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Fantasia Fair is a weeklong transgender event held every October in the resort town of Provincetown, Massachusetts. The Fair attracts people from the entire range of the LGBT community - crossdressers, transsexuals, intersex individuals, MTFs, FTMs, anyone who considers themselves gender variant and their significant others as well as professionals with an interest in the community.

Started in 1975, "FanFair" is the oldest and longest-running gathering of transgender persons for mutual education, support, collaboration, and socializing. Fantasia Fair offers general and specific programs, as well as evening events designed to develop the whole individual.

For more information about Fantasia Fair, including registration, pricing, refund policy, and scholarships, please visit the Fantasia Fair website at fantasiafair.org.



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From the Director

If I count all the days I have spent in Provincetown as Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, it comes to almost 150. This means that in only 30 more Fairs, I will have completed my RLT, my Real Life Test, though I doubt I'll want to go full time at 97. But still, I would not be who I am today, a confident and proud trans person, without Fantasia Fair. Through the Fair I learned that I do not have to apologize for who and what I am, that there are many people like me, and that accepting myself is more important than being accepted by the rule-makers. I sincerely hope that if you are in the early stages of your journey that the Fair can do for you what it has done for so many others. If you are further along, then I hope the friendship and sharing of the Fair refreshes and encourages you.

There's a lot happening at the Fair this year, and I hope you, and your spouse or partner if here, takes advantage of the many workshops, keynotes and events. The town is yours, and everyone here knows us and wants to know you, so don't be shy. Do shop and dine in the establishments that advertise with us – they notice it, and they welcome you. Do take this opportunity to explore Provincetown, to go shopping, discover a restaurant, make new friends, and establish some roots. Those roots will grow deeper and spread wider each year you return, and the tree that rises from it will be a tree of love and peace and contentment.

Putting on the Fair is a huge undertaking, and there are lots of people involved – wonderful people who give freely of their time and energy to make this week in Provincetown happen each year. All of these fine folks are working for the most important member of all – you. It's you, whether you're a first-timer, an old friend, a trans person or a partner, who makes the effort worthwhile.

Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Executive Director

From the Staff of Fantasia Fair 38

Greetings and welcome to Provincetown and the 38th consecutive Fantasia Fair.

This guide is intended to be your handbook for the week. When in doubt, this is the resource to check. This guide contains information about the each workshop and event, venues, biographies of presenters, tickets, accommodations, a map of town, advice, and other useful information. We think that it will be useful to you so we recommend that you take it with you during the week. For your convenience, we made this guide small enough to fit in a purse or handbag.

As you read through the guide and plan out your weeks stay, please take special notice of all the fine local businesses that have shown their support for Fantasia Fair through their advertising dollars. When you enjoy our advertisers' lodging, restaurants and retail shops, be sure to mention that you saw their ad in the Fantasia Fair Guide and thank them for their support. Their support makes this Participant's Guide possible!

If there are last minute changes to the workshop schedule, you can find out about them by checking out the Fantasia Fair Gazette. Each day's issue will include the next day's schedule, incorporating any last-minute changes. Published each morning, the Gazette is available at the Fantasia Fair office, the Cabaret Room at the Crown & Anchor, The Admirals Landing Inn, as well as at each day's lunch venues.

Thank you so much for being here with us. Enjoy the Fair!

Jan Brown Mary Beth Cooper Barbara Curry Jamie Dailey Miqqi Alicia Gilbert

Fantasia Fair Business Office

The Fantasia Fair Business Office is located in the lobby of The Boatslip Resort, located at 161 Commercial Street.

You can reach the Fair office during Fair week and year-round via telephone using 203-701-9676.

The office will be open each day from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM and 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM.



Getting Started

If this is your first Fantasia Fair, you may be a bit uncertain about what to do and where to go. Fortunately, there is little to be nervous about - and you'll have lots of people around you to help. If you have been to the Fair before, you'll likely notice that a number of things have been updated. In either case, reading through the next page or two will make sure that you get your week off on the right foot.

If you are reading this in advance of the Fair, you will want to plan to arrive at your inn early Sunday afternoon to unload, unpack, and unwind. Sometime between 1 and 5 PM, make your way to the "Cabaret Room" of *The Crown & Anchor* so you can check in. The Crown & Anchor, also known as the "C&A," is located at 247 Commercial Street. If you have any doubts about where to find the C&A, just take a look at the map included at the end of this book.

At check in, you will receive your registration packet and get your lunch tickets for the week. Give your registration packet a look. It will contain the schedule for the week, the first issue of The Fantasia Fair Gazette and a printed copy of this Participants' Guide. You should take a few minutes to read the Gazette. The Gazette is published each day during Fair week and will contain any last minute changes to this Participant's Guide that were made after the guide went to print.

At 6:00 or so, head over to the Welcoming Reception at *Saki Sushi Bar and Lounge* located upstairs at 258 Commercial Street. Many people attending the reception are just rolling into town and may not have had time to change. If you find yourself

running late or are too fatigued from traveling to change, don't worry – just come however you are dressed.

The reception is a casual affair where returning Fair-goers renew their friendships and greet first-time attendees. The reception is a great place to mingle and introduce yourself. Don't be shy! Remember that we all had to introduce ourselves when we first came to Fantasia Fair.

Don't Let Your Car Get Towed!

Parking is not easy in town. If you park in an unauthorized spot, don't be surprised if the car gets towed.

You can park in a municipal lot at the McMillan Street wharf, and a less expensive longer-term facility behind the Monument. Ask your innkeeper for advice – some inns include parking with your stay.

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Just be careful of the time because you may not want to stay out too late on the first night because you will need to get up fairly early Monday morning. At 9:00 am each morning at the Cabaret Room there will be a special "Coffee Klatch" gettogether just for first time trans attendees. We highly recommend that first-time trans guys and gals attend these sessions since they will really help you get the most out of your week at the Fair. Plus, you get free coffee!

At 9:30, you'll slide over to "Paramount Room" of the C&A for the orientation brunch. At orientation, you will get information about what is going on during the week, last minute updates, and the various Fair staff members will be pointed out.

Immediately following orientation is a quick meeting for volunteers. One of the best ways to get to meet people and quickly build relationships is to get involved. At this meeting, you will learn about the many ways that you can help out during the week. Most tasks require only a small commitment of time and energy, and you receive the satisfaction of helping us help you.

Since you likely will be stuffed after the orientation brunch, no formal lunches are scheduled although there is an annual tradition of spouses/partners heading over to *The Lobster Pot* to nibble on a few things and introduce themselves to each other. For the rest of us, Doctor Robert Anderson is offering his highly-regarded *Walking Tour of Provincetown* where you'll learn about some of the fascinating history of our host city. This is a tour not just for first-timers! Even if this is your 20th Fair, you'll likely learn things that may give you a new perspective on P'town.

At 1:30, head back to the Cabaret Room at the **Crown & Anchor** for the first keynote address. Following the keynote address is a discussion with the presenter as well as a number of workshops, so make sure to check the schedule to see what is being offered at that timeslot.

Of course, if you arrive after the Monday morning orientation brunch then things will happen a bit differently. Whenever you arrive, try to get to the Fair office to check in as soon as you can. Except for Sunday, the Fair office is located in the lobby of the Boatslip Resort at 161 Commercial Street and is open from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM and 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM each day. The office staff can fill you in on what is going on and this Participants' Guide will help fill in any gaps.

You'll find that there are so many fun and interesting things going on all week that the hardest part will be choosing what to do next!

Welcome Partners!

Fantasia Fair has a long and proud tradition of honoring the spouses, partners, and families of transgendered people – those who support us in our everyday activities, despite of and sometimes because of who we are.

The Fair has always offered programming specifically for partners (otherwise known as Significant Others, or SOs), and this year is no exception. Throughout the week, you'll find programs of interest to those of us who are in a relationship. In fact, you will find that almost every timeslot for workshops has a session scheduled with an activity focused on couples or partners. In addition, Fantasia Fair brings highly regarded, well-qualified experts with many years' experience working with couples with a transgender partner to present these sessions.

The friendly environment of Provincetown and the shared meals and activities of the Fair give you lots of time to meet other couples and individuals in T-partnered relationships, to share stories and insights, to become part of a community.

If you are a spouse, please be aware that you are just as much a Fair participant as anyone else. Whenever possible, the Fair does not distinguish between Fairgoers that are trans and those that are not. The only exceptions are with certain, specific programming when it is important to make such distinctions, such as those workshops intended for spouses only. If you have registered for the Fair then you are entitled to participate in all of the Fair's activities (the morning Coffee Klatch excepted). We want you here and we want you to participate as much as you are comfortable.

Welcome! We are glad that you are with us!

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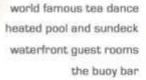


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Registration and Checking In

Although most Fair attendees will register in advance through the Fair's website, anyone can arrive in Provincetown during the week of the Fair and register. There are discounts for those who register in advance, so people are encouraged to register as early as possible. Advanced registration is available until one week before the start of the Fair. You can register online at fantasiafair.org.

Even if you registered in advance, you will still need to check in.

Normally, people check in at the Fair Office located in the lobby of the **Boatslip Resort**, but on the Sunday at the start of the Fair check in will take place in the Cabaret Room of the **C&A**. Sunday check in will start at 1:00 pm and wraps up at 5:00 pm. After Sunday, check in will be open from 9:30 – 11:30 AM and 2:00 – 4:00 PM each day.

The Boatslip Resort may be found at 161 Commercial Street, a few buildings past Bayside Betsy's. There is a map at the end of this book to help you find the Boatslip.



The Crown and Anchor is located at 247 Commercial Street, across from the UU Church. It is easy to find; it is the large yellow building right in the middle of town with a lot of tall women and short men standing around. You can't miss the Cabaret Room, but if you are not sure, ask just about anyone you see and they'll point it out to you or check the map found that the very end of this book.

The next few pages will describe the check in process, ticketing, and your meal selections.

The Check-In Process

Just as you need to check in when you stay at a hotel even if you booked a room in advance, when you arrive at Fantasia Fair you will need to check in.

During check-in, you'll get a packet of goodies which will include a printed copy of this Participant's Guide, the first issue of our daily newsletter, *The Fantasia Fair Gazette*, an identification badge, and the tickets you'll need to gain entrance to the many events that take place during the week. Also, you will be given an opportunity to provide medical emergency information and a photo release, if you have not done so during the registration process.

Lunch and Dinner Selections

You will need to select which restaurants you want for lunches and dinner choices for the banquets. When possible, each person should have lunch at each of the three different restaurants during the week.

Medical Emergency Forms

If you provide any medical emergency information, please realize that we will use this information only in the event that something serious happens to you where you are unable to communicate with others. *We will not use this information in any other way, and following the Fair it will be destroyed.*

Photo Permission Release

Fantasia Fair respects the privacy of all those who attend. If you are comfortable with having your picture taken, you will have an opportunity to allow us to distribute photos of you amongst other Fair attendees and/or use of our website.

For more information, please see the Video and Photo Policies section found elsewhere in this guide.

No Photos Button

Even though most people are courteous enough to ask permission before they take a photo, if you want to be extra cautious, try wearing a NO PHOTOS button. These buttons are free and available at the Fair Office.

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Tickets and Ticketing

It can't be stressed enough that each participant needs to bring the proper tickets to each event and to lunch. Make sure that you do not lose your tickets!

Many people store their tickets for the day in the plastic lanyards that hold your name badge. This way, you will have those tickets available when you need them. If you do keep your tickets in your lanyard, we recommend that you keep only the current days tickets in case you happen to lose your lanyard.

Missing Tickets

If you arrive at a lunch or other event and you do not have your ticket with you, you can still attend the function but you'll be asked to pay for a new ticket. *Afterwards, you can get a full refund if you bring both the missing ticket and your receipt to the Fair Office.* This policy covers all lunches, dinners, and special events where tickets are given out or sold.

Exchanging Tickets

If you change your mind about which restaurants to lunch at, simply go to the Fair Office to exchange your tickets. We will accommodate you, if space is available.

If you show up at a restaurant for lunch with a lunch ticket for a different restaurant or day, you'll have to buy a new, non-refundable ticket. There are no exceptions to this policy.

This non-refundable ticket policy is necessary since the Fair needs to guarantee a

Please Be Considerate

Please respect the office hours and the office staff.

The Fantasia Fair office is staffed by unpaid volunteers who donate their time. Please conduct your business during the posted hours. Also, please understand that like you, the office staff has to rush here and there on the streets of Provincetown. Don't fret if they're a few minutes late. minimum number of people to each restaurant and give each restaurant advance notice of how many meals they need to prepare for.

Unused Tickets

Most of the ticketed events provide food and we usually have to provide a head count a day or two prior to the event. We have to pay the cost of each meal prepared, even if that goes uneaten. Even if you do not attend a meal, chances are that the Fair will end up paying for that meal anyhow.

If you have a ticket that you are not planning to use, it would help keep costs down if you returned that ticket to the Fair Office as early as possible. This way, we can provide a better head count and, therefore, help keep waste to a minimum.

Thank you, in advance, for your help with this!

Giving Away Tickets

Please note that lunch and banquet tickets are non-transferable, although registered attendees can purchase additional tickets.

Obtaining Extra Tickets

Some events, such as the Fashion Show and the Follies, are public functions and are open to the public. Tickets are sold at the door and, in advance, in the Fair office.

