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THE
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ON COLFAX
lgbtqcolorado.org

WEST OF 50

An inclusive LGBTQ+ older adults space focused on
creative aging, healthy living, and social connection.

Year Round Pride

Welcome to the special edition of the WOF Newsletter as we cover both June and July. With Pride on the horizon (or just ended, depending on when you're reading this) it is important to remember that Pride is not just for June.

Pride is a year round practice of radically accepting yourself and others. Pride is showing up to support those in need. Pride is the people you choose to surround yourself with the other eleven months of the year and the meaning you make together.

There are many different ways to celebrate Pride in your everyday life and often they are unique to you.

Celebrating Pride can look like creating art, going out to connect with nature, or even educating yourself on the current issues facing the LGBTQ+ community. As Pride month comes and goes, consider how you can take the emotions, messages, and people with you through the whole year.

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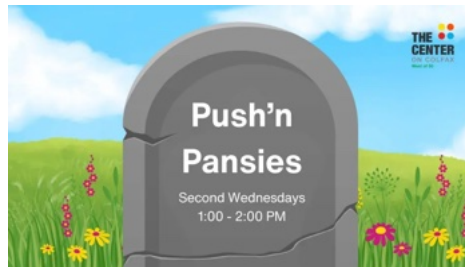


Sage Singers Pride Concert
70-Voice Full Chorus
“Together We Rise”

Sun., June 14 – 3:00 pm
First Universalist Church
4101 E. Hampden Ave. @ Colo. Blvd.
\$20 in-person & \$15 streaming
<https://events.humanitix.com/sage-singers-we-rise-together-in-person>
<https://events.humanitix.com/sage-singers-we-rise-together-livestream>

20-Voice Ensemble
FREE Concert "Why We Sing"

Wed., June 17 – 7:00 pm
DCPA's Randy Weeks Conservatory Theatre
Newman Center for Theatre Education
1101 13th St. @ Arapahoe St., 3rd Floor

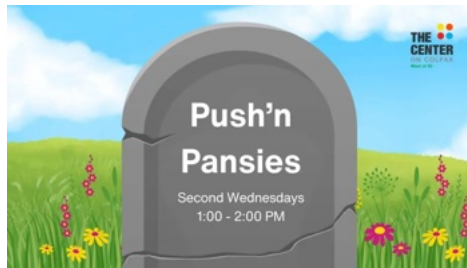


Reflections from the Empowering End of Life Care: Medical Aid in Dying Conference

During the first weekend in June, End of Life Options Colorado is producing the Empowering End of Life Care: Medical Aid in Dying conference. This conference explores how partnerships across disciplines and experiences can expand access, deepen understanding, and ensure dignity for all who seek medical aid in dying. Niko, our West of 50 intern, will be attending this conference and, during this session, will discuss their experiences and relevant information they encounter.

Niko will share take aways and highlights from the conference, which brings together clinicians, doulas, patients, and loved ones to talk about, explore, and deepen understanding of end of life care and the role medical aid in dying (MAiD) can play. Some likely topics will be: what MAiD is, reasons someone might seek it, dignity in dying, and legal and ethical considerations and questions.

Time/Date: Wednesday, June 10th @ 1pm



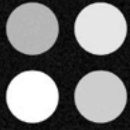
Back to Nature: Going out Green in Colorado

Many of us go to great lengths to live in alignment with our values in our homes, communities, workplaces and purchasing decisions. For those who make environmentally friendly choices in life, what options are there for funeral choices that also protect the planet? Colorado has a great number of options for after-death arrangements, several of which can reduce the footprint of your funeral. This session will examine the question of how body disposition and memorial services can be greener and better reflect our lifetimes. Learn about the different types of cremation available and how to judge their environmental claims. Discover the difference between natural burial and body composting and why being returned to the earth is a simple, contemporary option. Bring all your funeral questions and be empowered to start planning your eco-friendly arrangements for the future.

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 8th @ 1pm

Speaker Bio

Emily B. Miller (she/her) is a licensed funeral director and cemetery operator who serves on the board of the Green Burial Council (www.greenburialcouncil.org). The GBC strives to leave this planet better than we found it, by promoting natural burial and sustainable deathcare through education and advocacy. Emily is also the founder and manager of Colorado Burial Preserve & Cremation Garden, the only cemetery in the state to manage a habitat restoration project. Emily is passionate about making the life and death lessons from nature available to all Coloradans, inviting guests from any background to access meaningful funeral rituals in nature's chapel.



