



HAPPY PRIDE 2022!

Older Adult Newsletter!

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Our new Name is....

Join us June 2nd to find out.

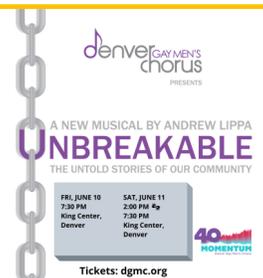
Name reveal party Wednesday, June 2nd 12:00 pm to 1:00pm Cupcakes & Drinks Provided

SAGE National update- Moving from an affiliate model to a collaborative model. For many years, SAGE of the Rockies has been an affiliate member of the national organization SAGE, an organization based in New York City and dedicated to serving LGBTQ elders. In the winter of 2022 SAGE National revealed its strategic plan. This new plan changes the affiliate relationships from a centralized model to a collaboration model. This new model ceases the participation requirements placed on organizations and allows for programs outside the national organization to have the freedom to expand, create, and be the programs they choose to be. The tradeoff means affiliates are no longer able to use the SAGE name. To gather community feedback we hosted four Name Change forums and published an online and paper survey. Once completed we then hosted a two week voting process to select a new name. Join us June 2nd to learn what was selected.

Unbreakable- The Untold Story of our Community-The Denver Gay Men's Chorus kicks off Pride month and marks its final 40th anniversary concert with *Unbreakable*, the Colorado Premiere of the new musical from renowned Broadway composer Andrew Lippa. The stunning choral work takes audiences through a chronological musical journey of the gay experience in America, from 1900 through today.

Through a repertoire and various musical styles from Broadway to Pop to Classical, *Unbreakable* presents stories on how our community evolved, triumphed, suffered, and soared. From Harvard's "Secret Court" of 1920, the life of transgender activist Sylvia Rivera, The Lavender Scare of the 1950's, Gertrude Stein, civil rights activist Bayard Rustin, and Nobel Peace Prize winner Jane Addams, *Unbreakable* is a perfect reflection as we celebrate Pride.

James Knapp, Artistic and Managing Director will present a talk about this new work, the commissioning process and the different chronological movements. He will also talk about highlights of the historic forty years of the Denver Gay Men's Chorus. June 10th-11th at Denver's King Center. Visit dgmcc.org for more info and tickets. Date: **Wednesday June 1st, from 12 -1p. Lunch Provided RSVP to Jason or Bryant by 05/31/22.**



PRIDE Sign Workshop

Pride 2022 is quickly approaching. We at the Older Adult Program are making plans to walk in the parade with you, our community members. If you are wanting to join us in the parade and don't have the materials to create your own unique sign to carry with you, fear not because we are going to begin hosting a Pride Sign Workshop where you will get to design and create the signs you will be holding during the parade. The workshops will be held **every Wednesday starting May 18th through June 15th from 1:30p to 3:00p.**



If you are interested in walking the parade, please RSVP with Jason at jeatonlynch@lgbtqcolorado.org or Bryant at bmehay@lgbtqcolorado.org. The requirements to walk in that parade are: you must be 50+, an active member of the Older Adult program, and have a sign to use for the parade. The sign you use may be made here with us or one from home. The parade route will be one mile long, so please bring with you any assistance devices that you will need.

Let's go on a trip to Glenwood Springs!!!



Glenwood Springs is known for its mineral-rich hot springs, terrific restaurants, and charming downtown. This small mountain town is home to some of the best mountain living available. The Community Group has partnered with Galivant Colorado to take a 2-night trip to Glenwood Springs for 10 people. To ensure that this opportunity is economical we asked for Galivant Colorado to find us the best group.

The most Economical dates this year are:

- ⇒ **Wednesday, September 7th and Thursday, September 8th**
- ⇒ Total Cost per person is **\$290.00 (this trip is non-refundable)**



What is included:

- ⇒ 2 night stay at the Glenwood Springs Inn. Every person will share a double queen hotel bedroom to keep the cost as low as possible.
- ⇒ Breakfast at the Glenwood Springs Inn is included
- ⇒ Round-trip travel provided by Galivant Colorado.

