women who put their lives on the line, and it's time to write them



back into Irish history! Ticket price is \$12. FMI or to buy tickets call 775-5568 or visit the web site at [www.stlawrencearts.org](http://www.stlawrencearts.org)

\* **MAY 1-4 (Thursday - Sunday), Gay Men Together.** GMT is held twice a year, in May, and in October, with this May being our 24th WEEKEND. GMT was formed by a group of gay men, feeling a need to do "community" work, moving into the 21st century having dealt with such a devastating disease as AIDS for fifteen years which took all, and even more of our energy. GMT has been very successful. We hold approximately twenty different workshops at each retreat, some with laughter, some with tears and all are led by participants. The GMT week-end is an open format, which means you pick and choose what you would like to do. There are up to 5 different workshops for each time period. The food, prepared by volunteer participants under the direction of our chef is fabulous. We have a dance and talent show on Saturday evening. The lodge where this event is held is a wonderful turn of the century lodge, located in W. Gardiner, Me., connected by a boardwalk on the lake's edge to twenty different cabins. There are fieldstone fireplaces, loons calling in the morning (for real) and over a hundred acres of land. The lodge offers a wonderful place for us to hold our week-end! Canoeing, swimming, hiking and much more is offered as things to do, in addition to the workshops that GMT has. We do fill very quickly, and you must be pre-registered to attend. FMI and/or to register, see the web site at [www.gaymentogogether.net](http://www.gaymentogogether.net)

\* **MAY 3 (Saturday), Bangor, AIDS Walk Northern New England – Bangor Route,** Eastern Maine AIDS Network is once again hosting the Bangor route of AIDS Walk Northern New England (formerly Maine AIDS Walk). The funds raised by this walk will be matched by the National AIDS Fund, and all monies will go to local HIV/AIDS service organizations. This 5k (3.1m) walk begins and ends in front of the Eastern Maine AIDS Network office at 370 Harlow Street and will follow a route that goes across the State Street Bridge to Main Street, Brewer, back across the Joshua Chamberlain Bridge, and through downtown Bangor. Registration commences at 10:00AM with the Walk starting at 11:00AM. Can't walk? Not a problem. Volunteers are also needed to help set up, direct participants to the parking areas, and act as crossing guards at the various intersections along the route. Donations are also gratefully accepted.

Participants are encouraged to go to [aidswalk2008.shorturl.com](http://aidswalk2008.shorturl.com), which will direct you to our Kintera website, where you can register online and create your very own fundraising page! You can also register by picking up a registration form at the EMAN office at 370 Harlow Street, Bangor, or at 10:00AM on the morning of the walk. There is no fee to participate and pledges are optional, but highly encouraged. FMI about the Bangor walk contact Suze Howe at 207-990-3626 or [showeeman@gwi.net](mailto:showeeman@gwi.net)

\* **MAY 9 (Friday), Portland, PRYSM's Annual LGBTQA Prom** for youth ages 22 and under, 7:30-11:30 PM. The theme is OUT Through the Decades, and people are encouraged to come dressed from their favorite decade. There will be a DJ, photographer, and refreshments, and the event will be held at the Holiday Inn By the Bay at 88 Spring Street in Portland. Youth from PRYSM and other LGBTQA groups ages 22 & under, and all high-school age youth are welcome. Tickets are available at the door and in advance for \$15. Financial assistance is available by calling Joanna Testa, Program Coordinator, at 874-1022. This event is chem-free. Adult community members interested in sponsoring a youth attendee should contact Joanna at the number listed above or email her at [prysm@commcc.org](mailto:prysm@commcc.org).

\* **MAY 14 (Wednesday), Greenville, No-Cost Women's Health Screening Day**, A no-cost women's health screening day will be held in Greenville on Wednesday, May 14. Free health care is available to women who are between the ages of 40-64, have no or limited health insurance and who meet certain income guidelines (regardless of sexual orientation). Health screenings will include a mammogram, Pap test and clinical breast exam. Northwoods Healthcare and Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital are participating Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program Providers. Pre-registration is required. FMI and/or to register, please call Penquis at 1-800-215-4942 and ask for Maria Staples. Funded by the Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program.