Other events, such as the banquets held on Tuesday and Saturday nights, are considered private functions. For such events, tickets are not sold to the general public although registered Fantasia Fair attendees may purchase additional tickets for their partners, family, and guests

Ticket purchases for private events must be made, in advance of each ticketed event, at the Fair office.

Purchasing Banquet Tickets

Fair attendees may purchase additional tickets for the Tuesday or the Saturday banquets, but must do so at the Fair office. *Tickets for these events are not available at the door.*

> Since there are a limited number of tickets available, make sure that you purchase any additional tickets as soon as possible.

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Your privacy is your own. No one may take a photo or video of you without your permission. If you feel uncomfortable being photographed, please speak up or wear a "No Photos" button. These buttons are free and available at the Fair Office.

Participants may photograph Fantasia Fair activities for their own purposes, provided the persons being photographed have given their consent. *Please be especially considerate of partners/spouses, who are easily identifiable.* It is wise and considerate to ask first.

Media representatives must obtain written permission from the Fair Director to attend any function. In addition, media representatives must obtain written releases from any participant photographed or interviewed. This applies to any participant who is acting as an agent or reporter for any media or proprietary publication. The Fair Director must give permission to send any photos to publications.

Fantasia Fair reserves the right to prohibit anyone from carrying a camera or making recordings at Fantasia Fair activities. Also, we advise participants that we have no authority to control activity in public areas outside of the Fair, such as on the streets of Provincetown, or at events open to the public, like the Fantasia Fair Fashion Show and Follies.

Each year, Fantasia Fair hires a professional photographer to take pictures during the week. These pictures may be used for publicity purposes or for future editions of this Participant's Guide, but the Fair will not use any picture unless we have the explicit permission from the people in the picture.

If you participate in the Fashion Show or perform in the Follies then you must accept that people will be taking your picture and the Fair has little or no control over the distribution of photos or videos taken at these events.

Although we encourage people to participate in these events, we don't want you to do anything that you feel violates your privacy, so think twice before signing up for such public events.

Photo & Video Release

Protecting your privacy is important to Fantasia Fair. If you are comfortable with having video and photos taken of yourself then you can grant our staff permission to use your image.

If you do grant permission then our staff may use the images to present to professional and academic groups, crossdressing clubs, trans support groups or for marketing purposes, such as our website. We may also make these available to other participants who want a permanent memory of the Fair.

Please note that the Fashion Show and Follies are events open to the public, and photographers are not under our control. If you are in the audience and are camera shy, be sure to sit away from the stage, and please wear your "no photos" button!

Those who wish not to be photographed can obtain a NO PHOTOS button at the Fair office.

If you are a participant in either the Fashion Show or Follies, you should assume that your image will be recorded and published.

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Comportment

We have no hard and fast rules about behavior, but we expect people to be considerate of others.

If anyone gets out of line, they'll know it, we'll know it, and the other attendees will know it. If someone is offending or bothering you, talk to Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Mary Beth Cooper, Jamie Dailey, Barbara Curry, Jan Brown or any RLE board member and they'll look into the situation.

Recognition of Our Differences

Please recognize that each of us is on our own "gender journey" and may live a life that may be very different from yours.

Remember that not all of us choose females as sexual partners. Also, recognize that not everyone is "out" and not everyone want to "go full time." Some of us are crossdressers, some of us are transsexual, and some of us choose not to accept any particular label.

One of the problems most of us face is when others define us. Remember, we are here to define ourselves. Also, please keep in mind that not everyone wants to be a woman or a man in the same way, so it is only proper to be more than tolerant of how different people might wish to express themselves.





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A Fantasia Fair Special Event: Ian Harvie

Fantasia Fair is delighted to have with us a rising star in comedy, Ian Harvie.

Ian has become a favorite on many college campuses, and was recognized on the Campus Pride 2009/2010 "HOT LIST" of the "Top 25 Favorite LGBT Artists, Speakers, Lecturers, Music Acts, Comedians, Activists & Much More!" This prolific artist has been seen in a wide range of media, including stage, screen, radio and in person. Some of Ian's many credits include:

- Margaret Cho's: The Sensuous Woman
- MTV's LOGO: OutLaugh on Wisecrack
- XM RADIO: National Lampoon's Sex.com Show
- SIRIUS RADIO: OutQ's: Derek & Romaine Show
- ABC: Byron Allen's Comics Unleashed
- MTV's LOGO: One Night Stand Up
- WNYC: PRI's Fairgame with Faith Salie
- SIRIUS RADIO: OutQ's: Frank DeCaro Show

While the show starts at 8 PM at the Boatslip Resort, make sure to swing by early for a barbeque dinner. And, weather permitting, after the show change into your bathing suit for a dip in pool!

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Transgender Pioneer Awards Banquet

Every year, Fantasia Fair's parent organization, Real Life Experiences, honors transgender leaders— those who have often sacrificed their careers, their families, their fortunes— to change the world so transgender people could begin to come together in safety and comfort. Without them, we would not be here; we would be at home, hiding in our closets. We meet to honor their work and thank them for all they have done for us and to give them back a little in return for their decades of work on our behalf.

We ask you to help support by helping to fund these awards. This is the only time we ask you for money, so please contribute generously.

Please Bring Your Checkbook.

This year, we have the distinct honor and privilege to recognize *Mara Keisling*. Previous honorees include:

Virginia Prince and Merissa Sherrill Lynn (2002) Phyllis Randolph Frye and Ariadne Kane (2003) Sister Mary Elizabeth and Judy Osborne (2004) Joann Law and Nancy Nangeroni (2005) Holly Boswell (2006) Stephen Whittle (2007) Alison & Dotty Laing (2008) Dallas Denny (2009) Ethan St. Pierre (2010) Monica Helms and Sandra Cole (2011)

Whom Would You Nominate?

If you know of someone that you think is deserving of recognition for their work in the transgender community, we would love to hear about them. Please send your nominations, in confidence, to chair@fantasiafair.org.

Recognition of Mara Keisling

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that the board of directors of Real Life Experiences, Inc. recognizes Mara Keisling's contributions to the transgender community by awarding her the 2012 Virginia Prince Transgender Pioneer Award.

Mara is widely considered to be one of the nation's leading voices for transgender equality. Her efforts to help members of the trans community have been significant. Because of her work, gender-variant people in America are safer from discrimination and disrespect than ever before.

Mara Keisling is the founding Executive Director of the National Center for Transgender Equality. Her efforts have helped win numerous significant advances in transgender equality, including the passage of the first-ever, transgender-



inclusive federal legislation, modification of the State Department rules for changing gender markers on passports, and the historic first congressional hearing on transgender issues. She has served on the board of directors of Common Roads, an LGBTQ Youth Group, and on the steering committee of the Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition.

Mara regularly appears on news outlets such as CNN and CSPAN, and is often quoted in the New York Times, the Washington Post and hundreds of other national and local print and electronic media. Amongst her many recognitions, She was name Harvard University's Outstanding LGBT Person of the Year in 2005.

The award, named after the late Virginia Prince, will be presented on October 16, 2012 .

Congratulations Mara!



Fantasia Fair Fashion Show

Being in a fashion show is a ton of fun! The audience is always warm, welcoming, and out to have a good time. In the entire history of the Fair, no one has ever died from entering the Fashion Show! Enhance your Fair experience and become a "FanFair Model."

If you want to join in, it is easy. You should model three outfits that you have brought with you. They begin with very casual and work their way up to formal. The three categories are:

- Casual: At the beach, garden or game.
- Daytime: Working, shopping, or just having fun.
- All Dolled up: Formal wear ~ anything from opera to wedding.

We'd love it if you can make some notes on what you've brought. We are interested in how and where you got the clothes, what they are made of, what the labels are, and any fun stories connected to them.

So bring your glad rags, your fun rags, your best rags – and don't forget accessories! We'll help you get organized, and provide some top flight assistance in how to walk and perform on a runway.









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Fantasia Fair Follies

One of the many long-held traditions of Fantasia Fair is the fabulous *Fantasia Fair Follies*. The performers in the Follies are the Fair-goers themselves, and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Beautifully produced with professional lighting and production expertise, the Follies programming will highlight some of our community's brightest talents, both professional and amateur. Each year, people come from throughout Cape Cod to see this spectacular.

This year the Fantasia Fair Follies will be a lavish experience held at its traditional location in the Crown & Anchor Paramount Theater, located across the road from the Town Hall in the heart of Provincetown. Nearby bars and restaurants will be available before, during, and after for cocktails and toasts to celebrate the evening.

If you've ever wanted to perform, --- first-timers and professionals alike -- this is your chance to shine. Break out your guitar, sing your favorite song, recite a dramatic monolog or just pretend that you are Ashley Simpson and lip synch! If you are uncertain or nervous about performing, don't be! The audience is always warm, welcoming, and out to have a good time. Follies director Sophia Cassivi and an array of wonderful coaches will help you shine. If you want to bring out your inner diva, just sign up and you too can be a star!

The Follies is not just an evening of fun and music, but also a charitable fund-raising event. *Ticket sales and tips given to the performers are donated to charity.* In past years, we made contributions to the town library, an AIDS support group, a domestic violence program, a hospice facility, the local soup kitchen, a senior services group, and we helped buy the fire department a life-saving defibrillator.

When you come to enjoy the Follies, we hope that you will tip generously!

Provincetown Police Department

This year, Fantasia Fair will be raising money for the town Police department to help purchase badly needed equipment. Provincetown is a safe haven for the trans community, in no small part because of the terrific police force.

Fantasia Fair Awards Banquet

The Fantasia Fair Anniversary Awards Banquet is held on Saturday night. The Fantasia Fair Awards are presented to those who have contributed to the success of the Fair.

The winner of The Alison Laing Congeniality Award is decided by secret ballot from all participants attending the Fair. The award goes to the participant who was the most open, outgoing, easy to talk with, and friendly, and who gave a sparkle to the group.



The *Brenda Viola Most Helpful* award Is given by the Fantasia Fair Organizing Committee to the participant who really came out to serve her or his sisters and brothers and the Fair as a nurturing and helpful individual.

The *Fantasia Fair* award goes to those who have shown, by active participation and service over several Fairs, that they exemplify the best qualities of a Fair participant and stand as a sincere example of Fair ideals of love, support, and community.

Once again, we give our congratulations to last year's awardees!

Sophia Cassivi, Ms. Congeniality Jan Brown and Dainna Cicotello Ms. Most Helpful Holly Boswell, Ms. Fantasia Fair

The Alison Laing Congeniality Award

1975	Florence Jardine	1976	Alica Millard	1977	Michelle Ann Bolis
1978	Sandy Eisenbraun	1979	Kathleen Karter	1980	Naomi Owen
1981	Naomi Owen	1982	Eve Burchert	1983	Linda Walker
1984	Lisa Beal	1985	Jenny Stevens	1986	Alison Laing
1987	Cheryl Johnson	1988	Geri Lee	1989	Cindy Pearlman
1990	Jane Mulvena	1991	Maureen Taylor	1992	Judy Osborne
1993	Jamie Stowell	1994	Vicki Chesebro	1995	Kerri Reeder
1996	Pamela Geddes	1997	Miqqi Alicia Gilbert	1998	Emily Sheldon
1999	Remind Us!	2000	Brenda Viola	2001	Karen Fox
2002	Trankila	2003	Sherry Ashton	2004	Jamie Dailey
2005	Erin Fischer	2006	Dawn Marie Vaux	2007	Jennifer M. Barge
2008	Robyn Kohler	2009	Kimmie Eng	2010	Chrissy Sue McCarty
2011	Sophia Cassivi				

The Brenda Viola Most Helpful Award

1975	Brandy Alexander	1976		1977	
1978	Merissa Sherrill Lynn	1979	Maxine McDonald	1980	Jenny Charvat
1981	Delores Carter	1982	Dede Jones	1983	Elayne Coyle
1984	Sheila Kirk	1985	Charlene Byrd	1986	Gerri Lee
1987	Linda Walker	1988	Cheryl Thompson	1989	Emily Sheldon
1990	Alexandria Irving	1991	Helen Garfinkle	1992	Kerri Reeder
1993	Anne Forester	1994	Joanne White	1995	Janet Green
1996	Brenda Viola	1997	Jayne Robinson	1998	Stephanie Pierce
1999	Lynn Smith	2000	Stephanie Pierce	2001	Kathryn Bode
2002	Jamie Dailey	2003	Dawn Marie Vaux	2004	Stephany Fountain
2005	Jo Utscheig	2006	Michelle Garrett	2007	Lynda and Marilyn Frank
2008	Pattie Ann Fanning	2009	Audri Bazlen	2010	Katherine and Anne K.
2011	Jan Brown	2011	Dainna Cicotello		

The Fantasia Fair Award

1975		1976		1977	Winnie Brant
1978	Jackie Hanifin	1979	Julia Lafaye	1980	Betty Ann Lind
1981	Francis Gibson	1982	Janna Page	1983	Naomi Owen
1984	Paula Neilson	1985	Eve Burchert	1986	Ramona Miller
1987	Maureen Taylor	1988	Penny North	1989	Laura Caldwell
1990	Sheila Kirk	1991	Barbara Cragg	1992	Alison Laing
1993	Christine Howey	1994	Andrea Susan Malick	1995	Cindy Pearlman
1996	Jamie Stowall	1997	Judy Osborne	1998	Brenda Viola
1998	Laurence Crisara	1999	Susan & Barbara Curry	2000	Miqqi Alicia Gilbert
2001	Stephanie Pierce	2001	Jamison Green	2002	Dallas Denny
2003	Kathryn Bode	2003	Mark Rosen	2004	Milton Diamond, Ph.D.
2004	Emily Sheldon	2005	Phyllis Fink	2006	Gary M.
2006	Jamie Dailey	2007	Lauren Bode	2007	Dottie Laing
2008	Dawn Marie Vaux	2009	Abby Saypen	2010	Jayne Robinson
2011	Holly Boswell				





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"Inn-formation" on Inns

When you arrive in Provincetown, your hosts are the Innkeepers and Apartment Managers of the inn with whom that you are staying. Your hosts have come to know us and enjoy us, and each year they look forward to the return of Fantasia Fair. They have always treated us well and they deserve the same.

