

Common Circle for Human Rights

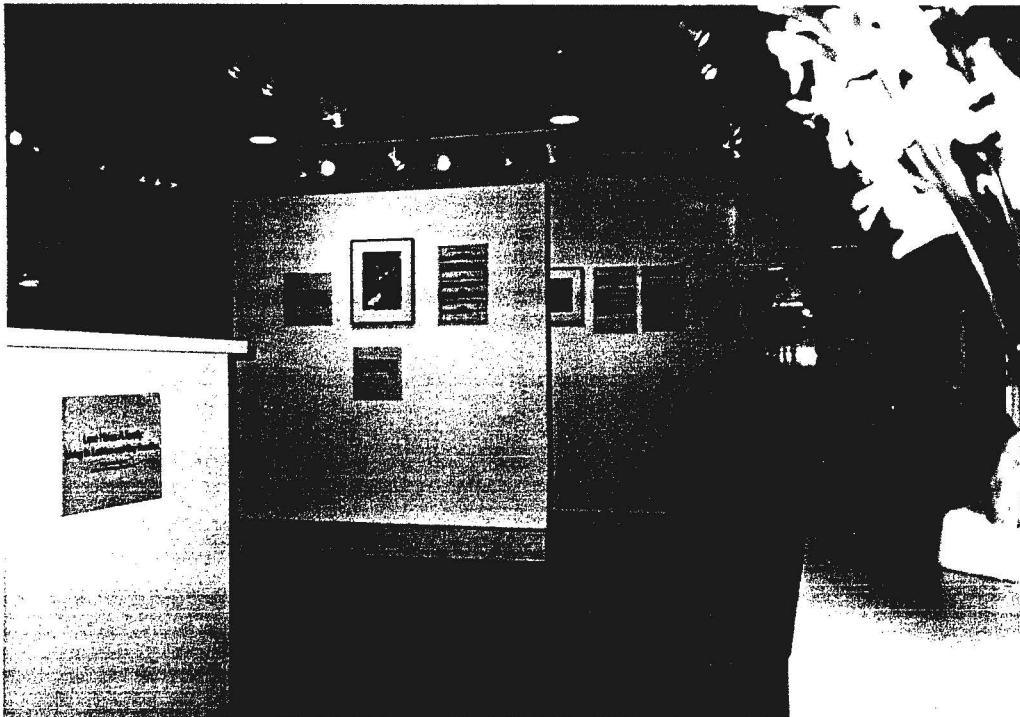
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"Love Makes A Family" A Huge Success!!

The "Love Makes A Family" photo-text exhibit, shown at the Spring Street Gallery in Belfast between September 5-13, was an overwhelming success! Over 150 persons attended the Friday night opening reception. It was a wonderful time, perhaps the "social event of the season" in town! The panel discussion entitled, "Living In Gay and Lesbian Families in Mid-Coast Maine" attracted some 70 people. More than 200 additional patrons visited the gallery during the exhibit's 8-day stop in Belfast. Many wrote tremendously positive comments in the register after viewing the exhibition.

We have so many people to thank for making this event the success that it was! First, our gratitude to Sam Mitchell for providing such an exquisite space and his remarkable presentation of the exhibit! Kudos to the 18 volunteers who worked as gallery monitors, allowing us to keep the gallery open for a total of 77 hours during the week! In addition our thanks to the six panelists, each of whom shared his/her personal story, and to Martha Piscuskas, who moderated the panel discussion. Our appreciation also to Cathy Muzzy for



coordinating the refreshments for the panel program, and to all those who contributed goodies to the event. Most of all, a HUGE THANK YOU to Mitzi Lichtman, who worked tirelessly for months to make this event happen!

You are truly remarkable,
Mitzi!

Spring Street Gallery Provided the Perfect Setting
for "Love Makes A Family"

MLGPA Planning Massive Response To Christian Civic League's Petition

The Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) is gearing up to respond to the Christian Civic League's petition drive to overturn the Anti-Discrimination statute which was passed by the Maine Legislature and signed into law by Governor King this spring. We have much to do, and very little time in which to do it!! For those of you who fought this same battle in 1995, it's *deja vu* all over again!

MLGPA will be holding its annual meeting this Saturday, September 27 between 10am-1pm at the Universalist Unitarian Church off Winthrop Street (near Library) in Augusta. The issue of our community's action to prepare for the anticipated referendum is certain to be THE topic of discussion!! Please attend this meeting if at all possible ... bring your ideas about how we can mount an effective, visible, far-reaching offense against the CCL's bigotry!! Call Betsy King, MLGPA President, at 207-774- 5721, ext. 164, for more information or to lend your ideas.

