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Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader,

I was having a smoke outside the SGN office the other day.

It's a terrible habit, I know, but it gives me space to think.

Sitting there, blowing smoke out of my nose, I watched as one of our neighbors took the time to trim and water the roses growing in a nearby roundabout — a task she did with great care that gray morning, a task we both knew she didn't have to do.

One person went out of their way to tend to something that brightened their community. It's a small act of kindness that will likely go unnoticed by most, but one that would be missed by the whole neighborhood if it stopped.

I often compare working at the SGN to working in a garden, and I often think about the newspaper's effect on the Queer ecosystem around it.

Over the last few years, our team has worked hard to revive this paper because we feel it is our duty to carry on a 49-year legacy of archiving and enriching a unique, vibrant, flourishing community. It's a labor of love and an act of kindness, and every issue we produce is an act of protest.

In a world where our identities, rights, orientations, and personhood are up for debate and under attack by legislators and fanatics, it is my sincerest hope that this garden continues to be a place our neighbors can keep coming back to — roses, thorns, weeds, and all.

We are forever grateful for the support our readers give us, and we hope to continue to learn and grow right alongside you for as long as possible.

Pride is power. Gay news rocks. Keep doing small acts of kindness. There's a lot of bad news out there, but the good news is that we're here and we're in this together.

A.V. Eichenbaum
SGN Editor-in-Chief

Meet the SGN

Journalists



Lindsey Anderson
Staff Writer

Lindsey Anderson is a writer and podcaster who crawled from the depths of Spokane. She is also a local standup comedian who can be seen regularly at the Comedy Nest and in Club Comedy's Pride Showcase. She is the proud pet parent of three boys: Peter (10), Oliver (2), and Benji (9 months). She does not maintain a daily meditation and yoga practice. You can also find her work in *Tagg Magazine* and hidden somewhere in a box in her mother's basement. Her dog Peter is a drag queen.



Mike Andrew
Staff Writer

Mike Andrew has written for the *SGN* since 2001. Prior to that, he was a fish monger. He is capable of breaking down a salmon in 90 seconds and then turning around and writing a story about it. He is a member of the National Writers Union and Pride At Work, an LGBTQ labor organization affiliated with the AFL-CIO. He typically covers politics and labor news, but he can't resist a story about bishops behaving like idiots. Mike was born in San Francisco, went to

UC Berkeley, and then came to Seattle for grad school. The turning point in his life came when he looked at his professors and asked himself, "Do I want to spend the rest of my life going to cocktail parties with these people?" That's when he became a fish monger. Mike has managed two political campaigns: one win and one loss. He's proudest of the loss, however, because his candidate spent only 60 cents per vote and still came in at 46%. The rest of his story can be summarized like this: boy meets boy, boy breaks up with boy, boy meets better boy, they adopt a cat, and they live happily ever after.



Alice Bloch

Contributing Writer

Alice Bloch, contributing arts and entertainment writer at *SGN*, is author of the memoirs *Mother-Daughter Banquet* (Minerva Rising Press) and *Lifetime Guarantee* (Persephone Press) and the novel *The Law of Return* (Alyson Publications). She coordinates the Meals on Wheels program on Vashon Island, where she lives with her spouse and their two dogs.



Otts Bolisay

Comics Artist

Chickenhead is mildly autobiographical and is Otts' first serialized comic strip. It began appearing in *SGN* January 2022. Without realizing it, Otts infused parts of his Bahamian identity into the limited color palette: aqua, yellow, and black, the colors in the flag of the Bahamas, are also colors of *Chickenhead*'s main character. Most of the characters in the comic strip are named after Otts' Bahamian classmates, including his high school crush. And there's a certain Bahamian

sensibility, mixed with some Filipino foolishness, in the comic strip's world of horny gay animals. Catch up on all of *Chickenhead* on *SGN*'s website or on Otts' Instagram: @ottsatwork.

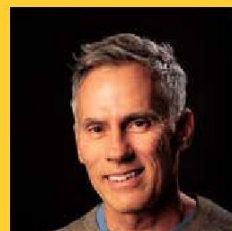
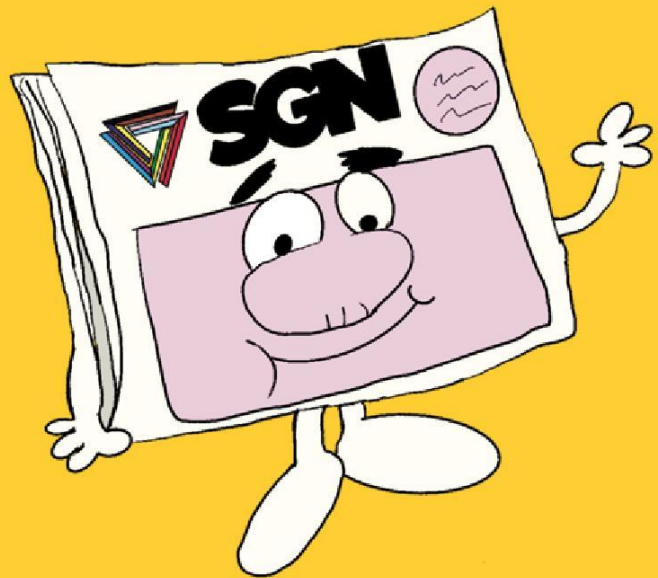


Sharon Cumberland

Contributing Writer

Sharon Cumberland is professor emerita at Seattle University where she taught English and creative writing, and directed the creative writing program. Her poetry collections are *Peculiar Honors* and *Strange with Age* (Black Heron Press) and *Found in a Letter: 1959* (Ex Ophidia Press). Her poems have appeared in *Ploughshares*, *The Iowa Review*, *Verse*, and *Image* among many other collections and journals. She has had arts residencies at Yaddo and

the Jack Straw Foundation, and was poet in residence at the Seasons Music Festival in Yakima. She founded the Greenwood Poets, a weekly critiquing group. She has been writing arts reviews for the *Seattle Gay News* since 2014, covering ballet, opera, dance, poetry, and special events such as arts interviews and the Womxn's March. She is a fully committed friend, ally, and supporter of LGBTQ rights everywhere.