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West of 50's

TEA DANCE

Tuesday, June 9

4:00 – 8:00 PM



**A Party
For The
Classics.**

**DJ. Drag. Dancers.
Bar. Food. Prizes.
Fun? Duh!**



Featuring:

**August Celestial, Geo Conjure Oddly, Dani B. Sexton, DJ
BlaqueGurl, and the Charlie's Dance Crew.**

Party starts at 4pm, performances are at 5pm, 6pm, & 7:30pm

Scan QR code to register or go to [https://lgbtqcolorado.org/
event/west-of-50-tea-dance-2026/](https://lgbtqcolorado.org/event/west-of-50-tea-dance-2026/)

OLDER, WISER, SEXUALLY SMARTER TOPICS

Tuesday, June 16: Simply Sensation Play for Older Adults

Explore safe and easy play that excites your senses and your mind! This FREE class is for everyone, but especially targeted towards seniors.

Tuesday, July 21 OWSS: Taking it: A Bottom's Perspective on Kink

Today we will be joined by Jessie Glasscock (she/they), MSW, SWC. She has a background in social work. She has been active in the kink/BDSM scene for 20+ years, running the Boulder Polyamory Meetup group for more than 18 years, and doing sex education in various settings for more than 15 years. Jessie will be sharing with us a bottom's perspective on impact and rope play. Bring you questions and curiosities -- this is your time to learn. Some possible topics may include what a bottom gets out of a scene, negotiating boundaries within kink, power dynamics, and creative communication.

Program Update: Creative Meditation W/ Quana

During the Summer Fridays when The Center will be closing at 12pm every Friday July 10th - September 4th we will not have Creative Arts Meditation at the same time. It will instead be moved to the second Thursday of the month during the art group. This means we will have an additional Creative Meditation activity available:

Thursday July 9th @11am-12pm

Thursday August 13th @ 11am-12pm

The group will return to its normal second Friday schedule starting on September 11th.



Eating Out With Pride

Planning on eating out or raising a glass this Pride season? When you visit these queer-affirming spaces across Denver, a portion of your bill will help fund The Center's free services all year long.

Some of the participating restaurants are donating all month long and some are only for specific dates. For a full list of participating restaurants, please visit <https://denverpride.org/eating-out/>. The list below features the restaurants who are only raising money on certain days.

Sexy Pizza (all locations): Tuesday, June 9th - Donating 10% of all sales

Urban Cowboy: Sunday, June 28th - 10% of all Bar sales

Birdcall: 25% of sales at all Denver metro locations with code "Pride616"

Queen City Collective Coffee (all 7 locations): Thurs June 25th through Sunday 28th - \$1 donated from their Pride Specials

Modern Market (16th St Location): Sunday, June 28th - 25% of all Sales w/ code GIVEBACK

Lunch Bunch

June: Steuben's

For Pride Month, we will be visiting one of our DenverPride partners who is participating in the Eat Out With Pride fundraiser. Steuben's is donating 20% of all Pride Menu items sold. This locally-owned restaurant serves American classics, delicious all day breakfast options, and a selection a variety burgers & sandwiches. Please register for your spot, we currently have 20 spots reserved, but I can increase it if needed.



Time/Date: Friday, June 5th 12:30-1:30pm

Address: 523 E 17th Ave, Denver, CO 80203



July: Edgewater Public Market

In July, we are going to visit the Edgewater Public Market for our Lunch Bunch. This eclectic collection of food vendors and boutique stores provides a variety of meal options that include Arepas, plant-based foods, gyros, sweet treats and more. With their cafeteria full of options there is something for everyone at this space. Please register to attend, there is no limit to how many of you can join!

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 28th, 12:30-1:30pm

Address: 5505 W 20th Ave, Edgewater, CO 80214

Lunch & Learn: A Multicultural View of Gender

Man. Woman. Transgender. Cisgender. Intersex. Two-Spirit. There are so many terms floating around that it can be hard to keep up with at times. Join us in creating a space of curiosity and connection as we explore the world of gender identity. Far from a rigid binary, gender across cultures and throughout history has always been a spectrum, with rules and norms defined by each individual society. In this foundation-building session, we'll demystify the differences between biological sex, gender expression, and gender identity. We'll look at the modern linguistic landscape with a practical, judgment-free guide to navigating gender-neutral pronouns and consider how various cultures approach gender in similar and differing ways. Whether you are looking to update your vocabulary, better support the people in your life, or simply satisfy your curiosity, this is the place for you!