\* **MAY 15 (Thursday), Millinocket and Patten, No-Cost Women's Health Screening Day**, A no-cost women's health screening day will be held in Millinocket and Patten on Thursday, May 15. Free health care is available to women who are between the ages of 40-64, have no or limited health insurance and who meet certain income guidelines (regardless of sexual orientation). Health screenings will include a mammogram, Pap test and clinical breast exam. Katahdin Valley Health Center and Millinocket Regional Hospital are participating Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program Providers. Pre-registration is required. FMI and/or to register, please call Penquis at 1-800-215-4942 and ask for Maria Staples. Funded by the Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program.

#### **EVENTS (ONGOING):**

**FIRST FRIDAY LESBIAN POTLUCK.** First Friday of every month. Belfast, Starts around 6 pm. FMI and/or directions, contact Annie at [a.doherty1@verizon.net](mailto:a.doherty1@verizon.net) or call 338-6347.

**GAY GUYS GROUP (GGG) POTLUCK DINNER.** Every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Ellsworth Area, 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)

**OUTRAGEOUSLY SUPPORTIVE.** Every other Thursday. Bangor, for GLBTQ youth (age 18 - 25) and their friends. Meets from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, at Eastern Maine AIDS Network at 370 Harlow St. For more information contact Sharon at 207-990-3626 or [emanpeer@gwi.net](mailto:emanpeer@gwi.net) or go to <http://www.maineaidsnetwork.com/groups.html>

**RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP.** Third Saturday of each month. Bangor, 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.

**STUDENTS FOR AIDS FACTS AND EDUCATION RESOURCES (SAFER).** Every Tuesday, meetings held in Bangor, for any high school student from the ages of 14 to 18 yrs. old with questions about HIV/AIDS and/or an interest in peer-education. We have group check-ins, group discussion, watch movies, snacks. GLBTQ friendly. Meets from 3:30 - 5:30pm at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 370 Harlow St. For more information, contact Joe at 207-990-3626 or [jsargent@gwi.net](mailto:jsargent@gwi.net) or go to <http://www.maineaidsnetwork.com/groups.html>



## **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 March 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](mailto:megress@gwi.net) or at 862-2063.*

no listings this issue

## **PERSONALS:**

**Transsexual in Bangor needs rides to events.** Will split the cost for gas. I'm also hoping to make more friends within the LGBT community. I am active, interested in the arts and spirituality. I'll be out of town until the 9th but will check my email when I can, probably every other day or so. Reply to Kay at [kayli1001@gmail.com](mailto:kayli1001@gmail.com).

**Bangor area, woman seeking other women.** Single, 45 years old, active & healthy, optimistic & upbeat. Exercise regularly, eat fairly healthy, but have the occasional treat. I try to keep my life simple/stress-free. I'd like to meet some nice, got-it-together femmes in the Bangor area, friends and/or dating. Would like to get out and have some fun - dinner, movies, concerts, etc! Email me at [Kelly.thompson@maine.edu](mailto:Kelly.thompson@maine.edu) if you'd like to make a new friend.

**50 yr old transgendered lesbian seeks a partner for companionship and a little more.** I like to cook and between the both of us we could help each other out. Reply at [mellanie462004@yahoo.com](mailto:mellanie462004@yahoo.com). All replies will be answered in a timely fashion.

## **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.*

**FOR SALE.** Sangerville - 2 Bedroom 2 Bath Mobile home with 24x36 Garage on 3+ acres. Large lawn, close to town and amenities with quiet countryside living. Garage was built in 2005, Mobile home is a 1991 Imperial Regal. Motivated seller. For more information email Rob at [rhc77@hotmail.com](mailto:rhc77@hotmail.com) or check out the MLS # 862852.

## **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@gwi.net](mailto:megress@gwi.net)*

**Bangor, apartment sharing available.** I have an extra room in my Bangor apt. that I'm looking to rent out. Rent is \$ 350.00 a month plus half of electric. FMI call Tom at 207-570-3554.

**Bangor, House For Rent.** Large Victorian house partially furnished available for year lease - possibly 2 - great neighborhood, beautiful house, hardwood floors, yard, 4 bedrooms, etc etc. Rent is \$2000/month but will consider offer for right person(s) with references and lease. FMI contact Susan at [susan@susanmaaschfineart.com](mailto:susan@susanmaaschfineart.com)

**Bangor, small studio apt for rent.** Small kitchen, fully furnished, yard, laundry, very nice, not fancy but on great property near parks and town. \$650/month includes all utilities. FMI contact Susan at [susan@susanmaaschfineart.com](mailto:susan@susanmaaschfineart.com)

**Brewer House Mate Wanted:** Looking for mature, responsible M/F to share 3 BR/2 BA home in a great neighborhood. \$500 per month includes everything. Prefer someone with a quiet life style and a sense of humor. Call Angel at 942-5216 or email [reangel@tcreal.com](mailto:reangel@tcreal.com).