Jack Hilovsky

Contributing Writer

Jack Hilovsky is an author, actor, and blogger who has made his home in Seattle since 1986. His first book, *RJ, Farrah and Me: A Young Man's Gay Odyssey from the Inside Out*, was published in June 2022. It can be found at Elliott Bay Book Co., Madison Books, Nook & Cranny, and University Bookstore, among other local booksellers. He has written for the *Capitol Hill Times* and *'mo magazine*. In

his spare time Jack is active on a Masters LGBTQ+ swim team, sings with the Seattle Men's Chorus, and maintains a daily yoga and meditation practice. He is grateful for the opportunity to write a monthly column for the *Seattle Gay News* sharing his insights on the personal and the uplifting.



Sara Michelle Fetters

Staff Writer

Sara Michelle Fetters has been writing about film since she was 16, working for the *Spokesman-Review* as a film critic for the paper's "teen section" before heading off to college at the University of Washington. She became the lead film critic for Moviefreak.com in 2001 and began contributing to the *Seattle Gay News* in 2006. In 2020, Sara Michelle was elevated to "to critic" status at Rotten Tomatoes by a distinguished panel of her peers. She

is a former Imperial Princess of the Imperial Sovereign Court of Seattle and has been competing for championships on various teams in the Emerald City Softball Association since 2001, in which she was named to the Seattle Hall of Fame in 2014.



Daniel Lindsley

Staff Writer

A storyteller at heart and an enthusiast to the bone, Daniel has covered town hall events, Los Angeles museums, Queer-owned businesses, and a good bit of what's in between. Yet his truest calling is the geek beat, where he uses a lifelong passion and curiosity for games and other playable media to lead readers on journeys through pop culture niches. Whether it's *Dungeons & Dragons*, *Final Fantasy XIV*, or *Amtgard*, he's more than ready to dive in.

Readers are likely to spot him in one of his two natural states of being: in a convention center looking lost, or wearing his cloak on a brisk evening's walk.



Benny Loy

Contributing Writer

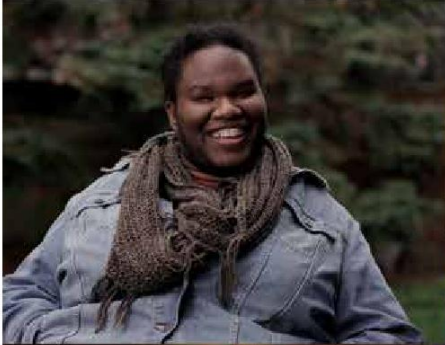
Benny Loy, born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, is an author and freelance journalist. If they aren't in a cuddle puddle with their many dogs, they are working with adults with disabilities or spending time with their wife-to-be. Their fiction writing is inspired by a childhood brimming with tall tales their father shared while trekking through the Washington forests and the Oregon desert. Benny feels that writing for *SGN* has allowed them to learn

about and grow closer to the community.

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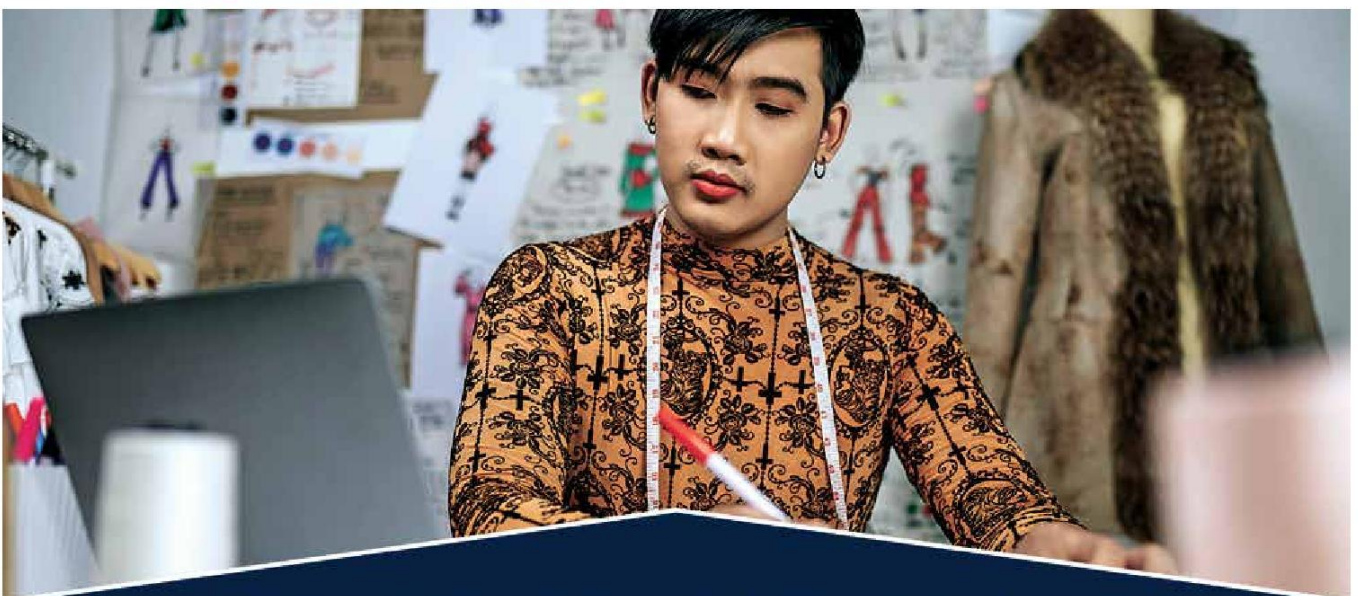
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Cameron Martinez
Intern

Cameron Martinez is a visual journalist who combines creative storytelling and social awareness, using their degree in visual journalism and minor in queer studies from Western Washington University. They excel in video editing, enjoy pinball, and have a passion for Korean fried chicken. Cameron's work reflects their dedication to inclusivity, precision, and the celebration of diverse narratives.



Isabel Mata
Advice Columnist

Isabel is a 27-year-old writer and storyteller from upstate New York. Her work has been published in over 50 publications worldwide, with features and bylines in *Cosmopolitan*, *Marie Claire*, *Elle*, *Nylon*, and more on the topics of mental health, wellness, and love. She is the host of the mental health podcast *Being Yourself Loudly* and writes a weekly advice column called "Ask Izzy" for the *Seattle Gay News*.