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 15th 12-1:30

Lunch & Learn Mini Series: Beyond the Binary

This Lunch & Learn is the first in a mini series that we are producing through West of 50 this summer that focuses on the theme 'Beyond the Binary.' There is a lot of discussion right now around gender identity -- in politics, in the community, and in the news. Language around gender identity changes quickly and gender diverse people are more visible than ever, but asking questions sometimes is met with hostility. In this series we are focusing on providing a safe place to learn, ask questions, and be curious about these topics in a judgement-free space. Whether you are looking to better understand your own identity, support a loved one, or simply expand your horizons, this series offers a supportive space for community, connection, and learning (with free lunch along the way!).

RECREATIVE DENVER

Thursday, June 18th 10-12:30: Join Jackie Drummond for this beginner friendly course in hand weaving. We'll be making coasters in class, but soon, you'll be weaving everything everywhere! All supplies will be provided for class.

Thursday, July 16th 10-12:30: On July 16th, local artist and educator Vickie Autobee will be joining the Art Studio crew to make adorable ceramic gnomes! Vickie will guide you step-by-step through shaping, assembling, and adding personality to your gnome, whether you prefer classic, cozy, or quirky designs. We'll take care of firing your gnome in our kilns, and will bring them back to The Center for pickup.

Here are some photos from our first partnership with ReCreative Denver



Build Your Denver Pride 2026 Agenda

Mutt Strut: Saturday June 6th, 10am-7pm @ Skiptown Denver - \$20

Does your dog have what it takes to serve? There's only one way to find out – enter them to walk in the Denver Pride Mutt Strut Doggy Drag Show! The Mutt Strut is a dog drag show featuring three timed runway shows hosted by the one and only FUPA. Each show has its own category:

- WIGS – Build your dog's entire look around a tiny wig
- Dynamic Duo – Dress you AND your dog as a famous duo!
- Queer Icons – Transform your dog into your favorite queer icon (think: reality stars, musicians, actors, and activists from the past or present)

Smutty Scholastic Book Fair: Sat, June 13th, 5-9PM @ Dry Clean Only - \$15

Live out your grown-up book fair fantasy at this interactive experience where spicy literature meets steamy demonstrations and live performances. Shop Spicy Librarian's curation of can't-put-down romance reads, each paired with demos, toys, and hands-on sensory experiences courtesy of Awakening. And because no book fair is complete without trinkets, local artists will be serving up nostalgic favorites with a twist. Thong bookmarks. Boob erasers. Sexy embroidery. It's everything you loved about the book fair... just hotter.

Clyfford Still Museum SCFD Pride Free Day: Sun, June 14th, 10AM - 5PM - Free

In addition to free admission and mini-tours, celebrate Pride Month at the Clyfford Still Museum with Drag Story Time with Gila Moonstar from 10:30 – 11:30 AM in the Museum galleries. Enjoy these other free activities on Sunday, June 14, on the Museum's outdoor forecourt:

- 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM: Hands-on artmaking with the Museum's Learning and Engagement team
- 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM: DJ set with Moon Magnet
- 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM: Popsicles for sale by Denver Pops
- All day: Outdoor Shop, bubbles, hula hoops, chalk, and cornhole!

Queer Hiking: Sun, June 14th, 8AM - 3PM - \$15

PRESENTED BY MILE HIGH QUEER CLUB AND DENVER PRIDE

Mile High Queer Club and Denver Pride are teaming up to make nature even gayer. Live out your summer camp fantasies and hop on a bus headed to Staunton State Park. There will be multiple hiking options for all abilities, from accessible trails to more rigorous routes for our outdoor experts. After a day in the sun, we'll head back to Denver for drinks at a local brewery. Join us to hike, hang, and celebrate Pride in the most Colorado fashion – in the mountains.

For the Culture Cookout: Fri, June 19th 4:30 PM- 9:30PM @ Cheesman Park -Free

PRESENTED BY LOVE VIBES AND DENVER PRIDE

The For The Culture Cookout is a Juneteenth gathering rooted in celebration, connection, and unity. Join us at Cheesman Park for an all-ages celebration featuring delicious food, musical performances and DJs, local vendors, community resources, and a vogue night.

Bubbles and Boa: Sat, June 27th, 10AM @ Cheesman Park - \$100

What's gayer than brunch in the park? Bubbles and Boas is a brunch extravaganza in Cheesman Park. We'll have over 15 food trucks serving brunch delights, a full bar featuring mimosas and craft mocktails, and local coffee roasters. On top of the food and bevies, you'll find local drag performers and an array of local artists and small business vendors.