In most cases, the innkeepers have invested their life savings in your inn to make it a personal showpiece and competitive in a community where quality is an important criterion. Treat the inn as you would your own home, because it is your host's home.

Show Your Appreciation

If you enjoy your stay at an inn, make sure to mention that to your innkeepers and their staff. Everyone likes to know that they are appreciated.

One great way to show your appreciation is to leave a tip. It is traditional in Provincetown to tip the folks who clean your room. You will likely find an envelope and your attendant's card. *A good rule of thumb for tipping is about \$3-5 a day, left upon departure.*

Take the time to get to know the staff at your inn. You will quickly find that they are great people. They know Provincetown, and they can help make your stay even more enjoyable.

One of the best ways of showing the innkeepers how much you enjoyed your stay is to book there again for next year. Many fairgoers will make sure to book their lodging for next year well before this year's fair in over. For the best selection, it is well worth doing the same.

Spare the Washcloths!

Many of us wear heavy makeup. We urge you to go easy on the towels and washcloths. Cosmetics and beard cover are particularly difficult to wash out of towels. A good idea is to use makeupcleansing cloths or baby wipes.

Special Discounts at Inns

Many inns offer a special discount for registered Fairgoers who stay for the full seven days. Make sure to ask about any discounts that they may offer. Please note that Fantasia Fair begins on a Sunday, so if you decide to come to town a day or two early, these discounts may not apply and you may be subject to a higher rate for these extra days.

Recommended Inns

Over the years, Fair attendees have tended to colonize certain inns. When an attendee recommends one of these inns to us, we spread the word. We also contact the inn to arrange special rates or packages to encourage more Fair attendees to patronize them.

These "recommended inns" are listed on our website along with any discounts they offer fairgoers. Please keep in mind that the rates quoted on the website are for the week of the Fair only, unless otherwise noted. The formal start of the week of the Fair is Sunday, so if you book a room starting a day or two before the actual start of the Fair, you may end up paying a higher rate for those early days.

The fact that an inn is on our website means that other fairgoers have found these inns fun, pleasant, clean, and supportive of the TG community. Other inns will also welcome you, and we do not mean to suggest otherwise. If you do stay at an inn not listed on our website and you can recommend it, please let us know.

Remember, you register for the Fair directly through us, but must arrange for your own accommodations. Many inns offer a special discount for registered fairgoers. *When contacting the inns, make sure to mention that you are to be in town for Fantasia Fair and ask what discounts they offer for fairgoers.* The discount should apply to the published seasonal rate for late October. We will post on our website our understanding of what discounts each inn will provide as we learn it.

Can you recommend an inn?

If you are a registered fairgoer and have stayed at an inn that you think other fairgoers would enjoy, then let us know! Send a message to us at webmistress@fantasiafair.org.



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Professional Services

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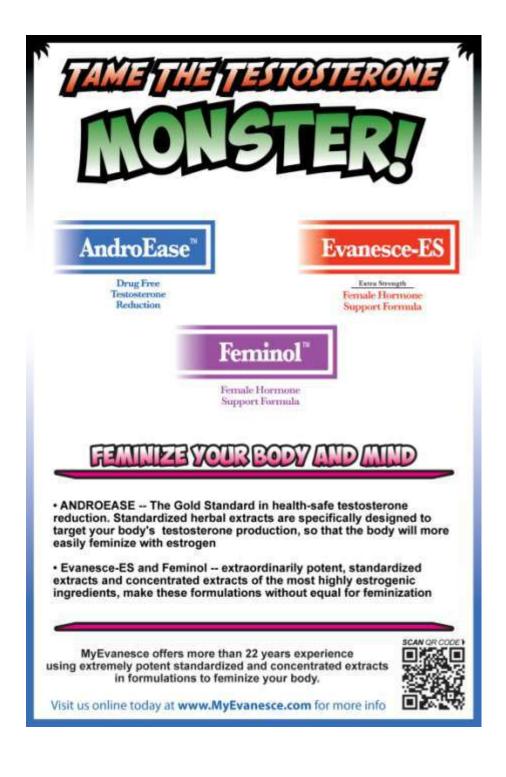
On the Fantasia Fair website, www.fantasiafair.org, there is a page in the Events & Activities section devoted to "Professionals at the Fair." Give it a look to see what is available. Often recommended is that you contact the presenters in advance of the Fair to make arrangements.

Please be aware that any product or service that they provide is independent from Fantasia Fair. You will need to discuss the scheduling and payment of any or their professional service directly with that presenter.

While the Fair organizers have a great deal of confidence in those people whom they ask to present at Fantasia Fair, the Fair organizers cannot be held responsible for any issue that could arise with these presenters.

Looking to Promote Yourself?

If you are a presenter and are interested in promoting your services , there are several options available to you. As a presenter, you can submit, for free, a brief description of what services you offer that will appear on the "Professionals at the Fair" page. In addition, you can purchase advertisements in this participant's guide and banner advertisements on the Fair website. For details, contact us at advertising@fantasiafair.org.



Descriptions of Workshop & Events

A New Woman Relives Her Experiences from All-Female Federal Prison Camp Dianne Karron

This is Diane's story, filtered over time, as an inmate at Alderson Federal Prison Camp, also known as "Camp Cupcake." It is her first-person scripted monologue with no whining and all very real stories from her seven months with the girls and staff. It is the good, the bad, the evil, the mean, and the amazingly sweet - from being ordered about like a dog ("Stay!" and "Here!") to a heartfelt, sweet going home party. Diane discusses what she did to occupy her time, what she learned, and how she handled issues particular to a transwoman in prison. Find out what is was like to be thrown in with an amazing cross-section of women, involuntarily living together for reasons good and bad.

A Transwoman and Her Faith Journey: Yes, We Can Be Trans AND Faithful *Rev. Barbara Peronteau*

By sharing how her faith and life intertwine with one another, Rev. Peronteau will show how it is possible to be transgender as well as a person of faith. We do not need to give up our faith to be trans, nor do we need to stop being trans to be people of faith. We can be whole, integrated, and authentic trans people and still retain our faith and spirituality.

About Face – Sharing the Alchemy of Makeup Natasha Savoy

An intimate sharing of the joys and power of transformation with makeup. This workshop will cover basic makeup techniques, focusing on M to F transition issues. There will be discussion about color theory, product reviews, tips to solve particular problems and how to create day and glamour looks. Included will be demonstrations with attendees and plenty of time to take questions and provide suggestions.

All In The Family series: "Dad, Can I Borrow Your Dress?"

Chalice Charpentier

Family nurture from a daughter's perspective. Is gender transition the loss of a parent or the initiation of a more truthful, loving and open relationship with your child? A daughter speaks about her journey through both the initial discomforts and joys of having a father that doesn't always identify as a man. "There is no sure method to family health and happiness. It is an art. The end result may look

different from one another, but we can inspire each other to start painting and make it our own."

All In The Family series: An Uncommon Journey: A Wife Travels Through Her Husband's Transition

Leslie Fabian

Leslie has been married to David (a M.D in Massachusetts) for twenty years and is now married to Deborah. Deborah emerged full-time in October, 2011 and has continued practicing medicine in a small Massachusetts city where she's been readily accepted. This is a story of a shared journey and is the subject of Leslie's recent book, which Leslie considers to be a love story. She will share what the process has been like for her, as well as reading from her book. The experiential portion of the workshop will be centered on taking a look at your own relationship(s), as well as your expectations, beliefs, biases, assumptions...whatever gets in the way of your being a loving person. Leslie believes that multiple adversities from her own life have rendered her capable of flexibility and acceptance beyond the norm. She hopes to assist others in opening their minds and hearts to a world of differences among us.

All In The Family Series: Gender Identity in Children - Struggling For Identity in Today's Society

Rev. Sarah Carpenter

A brief overview of what it means to be a gender dysphoric child, with a look at the obstacles these children face in their struggles to gain acceptance by society in the face of bullying and rejection. A copy of the presentation outline will be provided along with a resource list and hand-outs for friends, advocates, and parents.

Body Shaping for The T Gal

John Warrener

Techniques using corsetry and Hip/butt padding to acquire the most feminine shape. The session will also teach the participants the basics of corsetry including how to corset and the most appropriate styles for flattering the body. We will also discuss the latest advances in breast forms.

Have an Idea for a Workshop?

If you have an idea for a workshop topic, please let us know! You can send your suggestions to programs@fantasiafair.org

Cinderella... Alone in Paradise

Sandra S. Cole

Coming to Fantasia Fair alone can be joyous and fabulous, a time to be with old friends, to play, to learn and to explore and meet new friends. It can also be a time for lots of thoughts and feelings about the partners left at home, how we feel about being alone in this remarkable place, wondering what they are doing, thinking and feeling about all of this. Join with others in private discussions to explore these issues: how does this happen? And how does this work? ...being here perhaps with a friend, but not with my partner?

Dual Attraction... Our Own Personal Duet

Sandra S. Cole

Do we really understand the uniqueness of each others' journey in this amazing partnership we have together? Do we really listen, and do we really care to learn about our partner's perspective and experiences? How do we communicate? Who sets the "rules?" Is there life beyond transgender... together? What do I do with all these feelings I have? Can I be myself and also be authentic withy my partner? Share with us for honest and compassionate discussions about our special selves.

Dune Tour

Art's Dune Tour

Imagine dunes stretching as far as you can see with wispy beach grass, dark green pine trees and deep red beach plums nestled in hollows which are brought together by a silhouette of blue sky. You will travel through the majestic dunes where your guide points out the "dune shacks" where famous artists and writers like Eugene O'Neill and Harry Kemp became inspired to create their art. You will also pass the remains of the Peaked Hill Life Saving Station and learn how the brave "life savers" enacted their heroic efforts to save the lives of thousands from the doomed shipwrecks! It is such a beautiful tour. You will be amazed! Signup requested via Fair registration and there is a charge for a group tour.

Essence of Style: Image Consulting

Hera Navassardian

How to better understand how to present yourself, in a semi-private session. Advanced signup recommended (via the Fair web site before the Fair or at registration during the Fair if openings are available).

Facial Feminization Surgery: Maximizing Results

Dr. Jeffrey H. Spiegel

Dr. Spiegel will review the goals and methods of facial feminization surgery. Postoperative photos will be shown. There will be a discussion of what procedures are available, how to maximize results, risks, and how new technologies and advances have allowed for improving structural changes to bone. S ince 2004, Dr. Spiegel has performed well over 600 FFS procedures! Dr. Spiegel is happy to answer any questions and will be providing complimentary consultations for any interested guests. Contact us at 617-566-3223.

Fantasia Fair Follies

Come see another some of the community's brightest new talents, both professional and amateur in this charity fund-raising cabaret show.

Farewell Brunch

Come join your friends for one last meal and say goodbye until next year.

Fashion Show

Liz Winter & Robyn Bazlen-Weglarz

Once again, Fantasia Fair is proud to present their annual Fashion Show. Participation is open to all fairgoers but only to those who can handle the glowing admiration of the crowd. Remember to sign up as a fashion show participant real early – we've time and space for only so many of you beautiful models. Signing up takes place Monday afternoon in the Paramount Room of the Crown & Anchor.



Feminization Laryngoplasty: Changing Male Pitch to Female Pitch

Dr. James Thomas

Feminization Laryngoplasty (FemLar) is a type of vocal cord (laryngeal) surgery designed to obtain a more feminine sounding voice in the male to female transgender patient. Several types of procedures target the frequency or pitch of the resting speaking voice to some degree. Feminization Laryngoplasty changes the pitch as well as some of the resonance characteristics of the speaking voice by changing the configuration of the vocal tract and not just the vocal cords themselves. Vocal cord tuning performed with a KTP Laser will be discussed. Video and audio recordings of normal vocal cords, as well as recordings of patient voices undergoing the various procedures, should offer the audience a better understanding of the voice as well as a better comparison of the results of these procedures than numbers alone do. Feminization Laryngoplasty will also be compared with CricoThryoid Approximation (CTA), which is designed to place the voice into a permanent falsetto.

Gala Awards Banquet

The annual Fantasia Fair Gala Awards Banquet is the highlight of the week! Show off your finest threads in this black-tie affair and congratulate this year's award winners.

Guided Vocal Warm-up Exercises

Lezli Whitehouse

As an extension of her vocal workshops, Lezli is offering an early morning of Guided Vocal Warm-Ups, for those who want to maintain or nurture a feminine voice shift for the day or the week (hopefully you attend one or more of the vocal workshops at the Fair).