Lauren Vasatka
Photographer

Lauren Vasatka, born in Texas, spent her childhood jumping around the country because of her father's work. She experienced Arizona's glaring heat, California's beaches, and Minnesota's snowy hills before finally settling down in Washington. As in her early life of transplanting, she is always on the move. Outside of her work as a highly recommended plumber, she loves to pack up her dogs and her future wife to go camping and road-tripping. Lauren enjoys biking, bouldering,

off-roading in her Jeep, cooking Asian cuisine, and baking bread. Photography has been her medium since she was 12; her favorite subjects are nature and pets. Working with *SGN* has allowed her to combine her Energizer Bunny attitude, her passion for forever capturing the moment, and engagement with the community.

Production



Angela Cragin
Owner/Publisher

Angela Cragin has been involved as publisher of the *Seattle Gay News* since June 2020. Her father, the late George Bakan, was its owner, editor-in-chief, and publisher for over 37 years. She has worked tirelessly for the past three years to carry on his legacy. As a champion for independent journalism, she has increased efficiency in operations, curated original content, supported young professionals, and merged generations under this new chapter of *SGN*. She aspires

to bring this unique publication into the future to continue serving the LGBTQ+ community that resides in the Emerald City.



A.V. Eichenbaum
Editor-in-Chief

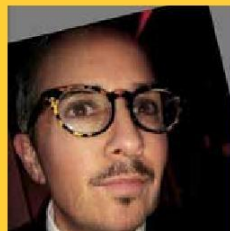
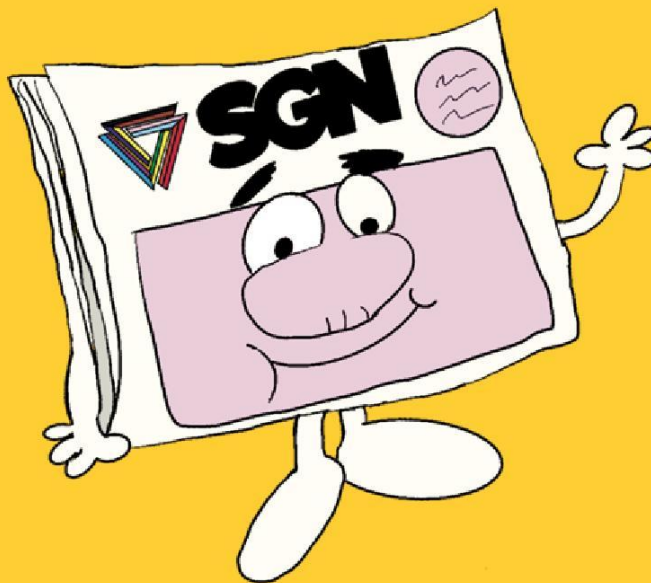
A.V. Eichenbaum began their career in journalism at *The Gavilan Press* in 2009. Since then, the 28-year-old has held an impossible number of odd jobs and their work has appeared in several publications, including *Seattle Pride Magazine* and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Pajaronian*. They've acted as *SGN*'s editor-in-chief and "Swiss Army Queer" since 2021. Eichenbaum has proudly worn hats as reporter, website editor, graphic artist and designer, intern coordinator,

social media manager, podcast host, event planner, merch salesperson, data analyst, audio editor, videographer, delivery manager, and more during their tenure at the *Seattle Gay News*. They are constantly in the midst of other creative endeavors in whatever spare time they have. Listen to their horror fiction literature on *The Ugly Radio*, hear them as Cal on *The Scrab Archives*, or find their band, *The Weeping Dreams*, wherever you listen to audio media.



Richard Isaac
Copy Editor

Richard Isaac (RichTextEditing.com) is a freelance copy editor with a background in linguistics, foreign languages, and queer activism. He was active in Queer Nation and Bigot Busters (1990–95) and has served in several capacities in the Northwest Editors Guild. Isaac has been editing for *SGN* since 2015. He has studied ten languages and lived abroad; his other interests include travel, film, and Eurovision, which he has attended twice.



Bruno George
Copy Editor (Reserve)

Bruno George is a writer and freelance editor who lives in Seattle. His short fiction has appeared in *Chicago Review*, *Conjunctions*, the *Denver Review*, and other publications (sometimes under his dead name), and he wrote for *The Stranger* in what will one day be known as its golden age. His PhD dissertation was on the French novelist Antoine Volodine, and now he is at work on a novel. He runs a memoir-writing service, Writing-Your-Life.com.



Mike Pham
Production

Mike has worked with the paper since 2017.



Maggie Bloodstone
Advertising

Washingtonian since 1957. Capitol Hill fixture since the 1980s. Contributing *SGN* writer since 1996. Advertising rep/manager since 2003. Sister Of Perpetual Indulgence, Abbey of St. Joan, since 1997.

Distribution



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Pride Calendar

 SGN PRIDE 2023



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**JUNE
16**

Pouring with Pride Wine Walk

(The Heathman Hotel, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.)
An adventure through downtown Kirkland's galleries, boutiques, and businesses. Taste wines and spirits of all kinds! (21+)

Wear Your Pride

(Kirkland Urban, 4 p.m.-9 p.m.)
A festive, family-friendly parade around the promenade! Live entertainment! A dazzling interactive installation! All sponsored by local organizations and businesses.

Madrona Grace Presbyterian Open House

(832 32nd Ave., 5 p.m.-7 p.m.)
Wine, cheese, and prizes at the door at this all-inclusive church in the Central District.

MoPop Constellation: Youth Pride Mixer

(7 p.m.-10 p.m.)
Tour the exhibitions, meet new people, make your own zine, and dance about it at the Museum of Popular Culture.

Seattle Mariners Pride Game

(T-Mobile Park, 7 p.m.)
A big dose of rainbow for the old ball game as the Mariners take on the Chicago White Sox. Show up early for a giveaway of Pride-themed fanny packs.

Rainbow on the Eastside Art Show

(Centro Cultural Mexicano, through June 30)
A free art show in downtown Redmond, ongoing through the entire month.

STANCE Presents: Beginnings

(Rainier Beach Presbyterian Church, 6:30 p.m.)
The Seattle Trans and Nonbinary Choral Ensemble is excited to announce its inaugural season's first Pride concert! With a great lineup featuring composers from Queer, Trans, and BIPOC communities.

Two-Spirits: Non-Binary Genders in Native Communities

(Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.)
This panel looks at historical and contemporary experiences of Two-Spirit people. Free to attend but registration required.

