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Vermont and Lesbian Gay Pride Day 89 will happen rain or shine in Montpelier on Saturday, June 24th - in front of the Statehouse that said no to your civil rights!

Here's a quick rundown of the scheduled events: Rally 12 noon - 3 p.m. on the Statehouse lawn. Scheduled speakers are Peri Jude Radecic of the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force and David Scondras, Boston City Council member. Music will once again be provided by one of Vermont's favorites: Kwanzaa! (bring your own percussion instrument to join them).

From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., an open lesbian and gay poetry reading with music will happen at the Unitarian Universalist Society in Montpelier.

To cap off your madcap day, join us at the dance to be held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at a location to be announced at Pride Day.

If you've never been to a Vermont Pride Celebration, don't miss out another year! See you there!

Oral History of the Stonewall Riots

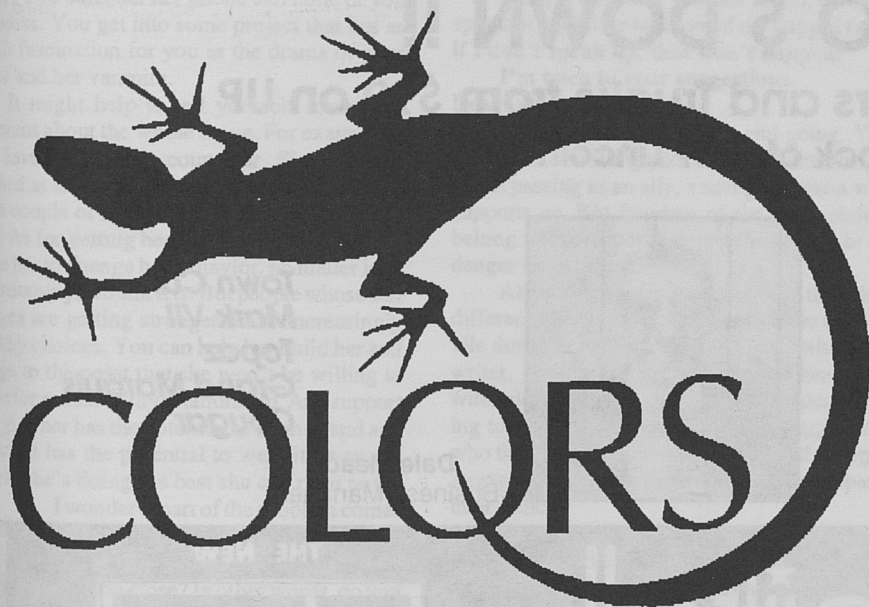
For an oral history of the Stonewall Riots, I am seeking all participants, witnesses, and any who was present during any of the nights of rioting. I would also like to interview people who were not there but whose lives were directly affected by them. I am especially interested in locating women and people of color who were present at the riots. Any photographs are also of interest. The author's proceeds from the resulting book will be used to create a fund for gay and lesbian archives and history. Please contact Michael Scherker, PO Box 100391, Brooklyn, NY 11210. (718)434-6814.

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and even her local paper in support of the bill. "You can support something without necessarily tipping your hand," she said, "I guess I've gotten pretty good at walking a tightrope."

In the spring of 1988, after the Vermont Senate passed the gay rights bill, Anne went to her first meeting of the Vermont Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men in South Royalton. After more than 40 years of small town isolation, she finally meet some of the state's most politically active gays and lesbians. She laughs when she recalls her excitement that day. The last time I saw her, she'd driven nearly three hours with Allaire to attend the candlelight vigil at the Vermont Statehouse the night after the House defeated the bill.

In June of 1969, none of these women knew that men and women were rioting in the streets of New York City for their right to be gay. Even less could they imagine the changes the riots would bring were already reverberating toward the small towns in which they lived. The legacy of openness and stubborn pride first reached them in the seventies when most of these women began taking their first introspective steps toward becoming the self-acknowledged and proud lesbians they are today.



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