**Durham, house mate wanted** (close to Freeport). M/F House mate wanted...basement apartment...have your OWN private (semi-furnished) bedroom, large living space (cable TV), & bathroom...share kitchen....No dogs...cats OK. \$600/month...includes every thing. Call Lou at 353-6536 or [irishgreen4222@yahoo.com](mailto:irishgreen4222@yahoo.com)

**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](http://www.lincolntonvillerealestate.net) (click on the "vacation rental" icon). FMI contact Dwight at [campmee@yahoo.com](mailto:campmee@yahoo.com) or by phone at 207-763-4849.

**Newport, roommate wanted,** to share house in Newport area, 25 minutes to Bangor, 10 minutes to Newport. Basement bedroom with own area to make into living area space, sharing the laundry facilities space. Looking for someone who is open minded to my busy schedule, family and possible get togethers. Busy, hard working student who would enjoy sharing her home with someone who is upbeat and non-judgmental, as the right person would have open invitation to join in family functions. Asking \$350 per month with help with utilities and heat. This home is in the country with access to ATV and Snowmobile trails without trailering. Please be prepared to provide at least 3 references, payment of first months rent and security deposit along with signing a 6 month lease. If interested, please call Lorrie at 461-2128.

**Newport, house mate wanted.** Gay non-smoking male building a house in Newport and would like to find a house mate. Pay rent or in exchange for painting and helping me do some light carpentry. Contact Marc at [adventurechallenge@msn.com](mailto:adventurechallenge@msn.com) or 890-7133.

**Otis, Roomate Wanted.** Female seeking same for roomate. Room is very small but very affordable. The room is furnished, with only a twin



bed, and storage for clothing. There is only room for perhaps your TV and computer. The place is cozy in a campy kind of way, near Beech Hill Pond. Located in a quiet rural area 20 minutes to Ellsworth, 25 minutes to Bangor. There's a small circle of gay women in the neighborhood. \$300/month includes everything. Perfect for someone in transition. So, If you're looking for affordable, give me a call. Lynn at 537-3366 or at 460-1376 or by email at [lucky62365@aol.com](mailto:lucky62365@aol.com)

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

**AA Meeting - GLBT**, Ellsworth, Friday evenings at 6:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 121 Bucksport Rd. More information can be found on the Central Maine AA meeting site: [www.aomaine.org](http://www.aomaine.org)

**AA Meeting for people living with HIV/AIDS**. Meets on Thursday Evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 at 49 Oak Street in Portland. FMI contact Scott at [ScottTopsum@hotmail.com](mailto:ScottTopsum@hotmail.com)

**Bridge Alliance** is a registered non profit organization connecting the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied (GLBTA) community in Aroostook, Hancock, Washington, Piscataquis, and Penobscot counties. Our primary goal is to accomplish the following: facilitate the development of a GLBTA community which promotes and embraces diversity; to promote and encourage the understanding that the GLBTA community plays an important role in Maine's cultural, social and economic landscape; to give back to the GLBTA community through charitable donations or in-kind services; to produce annual events that will assemble the GLBTA community in Northern Maine. We look forward to having you as a partner in our many endeavors. The web site for the Bridge Alliance is [www.thebridgealliance.org](http://www.thebridgealliance.org). The email address is [info@thebridgealliance.org](mailto:info@thebridgealliance.org). The events calendar is at [www.thebridgealliance.org/events.html](http://www.thebridgealliance.org/events.html)

**Bridging The Gap** provides no-cost clinical breast exams, mammograms, breast ultrasounds, and other breast health services to women (including lesbian, bi, and trans women) age 20 to 29 who have a symptom of concern and age 30 to 39 who have a symptom of concern or a family history of breast cancer. FMI and to see if you qualify contact Robin at Bridging The Gap at 941-2808.

**Caring Connections** provides no-cost mammograms and Pap tests to women (including lesbian, bi, and trans women) age 40 to 64 who meet income guidelines and dont have insurance to cover breast and cervical health services. FMI contact Robin at Caring Connections at 941-2808.