**JUNE
17**

STANCE Presents: Beginnings

(See June 16)

Juneteenth Pride BBQ

(West Seattle, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.)
A day of celebration and recognition hosted by NW Black Pride. Registration required. For more info and to RSVP, see <https://www.nwblackpride.org/events/juneteenth-bbq>.

West Seattle Pride Comedy Show

(Great American Diner and Bar, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.)
Featuring Alyssa Yeoman, Andrew Stier, Juno Men, and Zahnae Aquino. Tickets free but reservation required!

Chelan Pride

(Riverwalk Park, 12 p.m.-7 p.m.)
Live music, photo booths, arts and crafts, vendors and more in this scenic 12-acre

park by the river. Drag Brunch from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at Stormy Mountain Brewery.

Anacortes Pride

(Downtown Anacortes, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.)
This Skagit County city is having its second annual Pride celebration! Starts with a parade down Commercial Avenue and ends with a Family Picnic and Talent Showcase at Causland Memorial Park.

Hold That Pose for Me

(SCC Fine Arts Building, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.)
Pride version of the monthly drop-in session for QTBIPOC youth and young adults. Find housing, employment, mental health services, gender-affirming care, legal aid services, and more — or just hang out and practice your runway technique!

Mosé Auto Garage Party

(719 S. Myrtle St., 8 p.m.-1 p.m.)
Come to the Mosé Auto garage for live music, DJs, and dancing! A fundraiser for Seattle's LBGTQ Center, formerly known as Gay City.

Pioneer Square's LGBTQ+ History with Rosette Royale and Guests

(Seattle Central Library, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.)
Join local storyteller Rosette Royale and special guests to learn about and celebrate the Queer history of Pioneer Square, exploring the locations that were significant to Seattle's increasingly visible LGBTQ+ community in the 1970s. Registration is not required.

West Seattle PrideFest

(Junction, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.)
The first of its kind! The Junction goes far beyond hanging rainbow flags this year with a Queer Art Show at Revelry Room, Pride Bingo at Supreme Pizza, a drag show at Shadowland, and more.

Lambert House Youth Pride Disco

(All Pilgrims Church, 7 p.m.-11 p.m.)
Meet new people, eat good food, enjoy drag performances, and dance half the night away at All Pilgrims Church. For a chill time, there will be a quieter room away from the dance floor.

**JUNE
18**

32nd National Gay Basketball Championships

(Portland, OR)
Watch as 27 or more teams, including a Women's+ Division, Gay it up on the court and play basketball as their authentic selves. Free Throw and Three Point contests on June 17. Tune in at <https://www.svtvnetwork.com>.

Pride Bar Crawl

(1416 E. Olive Way, 4 p.m.-12 a.m.)
Start at the Gold Bar and venture out from there for an evening of drinks, drag, and an afterparty with a live band or DJ. Don't forget to plan a safe way home! Buy tickets at <https://www.crawlwith.us/seattle>.

Queer the Sky

(Skydive Snohomish, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.)
Bring a few more rainbows to the sky in this newbie-friendly LGBTQ+ skydiving event! Organized by Pride Across the Bridge. Get tickets at <https://www.prideacrossthebridge.com/queer-the-sky.html>.

West Seattle Pride March

(Morgan Junction, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Join the communities of Youngstown Coffee, Launchpad, and Heartbeat Cafe for their fourth year celebrating LGBTQ+ youth and families in West Seattle. Fundraising at the event will benefit Alki Beach Pride!

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JUNE 21

Pride Trivia with Seattle Public Libraries at Optimism Brewery

(Capitol Hill, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.)
Join us for LGBTQ+ Pride-themed pub trivia at Optimism Brewing Company. Show off your pride and your smarts, impress your friends, enjoy great beer, and win fabulous library prizes! Registration not required.

History Cafe:

A Decade of Gender Justice

(MOHAI, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.)
Join Gender Justice League co-founders Danni Askini and Elayne Wylie for a discussion on Transgender and gender-diverse activism.

JUNE 22

Seattle Storm Pride Night

(Climate Pledge Arena, 7 p.m.)
Seattle's basketball heroes face off against the Indiana Fever for our team's annual Pride Night, promising a fun, energetic, and inclusive atmosphere.

Kremwerk Pride

(9:00 p.m. 6/22-2:00 a.m. 6/23)
Three nights of clubbing fun at this Queer-centric, Queer-owned, two-story nightclub, featuring headliners Doss, Tygapaw, Miss Madeline, Jordana, and X3 Butterfly, with local DJs and performers in between.

Pride Super Show

(Club Comedy Seattle, 6/22-6/24)
Cabaret of Comedy presents three nights of a fast, funny variety format showcasing comedy's many forms and performers. Stand-up, music, and who knows what else. Doors at 7 p.m. for dinner and drinks, show starts at 8 p.m. each night.

Bump in the Night

(Pony, 5 p.m.-2 a.m.)
Part of a weekend full of Queer love, Queer bodies, and Queer talent. Pony presents a Punk/Horror masterpiece hosted by Scary-Ann and Killer Bunny, with performances by Baby and Anne Tifa.

Gas Works Art Gathering

(Gas Works Park, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.)
Creators of all kinds are welcome to share their art: music, performance, or otherwise!

"Por Qué No?! Life Is Short!"

(Triple Door, 7:30 p.m.)
Drag performer Mama Tits just got off her eighth season in Puerto Vallarta, and now she's hitting the road and taking the show on tour! Experience buttery smooth vocals and heartfelt stories.

Queens of the Hall Party

(Skål Beer Hall, 8:30 p.m.)
Stacey Starstruck hosts this annual Pride celebration, with special guests Myaiko, Norvina Dubois, and Louvel.



Photo courtesy of Trans Pride Seattle

JUNE 23

Trans Pride Seattle

(Volunteer Park Amphitheater, 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.)
The Gender Justice League presents one of the biggest Trans Pride gatherings in the United States, celebrating its 10th anniversary!

Somos Pride Reception

(Block 41, 6 p.m.-2 a.m.)
Enjoy dinner, drinks, and incredible performances at the ultimate Queer Latinx party, including Salina EsTitties RuPaul's Drag Race, followed by an after party. For info and tickets, <https://www.somosseattle.org/events>.

Dive Bar Disco Flirtfest

(Pony, 4 p.m.-2 a.m.)
Featuring DIFFERENT DRUMMER.

Queer/Pride Festival

(Capitol Hill, 6/23-6/25)
Three days of music and fun featuring the enigmatic Orville Peck, Pablo Vittar, Peaches, and many other talented artists. Buy tickets for just one day, all three, or the VIP experience.