For the group to be able to go, 10 people must sign on and pay upfront the **\$290.00 by July 15th. The Center on Colfax is not part of this event & will not be accepting any funds.**





This course is aimed at drivers who are 50+ and will provide you with a review of defensive driving skills and current rules of the road. Check with your insurance to see if this course entitles you to a discounted insurance premium. The cost for AARP members is \$20 and Non-members is \$25. Date: **Wednesday, June 8th. 10:30 am—2:30 pm.** To RSVP contact Jason or Bryant.



The TEA on Pride...

Bring a rag... be-

cause we have some tea to spill! Join Jason & Bryant as we spill the tea on all things **PRIDE**. You will get your fill on the entertainment, food, shopping, parties, drag shows, drink specials, and vendors.

PLUS the most up to date info on Betty Who, Kyle Sonique Love, Cazwell, Yvie Oddly, and Silky Nutmeg Ganache. **Tea, coffee, and pastries provided.** Date: **Wednesday, June 15th 11:45a–12:45p.**

Choir Boy Recap—An emotional tale of homophobia and self-awakening. As a gay



man, I was able to relate to many of the points of this story. This was a much-needed relief as I was unsure as to what I had gotten myself into with the religious aspects of the show. But, as a guy who has distanced himself from religion, I was not turned off by those connections. I found the music to be entertaining and varying in speeds and volumes. The story was full of passion, rage, and individuality. Thank you for all you joining us for a wonderful evening and to the DCPA for the awesome tickets. - Jason



Berlin to Denver—Join acclaimed LGBTQ author, filmmaker, playwright, and curator Gregory Hinton for a lecture and performance, which examines the long, close friendship between the great American Modernist painter, poet, and essayist Marsden Hartley (1877-1943) and Arnold Rönnebeck (1885-1947), ex pat German sculptor, lecturer, and director of the Denver Art Museum (1926-1930).

American Modernist painter, poet, and essayist Marsden Hartley (1877-1943) visited Germany multiple times, in 1913, 1914, 1927, 1933, presaging the the military buildup for both WW1 and WW2.

Hartley's comfort and social ease was the friendship of amiable German sculptor Arnold Rönnebeck, who Hartley first met in Paris at Restaurant Thomas, an artist hangout. It was in Paris that Hartley also met Rönnebeck's cousin, a handsome German officer named Karl von Freyburg, the eventual inspiration of Hartley's most beloved series of paintings.

Hartley and Rönnebeck became Saturday evening regulars at the salon of Gertrude Stein. Hartley froze when asked what kind of pictures he painted; prompting Stein to visit his studio to see for herself. She suggested he hang a few among her Matisses and Picassos so he might see for himself how they held their own. On his first trip to Berlin, hosted by Rönnebeck's family, Hartley wrote: "Berlin was tense with vitality and a most human quality...A week in Berlin made me feel that one had come home..."

This presentation intends to underscore that along with Alfred Stieglitz, Gertrude Stein and Mabel Dodge Luhan, Arnold Rönnebeck was a significant change agent in Hartley's life. Rönnebeck's bust, "Marsden Hartley, 1923" is located in the Hudson Walker Collection at the Frederick Weismann Museum in Minneapolis, Minnesota. There are five in total around the country. Without Rönnebeck, [Portrait of a German Officer](#) would not exist. The Denver Art Museum's intimate collection of Hartley paintings and drawings offers a wonderful opportunity to share a little-known Denver LGBTQ hidden history about a friendship between a deeply shy gay artist and a generous ally.

A Colorado son, Gregory Hinton is the creator of Out West, a national museum program series offering lectures, plays, and gallery exhibitions dedicated to shining a light on the history and culture of the LGBTQ community in the American West since 2009. **Date: Tuesday, June 14th 6 pm—7 pm. Location: Denver Art Museum: Sharp Auditorium—Hamilton Building Lower Level. Contact Jason or Bryant to get tickets. Space is limited**



Meditation and Visualization with Bryant will continue!

Meditation is the act of centering the mind towards relaxation, inner awareness, and mental and physical change.