Hair Restoration in the Transgender Individual

Dr. Mark DiStefano

This workshop will discuss the approach to hair restoration in transgender individuals. It will include male and female hairlines design. Types of restoration as well as medical and surgical treatments.



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Help! The Woman Trapped in my Male Body has PMS!

Dainna Cicotello

Hormone management can be a very difficult experience for the male-to-female TG/TS individual! There can be great physical and emotional discomfort caused by hormone imbalances, for some people even before supplemental hormone management programs actually begin! What do you do when the most highly recommended hormone regimens bring more discomfort than taking no supplemental hormones at all? While many of the trans web sites push a one-size-fits-all hormone regimen model, in real life things are not so simple. And results are not so predictable. This workshop will help you to understand how to get the best results possible from your transition hormone regimen.

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Honoring the Bliss and the Blahs

Sandra S. Cole

Everyday partnering, parenting, loving, creating together can become an amazing journey with our partners. It's time to talk unedited, unfiltered and collectively about Facts, Fantasies and Fables. We will listen to the harmonizing strength from the voices of FFABs (Fabulous Females at Birth!). Come join with us!

Keynote Address: How One Tiny Community Changed the World Mara Kiesling

Since Fantasia Fair started 39 years ago as one of the few safe places for trans people, trans rights have advanced from inconceivable to being a strong and

successful movement that is well on its way to achieving equality. These changes not only happened quickly, but happened faster than any of us would have expected, and, in fact, faster than any other social justice movement has ever won rights. Today, we have so many new rights, from employment to housing to just being allowed out in public. How did it happen and what's coming up? How has the community changed and how has it changed the world?

How to Create Cleavage with Simple Techniques

Samantha Perle

This is a light and entertaining seminar that will give the ladies the tools to show off their cleavage. We will review the various techniques and devices that can be used and demonstrate them. No one process works for everybody and we will show what can be accomplished by combining various methods. None of these methods involve the use of anything that is hard to remove afterwards or that does any damage to the skin. This workshop will allow those in attendance to even try them out themselves if they are not too self-conscious. I will use a couple of "models" and demonstrate the actual processes. Additionally, I will bring with me a supply of the various "tools" that the attendees can purchase (at my cost). After the seminar, I will assist those that are interested one on one.

If I Ruled The World

Sandra Samons

This discussion will focus on attendee visions of the future and what the ideal future would look like in terms of services from the viewpoint of a transgender person, a therapist and medical professional. For example, what does the medical profession need to understand better and how could their services improve relative to the transgender community. What signs of hope for a better future are seen and what can individuals do to make things better, even if they are not activists.

It Ain't Me, Babe - or Maybe It Is

Maureen Osborne

What does being the partner of a transgender person mean about you? How has it changed you? What have you learned? What are the losses and what are the gains? How does this fact fit into the larger frame of your individual life story?

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Learning to Define Your Own Terms, Speak Your Mind, and Negotiate with Your Partner Around Transgender Expression and/or Transition

Maureen Osborne

Whatever the state or stage of your relationship, there are special challenges in a cis/trans relationship that require self-examination, fearless and mutually respectful dialogue, and negotiation. We will look at some principles and strategies that should ease the way.

Legal Landscape Follow-on

Michael Silverman Let's talk about the Legal Landscape and have a Q & A session

Meet Your Fellow Couples: Telling (or Updating) Our Unique Love Stories *Maureen Osborne*

In this workshop for couples only, we will give ourselves the time and space to meet fellow travelers, and tell our stories in a safe and supportive environment. Intended for first timers as well as couples who have been coming to Fain Fair for years.

Monday Night BBQ

Come early to the Ian Harvie show and enjoy a complementary barbeque!



Monday Night with Ian Harvie

Ian Harvie

Fantasia Fair is delighted to have with us a rising star in comedy, Ian Harvie. Ian has been seen in Margaret Cho's: The Sensuous Woman, MTV's LOGO: "One Night Stand Up" as well as numerous clubs such as "Mottley's Comedy Club", "The Laughing Skull", "The Improv", The Funny Bone", and dozens of festivals. Ian has become a favorite on many college campuses, and was recognized on the Campus Pride 2009/2010 "HOT LIST" of the "Top 25 Favorite LGBT Artists, Speakers, Lecturers, Music Acts, Comedians, Activists & Much More!

Sex, Lies and Money

Maureen Osborne

Now we're feeling a bit more comfortable with each other - let's dig in deeper. Intimacy, trust, and finances are a few of the major issues facing couples of all kinds. With a trans partner, there are some interesting new twists, and here's a safe place to talk about them.

SO's "Get Acquainted" Lunch

Carolyn Caywood

This popular meet-and-greet is back! If you are the "significant other" of a transgendered person attending the Fair, you are cordially invited to join the other "SOs" for a Dutch-Treat lunch. Get to know each other, share experiences, swap advice... You may just find out that you all share a lot more in common than you think!

The Journey from the Womb to the Workplace

Cosette Lee

This is one woman's journey, fears, failures and triumphs. Focuses will include growing up in a first-generation Asian household, dealing with being gay / straight and being in a 15-year relationship while transitioning. We'll be talking about how employers have evolved from a hostile place for transgender people to one of greater acceptance. Additionally, we will cover some of the issues involved with how many employers now cover transgender benefits including surgeries.

Jeffrey Spiegel, MD is the Chief of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Boston University Medical Center. He is double board certified in Facial Plastic Surgery & Otolaryngology and offers comprehensive surgical and non-surgical options in facial feminization surgery.

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The Magic in Your Makeup

Scarlett Thompson

Many people buy a variety of makeup expecting it to work magic, and are often disappointed. The problem isn't usually the product, but how it is used. Drugstore cosmetics do an admirable job when used correctly. Scarlett will show how with a step-by-step makeover by using makeup to its fullest advantage and how to fix the most commonly made mistakes, but tricks such as face taping and contouring will also be discussed and demonstrated.

New England Girls Out and About

Melissa Cross & Phyllis Randt

Phyllis from NH & Melissa from CT will talk about their experiences in the real world. Each will share a bit about their journey and then focus on things like buying women's clothes in person (in drab and en femme), experiences getting manicures, restaurant experiences and other public places in public that we have gone dressed.

New-comers Meet and Greet

Chrissy Sue McCarty

This is a relaxed, safe space to come to connect with others who are attending the Fair for the first time. Come share a coffee and talk about how to get the most out of your time at Fantasia Fair. If you have questions, we have answers! These sessions are for first-time Trans folk only. We do this to avoid self-censorship, and out of respect for the privacy of those who are not accompanied by their spouses.

- Meet new friends
- Share experiences
- Gather information
- Gain support

Night Out on the Town!

Part of what makes Fantasia Fair special is that it takes place in Provincetown. Few places are as accepting and affirming as our host city and here you will be safe, respected, and honored whatever your gender presentation. Fairgoers are encouraged to explore the restaurants, bars, and dance clubs of Provincetown.

As you plan your dinner reservations for your nights out at the Fair, please try to support our Advertisers who have supported the Fair in this Participant's Guide and on our website. When making your choices, please be sure to tell them you saw their ad in our Guide. There are a variety of fine restaurants to choose from in all cuisines and price ranges, all within walking distance or a short cab ride from the center of town (for those wearing sky-high stilettos!).

Orientation Brunch

In this late morning get-together, you'll have a chance to mingle with your new friends and find out what you can expect during the week. We'll point out who is responsible for what, where to get the latest information, and talk about the various happenings of the week.

Keynote Address: Pass or Die: Is there life without gender?

Miqqi Alicia Gilbert

Judith Butler (1990) famously said that to be understandable as a person, to make sense as a human being, one must be gendered in accordance with the standard social conventions. There's no such thing as a person who is not a woman or a man. You must be, "gendered in conformity with recognizable standards of gender intelligibility". If you are not, then you are not a person and because of that you have no rights, no protections, and, often, no legal status. This says you cannot exist as a trans person, but only as a conforming member of the gender binary. In other words, the cost of personhood is the invisibility of trans, a price that may not be too dear for some, is impossible for others, and demands deception for all (Bettcher 2007). In this talk Dr. Gilbert will discuss the significance of this, what it means, and how it traps us without our permission or choice.

The Pivotal Transformation

Dayna Walker

The Pivotal Transformation workshop will allow the participants to explore various processes for transitioning on the job. Dayna will explain how her technique and process is unique and offers those wishing to explore transitioning in the workplace with several options, including gathering allies, determining obstacles, introducing potential training programs and dealing with organizational leadership as well as peers. Dayna's process allows the individual to control many aspects of the transitioning process often left to the organization and thus empowers the individual as they seek to transition in the workplace. In today's depressed job market, this is a "must do" workshop for anyone planning on transitioning in the workplace.

The Tango and Tangle of Intimacy

Sandra S. Cole

Relationship balance is not a static point, always predictable and permanent. It is the fluid rhythm and motion of love, wisdom, respect and equilibrium between soul mates. Honest and awakening discussions around the challenges within our relationships enhance the rich and sacred experiences of loving someone who loves you. We welcome your presence with us.

The Tango and Tangle of Love: the Power and Miracle of Love *Sandra S. Cole*

A symphony of words, thoughts and feelings emerge, reflecting enormous creativity, strength and capabilities in us all to embrace the exceptional qualities of each partner in their marriage, intimacies, relationships and families. Our gifts of stories, wisdom and respect for each other celebrate our amazing lives and love.

The Virginia Price Transgender Pioneer Award Banquet

Every year, Real Life Experiences honors transgender leaders - those who have sacrificed their careers, their families, their fortunes to change the world so transgendered people could begin to come together in safety and comfort. Without them, we would not be here; we would be at home, hiding in our closets. We meet to honor their work and thank them for all they have done for us and to give them back a little in return for their decades of work on our behalf. This year, we are recognizing Mara Keisling.

Things your Mother Never Told You! The Secrets of "Savvy Sisterhood" Sandra S. Cole

For the gals who have questions, are curious, have had challenging experiences, embarrassments "out there", and for gals who have figured it out and can share!!!

Come and have a fun conversation, sharing ideas, recommendations and solutions to some of the 'woman's way' life situations "mother never taught you"! Initiation into the secrets of behavior, decorum and movement known only to women.

- Strut Your Stuff the other side of the "runway walk."
- Bunny Dip vs Comfy
- Dining with the Ladies
- The "Loo"

And whatever else we want to discuss!

TLDEF Wine Reception

Michael Silverman

Michael Silverman, the Executive Director of the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund (TLDEF) invites all attendees to an open wine reception. Come learn about TLDEF and the important work it is involved with.

Keynote Address: Trans-Figurations: Narratives of Trans Spirituality *Rev. Cameron Partridge*

This keynote invites trans people to claim our identities and embodiments as part of an ongoing process of spiritual growth. Through a combination of theological reflection and story telling from the presenter's experience growing up in The Episcopal Church, coming out as a trans-man, engaging in ordained ministry and organizing for trans-equality within and beyond church borders, Rev. Partridge will offer a sketches of a trans spirituality grounded in growth and discovery, struggle and transfiguration.

Transgender Faith and Values: A Panel Discussion

Rev. Cameron Partridge & Barbara Curry

Rev. Cameron Partridge, Rev. Barbara Peronteau, Rev. JamieGhee Beattie and Rev. Donna Cartwright will participate in a panel about Transgender and Religion moderated by Barbara Curry. The discussion will be very open with a Q & A based on the experiences of panel members and the audience.

Transgender Family Law

Jennifer Levi & M. Dru Levasseur

Leading legal experts will talk about navigating discriminatory family law systems for transgender people including creating, dissolving, and expanding families.



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Transitioning - Real Life Experiences

Tamara Ritt

No matter how much counseling or "real life testing" you have gone through, the step to surgery and a life beyond is full of unknowns. How will people receive the new you? Your family, your friends? How will you make your way in the world? This workshop presents post-op experiences in real life, the personal struggles and the lessons learned. And, to the extent possible, the experiences of others who have also taken this path. The workshop is not so much to present a "this is how it will be", since everybody's path is different to some degree, but rather to give an idea of what they may experience, and give some ideas of how to interact and address the new environment they will be living in. The presentation will also discuss the basic difference between a crossdresser and a transsexual, and the tragic consequences of confusing the two.

TransTheology

JamieGhee Beattie

If cross-dressing is a sin, how bad is hell going to be anyway? Have you experienced judgment and exclusion by your faith community, your family or friends because of who you are? When you think about religion, does it seem like nothing but rules requiring conformity to a narrow view of personhood? Bible literalists tell us we're living in sin. What is sin anyway? Let's take a short journey into what the Bible really teaches about living an authentic life and faith.



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Tuning your Vocal Instrument: Modifying Pitch and Resonance Dr. Jack Pickering & Lezli Whitehouse

This workshop will focus on ways to safely modify pitch and resonance so it will match your presenting gender. Participants will be introduced to well-established vocal warm up and exercises that can be done on a daily basis to change the voice. Tips will be provided that will help you care for your voice and tend to the delicate structures that make up your vocal instrument. Jack and Lezli will discuss the voice as only one aspect of communication, but an important foundation for representing ones gender. This workshop is open to people of any gender.

Turning Points: Moments of Change in the Transgender Community Mariette Pathy Allen

Through photographs and personal comments, this slide presentation will focus on moments small or dramatic, when the lives of gender variant people changed. I will show photographs taken in the USA, as well as recent images taken in Cuba. As I've had the opportunity to experience over 30 years of deep involvement with gender variant people, I've seen incredible changes, as have many of you. As we proceed, I'll look forward to your comments on what you think were/are major milestones in the journey to equal rights, respect, and inspiration.