The Cuff Complex Pride Fest

(6/23-6/25)
From the wrestling bears of Bearracuda to performances of RuPaul's Drag Race alumni, see it all at one of Seattle's oldest LGBTQ+ clubs, which boasts an impressive four bars, patios, pool tables, dart boards, and more. (21+)

Union Pride Block Party

(Capitol Hill, 6/23-6/25)
Rock the whole block with DJs, drinks, and music videos, indoors or outdoors, in the heart of Seattle's most famous Gayborhood. Never a cover fee, and no negativity allowed! (21+)

Wildrose Pride Weekend (6/23-6/25)

Seattle's most prominent Lesbian destination joins forces with Kendall's DJ and Event in a talent lineup never before seen! Cheers, dancing, and hugs are all in the forecast for this block party, along with some fantastic live performances.

Indigiqueer Festival (Pier 62, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.)

Kick off Seattle Pride weekend with food, drag, music, dance and more with the Salish Sea as your backdrop. This event demonstrates the beauty and power of Indigiqueer/Two-Spirit people.

JUNE 24

Queer/Pride Festival (See June 23)

Issaquah Garage Pride (Issaquah Community Center, 12 p.m.-3 p.m.)

Teen cafe The Garage puts on a family-friendly community picnic, with food trucks, games, and live entertainment curated by LGBTQIA+ teens and allies.

QUEEN 4 QUEEN Drag Queen Takeover

(Pony, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.)
Featuring DJ Stevie 303 and drag performers Cookie Couture and Rowan Ruthless.

Our, Us, Enough: Films on Labor, Love, and Intimacy

(Northwest Film Forum, 8 p.m.)
A film series sure to leave an impression, such as *Dyketactics*, a popular lesbian "commercial"; *Solitary Acts #5*, an autobiographical collage; and *RUN!* — *MYTHOGRAPHY #1*, a brief meditation on coyotes, strained relationships, and conservative talk radio.

Prom Dress Rugby

(Cal Anderson Park, 2 p.m.)
The Quake, Hens, and Saracens don thrift store prom-wear and wrestle over the old pigskin for their annual summer fundraiser for GenPRIDE. Spectators can pay for outfit changes, penalties, glitter bombs, slow dances, and even the chance to lather up the player of their choice with sunscreen (with consent, of course).

PrideFest Capitol Hill (12 p.m.-7 p.m.)

Three stages, two beverage gardens, 100-plus vendors, and free fun activities for all ages, spanning the five blocks between Roy and John/Olive. Youth activities on Barbara Bailey Way and the AIDS Memorial Pathway Plaza.

Pride Karaoke (Hula Hula, 7 p.m.-2 a.m.)

Celebrate by belting out your favorite songs with some friends at this tropical-themed "haven of cosmopolitan island kitsch."

Run and Walk with Pride (Seward Park, 6:45 a.m.)

Cheer the runners to the finish line or get some cardio in for a good cause by taking a jaunt around Seward Park — or plot your own course from home with the event's virtual option. This year's beneficiary is Peer Seattle. Registration required.

Seattle Dyke March & Bike Rally

(Volunteer Park Amphitheater, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.)
People of all genders and identities are welcome to join a space that highlights and honors the experiences, pleasures, activism, and identities of Queer women and dyke-identified people across the gender spectrum.

Rhein Haus Pride Weekend (6/24-6/25)

Enjoy beer, brats, and bocce at this German restaurant and bar, with performances from Ada Vox, Madison Rose, and iconic queens from RuPaul's Drag Race: Willow Pill, Nicky Doll, Kendall Gender, and more! Music by DJs Tone, Ricki Leigh, and Sessions.

Seattle Sounders FC Pride Match (Lumen Field, 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.)

Sounders FC stands for LGBTQ+ equality by collaborating with LGBTQ+ businesses and offering Sounders-themed prizes.

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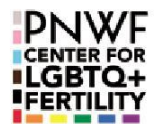


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Seattle Pride Parade
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This is the big one! From Gothic Pride to Sounders FC, join organizations, old friends, and thousands of people for a dazzling display of LGBTQIA+ brilliance along 4th Avenue. Step-off will be at Westlake Park.

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(12 p.m.-8 p.m.)

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Pride Karaoke (See June 24)

Queer/Pride Festival (See June 23)

**JUNE
27**

Kickoff X Queer Climb Night
(Half Moon Bouldering, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.)

Queer Mountaineers invites climbers of all abilities and skill levels to scale some walls and have a good time.

**JUNE
28**

Pride Climb Night

(Vertical World Seattle, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.)

Bring your own belayers for this special night of climbing organized by Queer Mountaineers.

Pride Calendar

Photo by Nate Gowdy

**JUNE
29**

**Matt Baume discusses
"Hi Honey, I'm Homo! Sitcoms,
Specials, and the Queering
of American Culture"**

(Seattle Central Library, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.)
Join us on a whirlwind tour through the best Queer coming-out scenes in sitcom history! (And one or two of the worst.) Registration is required, but all Seattle Library events are free.

**ALL MAN:
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(Ark Lodge Cinemas, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.)

A film that journeys across three decades of the ALL MAN catalog's unlikely but lasting impact on fashion, masculinity, and sexuality in America, and tells the story of once-closeted Midwesterner and fashionista Gene Burkard.

**JUNE
30**

Pride Night Out:

A Chateau Drag Performance

(Chateau Ste. Michelle, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.)
A spectacular evening of drag performances from local monarchs, with a multi-course dinner prepared by the Chateau Kitchen culinary team, and wine of course!

Climb with Pride: Final Hooray

(Edgeworks Seattle, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.)
Enjoy music, outdoor yard games, and bring or buy a T-shirt to tie-dye—all to benefit the Queer Mountaineers.

Pride Flag Raising

(Tacoma Dome, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)
Tacoma Pride invites you to join Rainbow Center and watch the Inclusive Pride Flag being raised above this iconic Tacoma landmark, featuring a special performance from Cheer Tacoma.

Secret NWFF Pride Screening

(Northwest Film Forum, 8 p.m.)
Free with RSVP! How mysterious.

**JULY
1**

Capital City Pride Festival

(Olympia, 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)

An event to uplift, celebrate, heal, and inspire Olympia's vibrant LGBTQIA2S+ and BIPOC community, starting with a Pride march from Tivoli Fountain and wrapping up with performers and local businesses at Port Plaza & Percival landing.