**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](mailto:info@equalitymaine.org) and the web site is [www.equalitymaine.org](http://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](http://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**. Meets fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at the UU Church in Ellsworth. We eat together (usually pizza) and ask participants to pitch in for the cost (usually about \$5). New members always welcome. Our work is focused on making schools safer and more respectful for all students and staff regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We do staff trainings, workshops at other events, and advocate for student needs. Recently we have begun to work with and encourage several gay-straight alliances (GSA's) in local high schools. 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 667-2358 or 244-3837. OR email [downeastqlsen@roadrunner.com](mailto:downeastqlsen@roadrunner.com). You can check the resource-rich national web site at [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org) and find our chapter page at [www.glsen.org/downeastme](http://www.glsen.org/downeastme).

**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](mailto:knead24u@yahoo.com). You can also check the web site at [www.howardfoundation07.org](http://www.howardfoundation07.org)

**The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Collection** at the University of Southern Maine is working to capture the history of Maine's LGBT community. We collect papers of individuals and the records of organizations active in the community. Although we mostly collect print material (books, serials, written documents) we collect almost any object that documents the life and experience of the LGBT community - (photographs, books, newsletters, objects, posters, T-shirts, buttons, etc). Following professional standards, we are careful to guard the privacy of individuals involved with the collections and will work with donors who choose anonymity. For information on the collection and donating material please contact Susie Bock, 207-780-4269 or [bocks@usm.maine.edu](mailto:bocks@usm.maine.edu).

**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 hour and a half-hour radio magazine show with music, news, creative explorations, humor and interviews for women and lesbians. With a focus on local and regional lesbian and women's issues, lesbian radio also brings you national and international people and issues of interest. Hosts Virginia Throckmorton, Jen Hodsdon and Katie Diamond talk with intriguing Maine lesbians, take on political topics, and provide a forum for area activists, writers and artists while offering the best in women's music. Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00 PM on Portland radio station WMPG 90.9 FM and at 104.1 FM or listen online at [www.wmpg.org](http://www.wmpg.org).  
JenHodsdonKateClintonStephBarrettDoryCoteHardyGirlsandHealthyWomenEqualityMaineMaryDailyUglyDucklingsFeministMajorityNewsWomen'sSpaceFeministingHumorAnnouncementsandConnectionsGLBTMichiganWomen'sFestivalLesbianChefCookingClassChoiceAgainstViolenceAgainstWomenandmore.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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, 973-3586 or 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](mailto:speakout@commcc.org) or phone 874.1030.

**MaineTransNet (Maine Transgender Network, Inc.)** is an organization dedicated to educating the public about gender identity and raising awareness of the varied forms of gender expression. We provide support and consultation to health and social service professionals, transgender individuals, their families, and interested others. FMI email Alex at [alex@mainetransnet.org](mailto:alex@mainetransnet.org) or check the web site at [www.mainetransnet.org](http://www.mainetransnet.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 [mdp@palmer@gwi.net](mailto:mdp@palmer@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 [marty@mc@roadrunner.com](mailto:marty@mc@roadrunner.com) 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 email [info@tqfund.org](mailto:info@tqfund.org) OR check the web site at [www.tqfund.org](http://www.tqfund.org)

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

**Clay Hill Farm Restaurant** (OGUNQUIT) hosts a variety of women-only events during the year. Among them are a Christmas Season dinner-dance, a women's Valentine's Day dinner-dance (for both couples AND singles), and a Spring Soiree in June. You can check out the web site at [www.clayhillfarm.com](http://www.clayhillfarm.com). To get on the e-mail list for their Events For Women, send your request to Jackie at [Lmsmarketing@yahoo.com](mailto:Lmsmarketing@yahoo.com)

**Coastal Women's Connection.** (BRUNSWICK TO PORTLAND COASTAL AREA) A women's social group that holds dances, BBQs, softball, camping, potlucks, etc. FMI about their activities you can join their yahoo group site (they have an events calendar) at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/coastalwomensconnection>. Click on request to join and mention that you are a lesbian and would like to join. Request will be approved as soon as a moderator gets it. You can also see their web site at [www.coastalwomensconnection.com](http://www.coastalwomensconnection.com)



**just guys. (AUGUSTA)** A social group for men who have sex with men meets every Wednesday at the just guys 1950's library café, second floor, 9 Green St, in Augusta. We work to create a safe, welcoming space free of attitude, ego, gossip, labels, or judgment. Drop in for casual chat, cookies, and coffee Wednesday any time from 5:30 to 7:00. The regular weekly meetings are 7-8:30. The night's activities can include discussions, games, guest speakers, or movies, and always fun snacks. Join us, bring a friend, come share! Free, anonymous, 20-minute rapid oral test is available with appointment anytime. FMI contact Lew at 621-3794. More information, weekly updates at [www.justguys.info](http://www.justguys.info)