Keynote Address: Twenty Amazing Years

Sandra Samons

Consider where we were, how far we have come, and what still needs to happen in the TG community. You will be asked to take time out to consider, from a therapists' perspective, the dramatic changes which have taken place in the last 20 years for trangender people in the USA, the implications these changes have for our lives today and to think about what (y)our goals for the future could be. We will talk about some of the roadblocks to change, the impact of the media on our world in general and specifically the internet and other technologies and what we can learn from and use for ourselves. One factor that is a double edged sword is the DSM, so if you don't understand it now (as many of us do not), you will hear a (politically incorrect or at least unpopular in some circles) perspective and some thoughts on how we got in this mess and how to get out of it. And what about the Standards of Care? Have they improved enough to actually be helpful? Have the prospects for couples remaining together gotten better? Are spouses less isolated than in the past? Will therapists who specialize in helping transgender people become obsolete? These are provoking thoughts with a dash of humor (as in a spoonful of sugar) added."

Visibility - The Road to Transgender Acceptance

Amanda Ryan

In the past three years, I have taken a lead role in promoting the Trans Community to the Canadian Public and Politicians. Flag Raising Ceremonies at Ottawa Police Headquarters led to other Flag Raising Ceremonies at Ottawa and Gatineau City Halls along with excellent media attention. I led a March to Parliament Hill to support the Gender Identity Bill which passed Parliament but died in the Senate when an election was called. That specific bill has been reintroduced in the current Parliament as well as a similar Bill in the Ontario Legislature. Exciting things are happening in the Trans Community and I have been proud to be in the middle of it so this talk is really about transactivism.

Vocal Communication and Gender Awareness, an Introduction

Lezli Whitehouse

This communication workshop, will focus on the science of Voice and Gender in all the details that help inform our use of our body language, our vocal inflections and style to create the image of gender that we want to present. This workshop is open to people of any gender and will offer insight to the ways to present the full package. Just as the shoes need to match the dress/pants, the communication also needs to fit the style. Lezli is also offering a daily warm-up exercise session (Thurs-Sat. AM). Lezli will also, be available for a few hours each day to coach performance skills or to work privately with you on your voice.

Voice and Movement for Gender - Nuanced Communication Lezli Whitehouse & Dr. Jack Pickering

Let's practice! Just as the shoes need to match the dress/pants, the communication also needs to fit the style, let's put it all together, with the guidance of Jack and Lezli. This voice and movement workshop offers practice for people of both genders to express yourself in gender-consistent communication, with direct guidance. This will include the use of the information in the other vocal workshops earlier in the week culminating in a chance to explore and move with the gender nuance that needs to be experienced not just read about. *Please dress for movement so you can explore your voice and movement in gender appropriate communication*.

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Voice of Witnesss: "Out of the Box"

"Gender identity and gender expression are issues that can easily be misunderstood and cannot be wrapped up in a neat little box," said Louise Brooks, spouse of a Transgender clergywoman. "So the goal of Out of the Box was to answer some of the most frequently asked questions. We have been blessed by a truly amazing cloud of witnesses who shared their stories and their lives with us. It has been a privilege to work with them to take this project from a dream to a reality as we offer their voices of witness to the church and to the world." And so nearly three years later, the 27-minute documentary was had a tremendous impact on the Episcopal Church and has multiple views on YouTube and been mailed by DVD to every bishop and deputy in the Episcopal Church.

Volunteer Planning

Emily Sheldon

Find out about opportunities to volunteer during the week in this brief gettogether.

Walking Tour of Provincetown

Robert Anderson

Do you know which Provincetown inn was frequented by U.S. Presidents? Where is 'Fort Useless'? Where is the oldest gay bar in the U.S.? Come find out during a casual stroll down the historic streets of Provincetown. In this fascinating and informative walk, which lasts a bit more than an hour, you'll hear about some of the town's famous sights and learn it's fascinating history. This tour is an excellent way to orient yourself to Provincetown and is highly recommended for everyone, but especially for first timers. Just remember to wear your walking shoes!

Keynote Address: We Will Be Free - Legal Developments on the Path to Transgender Rights

Michael Silverman

The discussion will focus on legal strategies for moving a transgender equal rights agenda forward. From employment discrimination to educational and health care access, the legal landscape is shifting. There's progress which has been made over the past years, but there is much more to be done. How can we use the law as a tool to ensure that we will one day be free?

Welcoming Reception

After a long day of travel, relax with your old friends and meet your new ones. Come dressed formally, come dressed casually, come dressed as a guy or come dressed as a gal - just come by and enjoy yourself!

Whale Watch

Dolphin Fleet

Enjoy breathtaking views and an awe-inspiring experience to see some of the world's largest mammals. You will be thrilled at the sight of the great whales of the North Atlantic, including humpback whales, finback whales, minke whales and possibly even pilot whales. Dolphins, porpoises and seals are common sightings as well.

This whale watch is a function of the Dolphin Fleet and are not an official Fair event. Therefore, each person must purchase a ticket from the Dolphin Fleet. We placed the Whale Watch in the Fair schedule to encourage Fairgoers to go as a group.



What Do Partners Want? A Frank and Honest Discussion

Maureen Osborne

This panel discussion, led by a gender specialist, will comprise a group of cisgender spouses of individuals across the transgender spectrum. Each will discuss the unique challenges in their particular relationship, and the dialogue will be opened to questions and comments from the workshop participants.

What's Next For Transgender Equality

Mara Kiesling

After the Keynote, Mara will lead a conversation about what work is left to do and how virtually anyone, anywhere can pitch in by doing something they personally are passionate about. We will also cover the prospective impact of the upcoming election.

Wigs 101 – What Should I Know?

Polly Vitagliano

Not all wigs are equal! In this workshop we will discuss Human Hair vs. Synthetic Wigs, Cap Constructions, Sizing, choosing a color, what styles are best for your face shape and maintenance.

You can be, You are, and You will always be a Great Woman

Sophia Cassivi

The essence of who you are through personal experiences and filled with many real life stories, attendees will be given solid but easy tricks on how to become what they really want to be. That is becoming beautiful and full of confidence and becoming really great women.

Your Ideas for the Future of Fantasia Fair

In order to continue and prosper, the Fair must grow along with its participants. This session is dedicated to hearing your thoughts concerning the Fair, what works and what might be improved. No needs to volunteer to do for anything other than share your thoughts.



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Presenter Biographies

Every year, Fantasia Fair attracts some of the finest and most knowledgeable people in and out of the Transgender community. Below are brief descriptions of each who is expected to attend. We encourage you to get to know these people and to attend as many of their presentations as you can.

Many of the presenters who come to Fantasia Fair make their professional services available during Fair week. Please feel free to ask the presenters, what if any, any additional services or private consultations they may be providing during the week.

Most importantly, please make sure to let our presenters know just how appreciative you are that they have come to share their knowledge and experience with us all.



Mariette Pathy Allen

Mariette has been a professional photographer, writer and speaker on, and on behalf of, the TG community since 1978. She is the author of Transformations: Crossdressers and Those Who Love Them and The Gender Frontier, which won a 2004 Lambda Literary Award. Her photographs make а significant Leslie Feinberg's contribution to Transgender Warriors: Making History from Joan of Arc to Dennis Rodman, illustrate Riki Anne Wilchins' Read My Lips:

Sexual Subversion and the End of Gender and are included in many other books. She has worked on five documentary films, the most recent being A&E -- Investigative Reports Transgender Revolution, and Southern Comfort, which won the Grand Jury prize at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival. Mariette has been on the staff of The Transgender Tapestry since the mid-1980s. She received a Trinity Award in 1991, an award from Fantasia Fair in 2001, for her artistic contributions on behalf of the transgender community, and a Rainbow Award at IFGE 2006. Her photographs are included in national and international collections and have been exhibited widely. Please visit her website, MariettePathyAllen.com.



Robert Anderson

Robert C. Anderson launched PtownTours, an art and architecture walking-tour company of Provincetown, in 2009 but has been giving tours both domestically and internationally since the 1990's. The website for PrownTours can be found at www.ptowntours.com.

Rob is a trained artist and designer, an historian of architecture, interior design, and art, and has traveled extensively for pleasure and research. In 2007, he received a Fulbright Scholarship to travel to Poland

and Russia, researching art and architecture. Rob continually volunteers as a docent for Boston By Foot, has led guided tours through the Walter Gropius House, and has taught at various colleges and universities in New England. He is presently teaching architectural history and interior design as a full-time faculty member at Endicott College, and is working on his Ph.D. work with the Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts (IDSVA).



Robyn Bazlen-Weglarz

Robyn has been active in the community for some time, having been president of the New York chapter of Tri-Ess and Marchioness in the Imperial Court of NY.

Robyn is also well known about the Fair and she participates in various aspects of the Fair including the Follies and the Fashion show. After helping produce the Fashion Show for several years, Robyn - along with her partner in crime, Liz "Ice Box" Winter - is the Mistress of Ceremonies at the Show. Robyn, together

with her wife, Audri, now own and operate Admiral's Landing inn.



JamieGhee Beattie

The Reverend JamieGhee Beattie is an Ordained Minister in the United Church of Christ (1975). She has a B.A. from The American University, Washington, DC (1968), and a Master of Divinity from The Chicago Theological Seminary (1975). She has served as a Pastor, Associate, or Interim Minister in churches in IL, OH, MI, MD, and VA.



Sarah Carpenter

Sarah Carpenter was raised in a conservative Republican, Pre-Vatican II Catholic household and has known she was an M to F transsexual from age 5. She transitioned and began living as herself in 2005. Ms. Carpenter is separated from her spouse of 33 years and has two adult daughters and has recently retired as an engineer at the University of Vermont and is living on Cape Cod. Ms. Carpenter is a transgender advocate, a Gender Diversity trainer and has spoken

at locations across the country, working to pass legislation to improve the lives of transgender individuals.



Donna Cartwright

Donna Cartwright is a co-founder of TransEpiscopal, the organization of transgender Episcopalians and their friends, family and allies. She came to faith through her transgender journey, and was received into the Episcopal Church in 2001. She served on the Commission of the Oasis, the LGBT ministry of the Diocese of Newark, NJ, from 2003 through 2006.

Donna was part of a team of eight TransEpiscopal members who attended the General Convention of

the national Episcopal Church in July 2009, winning passage of four transgendersupportive resolutions there. She now resides in Baltimore, MD.



Sophia Cassivi

Sophia Cassivi is a French Québec T-Girl in her early 50's who lives right on the border of English Ontario soil. Married to a lovely supportive wife and with beautiful 3 adult children. Successful business person in many fields but mostly in show business, her male persona is also a Musician, singer, writer and for the past 15 years highly respected musical and event producer in Quebec. She is publicly, socially and politically involved in a progressive way now for close

to 10 years as Sophia in the Transgender community in Canada and USA. Sophia is the co-organizer, with her friend Amanda Ryan, of the Gal's Spring Fling, as well as an active member of Ottawa's Gender Mosaic, Toronto's Xpressions groups and also founder of S.A.F.I.R. Canada (a French Canadian Yahoo News Group). Her biggest priorities in life: Education, respect, love and on top of the list, happiness.



Carolyn Caywood

Carolyn Caywood is a retired librarian with 40 years experience working with children and their books. Curiously, she has about the same number of years experience as an SO.

Professional Services from Presenters

Many of the workshop presenters are available for one-on-one sessions during the week of the Fair and most offer deeply discounted rates for their services. Don't hesitate to ask if they are accepting appointments.



Award winning photographer Marriette Pathy Allen will be available for individual portrait sessions during Fantasia Fair.



Chalice Charpentier

A natural born philosopher, Chalice has contemplated existence, values and what it means to be human for as long as she can remember. When her father came out to her when she was 15, she began to think even more about human judgment, love and even normalcy. Realizing how much of a challenge it can be for some people to just be in this world, she was inspired to use her life to make a difference. Chalice went to Emmanuel College and

obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology to continue her journey toward becoming a psychotherapist. She is currently a candidate for the Clinical Mental Health Counseling master's degree at Lesley University and focusing her academics on Holistic Studies. Her primary interests are gender expression and the relationship between mind, body and perceived spirit in gender identity, stress, psychological conditions and trauma recovery. Chalice is an advocate, a helper, a runner, and a loving daughter.



Dainna Cicotello

As a human-potential-development coach since 1974, Dainna has performed training on a wide variety of topics to people around much of the world. She remains very active within the GLBT communities, as a speaker and trainer. Dainna was a recipient of a 1998 Equality Colorado Pride Award. She was a Charter Director of Speaker's Project to End Discrimination, a Board member of Outreach Institute for Gender Studies, and of the TG Fund. She has served on the Board of many other 501(c)3 non-profit

organizations. Dainna has worked within the Transgender community locally, nationally, and internationally since 1980. She has worked directly with several thousand transgender people during that period, as a coach, mentor, and friend; many people have successfully transitioned gender roles because of her work. She has presented workshops at many conferences over two decades, on gender as well as transgender issues.



Sandra S. Cole, Ph.D.

Dr. Cole is Professor (ret.) at University of Michigan Medical School, a sexologist and gender specialist, past President (5 years) of the Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) and nationally AASECT Certified as a sexuality educator, counselor. She has been faculty in University of Minnesota and University of Michigan Academic Medicine for forty years.

