



Barony of All Vermont Presents Monarch's Ball

"An Evening on Broadway" is the theme for the September 2nd show at the Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington on Route 7.

Call 1-800-462-4810 for reservations. Come enjoy performers from the Imperial Court System Drag Show to benefit SafeSpace and the Rutland Humane Society. Please bring items for donation including bedding and toys for animals at the shelter. Bid on items in our Silent and Chinese Auctions. See BaronyofAllVermont.org for more information.

Friends of Recovery Annual Meeting

Friends of Recovery-Vermont will hold their annual meeting from 9 am to 1 pm, Wednesday, September 6th at Bethany Church in Montpelier.

This meeting is part of the annual observance of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. Recovery month is a nationwide celebration of people in recovery from substance use disorders and the treatment providers who help them reclaim their lives. Contact Patty McCarthy at 802-229-6103 or email recoveryvt@aol.com.

Alison Bechdel and Phranc Launch Art Show

Alison Bechdel, author of the critically acclaimed and national bestseller *FUN HOME*, will team up with Phranc, (aka the Jewish Lesbian Folksinger and The Cardboard Cobbler) for an exhibit of drawings and paper sculpture at pine street art works, in Burlington.

Alison is a long-time contributor to *OITM* of her comic strip *Dykes to Watch Out For*, and Phranc has recorded five solo albums and appeared in award-winning films.

Their collaborative art show "Paper Play" will be on display at pine street art works at 404 Pine Street, Burlington, from September 8 to October 31, Tues-Sat from 11-5. Opening: Art Hop, Friday Sept. 8, from 5-10 pm. FMI go to pinestreetartworks.com or call 863-8100.

Small Farms Food Fest

Celebrate Vermont farms, the apple harvest, and local musicians at the 5th Annual Vermont Small Farms Food Fest! On Sunday, September 10 from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Shelburne Orchards in Shelburne, Vermont farmers and food producers will create and sell specially prepared foods while musicians perform all day long.

Performance times include 11 am, Hammer and Saw (all-girl, old-time music with clawhammer, banjo, and fiddle); 12 pm,

Red Thread (Latin, gypsy, jazz); 1 pm, Meat Packers (bluegrass and country); 2 pm, Blue Norther (bluegrass); 3 pm, Barbara Wager and Robert Resnik (Shoo-fly pie and Apple Pan Dowdy); 4 pm, Silver Leviathan (instrumental eclectic brass); 5 pm, Hibernators (bluegrass, swing); and 7 pm, Jugtown Pirates (jug, washboard, etc.) For more information, call 864-7528 or 985-2753.

WomenSafe Annual Volunteer Training

Each year WomenSafe provides more than 3,400 units of service in Addison County and Rochester, Vermont.



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East Side Drive, Concord, NH. To learn more, call 1-800-457-6833.

LezCruise Launches New Travel Service

LezCruise is a Portland, Oregon based travel agency. The new website at lezcruise.com has two main features to try to help lesbians find each other before sailing. The first feature is a listing of cruises on which lesbians are either booked or interested in booking.

Thus, a lesbian woman interested in sailing to Alaska, for instance, can check the website for Alaska sailings which other lesbian women are booked on or simply interested in. The second

(end September/October). Day of: collect surveys community housing, registration table, audio/visual, and errand running. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Jesse at transcendingboundaries@gmail.com.

Family Pride Launches "Back to School" Tools

Family Pride announced the launch of a Back to School pamphlet, titled, "Building Family Equality in Every Classroom." The materials give concrete, easy to execute strategies to educate school communities about the unique needs of children of LGBT parents in the classroom.

GLAD Names Spirit of Justice Honoree

GLAD has announced that Mandy Carter, grassroots organizer for the past 37 years and self-described "southern out black lesbian social justice activist" will receive the 2006 Spirit of Justice award at a dinner this fall.

The annual Spirit of Justice Award Dinner will be held on Friday, October 27th in Boston. To learn more, see glad.org/events.

Out in Scripture

The Human Rights Campaign last month announced the launching of Out in Scripture (www.hrc.org/scripture), a free weekly online resource for clergy and lay people of faith.

The website will provide distinct insights into the Bible from a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and straight-supportive perspective. It will be especially valuable in building welcoming and inclusive congregations around the country.

Rainbow Babies Website

TheRainbowBabies.com is a new website that was launched in June to provide space for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people to share stories of their respective paths to parenthood.

The website provides information, features, book and movie reviews and stories from moms and dads themselves. Writers are welcome. Contact angela@therainbowbabies.com.