**Lavender Letters. (MACHIAS AREA)** A snail mail newsletter for lesbian-identified women in Washington County. FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Gillyin at Lavender Letters, 9 Bobcat Path, Machias, ME 04654

**Maine Street Bar (OGUNQUIT)** hosts monthly women-only T-dances. For more info about them check the web site at <http://www.mainestreetogunquit.com/women.php>

**Northern Lambda Nord. (AROOSTOOK COUNTY)** A GLBTQ social group that 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 Northern Lambda Nord at 425-4088 or email [northernlambdanord@verizon.net](mailto:northernlambdanord@verizon.net). You can also ask to get on their e-newsletter mailing list by going to [www.northernlambdanord.com](http://www.northernlambdanord.com)

**Out!...As I Want To Be. (ROCKLAND)** An organization 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](mailto:outmaine@yahoo.com). Check the web site at [www.outmaine.org](http://www.outmaine.org) or the myspace posting at [www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe](http://www.myspace.com/outasiwanttobe)

**Portland Lesbian Coffee House. (PORTLAND)** 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](mailto:mmckenney2@maine.rr.com)

**PRYSM (Proud Rainbow Youth Of Southern Maine) (PORTLAND)** An organization 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 call 874-1022 or email [prysm@commcc.org](mailto:prysm@commcc.org)

**Seacoast Outright.** Located in Portsmouth, NH, but available to GLBTI youth from York county and southern Maine. A peer support group/organization for GLBTI youths. FMI contact Tawnee Walling, Executive Director at 603-431-1013 or check the web site at [www.seacoastoutright.org](http://www.seacoastoutright.org)

**Seacoast Sapphos (PORTLAND TO PORTSMOUTH)** A women's social group that sponsors 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)

**SOLO-n-Friends. (BATH TO DAMARISCOTTA AREA)** 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. FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Peg at [chickp3@gmail.com](mailto:chickp3@gmail.com) or check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/lesbians04/>

**Thrive (PORTLAND AREA).** Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for gay-identified men and MSM by offering them social opportunities, health education and alternatives to the bar-scene and on-line hook-ups. Thrive sponsors a variety of low-key social events like coffee houses and movie nights. By directly meeting their needs, Thrive gives gay men a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported and accepted. Our goal is to make Portland, ME a great place to thrive. FMI call 233-9364 or email [thrive@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:thrive@portlandmaine.gov) or check the web site at [www.thrivemaine.com](http://www.thrivemaine.com).

**Trans\_Port\_Me (PORTLAND)** This is a trans support group located in Portland, Maine 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. My name is Gail and I am your host and moderator, 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 effect on our overall well-being and sense of self. Meetings are held the fourth Saturday of the month from 6:00 to 9:00pm, in downtown Portland, ME. Send an e-mail to [g\\_moreau@yahoo.com](mailto:g_moreau@yahoo.com) to join the online support group to set up a screening interview for the monthly group.

**WAYVES (Canadian Maritimes)** For those FAN readers who are near the Canadian maritime provinces there is a monthly newspaper, called WAYVES, which is put out by the maritime GLBT community. It's put out in print copy only, covers all the maritime provinces, and contains feature articles, regular columns, listings of groups and services, listings of GLBT events coming up, and business ads. A subscription sent to the U.S. is \$30/year CDN. FMI about subscribing contact Jim McMillan at 902-826-7356, email [submissions@wayves.ca](mailto:submissions@wayves.ca), or write to Wayves, PO Box 34090, Scotia Square, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, B3J 3S1. You can also check their web site at [www.wayves.ca](http://www.wayves.ca)

**Yankee Boyz. (AUBURN)** A social/support group for those born female, or intersex, and which female and/or "woman" as an identity does not fit. Female-to-male Transsexuals, Transgenderists, Crossdressers, TG Butches, Stonebutches and otherwise very masculine identified female "guys" and their SOFFA'S (significant other, friend, family, allies) are welcome. All sexual orientations are welcome. A place to share ideas and experiences in an atmosphere where we do not have to fight for validation. Meets monthly Sept - June (1st or 2nd Sunday of the month...call ahead to verify). Meetings are held at the U.U. Church in Auburn. FMI contact PJ at [pimears@roadrunner.com](mailto:pimears@roadrunner.com) or call 783-4630.