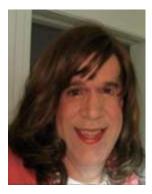
For the past 30 years she has been friend and strong colleague with the transgender community, working nationally with many organizations, focusing on transgender individuals and their partners, families on issues of sexual health, wellness, intimacy and relationships.

Sandra has been privileged these many years to present and facilitate scores of important personal and private discussions in group, see many wonderful friendships develop, meet compassionate and loving individuals and couples, and appreciate the amazing programs and creative events..

At Michigan, in 1993, Sandra and her team of specialists founded the innovative *University of Michigan Health System Comprehensive Gender Services Program*, where she successfully served as its Director for 7 years, retiring from that position to strongly advocate for civil rights and social justice for transgendered individuals and their families which she passionately pursues.

Sandra has received many other recognition acknowledgments from transgender organizations and community over these years including *Fantasia Fair Professional Outreach Award* in 1991, *Friend of the Fair Award* in1998, *Lifetime Appreciation Award* in 2008, and in 2011 was awarded the prestigious Fantasia Fair Virginia Price Transgender Pioneer Award.

In April, 2011, Sandra was bestowed the prestigious AASECT Professional Standard of Excellence Award, and in June, 2012 was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Pride Award in Ann Arbor .Sandra is a long time member of WPATH (World Professional Association for Transgender Health)



Melissa Cross

Melissa is a married crossdresser in her early 50s with a supportive wife. She has become more active in the last few years and this is her fifth consecutive year attending the fair. Melissa is a member of the Connecticut Outreach Society and has been a member of Tri-Ess, ConnecTView and the The Tiffany Club of New England.



Barbara Curry

Barbara is the Treasurer of Real Life Experiences; she has been active at Fantasia Fair since 1996. She is also the coordinator of evening events all week long. Still, she is probably best known as the Producer of the FanFair Follies. In her time away from the Fair she is a member of the Connecticut Outreach Society and regularly speaks publicly on transgender issues. She is active in her church at both the local and state levels. She has been married 30 years to Susan.



Dr. Mark DiStefano

Dr. Mark DiStefano is the founder of the DiStefano Hair Restoration Center, the largest independent hair restoration practice in New England. He is a graduate of Georgetown University Medical School, a veteran of both the ER and surgery, and is was well-known in Massachusetts medical circles for his surgical skills. In fact, he has provided physician training and mentoring in hair transplantation at Harvard Medical International and is a Clinical Instructor in Plastic Surgery at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in

Worcester, MA. In addition, Dr. DiStefano volunteers his surgical expertise for OPERATION RESTORE, helping critical need patients to restore their self-image, self-esteem and their hair restoration. Dr. DiStefano is renowned for his artistry in the reconstruction of hairlines with over 5,000 hair transplants to his credit.

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transitioning, they believe.

Leslie Fabian

Leslie Fabian is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker who's been taking time off from her psychotherapy practice to write about the Fabians' shared transition. Supportive of her spouse's crossdressing since they met in 1987, Leslie has encouraged David's transition to Deborah, despite knowing that life would never be the same. Both of the Fabians have developed the ability to tolerate high levels of ambiguity, a requirement for



Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Ph.D.

Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Ph.D. aka Michael A. Gilbert is Full Professor of Philosophy at York University, Toronto, Canada. S/he has published two novels, a monograph entitled Coalescent Argumentation, as well a popular book on argument, How to Win an Argument, now in a third edition. More recently s/he has been publishing scholarly articles in Gender Theory including an essay in Hypatia in 2009. Miqqi Alicia is a life-long cross dresser and an activist in the

international transgender community. S/he is the book review editor and regular columnist for Transgender Tapestry, the magazine of the International Foundation for Gender Education, a recipient, in 2007, of an IFGE Trinity Award, and Director of Fantasia Fair. S/he has presented workshops at numerous trans events including Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort, and First Event. Her website is located at: www.yorku.ca/gilbert/tg.



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Aline Hebert

Aline Marie Hebert born January 24, 1951 in Holyoke, Massachusetts is an educator and vocalist. Graduating from Ursuline Academy in Springfield, Massachusetts, Aline continued her studies at Nazareth College in Rochester, New York and received a B.S. in Music Education.

With a varied career, Aline spent 18 years at a French Cosmetic Company, Clarins ,working her way from a Regional Education Manager to becoming the Vice

President of Education and Retail Services, residing in New York City with extensive travel to Paris, France. Prior to her executive position, Aline was a store manager and buyer for several retail operations including: Cache, Guy La Roche and Mondi International. Most recently, Aline is working as an Adjunct Professor at Fisher College in Boston and she specializes in Visual Merchandising and Retail Management. In addition, Aline spends her summers in Cape Cod and works as a sales professional at a unique boutique called Klymaxx featuring; fashion jewelry, handbags, make-up and wigs.

A passion for music has always been one of Aline's great loves. She is an award winning vocalist and has performed on stage and television since she was 6 years old to the present.



Dr. Dianne Karron

A computer scientist and transsexual woman, Dr Karron lived at the federal teat as a man, but privately as a woman. Until she won a large grant and was outed by her successor accountant. The inventor of Tactical Audio Displays and Digital Morse Theory, her career was shredded by the Federal Government's endless investigation and conviction for grant misappropriation.



Mara Keisling

Mara Keisling is the founding Executive Director of the National Center for Transgender Equality. Mara is a transgender-identified woman and a parent. As one of the nation's leading voices for transgender equality, Mara has appeared on news outlets such as CNN and CSPAN, and is regularly quoted in the New York Times, the Washington Post and hundreds of other national and local print and electronic media.

Since NCTE was founded in 2003, the organization

was part of coalition efforts that have won significant advances in transgender equality such as the passage of the first ever transgender-inclusive federal legislation, modification of the State Department rules for changing gender markers on passports, and the historic first Congressional Hearing on transgender issues.

Mara is a graduate of Penn State University and did her graduate work at Harvard University in American Government. She has served on the board of Directors of Common Roads, an LGBTQ Youth Group, and on the steering committee of the Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition. Mara has almost twenty-five years of professional experience in social marketing and opinion research.



Cosette Lee

Cosette is a Thai-Chinese immigrant girl who came to the U.S. as a small child and grew up in the conservative expanse of the Mid-West. She grew up thinking she was different somehow, a freak. Then, in an epiphany, she came out as a gay boy thinking that was the problem. Being in the conservative world of IT sales, that was difficult enough until she realized what being transgender meant. Provincetown's <mark>Most Unusual</mark> Restaurant

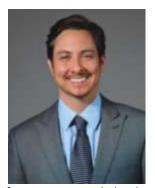
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M. Dru Levasseur

M. Dru Levasseur is the Transgender Rights Attorney for www.lambdalegal.org, the oldest and largest national legal organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and people with HIV. Levasseur focuses his work on impact litigation, advocacy and community education to advance the civil rights of transgender people nationwide. Before joining Lambda Legal, Levasseur was staff attorney

forwww.transgenderlegal.org, where he advocated for transgender equal rights through test-case litigation, public policy efforts, community organizing and public education. In 2008, he co-founded the www.jimcollinsfoundation.org, a nonprofit organization that raises money to fund gender-confirming surgeries. He serves as Chair of the Legal Issues Committee of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH). In 2011, he was a recipient of the National LGBT Bar Association's Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Award.



Jennifer Levi

Jennifer L. Levi is one of our nation's leading experts on transgender legal issues. Jennifer is a Professor of Law at Western New England University. She serves on the Legal Committee of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, and is a founding member of both the Transgender Law & Policy Institute and the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition. Professor Levi was the Transgender Rights Project Director and Senior Staff Attorney for Gay and

Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) in Boston.



Sgt. Carrie Lopes

Police Sgt. Carrie Lopes has been a police office for over twenty years and a Sergeant for the past seven. She is a Civil Rights Officer, Domestic Violence Officer, Elder Affairs-Triad Officer, and Sex Offender Management Officer for the Department. Sgt. Lopes also oversees the town's "No Place for Hate" program and is a supporter of the Cape Cod Foundation, a public philanthropic foundation whose mission is to improve community life. This year, The American Red

Cross recognized Sgt. Lopes' service to the community with their 2010 law enforcement "Hero" award.



Chrissy Sue McCarty

Appearing, at first, to be a "walking contradiction" within the transgender community, Chrissy Sue, a Marine Corps veteran, has been bestowed the honorary titles of "Admiral" in the Texas Navy, and "Colonel" in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. On the other hand, Chrissy is recipient of the 2010 Miss Congeniality Award presented by Fantasia Fair, and has been the subject of numerous articles that have appeared in various publications, including

"Transgender Tapestry" and "Bitch Magazine".

Chrissy Sue is a debutante within "Miss Vera's Finishing School for Boys Who Want to be Girls", NYC, and can often be found at various GLBT gatherings, such as Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort Conference, and Fantasy Fest, held annually in Key West, Florida. A frequent participant at "The Night of a Thousand Gowns", the Imperial Court of New York's coronation extravaganza, Chrissy holds the 2010 title of "Her Majesty, Imperial Highness, Tsarina Chrissy Sue", within the court.

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Hera Navassardian

Hera Navassardian has been in the fashion and beauty industry for more than thirty years. Her career began in New York City as a model for Bob Mackie and other designers like him. She has since worked in many similar industries. including consulting and demonstrating the finer techniques of skincare, makeup and fashion at high-end establishments including Bergdorf Goodman, SAKS Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales and CHANEL. Hera's love and passion

for beauty and fashion has led her to open her own boutique and transformation studio; Klymaxx Unlimited in downtown Provincetown. Klymaxx offers a wide variety of services including make-up consultations, hair and wig design, and skincare for men and women. She also carries a large selection of handbags, highend costume jewelry, wigs, accessories and her new line of clothing. Hera puts her heart, soul and experience into all of her clients to help them achieve whatever they may be looking for.



Maureen Osborne, Ph. D.

Dr. Maureen Osborne is a clinical psychologist who has been privileged to work with folks in the trans community along with their loved ones for the last 20 years. She is in private practice in Malvern, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia and is a member of the American Psychological Association, Division 44 of the APA (specializing in GLBT issues), the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists, and the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. Her

work is firmly grounded in Contextual Therapy, which emphasizes justice and fairness in relationships. She has presented workshops alone and in collaboration with Dr. Richard Docter at numerous gender conferences over the last 15 years. She is on the adjunct therapy staff of the Papillon Center in New Hope, PA, where Dr. Christine McGinn performs gender confirming surgeries, and was featured with Dr. McGinn and others in the recent award-winning documentary "Trans". Dr. Osborne is a loyal and loving straight ally to the GLBT community, the mother of two wonderful young adults, and performs lead and backup vocals in the band, "Red Beans and Rice".



Samantha Perle

Samantha is a "mature" member of the community and has been dressing for many years. While not out to her local area, she is quite comfortable just about anywhere in mainstream society. Semi-retirement provides lots of opportunity to travel and experience her feminine side. She is a member of Xpressions, based in Toronto, Ontario, and the Trans Support Network of West Central Florida (formerly Tri-Beta) in the Tampa Bay area. Known as "The Queen of

Cleavage," Samantha has presented workshops of how to crossdressers can create a cleavage and has helped many a girl with achieving that look. Samantha loves to work with those that are new to cross dressing by helping them get their appearance the way they want it and particularly in getting them to push their boundaries and building confidence. She loves to take other girls shopping and has the shoe collection to prove it.



Rev. Cameron Partridge

The Rev. Dr. Cameron Partridge is the Episcopal Chaplain at Boston University and a lecturer at Harvard Divinity School. Since being ordained to the priesthood in 2005, his ministry has unfolded in urban parish, college chaplaincy, and advocacy contexts, and has specialized in working with young adults, and on issues of poverty, sexuality and gender. An openly transgender man, Cameron is a founding member of TransEpiscopal and the Interfaith Committee for

Trans Equality. He has participated in Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion conversations on sexuality and gender since 2007, seeking to bring trans perspectives and concerns into the mix. His teaching and scholarship centers on constructions of sex, gender and sexuality in Christian thought, as well as on the intersection of feminist, queer and transgender studies with the study of Religion. www.episcopalbu.com; blog.transepiscopal.com



Rev. Barbara Peronteau

The Reverend Barbara Peronteau is ordained in the United Church of Christ. Barbara lives in Reading, PA. She is somewhere in the middle of her transition and self identifies as a transwoman. She likes the symphony, Pinot Noir, baseball, and going for walks with her dog Max.



Officer Rachel Peters

Officer Rachel Peters is a 30 year Veteran of the Provincetown Police Department. She is the Elder Affairs-Triad Officer for the Town of Provincetown. Officer Peters was born and raised in Provincetown and has very close ties in the community. She has been a full time police officer since 2001 and previously had served as Provincetown Records Clerk, Chief Secretary and Animal Control Officer. She is also a volunteer Firefighter for the town as well as a Constable, Notary and a Justice of the Peace for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Officer Peter is proud to be a part of the Fantasia Fair family!