Bryant will continue to host his group on Monday mornings from 10:30-11:30. Through this series Bryant will be leading sessions based on Progressive Muscular Relaxation, guided visualizations, and introduction to meditation. If you are attending in-person all you will need to bring with you is a pillow or something comfortable to rest your head on. If you are attending from home you need a place to rest that is free from distractions. **Date: Monday, 10:30am— 11:30am.**

Bring your favorite pillow! This will be a hybrid group, please register for the group at <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=1234567890>

The resurrection of Cow Poke Avi- Recently the Community Group hosted its monthly game day hosted by Cow Poke Avi.



"I was born at a very young age... in Casper, WY, on May 2nd, 1958. I moved to Denver with my family when I was 12 years old. I have always been more like a boy than a girl in my brain. If we're coming up these days and had enlightened parents, I would have transitioned to a boy. I have managed to maneuver in this world as a boyish-woman-not to be butch, walking a tight rope. I did drag 40 years ago, I made a 3-piece suit, slicked my hair back, and haven't done it since. Recently, I decided to give it a go again. I got some boots on sale, some nice western shirts different for me, but good, and Cow Poke came together. What is funny is that I never really cared for cowboys. I was more of a wannabe hippy. My late wife, Paula was a hillbilly from Virginia. I've recently embraced my hillbilly-ness, from Wyoming."

Thus,
Cow Poke Avi at your Service

Cow Poke Avi has joined the lineup of awesome community members engaging in the AARP Community Group.

Jason responds to your feedback



The recent SAGE name change survey provided the space for participants to give us their comments, questions, or concerns. I wanted to take some time to respond to some of your needs.

- *"I would like to see the regular silver sneaker yoga back. -This request came up a lot. In place of yoga, I implemented a movement class."* These sessions focus on Qigong, Tai Chi, modern and contemporary dance movements, along with some classical ballet techniques. Though, it's not yoga... Christina implements many of the same concepts. We have received positive feedback on her work. Additionally, participants are seeing improvement in their range of motion and stamina. –Jason
- *"Great programming and support!"* Thank you! We enjoy working for you and strive to implement creative and energizing programming. – Jason
- *"Obviously, I'm Gay and a senior or this group wouldn't be of interest. Having said that, I'm still just Coming Out and would like to discuss that with members of the group. However, in the few sessions, I've attended this topic has never come up (pardon the pun)."* We do have a coming-out group that meets monthly. I also encourage you to bring it up... You never know someone may want to talk about that as well. – Jason
- *"Keep a lesbian presence in it."* - I am trying so hard! I welcome all ideas. You never know what I might do next. –Jason
- *"Yes, enjoy the engagement and being involved."* -That is what is about! I value you and your time. I want to offer great events and activities that you will want to be a part of. –Jason
- *"Changing our name adversely weakens our organization on a national level even if it's been ordered by the head office."* - It will take time for people to accept change. That is okay and your feelings are relevant. When learning about this opportunity, I decided it would be an awesome opportunity to continue re-energizing the program. This opportunity allows us to engage the community and to have a constructive conversation about what we want our older adult program to look like in the years to come. We will maintain the same feel... but look different. -Jason

Pride 2022

Friday, June 3

Pride Night at the Rockies—6:40p – Coors Field – 2001 Blake St.

Kickoff Pride month with The Center on Colfax and the Colorado Rockies for Rockies Pride Night! Cheer on the Colorado Rockies as they take on the Atlanta Braves while showing your pride with a few thousand other LGBTQIA's.

Saturday, June 5

Triangle Beer Bust- 4:00 —8:00p – Triangle Denver – 2036 N Broadway

The Triangle Beer Bust will be benefiting the Center on Colfax!

Thursday June 23

Older Adult Program Tea Dance —4:00 – 8:00p – The Center on Colfax – 1301 E Colfax Ave

A Center tradition that had been around for many years is BACK but with a twist. Join The Center as we host a rooftop bash! The Center's mixologist will make sure you are lubricated with Coors products and our Center special. Enjoy a drag show, hosted by August Celestial. To feed your appetite snacks will be provided. Must be 21 and over to attend. This event caters to the 50+ crowd. You are encouraged to dress up, dress down, or come as you are and enjoy the fun!

