

Community Compass

Community Compass is a service of OITM. GLBT organizations from around the state are invited to provide brief — 200 words or less — descriptions of recent or upcoming activities and events. Send your submissions to us by email at editor@vtpride.org by the 15th of the month.

▼ BRATTLEBORO AREA AIDS PROJECT

Brattleboro, VT - The Brattleboro Area AIDS Project will host its 12th annual "Walk for Life" on Saturday, June 5, 1999. The theme of this year's walk is "Friends for Life." This year's Walk marks the 12th anniversary of when the community first joined together to walk in support of HIV/AIDS services and education.

Walkers are asked to gather pledges in support of the Brattleboro Area AIDS Project. The funds raised by the "Walk for Life" provide direct services to people with HIV/AIDS and a wide variety of prevention education programs. Prizes will be awarded to the top walkers who raise the most money in pledges. The first 50 walkers registering at the Walk with \$100 in pre-paid pledges will receive a 1999 Walk for Life T-shirt.

The "Walk for Life" will begin at 11:00 am proceeding down Main Street to the Brattleboro Food Co-op parking lot and continuing back up Main Street to the gazebo at the Town Common. Following the Walk, at approximately noon, refreshments and entertainment will be available free of charge to all walkers.

Pledge sheets are available at the Project office at 67 Main Street, or by calling (802) 254-4444.

▼ SAMARA FOUNDATION OF VERMONT, INC.

The Investment Advisory Committee of the Samara Foundation is in the process of reviewing potential investment

advisors for the foundation's assets. The Board of Directors has asked the Investment Advisory Committee to solicit recommendations from within the Vermont GLBT community. Anyone with recommendations please contact the foundation at samara@together.net, 802-482-5838, or PO Box 542, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

▼ THE VERMONT FREEDOM TO MARRY TASK FORCE

The Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force is gearing up in anticipation of the Vermont Supreme Court's decision in the case of *Baker v. State*. In late March, 30 activists from around the state met to discuss the Task Force's plans and structure. Among other things, we committed to fortifying the organization's regional chapters, and to establishing them where they don't currently exist.

Please, please, please contact the Task Force to volunteer to get involved — we need everything from regional coordinators, board members and envelope stuffers to fund raisers, speakers, and donors. It's going to be an incredibly busy year, and we need all of the volunteer and leadership help we can get!

In the meantime, Task Force volunteers are combing the state in connection with the Vermont Voices for Equality project — an attempt to gather signatures from Vermonters of all vocations who are willing to commit themselves publicly in support of equal freedom to marry. We're looking for 100 doctors, 100 farmers, 100 homemakers, etc. Please contact



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Keith Goslant, Peter Kurth, and John Hannah (l to r) were among the approximately 150 people who attended a silent auction to benefit Vermont CARES on April 17 in Burlington.

the Task Force at info@vtfreetomarry.org to volunteer to help.

▼ VERMONT PEOPLE WITH AIDS COALITION

The Vermont People With AIDS Coalition will be the recipients of a portion of the proceeds from the May 15th performance of "When Pigs Fly" at the Lyric Stage in Boston. Tickets are still available. To order, call the box office at (617) 437-7172. For more information call (800) 698-8792.

Also, the Vermont People With AIDS Coalition will host a 2 1/2 day AIDS Mastery Workshop in Burlington April 30-May 2. This workshop is people living with HIV/AIDS as well as HIV caregivers. For a detailed brochure, call (800) 698-8792.

▼ FREE TO BE: GLBTA AT UVM

UVM's Free to Be: GLBTA celebrated Visibility Week and more this past April. Events sponsored or co-sponsored by the group included Yolanda & The Plastic Family with an opening act by Hannah Hafter, folk musician; Queer Chicanismo; "A Room of Our Own" Film Festival; Letta Neely: Ecofeminist poet; an Ally Display and GLBTA Speakout; a Freedom to Marry Forum with Susan Murray, attorney for the pending same-sex marriage case in Vermont; and a performance by Kate Bornstein. ▼



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Mollie Monahan (left) and Jen Ellis (right) participated in the Visibility Week Speak Out at UVM, April 14.



Miss Bliss, Vermont's first all-female rock band will come together for a 10th anniversary reunion show at Burlington's Red Square on May 7. Band members are Sandy Saratoga, Carol Castellano, Carol Defeciani, and Steph Pappas. NATO opens the show at 8 pm.

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Sunday, June 6, 3pm
St. Paul's Cathedral
Burlington