Jack Pickering, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Jack Pickering is a Professor at The College of Saint Rose and speech-language pathologist for Capital Region ENT. Since 2007, he has directed the college's Voice and Communication Modification Program for People in the Transgender Community. Jack has been a certified speech-language pathologist since 1984, focusing on the assessment and treatment of voice. He studied at the University of Maine and Ohio University, where he received his doctoral degree in 1990. His teaching and research interests include voice disorders and

transgender voice and communication. He was presented with the 2010 Distinguished Clinician Award from the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and was the 2011 American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation's Clinical Achievement Award winner for the state of New York.



Kevin Poling

Mr. Poling is a seasoned customer service and travel professional with over 20 years of experience in the global travel industry. He has undergone extensive training, specializing in the art and science of customer relationship management. Mr. Poling also leads World Medical's Global Transgender Program. In this role, Mr. Poling is responsible for the developing, coordinating and ensuring the highest quality of patient service for the program. Mr. Poling is highly involved in the LGBT community and has

sponsored Transgender Day of Remembrance in San Diego. He is a frequent speaker at transgender conferences throughout the country. Mr. Poling obtained his degree in Travel & Hospitality from Hammel College in Akron, Ohio and is a member of the International Association of Travel Agents.



Phyllis Ann Randt

Phyliss is 67 years old and a 20 year military veteran of the U.S. Navy having retired in Dec 1982. She is widowed and presently living in Rochester New Hampshire. Phyliss is a life-long CD although put her crossdressing on hold while serving in the Navy. She began "dressing" in earnest, around 1989 and came out around 1996 with her first "out of house excursion" happening in May of 2003. Phyliss is the owner of her own business since the spring of 1992.

She operates her own web site dealing with "Men Wearing Bras" and is a room moderator for a global transgender support site. Lives 90% fulltime, and recently had her name legally changed. She has flown on commercial airlines a number of times, fully dressed as the lady she is. She works part time in a lingerie store in Portsmouth N.H. She is also a member of the Sanford Me. Unitarian Universalist Church.

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Tamara Ritt

Tami has been a member of the Speakers bureaus at two state universities in Michigan and has given presentations on public speaking and on industrial safety prior to her decision to transition. Since then, her focus has been on growing her relationship with her spouse and reconnecting with family and friends. She is currently working as a construction engineer, with occasional forays into musical performance and theater.



Amanda Ryan

In the past three years, I have taken a lead role in promoting the Trans Community to the Canadian Public and Politicians. Flag Raising Ceremonies at Ottawa Police Headquarters led to other Flag Raising Ceremonies at Ottawa and Gatineau City Halls along with excellent media attention. I led a March to Parliament Hill to support the Gender Identity Bill which passed Parliament but died in the Senate when an election was called. That specific bill has been

reintroduced in the current Parliament as well as a similar Bill in the Ontario Legislature. Exciting things are happening in the Trans Community and I have been proud to be in the middle of it so this talk is really about transactivism.





Sandra Samons

Dr. Samons is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Social Work (MSW-1976) and the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco (PhD-2001). Until 1989, she worked in several clinical settings, developing experience as a therapist with adolescents, adults, couples, and families. She has been in private practice since 1989, specializing in gender identity issues since 1992. She is a licensed Clinical Social Worker, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, a Certified Sex

Therapist, and was previously a certified addictions therapist. She is also a member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, (WPATH) and has authored a book and several articles about transgender. Sandra lives and works just outside of Ann Arbor, Michigan. You can learn more about her on her website at sandrasamons.com.



Natasha Savoy

Natasha Savoy is the creative force behind My Changing Room which has offered a cross dressing venue in Boston for 15 years. While her background is in Cultural Anthropology and social work, she takes more pleasure in the magic of transformations. Natasha has studied makeup with some of today's top artists; an education which she continues annually to remain current and informed. This has allowed her to launch many bright new faces with

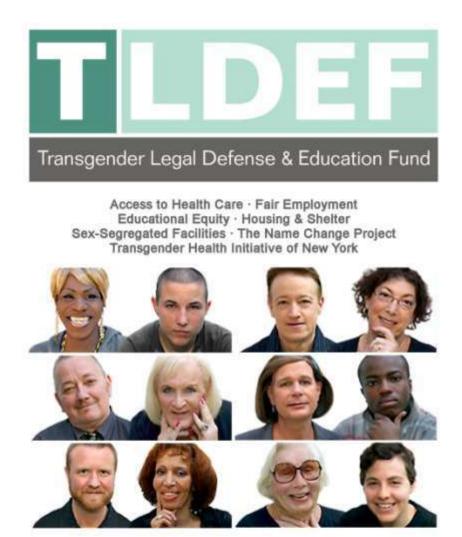
glowing pride. Natasha is also a visual artist and photographer. She lives in Boston with an understanding husband and two large dogs.



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Emily Sheldon

Having attended just about every Fair since the late 1980s, Emily Sheldon is well-known within the Fantasia Fair family. Not only has Emily been an active participant, she has given back to Fair in many ways in both official and unofficial capacities. Emily has helped backstage at the Follies, organize the volunteers during the Fair, took tickets at Fair events, been the Fair's number 1 cheerleader, and so much more. Emily contributions have been recognized a number of

times, including awards for Ms. Most-Helpful (1989), Ms. Congeniality (1998), and Ms. Fantasia Fair (2004).



Michael Silverman

Michael has been a member of TLDEF's Executive Director since it was founded seven years ago. He has worked as an attorney in the LGBT civil rights movement since 1994. In addition to his work at TLDEF, Michael is Adjunct Professor of Law at Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University and at Fordham Law School, where he teaches courses on gender, sexuality and the law. As a cooperating attorney with Lambda Legal, Michael worked on a

number of groundbreaking cases, including Baehr v. Miike, one of the earliest challenges to restrictions on the freedom to marry, and Boy Scouts of America v. Dale. In that case, Michael represented a coalition of religious organizations opposed to the Scouts' exclusionary policy, and his brief submitted to the United States Supreme Court on their behalf was cited in the opinion of the dissenting justices. While on a Georgetown University Law Center Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship, Michael taught in the law school's domestic violence clinic and worked in the legal department at NARAL Pro-Choice America.



Jeffrey Spiegel, M.D.

Dr. Jeffrey Spiegel is Chief of the Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Boston Medical Center and holds academic appointments in the Department of Otalaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery and Plastic Surgery at the Boston University School of Medicine. His practice specializes in Facial Feminization Surgery. He sees head and neck surgery patients at Boston Medical Center in Boston's historic and vibrant South End. Since 2004, Dr. Spiegel has performed well over 500 FFS procedures. For

more information about Dr. Spiegel and his practice, visit his website.



Dr. James Thomas

Dr. James Thomas is a laryngologist, an ENT surgeon who limits his practice to voice disorders. He trained in Pennsylvania and Illinois followed by a fellowship at Loyola University in Chicago. His laryngology practice is in Portland, Oregon. His current involvement with Vocal pitch change is as a surgical specialist of the voice. He has been developing the above procedure, FemLar, over the past 6 years.



Scarlett Thompson

Scarlett Thompson has been doing make-up professionally in the TG community since 2009. Her skills involve highlighting and/or creating the feminine parts of the male face and minimizing the male features to create the most female look possible for her clients. She prides herself in helping each individual express their full feminine personality and style with the help of her make-up skills. You can see examples of Scarlett's work and find the events she is

attending on her website at www.scarlettsmakeovers.com.



Polly Vitagliano

Polly Vitagliano is the owner and operator of Whenever Wigs. She is not just a salon owner who stays current on the latest fashions in hairstyles and colors but also someone who has worn wigs for over 20 years. Polly truly understands firsthand the emotional roller coaster that her clients experience when losing their natural hair. In 1974, Polly began to experience small bald patches on her scalp and was eventually diagnosed with Alopecia Universalis,

which, in layman terms means, total hair loss. Polly is also a cancer survivor.



Troy University.

Dayna Walker

Dayna Walker has over 20 years experience in human resources and is the CEO of Systems 81 Consulting, LLC and Pivotal Transformations, whose focus is solely transgendered clients. Dayna speaks and presents nationally on behalf of transgender in the workplace and works diligently to ensure those that wish to transition on the job can do so in a seamless manner. Dayna holds an MBA from Liberty University and a Masters in Science in Counseling Psychology from

Looking for Updates to the Schedule?

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John Warrener

John Warrener created the Glamour Boutique in 1996. He has developed many specialized products for transgendered gals. The company grew to eventually include three stores and a large website. Starting in September, he has launched a new web site with a new line of clothing and products for the community. The site is called TGFashions.com.



Lezli A. Whitehouse, M.S., CCC/SLP

Combining scientific and theatrical work is a passion for Lezli. She currently holds a Master's degree in Speech Language Pathology, and works full time in that field. Prior to this manifestation of life Lezli worked and trained in professional theatre with a focus on voice work, for over twenty years. Her teaching explores one's own voice and the ability to express it fully and naturally. Lezli's training includes mime, gender in movement, speech articulation,

accents, voice work for stage and television, as well as many genres of singing. Some of her training comes from the RADA in London, the University of Iowa, IHP Mass General, Boston, Kristin Linklater, Andrea James, and Kitie Verdinlini. She feels at home in the world of gender shift, and looks forward to returning to Fan Fair! You can contact Lezli via lezlivoice@gmail.com.



Liz Winter

Liz Winter, a.k.a. Elizabeth "Ice Box" Winter, started her show business career at the age of eleven at Miss Penelope's School of Stillness in Reykjavik, Iceland. In 1950, at sixteen, she became the youngest person to qualify to teach modern dance throughout the island nation.

In 1962, Liz became a resident female impersonator in Gaborone, the capital city of Botswana, performing

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live twice a week to a regular crowd. She soon started touring the country under the name of "Miss De Bus", introducing a mixture of mime, live vocals, standup comedy, amazing gowns and a uniquely choreographed number that included three chickens and plunger. By the end of the decade, Ms. Winters found herself in Bangkok, suffering from a combination of alcoholism, bulimia, and perpetual foot fungus. For years, she languished in forgotten obscurity until talent scouted by Robert Kent in 1996 when she was recruited to play the parts of Princess Leia and Jabba the Hutt in a three-man drag version of Star Wars. Although critically acclaimed, the play shut down after two nights in Cabot Cove, Maine, due to copyright violations.

Since then, Ms. Winter performing as "The Ice Box", has relived her floorshow and has been touring in Eastern Turkey, billed "the ultimate in entertainment adventure for a girl and a girdle." When not performing live, Ms. Winters appears on many TV and radio broadcasts and acts as the spokesperson for the Franklin Research Center for Foot Fungus Awareness.



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The Fantasia Fair Organizing Committee works year-round to produce this weeklong event. In fact, by the time you read this they will have already been well underway in planning next year's Fair. These folk, like the others that make the Fair happen, are volunteers who do what they do for their love of the Fair.



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Other Volunteers

Every conference with the size, scope, and quality of Fantasia Fair requires a tremendous amount of effort from quite a number of people. The Fantasia Fair Organizing Committee would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of all those who have helped to make the Fair a success. These include:

Fashion Show Organizers	Liz "Ice Box" Winter, Robyn Kohler
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Office Manager	Dianna Cicotello
Volunteer Organizer	Emily Sheldon

Real Life Experiences, Inc.

Real Life Experiences, Inc. (RLE) is the parent organization of Fantasia Fair. RLE is a fully-qualified, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and, like Fantasia Fair, is staffed by volunteers who work throughout the year to help make Fantasia Fair happen.

The Board of Directors of RLE is responsible for setting the policies and conducting the corporate business of Fantasia Fair. The Fantasia Fair Organizing Committee extends their deepest thanks and gratitude to these hard-working individuals.

The Board of Directors includes:

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A History of Fantasia Fair

Fantasia Fair has been part of the community for 37 years. During this time, the Fair has grown and evolved. Affectionately known as "The Fair," Fantasia Fair has progressed from a holiday experience for the transgender community to a mix of practical, social, and educational opportunities designed to enhance the personal growth and awareness of one's own gender expression. In some ways, the character of the Fair has changed little over the years - there is still the same warmth and camaraderie. In other ways, it has blossomed into something larger than was originally envisioned.

In 1975, the Fair was conceived in response to a "need for crossdressers and transsexuals to learn about themselves in an open, socially tolerant environment." Provincetown was picked as the host city because of its reputation for tolerance and it had become somewhat of a GLB Mecca. With some help from a couple of female impersonators who lived in town, some doctors practicing on Cape Cod, a few cosmetic consultants and about 40 participants, Fantasia Fair went from an idea to reality.

In the first years, the Fair was guided by Ariadne Kane, Betty Ann Lind, and several others from "The Cherrystones," a transgender support group from Boston. "There is a tremendous need for crossdressers and transsexuals to learn about themselves in an open, socially tolerant environment," said original founder Betsy Shaw. "We wanted to have a program that can help us grow in practical, social, and educational ways," said another founder, Linda Franklin.

This was an exciting time for the Fair, as it was charting new ground, since there really weren't any other transgender-related conference to use as a role model. In these early years, the Fair served as a model for transgender events all over the world. Even today, Fantasia Fair is recognized for its leadership in increasing the acceptance of the transgender phenomena.

By the early 1980s, Fantasia Fair was getting noticed - there was even an article about the Fair in Playboy Magazine! The Fair had grown to be a 10-day event and really started bonding with our host city. At the "Town and Gown Dinner" many curious locals attended wanting to find out about all these "men in dresses" strutting around town. Workshops were centered on wigs, makeup, and scarf tying instructions. It was a time for big hair do's, miniskirts, custom corsets, and disco and nu wave music.