## **WEB BASED MAINE GLBT LISTSERVES & EMAIL LISTS:**

**Deserve to Know.** A web site sponsored by The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention which features community resources for men who have sex with men (MSM) and all who are working to prevent the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STD) in Maine. This interactive Web site features a community calendar, HIV testing sites, and other helpful information. D2K will provides an anonymous and friendly place to browse information about HIV, HIV testing and men's health issues. It also features local and national news and information geared toward the MSM community. Check it out at [www.deservetoknowme.org](http://www.deservetoknowme.org)

**Gay Maine.** [www.gaymaine.com](http://www.gaymaine.com) . The lesbian and gay directory for gay-owned and gay-friendly places in Maine: Bars, clubs, hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, and more!

**Laura's Playground. Transgender Suicide Prevention and Support Site.** Jessica writes: I'm a moderator at a transgender suicide prevention and support site. It's a wonderful place with a live chat and lots of information. The chat runs 24 hours a day and I don't remember the last time there wasn't a moderator present. We screen the chatters to make sure we keep out 'admirers' and anyone who might harass. All moderators go thru suicide prevention training thru <http://training.sprc.org> as well as training from the administrators and supervisors. And it isn't only for suicidal individuals, a lot of TGs just go there to chat with people who understand their situation. I personally have found lots of support there and made some great friends. The people there are always willing to help answer any questions someone might have. Maine doesn't have much support to offer to TGs north of Bangor, or even much in Bangor. I just want to make sure that people know that Laura's Playground is around to offer support, answer questions, and help people find the resources they need. You can find it at: [www.lauras-playground.com](http://www.lauras-playground.com)

**Maine Gay Men's Weekly News Letter** is an email newsletter focusing on organizations and activities in southern Maine. It is primarily for gay men, but they do include some general GLBT activities info and links to various GLBT organizations around the state. FMI, to see a sample copy, or to be added to their mailing list, send Joe an email at [cascogays@gmail.com](mailto:cascogays@gmail.com) with your request.

**Maine GayNet Listserve.** A long-running listserve for the Maine GLBTQ community which allows members to post notices, opinions, etc. (in a broadcast manner) to everyone else on the listserve. To join the Maine GayNet listserve, send the following command in the body of a message to [majordomo@groups.queernet.org](mailto:majordomo@groups.queernet.org): subscribe me-gaynet youremailaddress

**Maine Gay Outdoor Network Events (MEGONE)** 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](mailto: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 intersted in details, please email me at \_\_\_\_\_, or call me at \_\_\_\_\_". Any questions? let me know! ([mikeondavispond@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeondavispond@yahoo.com))

**Maine Lesbians listserve** 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](mailto:patput@midcoast.com)

**Maine-Motorcycle-Women.** Family member Vicky has set up a group on Google for women motorcyclists. Check it out at: <http://groups.google.com/group/maine-motorcycle-women?lnk=srg> FMI contact Vicky at [vroommaine@gmail.com](mailto:vroommaine@gmail.com)

**Proud Lesbians of Poverty** We seek people to join the group as we explore ways to improve the civil rights of GLBTQ's of poverty who cannot afford a lawyer to enforce their Gay Civil Rights, or their original Human Rights as a person. We are open to all people of any background. FMI contact Jan at [janshouse@yahoo.com](mailto:janshouse@yahoo.com) or phone 207-453-2353 or join the yahoo group at <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ProudLesbians/>

**Rubyfruit Cafe.** A Maine-based, on-line, lesbian virtual community. Rubyfruit Cafe is a lesbian community magazine designed to showcase our lives, creativity, spirituality, politics, and much more. It is a website that will be driven by your submissions, your music, poetry, videos, photos, and stories. Show us where and how you live (show us your "crib") ... Tell us about your spirituality ... what you think politically and poetically ... sing your song or show us your garden ... share your lives, ideas and hopes with each other. If you find an interesting article, website, product, or new talent, let us hear about it. I want to create a fun, creative, supportive, environment for everyone to relax and just enjoy each other ... to take pleasure in our diversity and talents ... a place of tolerance and celebration. [www.rubyfruitcafe.com](http://www.rubyfruitcafe.com)

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

All communications to FAMILY AFFAIRS should be sent to [megress@awi.net](mailto:megress@awi.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, sent out on the 1st and 15th of each month. It covers a 50 mile radius around Bangor and also Aroostook and Washington counties.



#### **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: [meqress@qwi.net](mailto:meqress@qwi.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.