Saturday, June 25

Denver PRIDE 5K9:30 – 11:00a – West Steps of the State Capitol – 200 E Colfax Ave

Walk, run, roll or sashay in the Denver Pride 5K! Join your community as they make their way from the West Steps of the State Capitol, up 14th, around Cheesman Park and back to the State Capitol. All proceeds benefit LGBTQIA programming at The Center on Colfax.

Denver Dyke March—12:00 – 2:00p, beginning at The Center on Colfax – 1301 E Colfax Ave down Colfax

West Steps of the State Capitol, 2:30 – 4:00 pm. The Dyke March was created to break away from the typical PrideFest form which is viewed or perceived to be very male centric or geared toward only a handful of the community. With the Denver Dyke March, it's simple... come as you are, be visible, be heard, and be ready to march!

Denver PrideFest —11:00 – 7:00p – Civic Center Park – 101 W 14th Ave

Denver PrideFest features a two-day festival at Denver's Civic Center Park that draws visitors from throughout the state of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region. Denver PrideFest is the 3rd largest Pride Festival in the US. It sees over half a million people, 250+ vendors, 3 stages, a Parade, Dyke March, Pride Rally and, a Pride 5k. Pride Festival in Denver is not only a celebration, it is also a fundraiser for The Center on Colfax, which provides services to the community.

Sunday, June 26

Coors Light Denver Pride Parade — 9:30 – 12:30p – Colfax Avenue

Join us for the return of the largest pride parade in the Rocky Mountain Region! Enjoy all the fabulous entries roll past you on Colfax Ave. Listen to the announcements from our hosts at The Center on Colfax.

Official Cheba Hut Coors Light Denver Pride Parade Watch Party—9:00 am – 638 E Colfax Avenue

Cheba Hut "Toasted" Subs is hosting the PRIDE Parade Official Watch Party! Come party at Cheba Hut on East Colfax to watch the parade Sunday, June 26th. Starting at 9:00am and throughout the day Cheba Hut will have live music, events & games, and most importantly will be raising money for The Center on Colfax! Sandwiches, Bevs, and PRIDE!

Pride Rally 12:30 – 1:00p – West Steps of the State Capitol – 200 E Colfax Ave

Pride may make us feel like we can freely be ourselves, but our community is still not 100% free. The Pride Rally is a chance to share with local leaders the concerns and needs of the LGBTQ+ community. A chance to say; "we're here, we're queer, we deserve to live without fear."

Denver PrideFest 10:00 – 6:00p – Civic Center Park – 101 W 14th Ave, Denver, CO 80204

Close out 2022 pride with high-energy, live performances sure to wow any crowd!

Older Adult Generated Pride Events

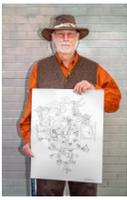
Tea Dance- June 23th 4:00pm - 8:00pm at the Center on Colfax.

A Center tradition that had been around for many years is BACK but with a twist. Join The Center as we host a rooftop bash! Featuring Drag performances by King Vaughnz Spanic, Ximena Latinx-Couture, Stevie Darling, StarChild and hosted by August Celestial! The DJ will drop beats from generations past to today's hits. The Center's mixologist will make sure you are lubricated with Coors products and our Center special. To feed your appetite snacks will be provided. An added bonus we will be giving away VIP tickets to Pride and who knows what else! Must be 21 and over to attend. This event caters to the 50+ crowd. You are encouraged to dress up, dress down, or come as you are and enjoy the fun!



Queer Creativity Through the Ages: Artwork from The Center on Colfax's Open Art Studio opens at the Denver Art Museum. June 24th—estimated 6 months.

This exhibit features artwork by The Center on Colfax's Older Adult Artists.



June 25th at the Older Adult Tent-



12:00pm - 1:00pm BINGO with Steve Anne!

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm A Handful of Stars- Coming out at 90. A conversation with Ken Felts.

3:00pm - 4:00pm BINGO with Steve Anne!

4:30 pm- 5:30 pm Telling our Story— Stories from our LGBTQ Elders.

June 26th Parade starts at 9:30am and events at the Older Adult Tent!