Pride Variety Show

(Capitol Theater, Olympia, 7 p.m.-11:30 p.m.)

Get ready to unleash your fabulousness with this extraordinary mélange of comedy, burlesque, and music, featuring DJ BarbieKillsBeauty, Creature Hole, comedian Sneaky Boo, and other local legends. Get tickets while they still last!

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JULY
7

LGBTQ+ Community Pride Awards
(Pantages Theatre, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.)

Join the board and staff of Rainbow Center and Tacoma Pride to kick off Tacoma Pride Month by recognizing individuals, organizations, and businesses who have shown great leadership and service to the LGBTQ+ community.

The Gathering: First Friday Vibe
(TBD, 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.)

Enjoy food, drinks, games, networking with community, and more at this NW Black Pride event. For location, stay tuned to <https://www.nwblackpride.org/events>. (21+)



Photo courtesy of Tacoma Pride

JULY
8

Tacoma Pride
(12 p.m.-6 p.m.)

An all-ages event featuring a main stage hosted by Alma Tacoma with Queer and BIPOC entertainers, plus a beer garden, a makers market, and more!

Tacoma Pride Block Party
(The Mix, 12 p.m.-2 a.m.)

Groove with DJs Monet Xchange, Tony Burns, and Toya B, and see drag performances from Cali The Stalli, Kristie Champagne, Macy Marcs, and more! Tickets required. (21+)

Pride IN Bellingham Family Picnic
(Boundary Bay Garden, 12 p.m.-4 p.m.)

Pack a few lunches and head to the lush backyard of Boundary Bay Brewery for this all-ages celebration. Guests can look forward to shady reading nooks, fire pit circles, and plenty of seating. Dogs are also welcome! Hosted by PFLAG Bellingham.

Pride IN Bellingham Pride Dance
(Depot Market Square Building, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.)

La Fiamma presents the annual all-ages Dance PARTY with live DJ's and drag artists!

Queer Prom Seattle: The Gayla
(Benaroya Hall, 7 p.m.-12 a.m.)

It's back for its fifth year and going bigger than ever! Puckduction brings this night of burlesque, drag, comedy, dance, and Queer vendors to the heart of Seattle.

JULY
9

Pride IN Bellingham Parade

(Waypoint Park, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Starting at Waypoint park and ending at the festival proper in Depot Market Square.

Pride IN Bellingham Festival

(Depot Market Square, 12 p.m.-4 p.m.)
Artisans, nonprofits, and community businesses celebrate Pride together.

JULY
15

Seattle Latinx Pride 2023

(El Centro de la Raza, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.)
Celebrate Latinx LGBTQ+ community with entertainment, dancing, food, community resources, vendors and much more at this free all-ages event.

JULY
22

Kitsap Pride Festival (Gordon Fields, Fairgrounds Road NW, 2 p.m.-9 p.m.)

Bremerton is once again home to this free, family-friendly event. Drag and live music on the main stage, plus a beer garden and Pride merch.

AUG
9

Pacific Northwest Black Pride
(4437 Rainier Ave. S., 8/9-8/13)

Workshops, performances, parties and more, including a Sage Dinner and a health festival! This year's theme is "One Community, Many Faces," a testament to POCAAN and the community's commitment to work for freedom and justice for all Black LGBTQIA+ people.

AUG
20

Alki Beach Pride (12 p.m.-7:30 p.m.)

The free annual event returns, family-oriented and community-driven! Enjoy this chill, grassroots celebration along a beloved stretch of sand and pop by some of the local businesses that welcome the event each year.

AUG
25

Thing 2023 (Fort Worden, 8/25-8/27)

Three days of an all-ages music and arts festival at historic Fort Worden in Port Townsend. Play and celebrate together with the whole family to the tune of an eclectic mix of music, comedy, speakers, and visual arts programming. Get your tickets before they're gone!

AUG
26

Seattle Anarchist Book Fair

(VERA Project, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 8/26-8/27)

Learn a thing or two about mutual aid, undoing systems of oppression, staying safe during protests, and more, with zines, workshops, and talks. Free food and childcare available.

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Beginning of LGBT History Month

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Gay Bowl XXIII

(Magnuson Park playing fields, 10/5-10/8)

Four days of annual national flag football tournament play, drawing players and fans from all over the United States and Canada. Easy access to a diverse selection of food trucks and a beer garden.



BY CAMERON MARTINEZ
SGN INTERN

Mimosas Cabaret – Photo by Eric Martin

Brunch: the time between breakfast and lunch when the mimosas are flowing and, if you're lucky, the drag performers appear. This Pride Month, there are several drag brunches to choose from, so the *SGN* is here to help you narrow down your options.

For kids

In front of the iconic Pike Place Market sign, there's an all-ages show in the Rabbit Box, a small but cozy cocktail bar with a stage. "Donuts & Drag" is a free weekly performance hosted by Sativa the Queen, but she goes by Stevia when the kids are around. The show only includes a few performers, but that gives the chance for each to do three numbers.

The Rabbit Box boasts 4.8 stars on Google Maps and is known for its homemade beignets served with jam.

For the taco lovers way north of Seattle

Those who find themselves in Bellingham on June 17 should go to "Meet Me at Brunch" at Black Sheep. This 21+ show is hosted by local drag queen and P!nk mega fan Alecia Lily, and is known for its provocative dances and for having a roaring crowd. Since the venue is two stories, performers are able to make dramatic appearances downstairs and have close interactions with everyone in the audience. Entry is \$10.

In addition, the food at Black Sheep is great. This 4.6-star restaurant serves a variety of Mexican dishes and drinks, with the most famous items being the tacos and the margaritas.

For the musical lover

"Mimosas Cabaret," the self-proclaimed #1 drag brunch in Seattle, puts on two shows every weekend at Unicorn, a carnival-themed 21+ bar with 4.4 stars on Google Maps, with tickets costing \$30–50. The performance is accompanied by a \$13 all-you-can-eat brunch buffet.

According to the ticketing website, "Mimosas Cabaret has received international acclaim for our mini musical productions, where we reimagine some of Broadway's biggest musical hits into a wild drag retelling. Our past productions include '30 Minute Hairspray,' 'The Wicked Wiz of Oz,' 'Reefer Dragness,' 'Cinderella,' 'Hung Frankenstein,' 'Illegally Blonde,' and many more." This season's theme is "Sistah Act," a drag-fueled remake of the film and musical *Sister Act*.