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By the mid 1980s, the accent of workshops was changing from such topics as scarf tying and deportment classes to personal development. With the combination of educational seminars & workshops with social events, such as the annual banquets, fashion show, Fantasy Ball, and Follies, the Fair became "more than a vacation and more than a conference."

With each year, the Fair was attracting more and more people - some coming from as far away as South America and Europe. In addition to such notables as Virginia Prince and Holly Boswell, the Fair attracted many of the "movers and shakers" in the transgender community. These individuals were helping to guide and shape the community's identity and helped keep fairgoers on the leading edge of things. In fact, by the mid 1990s, you could take workshops that range from "connecting to the Internet," through the latest in gender theory, to advances in facial feminization surgeries.

Just as the Fair became more and more important to the professional and academic community, it had firmly established itself in the lives of many fairgoers. Although the Fair was drawing about 100 fairgoers each year, the Fair remained a personal and intimate experience. Relationships were established and renewed, such as when Kathryn & Lauren Bode renewed their wedding vows during the Fair of 1995.

By this time, many of the traditions that we know today had become solid fixtures at Fantasia Fair. Andrea Susan was hosting the Fashion Show, Sandra Cole was presenting fabulous seminars on growth within our community, and Mariette Pathy-Allen was showcasing her photography of the trans community. A few traditions had been relegated to the pages of history, such as the "Fantasy Ball" costume party and the "Red Nail Run" - a foot race with runners proudly displaying their red painted fingernails.

As the 1990s progressed, the Fair was being attended by not just heterosexual crossdressers. Male-to-female transsexuals were participating in considerable numbers as well as crossdressers who identified as gay or bisexual. Female-to-male transsexuals and intersex individuals were appearing more and more frequently and the Fair was regularly drawing partners and significant others.

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With Fantasia Fair 25, the Fair itself started to undergo it own transition of sorts. Long time Fair leaders, Dottie & Alison Laing, encouraged others to become more actively involved in organizing and running the Fair. Pamela Geddes stepped in as Fair Director and helped usher in a number of significant changes. One of which was focusing on the activities and the programs of the Fair rather than housing by letting each fairgoer book their own lodging. This helped drive prices down by letting the marketplace keep lodging prices low.

These and other changes led the Fair to a new management team headed by Dallas Denny, and incorporating as "Real Life Experiences, Inc." Under the leadership of Dallas, along with Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, Alison Laing and a team of dedicated volunteers, the Fair expanded its offerings. Recent Fairs have had partners-focused programs, academic colloquiums, classical concerts, voice training workshops, appearances from authors and filmmakers, and a wide variety of GLBTI-related seminars. Every October, professionals and academics from all over the world made the trek to Cape Cod to present to our attendees. In addition, each year fairgoers raise money for local charities and for Provincetown itself. All this accomplished while *reducing costs to the average fairgoer*.

The community of Provincetown has always been and always will be an integral part of Fantasia Fair. The Universalist Unitarian Meeting House has grown to be more than simply a church to visit while away from home. Shopkeepers, restaurateurs, innkeepers, business people, and artisans have all come to look forward to our annual October arrival. We not only bring another weeklong event similar to Women's Week and Entre Nous, but an event with a special panache; the townspeople have gained a genuine affection for the ladies and gentlemen of the Fair.

Today, long-time Fair contributor Miqqi Alicia Gilbert has taken the reins as Fair Director and has enlisted the help of Barbara Curry, Jan Brown, Mary Beth Cooper, and Jamie Dailey. Each year, the Fair continues to grow in size and quality. During Fair week, fairgoers bring to Provincetown over 1,000 room nights, over 1,000 lunches, over 1,000 dinners, and generous donations to various community-based charities and organizations.

Although there have been changes over the years, Fantasia Fair is still a place for friendship, learning, and growth. The Fair is in the forefront for personal and professional development, and its stature has only grown. It will be exciting to see how the Fair grows over the next four decades!

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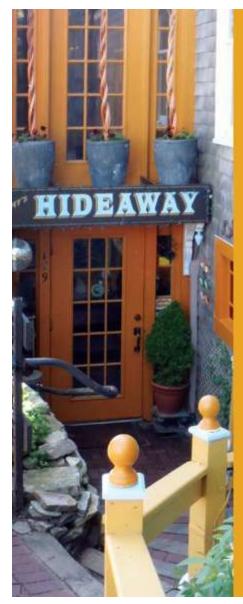
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Today, Provincetown is known primarily as a resort, popular with all sorts of people, but appealing especially to gay men, lesbians, and trans folks. The population swells dramatically in the summer and falls off to a cadre of year-rounders who weather the windy and cold winters.

Provincetown has a rich and famous history in the arts. Artists began coming to the end of the Cape in the 1870s and they still come today. More than 100 years ago, Charles Hawthorn opened The Cape Cod School of Arts. Students' easels on the beaches have attracted crowds of onlookers since the opening days of the 20th century.

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Today, the best viewing of new and classic American art is in the many galleries around town. When you're out shopping or strolling down Commercial Street, take some time to experience the rich art and history in the galleries.

Some of America's premier artists and writers have made their summer homes in Provincetown. Eugene O'Neill wrote many of his early works here; they were performed at a small theater on the wharf. Tennessee Williams and Jack Kerouac spent summers writing here— you should make a point of visiting the "Little Bar" at the A House, where Williams downed many a drink. For four productive summers, and between seasons at his home on eastern Long Island, American master Jackson Pollack summered in P-Town. Henry David Thoreau and Edna St. Vincent Millay spent time here.

From McMillan's Wharf or the deck at Crowne Pointe, you can easily see the bay and beaches to the south. Climb the Pilgrim Monument tower and you'll be treated to a stunning view of the entire peninsula! To the north, you'll see the Cape Cod National Seashore, with its magnificent dunes, beaches, and salt forest, just a short drive or bike ride from town. Hiking, biking, bird watching, and ocean swimming (if it's still warm enough!) are all available, with easy access through the National Seashore.

Put on your hiking shoes or rent a bike and follow the trails through the dunes, or take a motorized Dunes tour. Or perhaps you'd rather go whale-watching. Humpbacks, minkes, finbacks, pilot whales, and whale sharks are plentiful in the waters off Provincetown; and October is a prime time to spot them. A whale watch tour can provide a few relaxing hours away from the hectic schedule of the Fair.

Enjoy your stay in Provincetown!

Bargains and Closeouts!

It's the end of the season for many boutiques, and you'll find bargains galore. If you have your eye on something that seems out of range, the price may drop at the end of the week— but beware you don't delay too long: you may find the shop has closed for the season!

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Born as Alan, Sholar lived and worked on several of Kentucky's now famous thoroughbred horse farms -- and even trained to become a jockey.

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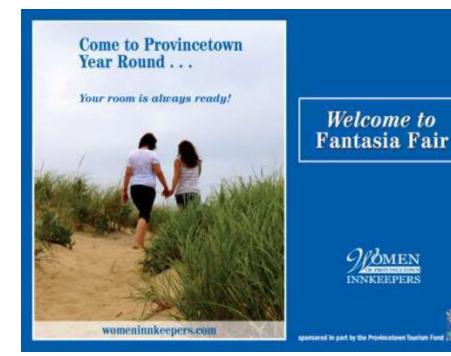
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All that is required is a 50% deposit and you will have until June 30 to pay the balance in full. If you are not sure yet if you can make it next year, don't worry - *the deposit is 100% refundable through April 1*. Even if you change your mind as late as June 30th you'll get the full refund less \$50 or we can apply the entire amount to the 2014 Fair. See our website for more details.

You really have nothing to lose by registering now and by doing so, you could save yourself a bunch of money. Stop by the Fair office and reserve your spot for next year. You can also register for the next Fantasia Fair using our website, fantasiafair.org.

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This is the 38th consecutive year for Fantasia Fair. We are the world's longest running trans event, and the roots of many other well known and wonderful events can trace their roots back to us. We are also the longest running external event in Provincetown, and our history is tied in with theirs. So this year my first thanks goes to the hometown of Fantasia Fair, Provincetown. Thanks so much for being who you are, and being so loving and welcoming.

Putting the Fair together is a huge undertaking, and the lead time is about 15 months. In fact, we are already working on the 40th to take place in 2014. Much of what is done is obvious. This includes the programming, organized by Jan Brown, the lunches and the evening events organized by Barbara Curry, the advertising handled by Mary Beth Cooper, and the program book, web site and communications all run by Jamie Dailey. But while there are areas of responsibility, we are all in constant communication seeking feedback, ideas and support. It really is a committee effort. I want to thank, and I hope you will as well, all these volunteers for their efforts.

In addition to the most visible aspects of the Fair, there are many components that seem to simply appear, but, in reality, are the result of lots of work. The lunch venues have to be organized, menus and fees arranged, and banquets negotiated. The Follies and Fashion Show also demand work and commitment. Even beyond these aspects there is the huge work of the Real Life Experiences Board, Chair Abby Saypen, Treasurer, Barbara Curry, and members Alexii B., Jamie Dailey, and Dainna Cicotello. The RLE Board oversees the fiduciary aspects of the Fair, and gives out the Pioneer Awards and scholarships. We want to thank them all.

There are many others who have helped along the way to Fantasia Fair #38. They include Chrissy Sue McCarty, sergeant major of first-timers, Emily Sheldon, Task mistress of volunteers, Liz Winter and Robyn Bazlen-Weglarz who organize the Fashion Show, Sandra Cole and Maureen Osborne who both volunteer their time and expertise to aid couples, Dainna Cicotello, who acts as Fair Office Manager during the week, the volunteers who help take tickets, work backstage at the Follies and Fashion shows, and others I'm sure I have left out.

We want to thank all our presenters, Big Sisters, and volunteers, for without your contributions, Fantasia Fair would not the same. Special thanks to the

restaurateurs, Bayside Betsy's, Crown & Anchor, and Napi's and the many inn keepers who welcome us into their homes. Thanks also to The Boatslip, The Provincetown Visitor's Service Bureau, The UU Meeting House, and all our friends and family who comprise the wonderful community of this wonderful city.

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We want your feedback - it is important to us. We want to know what you thought of the program and the evening events. We want your suggestions because we value your opinions.

On the Saturday of each year's Fair, there is a workshop called "Your Ideas for the Future of Fantasia Fair." While not strictly a workshop for you, it is a workshop for the Fair organizers to learn from you. This time that gives you an opportunity to tell us what you think works well and what can stand improvement. Although we always get some wonderful help, it is often the case that people forget about some suggestion that they wanted to make. To help you remember, we ask that you *keep a brief journal of your week*. You can keep your journal right in this program book as we have reserved the next few pages for you to keep track of your week.

Also, we have included a "scorecard" that lists all of the major activities during the week. As the week goes by, we ask that you note which activities you participated in and rate each activity. This way, we can get a more accurate and complete review from you.

Thank you!



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Locations of Fair Activities

There will be events and activities all around Provincetown, so it is worthwhile mentioning a few of the locations used by Fantasia Fair.

Commercial Street is the main street in Provincetown and it is the street closest to the bay. Bradford Street is one block further from the water. If you know these two streets, navigating Provincetown will be much easier. Know also that there is an East End and a West End of town. The dividing line between "east" and "west" is roughly the Provincetown Monument, which is the very large granite tower off Bradford Street.

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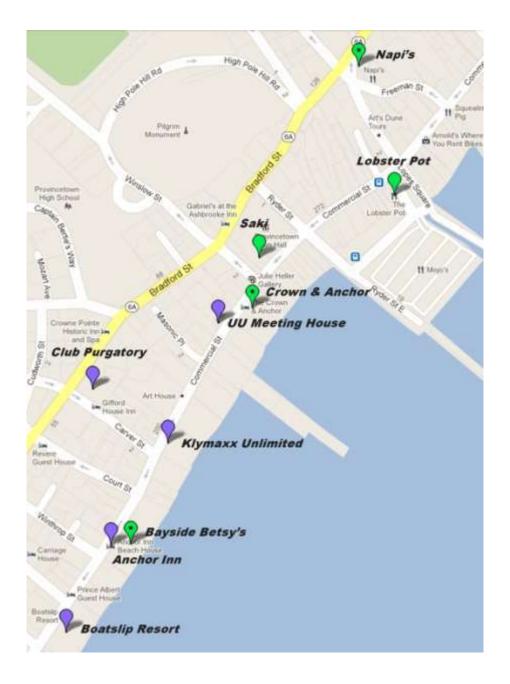
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Club Purgatory, 9-11 Carver Street	508-487-8442
Crown & Anchor, 247 Commercial Street	508-487-1430
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Harbor Hotel, 698 Commercial Street	508-487-1711
Klymaxx Unlimited, 207 Commercial Street	508-487-5652
Lobster Pot, 321 Commercial Street	508-487-0842
Napi's Restaurant, 7 Freeman Street	508-487-1145
Saki, 258 Commercial Street	508-487-4870
UU Meeting House, 236 Commercial Street	508-487-9344

Most venues are an easy walking distance from one another and there is a lack of on-street parking, so it is impractical to drive your own car much. On the rare occasion when you may wish to avoid walking - such as when going to the Saturday Night Gala -a taxi is a good idea. Just make sure to arrange for the taxi as early as possible since there are only a few in town. Taxi fares are a typically \$5-\$6 per ride per person anywhere in town and typically \$7-\$8 to/from the airport.

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