Pat Peard of "Maine Won't Discriminate" has indicated that MWD and MLGPA will be needing lots of volunteers to verify the validity of the CCL petition drive signatures after October 18. Call 1-800-55-MLGPA for additional information or to volunteer your time in this important effort!

Community Calendar

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| Sept. 23 | Common Circle for Human Rights
6:30 P.M. - Social hour
7:00 P.M. - Meeting/discussion on Families
St. Margaret's Parish House, 49 Court Street, Belfast |
| Sept. 26 | Gaymen's Fall Welcoming Celebration and Stone Raising
Potluck on 9/26 begins at 6:00pm; morning breakfast 9/27 hosted by Paul.
Bonfire will be built and men are invited to share stories.
All invited to spend the night - bring sleeping bag and tent.
Stone raising celebration 9/27 to honor men's community.
Call Paul at 338-1427 for location and information. |
| Sept. 26-
Oct. 5 | Presentation of "The Ugly Ducklings" by Carolyn Gage
World premiere of a drama highlighting the destructive effects of homophobia on girls and young women; directed by Lauren Todd, Class of '99.
Gannet Theater on Bates College campus
Sept. 26 and 27: 6:00pm
Sept. 28: 2:00pm
Oct. 3 and 4: 8:00pm
Oct. 5: 2:00pm |
| Oct. 1 | Lecture Series at Bates College
7:30pm at Muskie Archives on Bates College campus
Allan Berube, founder of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project, and author of <u>Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in WWII</u> , will speak as part of the "Creative Approach to Public Policy" lecture series. |

Community Calendar (continued)

- Oct. 2 Lecture Series at Bates College
7:30pm at Muskie Archives on Bates College campus
Carolyn Gage, author of "The Ugly Ducklings" will be speaking about her play.
- Oct. 10 Men's Video Night
7:00pm at the Coastal AIDS Network office, 156 High Street, Belfast
Call 338-1427 for more information.
- Oct. 11 First Annual "Race for the Cure" in Bangor
A 5K pledge walk/run to support breast cancer research and education.
Sponsored by the Susan B. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research, New Balance, JC Penny, Tropicana, and others.
For more info, contact Rosemary Baldacci at the Bangor Athletic Club (947-2582).
- Oct. 17-19 Gay Men Together Retreat
At Pilgrim Lodge, Cobbosseecontee Lake in Litchfield
Call 207-499-0166 for more information.
- Oct. 19 Maine AIDS Walk '97 to benefit Coastal AIDS Network
Harbor Park at Rockland Public Landing
Registration begins at 1:00pm; Walk at 2:15pm
Prizes for individuals and teams who raise most money!
Post-walk drawing for 10 great prizes -- all walkers eligible to win!
Call 338-6330 for Walk Registration Forms or more information.
- Oct. 24 4th Friday Men's Group
Potluck and discussion
Call Paul at 338-1427 for more information.
- Oct. 29- Nov. 2 Penobscot Bay Gaymen's Gathering
Tanglewood 4-H Camp, Lincolnville
Contact: Mark Nutt, 9 Hudson Street, Bangor, ME 04401-4617 to register.
- Oct. 31- Nov 2 Women Only Weekend at The Alden House Bed & Breakfast
63 Church Street, Belfast
On this weekend, the B&B will be open to women only.
Seven rooms available
Delightful delicacies, lavender-scented sheets and feather mattresses, bountiful brunches
Call Marla and Jessie, Innkeepers, at 338-2151 for reservations

Oct. 4th Women's Dance, Portland Williston Church - Chem Free

Oct. 5th Fall Party to benefit GLAD, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at The Grand Lobby, Maine Bank & Trust Co., 467 Congress St., Portland. \$25 minimum. Benefit GLAD Just Come!

Oct. 11th 8 p.m. Chris Williamson & Trent Fure, Women in Harmony \$20 Preferred Seating \$16.
First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 425 Congress St. Portland
General Admission, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE For tickets call 773-6974 or Dan McO
Line - Portland & MacBeane - Brunswick
"The Common Circle for Human Rights is a group of individuals whose mission is to educate
ourselves and the larger community on issues of equal rights and social justice. We will hold social,
political and cultural gatherings in order to 1) facilitate respectful discussion and exchange of ideas, 2) By the way
create a more informed citizenry, and 3) increase the bonds of friendship and understanding among
diverse people."

VIP Reception
at Holiday
88 Spring St
Portland.
\$10.00 - get
at same place