For those who need to recover from Everett Pride's first block party

People over the age of 21 who may or may not be a little hungover from Everett Pride's

block party the day before are welcome to attend Illusions Drag Brunch, hosted by Alexis Montoya, on June 18 at 11 a.m. at the Hotel Indigo.

The \$50 admission comes with a buffet-style brunch and a chance to cure your hangover with mimosas. This waterfront venue has a 4.4-star rating on Google Maps.

For fans of Dungeons & Dragons

If you want a side of nerdy tabletop gaming with your eggs, you should check out "A Brunch of Adventure," hosted by the Dungeons and Drag Queens.

The ticketing site says guests will be treated to "three of the queerest Queens in the realm [playing] the table-top roleplaying game sensation Dungeons & Dragons in front of a live audience! With comedian Paul Curry as dungeon master and live improvisational musician Carson Grubb jamming along, this is sure to be an adventure for newbies and DnD nerds alike!"

This 21+ comedy extravaganza will be held on June 18 at Nate Jackson's Super Funny Comedy Club in Tacoma. Tickets range from \$20 to \$125. The venue has a 4.7-star rating on Google Maps.

For those who love to gamble

If you enjoy a game of cards or some

fun at the slot machines between eating your brunch and watching drag shows, you should go see "The Royal Flush: Queens Are Wild" drag brunch at the Great American Casino in Tukwila on June 18 and 25. It is hosted by Seattle drag performers Irene the Alien and Queen Andrew Scott. Tickets for this 21+ show range from \$10 to \$300.

The venue holds a 3.6-star rating on Google Maps.

For those who can't stop saying things are "camp"

Those who like to be seated in nice restaurants while watching shows should check out "A Very Kampy Drag Brunch" at Kamp Social House every second and fourth Sunday of the month, hosted by Jane Don't.

According to the ticketing site, "Brunch with a table-side show is what you can expect...with performances by Kamp's resident Queen MyAikó and a rotating third performer. DJ BB Brizz makes it bump all morning long. Come hungry, bring your singles (friends and \$), and prepare for a great time."

The venue of this 21+ brunch has a 4.7-star rating on Google Maps.



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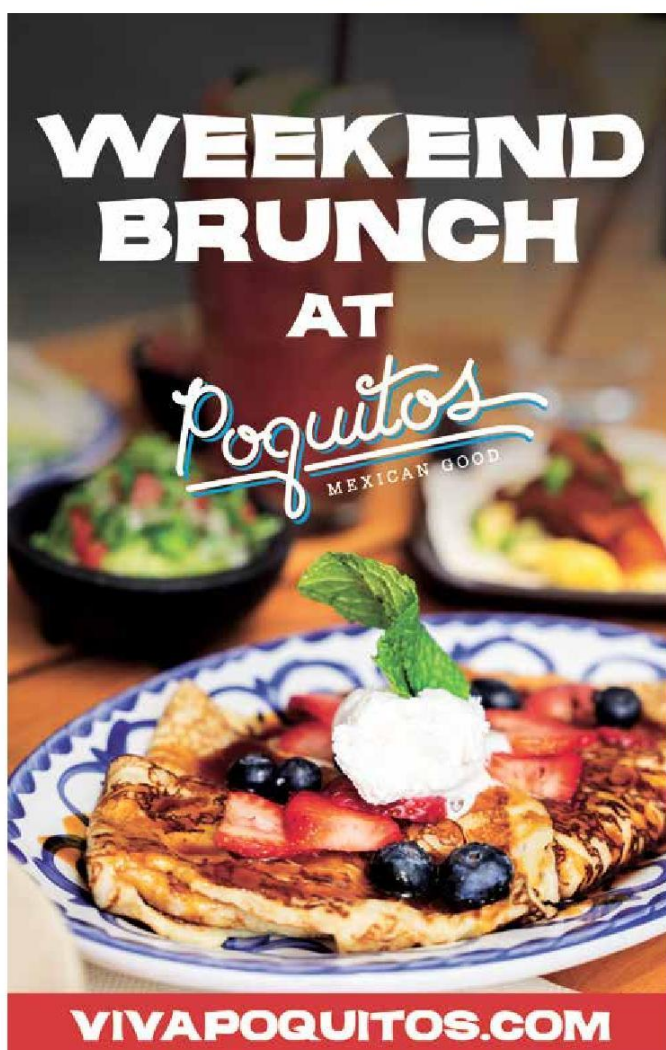
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WORLDWIDE

Liquid Pride: Queer spaces to drink around town

BY BENNY LOY
SGN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Photo courtesy of Queer/Bar

It's time to be proud this month, but if you need a little liquid courage to get out there, you can discover LGBTQIA+ bars aplenty around town. Capitol Hill is stuffed to the gills with Gay bars, but you may also be surprised to find a few sprinkled in other neighborhoods (and one further away).

This is a list of some local watering holes that can satiate your need for a morning mimosa or a late-night beer.

The Wildrose, Capitol Hill

If you've spent time on the Hill, you probably know the Wildrose. However, it's important to understand the significance of this establishment. Founded in 1985 by Shelley Brothers and Martha Manning, it is the only dedicated Lesbian bar in Seattle and one of only 23 in the country. So the Wildrose is a point of pride for local Sapphics. The venue features a small dance floor for live music and is well known for its block parties.

www.thewildrosebar.com

The Seattle Eagle, Capitol Hill

Like the Wildrose, this leather bar has been around for quite some time. Established in 1981, it is one of the longest-surviving Gay bars in Seattle, and is now owned by Keith Christensen. It hosts regular kink-themed events, like the infamous Make Out Party. You can add this haunt, with its shadowy chain-link fence aesthetic and catwalk, to your list of stops if you're interested in the leatherscene. www.seattleeagle.com

Queen Anne Beerhall, Queen Anne

This beer hall may not be advertised as a Gay bar, but it is Queer owned. Gary Szeredy took over in 2020 and revamped the Czech Republic-inspired business. The 24 taps that used to feature only European beers now include local brews. The venue is also celebrating Pride with special events and performances throughout the month. So check out Queen Anne Beerhall if you want to relax, drink a beer, and eat soft pretzels. Your canine companions are also welcome. www.queenannebeerhall.com



Photo courtesy of Wildrose Bar



Photo courtesy of Union Seattle

Union, Capitol Hill

This bar and nightclub was started in 2018 and “proudly serves the LGBTQ+ allied community.” With plenty of food and spirits, Union’s airy bar and patio is a fantastic summer hangout. On “Team Tuesday,” every \$1 spent on a Tito’s beverage is donated to local LGBTQIA+ nonprofit organizations. Attend the Pride block party June 23–25 to dance the night away.

www.unionseattle.com

Rough and Tumble Pub, Ballard

Opened in 2022, this woman’s sports bar in the historic Henry White Sawmill building is one of a kind. Jen Barnes came up with the idea when she couldn’t find a place to watch the 2021 OL Reign soccer team’s semifinal playoff game.