Call for Submissions

For all of you lesbians who have contributed already and have been wondering, the Lee Lynch/Renee LaChance Butch Cookbook is still alive and well except for one small thing. We need more recipes.

So, this is a second call to all you butches who do - or don't like to cook - to send us up to three of your favorite recipes. Or any of you femmes who know bashful butches partners, exes, gay Aunt Maud, or others, and would like to send their recipes, we welcome them. We want to hear about who you cooked it for, how people liked it, if it's one of a gazillion or one that only the great butch chef knows, where it came from - any background you can provide. We're looking for diversity from the fine chefs among us to the kitchen-challenged who think all those wonderful utensils in the kitchen work great only in the garage and elsewhere as some tool or the other. So do all the butches in the world a big favor: sit down and e-mail those recipes and stories. Oh, and a short bio, too. And how about any special treat recipes you have for your pets? Please submit by December 1st, 2006 to greenhat66@gmail.com. ▼

Womyn's Night Features PAMELA MEANS

This month's Womyn's Night will be happening at Higher Ground in South Burlington on Friday, September 1st at 8 pm.

Pamela Means is a Boston-based Out (spoken), Biracial indie folk artist whose "kamikaze guitar style" and punchy provocative songs have worn a hole in her guitar. Armed with razor wit poetry and irresistible charm, her "stark, defiant songs" (*New York Times Magazine*) set the status quo and the stage afire. She will be followed by DJ Llu and DJ Precious.

To do this, WomenSafe relies greatly on its wonderful volunteers, which it needs more of. WomenSafe will be holding it's annual Volunteer Training beginning September 19th and we are looking for at least 25 new people to volunteer. The 32-hour training will prepare community members to: provide direct service over the 24-hour hotline, at court hearings and in the WomenSafe office; work in our Supervised Visitation Program; coordinate public awareness and community outreach events; provide childcare and perform administrative assistance tasks. We look forward to hearing from you! For more information and an application, call WomenSafe at 388-9180.

WomenSafe works toward the elimination of physical, sexual and emotional violence against women and their children through direct service, education and social change.

Sisters by Heart - Partners in Aging

Kay Amsden and Mary Lou Fuller talk about living in retirement at Havenwood-Heritage Heights Retirement Community in Concord, New Hampshire. The couple says they have a peaceful and safe life at the facility that serves more than 700 people age 62 and older.

Hear Kay and Mary Lou talk about their journey as a same-sex couple at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21. The talk and brunch will be held at the Barrows Activity Center on the Heritage Heights Campus, 149

feature is discussion boards specific to each posted sailing, so that women can choose to get acquainted before the cruise. There are also general discussion boards.

LezCruise can also be reached by phone at 503-419-6248 or toll-free at 1-888-649-2879, or by email at cruise@lezcruise.com.

Transcending Boundaries Conference

On October 27-29, 2006, Transcending Boundaries will hold its fifth conference for bisexual/pansexual, trans/genderqueer, and intersex people and our allies at the DCU Center in Worcester, Massachusetts (formerly known as the Worcester Centrum). This year's conference will be held in conjunction with the PFLAG Northeast Regional Conference for family, friends, and allies from across the region. For more information on the conference, please visit our website at transcendingboundaries.org.

Transcending Boundaries is entirely run by volunteers and won't happen without your help! Volunteer opportunities include media calls and emails, sponsorship calls (we really need help on this!), workshop administration (can be done via email), and more.

Near future: plan Friday reception/coffee house, plan Saturday Halloween party, visit GSAs and college queer groups (September), printing (for the registration confirmation mailing), and mass flyer distribution

To obtain a copy, go to www.familypride.org or call (202) 331-5015.

Queer Social Space to Meet This Month

Organizers will meet at 7 pm, Thursday, September 14th at the Blue Star, 28 Main Street in Winooski (next door to Sneakers Bistro). The Blue Star is wheelchair accessible. Coffee and light refreshment will be provided, more substantial fare available for purchase. The Blue Star will host a free performance by local sing-songwriter Brett Hughes after the meeting.

Interested? Contact qssvermont@gmail.com.

FrightFest to Hold Nights of Terror

FrightFest, New Hampshire's newest home for pure terror, welcomes film star Kane Hodder for two special nights of fear on October 27th and 28th in Nashua to benefit Terry Pendt, one of the artists and designers who brought FrightFest to life in 2005.

Proceeds benefit non-insured expenses associated with Terry's treatments related to a kidney transplant. Contact FrightFestEvents@gmail.com.