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The Center on Colfax opened in 1976 and has grown to become the largest LGBTQ community center in the Rocky Mountain region, providing a voice to Colorado's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. Over the years the organization has played a pivotal role in statewide initiatives to reduce harassment and discrimination.



Today, the organization focuses on ensuring that every member of the LGBTQ community has access to the programs and resources they need to live happy, healthy, and productive lives. The Center hosts several programs and events that focus on supporting youth, transgender and non-binary individuals, and our aging community members.



The Center's Older Adult program (formerly SAGE of the Rockies) focuses on assisting individuals 50 years and better with services and activities that encourage social, financial, intellectual, environmental, physical, emotional, vocational, and spiritual wellness. The Open Art Studio began in 2010 and has served many participants over the years. Many of these individuals' art pieces can still be seen on the walls of The Center.



In 2020, the program partnered with the Denver Art Museum's Art in Hand Program. DAM provides take-home art boxes to community participants. These thoughtfully designed kits encouraged participants to create, learn, and connect. The Art Boxes were a hit! The Museum sent two of its staff members to The Center to learn more.



Molly and Sara from the Lifelong Learning and Accessibility program, met with The Center's talented artists who happen to be prepping for their winter art show. Molly and Sara shared their experience with Lindsey and Danielle also from the Lifelong learning and Accessibility department. The pair later attended The Center's Holiday Art show; resulting in an invitation to participate in the Community Spotlight Exhibition Project. The community members have also attended the DAMs Community Cafe's sessions; a program that provides individuals with a two-day art class hosted at the art museum. The community members instantly took to the DAM team and have come to value their friendship and the program. The Center's Open Art Studio is thankful for the friendship and partnership. We could not be more honored and grateful for this opportunity.



-- Thank you! -Jason

To attend a free viewing of the exhibit and to meet the artists. Please RSVP to Jason or Bryant. **Date: June 30th 10:00am— whenever you choose to leave. Location: Denver Art Museum: 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 Yoga 12p LGBT History L&L 1:30p Comm group & Sign making	2 10 Open Art Studio 12p Name reveal parity	3 10:30 Movement 11:30 Women's salon <u>6:40 Pride night at the Rockies</u>	4 Shavuot begins
5 HIV Long-term Survivor's Awareness Day — <i>"I am grateful to meet and connect with so many survivors. Your strength and resilience is unmatched".</i> —Jason 4p Triangle Beer Bust	6 10:30 Meditation 1:30p Story	7 10 Men's Coffee 1:30 Trans support	8 10:30 Yoga 10:30 AARP Drivers Safety 1:30 Comm group & Sign	9 10 Open Art Studio	10 10:30 Movement	11
12 Pulse Night Club Day of Remembrance <i>"I'm left with this as being guilty because I was with him that night, I was the last person that knew him and knew his family. To touch him, literally to hold his hand".</i> — Eddie Justice	13 10:30 Meditation 1:30p Story	14 10 Men's Coffee 1:30 Trans support 6p Berlin to Denver	15 10:30 Yoga 11:45 Tea on Pride 1:30 Comm group & Sign	16 10 Open Art Studio	17 10:30 Movement	18
19 Father's Day & Juneteenth <i>has never been a celebration of victory or an acceptance of the way things are. It's a celebration of progress. It's an affirmation that despite the most painful parts of our history, change is possible—and there is still so much work to do".</i> —Obama	20 Center Closed	21 Summer Begins 10 Men's Coffee 1:30 Trans support	22 10:30 Yoga 1:30 Comm group & Sign making	23 10 Open Art Studio <u>4-8 Tea Dance</u>	24 10:30 Movement <u>Open Art Opens at DAM</u>	25 <u>Pride 11-7</u>
26 <u>Pride 10-6 Parade 9:30-12:30</u>	27 10:30 Meditation 1:30p Story	28 Stonewall Riots Anniversary 10 Men's Coffee 1:30 Trans support	29 10:30 Yoga 1:30 Community group	30 10:00 trip to Denver Art Museum	Stonewall facts: 1. Police locked themselves inside the Inn to hide from the riot they fueled. 2. The situation got worse on the second night. 3. The stonewall Riots led to New York's first gay rights march. 4. Stonewall Inn is now a national monument.	