Get a drink and a bite to eat while choosing one of the 18 screens on which to watch sports. As the website says, “Whether you are looking for a new game-day tradition, alumni event, after-practice dinner with the family, or overtime catchup, we invite all fans of all ages to join us to watch ALL the sports.”

<https://www.roughandtumblepub.com>

The Bottleneck Lounge, Capitol Hill

This cozy bar “on the backside of Capitol Hill” strives to be “the best little neighborhood bar in Seattle.” Regulars know this laid-back spot as the place to get their cocktail fix and barside conversation. The lounge doesn’t advertise itself as a Gay bar, but it is Queer owned and welcoming to all. Most of the award-winning beers and ciders are made locally, as are the distilled spirits.

www.bottlenecklounge.com

Diesel, Capitol Hill

Calling all “bears, bikers, buddies, bubbas, blue collars, and badasses”! Diesel was opened in 2011 by Mike Reis and Mark Hurst as Seattle’s premier bear bar. One doesn’t need to be a motorhead to appreciate their trucker aesthetic and car-themed menu items, like the Mozzarella Stick-Shift sticks. Diesel has a loyal clientele from the local Bear community while being inclusive and welcoming to those who may not be of the large and hairy variety.

www.dieselseattle.com



Photo courtesy of Rough and Tumble Pub

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Footprint Wine Tap, Capitol Hill

The first and only sustainable keg wine-on-tap bar, Footprint, is Queer owned, by Ken Dillon. The business focuses on reducing its carbon footprint (thus the name) while showcasing Pacific Northwest wines, which can be paired with a gorgeous charcuterie board and housemade crostini. The design, with its modern natural hardwood aesthetic, is incredibly pleasing. Listen to live piano while pouring a merlot from one of the many pristine, glistening taps. The venue can host private events for up to 50 people.

www.footprintwine.com

Dragster, Fremont

Owners Auszie Oxford and James Wiemann started Dragster "with the idea of cultivating community in mind." This fresh Gay bar opened last year and offers a new addition to Seattle's nightlife. The welcoming ambiance is combined with a glam decor of neon signs and fire pits. It offers food, drinks, dancing, pool tables, and live events, such as drag shows. The building was formerly the Fremont Ballroom and is now the neighborhood's only bar for the Queer community. Come in for a Slutty Smurf cocktail and stay for the good vibes.

www.dragstersseattle.com

The Lumber Yard Bar, White Center

Michale Farrar and Nathan Adams often held large gatherings and entertained in their home. The Lumber Yard, the first Queer bar in White Center, offers an experience that calls back to the pair's love for hosting. "We both have a background in retail, love to cook, appreciate a good cocktail or a glass of wine, and felt that this was our next logical step," they state on their website. The lumberjack decor is rustic yet modern and makes for an excellent backdrop for live events. The bar offers karaoke, dancing, trivia nights, kink nights, and drag shows.

www.thelumberyardbar.com



Photo courtesy of The Cuff Complex

Ashley's Pub, Bremerton

This business started by Ashley Martinez is outside of King County but deserves to be mentioned. Like the Bottleneck Lounge, it is Queer owned. The venue is a geek's dream. The walls are lined with board games, and the bar is stocked with microbrews, ciders, wines, and even mead. It offers wraps, sandwiches, and pizza, but you are welcome to bring food to feed your party. There is plenty of space to run your weekly tabletop RPG campaign, or you can sip away while playing a single-player game. At Ashley's Pub, "gamers of all classes, races, and most alignments are welcome."

www.ashleys.pub

The Cuff Complex, Capitol Hill

Looking for a leather bar with a friendly,

just-seedy-enough vibe? The Cuff is it. An eclectic mix of bar and performance space, this puppy-play friendly kink bar throws one hell of a party. Their Taco Tuesdays are kickass, but word around the SGN office is that their chicken tinga is to die for.

www.cuffcomplex.com

CC Attle's, Capitol Hill

Sleek, sexy, and classic, CC's is another staple on the Hill. Darts, a relaxing atmosphere, and an underwear night where you can "let it all hang out" every third Saturday — this bar and lounge are perfect for nights when you want to have fun without getting too crazy. The staff is friendly and the patio's a plus! It tends to draw a millennial-and-older crowd, but there's never a cover, so we think everyone should give it a try.

www.ccsseattle.com

Changes, Wallingford

The closest thing to Cheers Seattle's gay community is going to get, Changes is a great place to go for a warm, welcoming, unpretentious drinking experience. They're celebrating 34 years in business as Wallingford's watering hole. The burgers are pretty great and of course there's karaoke! You can find them on Instagram

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Pony, Capitol Hill

If a dive bar is more your style, Pony is the spot to go to. They're located in what used to be a gas station, they've got a fire pit, their DJ lineup is immaculate, and the vibes are as pristine as the location is gritty. Come for the music, stay for the go-go boys and karaoke. The place gets packed. They're not lying when they say they're the most popular Gay dive in town.

www.ponyseattle.com

Queer/Bar, Capitol Hill

In 2017, Joey Burgess founded the bar that loudly proclaims in its simple yet sleek font, "Queer/Bar." The name choice was part welcome mat to LGBTQIA+ members and allies, part warning sign to those who might intrude on this safe space. They offer drag performances, RuPaul's Drag Race viewings, and a private lounge on the bar's second floor. During their Queer Pride Fest June 23 to 25, they'll have many performers, including Trixie Mattel.

www.thequeerbar.com

Whatever your tastes, the greater Seattle area has a lot to offer. These locations can quench your thirst for beer, wine, and even mead while providing an inclusive atmosphere. With plenty of events and experiences to offer this Pride, and all year round, you can find one you'll love.

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