- General Admission – Includes two drink tickets, tickets you can redeem for a variety of brunch items, and a Pride boa.
- Early Entry – In addition to the general admission offerings, early entry includes early access to Bubble and Boas at 9:30 and a custom Pride picnic blanket.
- Feeling sporty? Run the 5k and finish at the brunch. Wanna spectate? Have a mimosa early and watch your friends suffer in the sun.
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Tea Dance – Neon Nineties: Sat, June 20th, 4:30 PM- 9:30PM @ Champagne Tiger - \$5

Join Champagne Tiger and The Center to kick off the start of Pride Week on the patio! This special edition of Tea Dance is Neon Nineties themed so break out that wind breaker, put that scrunchie in your hair and get ready to dance and celebrate the beginning of official Denver Pride. DJ Buddy Bravo will be spinning all 90's classics with plenty of drink and food specials from 4:30 – 6:00 including \$10 espresso martini's, \$10 classic burgers, \$5 Lady Justice Pale Ale and more. Full N/A bar options are also available. \$5 cover – this event is 21+. Tickets are limited

Playhaus Dance Party: Sat, June 27th, 2PM @ Junkyard - \$70

The PlayHaus Dance Party is your true Denver Pride MOMENT. Featuring the intersections of the queer pop and underground music scenes with Pabllo Vittar, Saucy Santana, Shermanology, and Matt Suave, this will be your night: Your night to bask in the vibrance of our community; your night to dance to the beat of this world-class line-up of artists; your night to envelope yourself in Denver Pride.

All this information and more at DENVERPRIDE.ORG

Pride Around Colorado 2026

Longmont Pride: Saturday June 6th, 11am-7pm @ 700 Longs Peak, Longmont

Make a whole day out of Longmont Pride. Pride is packed with activities, amazing community partners sharing resources, and merchandise galore from RMEQ and other vendors.

Fort Collins Pride: Saturday, June 6th, 11am-6pm @ Liberty Park, Fort Collins

Fort Collins Pride aims to create a vibrant and welcoming Pride event in the heart of the city. This celebration brings together community members, allies, local businesses, and advocacy organizations to honor LGBTQ+ history, culture, and progress.

Erie Pride: Sunday, June 7th, 2pm-5pm @ Coal Creek Park

Being Better Neighbors is planning its sixth annual celebration of our LGBTQ+ community. Honoring the national Pride initiative, the event will be a celebration of people coming together in love and friendship, to show support for the LGBTQ+ community.

Black Pride: June 8th to the 16th

Black Pride Colorado invites you to a week-long celebration of Black queer brilliance, joy, and legacy. From soul-filled brunches to art-drenched happy hours, opulent galas to family-style cookouts—every event is a love letter to our community.

Boulder Pride: Saturday, June 13th, 11am-7pm @ Boulder Main Library Parking Lot

Make a whole day out of Boulder Pridefest! The event will be jam-packed with activities, amazing community partners sharing information, Pride merchandise galore from RMEQ and other wonderful vendors.

Lakewood Pride: Saturday, June 20th, 11am-7pm @ Belmar

This is Lakewood's first Pride celebration, a landmark moment for the city! Their focus is simple: fostering genuine connection, increasing visibility, and creating a true sense of belonging for everyone across the entire city of Lakewood.

Aurora Pride: August 29th, 11am-7pm @ Aurora City Park

This year they are moving the event to Aurora City Park for a bigger and more spacious event. They are also teaming up with Latino Pride for an added cultural experience!

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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28 Pride Parade: 9:30-12:30 Festival 10-6pm	29	30				

Due to the nature of this year's Pride and the amount of work The Center Staff need to do facilitate it, there will be no programming at The Center from Friday, June 19th through Tuesday, July 7th. The dates where we will not have programming are underlined with:

Calendar Key:

Lesbian - Lesbian Lounge

Story- Telling Your Story

OWSS- Older Wiser Sexually Smarter

SS Yoga - Silver Sneakers Yoga

Move - Movement

Med - Meditation with Quana

CM - Case Management Walk in hours

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Summer Fridays:

In recognition of the work The Center Staff give to Pridefest, we are enjoying our Summer Fridays from Friday July 10th through Friday September 4th. For this period of time The Center will be closing every Friday at 12pm.