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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 know 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 well-being 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

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 Sage Magazine and hiding 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 2003. Prior to that, he was a fishmonger. 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_sites. 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 fishmonger. Mike has managed two political campaigns: one win and one loss. He’s proud 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 (Alozon Publications). She coordinates the Meals on Wheels program on Vashon Island, where she lives with her spouse and their two dogs.

Otis Bolisay
Comics Artist
Chickenhead is mildly autobiographical and is Otis’ first serialized comic strip. It began appearing in SGN January 2022. Without realizing it, Otis infused parts of his Bahamian identity into the limited color palette: aqua, yellow, and black, the colors in the flag of the Bahamas, as well as colors of Chickenhead’s main character. Most of the characters in the comic strip are named after Otis’ 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 Otis’ Instagram: @otiswork.

Sharon Cumberland
Contributing Writer
Sharon Cumberland is professor emeritus 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 residencies in Yaddo and the Jack Straw Foundation, and was poet in residence at the Sasquatch 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 Woman’s March. She is a fully committed friend, ally, and supporter of LGBTQ rights everywhere.

Jack Hitosvsky
Contributing Writer
Jack Hitosvsky is an author, actor, and blogger who has made his home in Seattle since 1986. His first book, RJ: Farrish and Me: A Young Man’s Gay Odyssey from the Inside Out, was published in June 2022. He can be found at Elliott Bay Book Co., Madison Books, Noool-Dee Books, and University Bookstore, among other local bookstores. He has written for the Capitol Hill Times and the gay magazine. In his spare time Jack is active on a variety of LGBTQ+ causes, as 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 political.

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 2008 and began contributing to the Seattle Gay News in 2006. In 2020, Sara Michelle was elevated 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 the Seattle Hall of Fame in 2014.

Daniel Lindsey
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 he agent calling is the gear head, where he uses a lifelong passion and curiosity for games and other playable media to lead readers on journeys through pop culture nitches. Whether it’s Dungeons & Dragons, Final Fantasy XIV, or Army Gear, he’s more than ready to dive in.

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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Cameron Martínez
Intern
Cameron Martínez 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 Mita
Advice Columnist
Isabel is a 27-year-old writer and storyteller from upstate New York. Her work has been published in over 30 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 glazing heat, California's beaches, and Minnesota's snowy hills before finally settling down in Washington. As in her early life of transplants, she is always on the move. Outside of her work as a highly recommended plumber, she loves to pack up her dog and her future wife to go camping and road-tripping. Lauren enjoys hiking, 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.

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, he wrote for The Stranger in what will one day be known as its golden age. His Ph.D. 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.

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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.

Mose Auto Garage Party (The Hive, 8 p.m.-11 p.m.)

Come to the Mose Auto garage for live music, DJs, and dancing! A fundraiser for Seattle’s LGBTQ Center, formerly known as Gay City.

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Watch as 27 or more teams, including a Women’s Division, go 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.snvnetwork.com.

Pride Bar Crawl (14th 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://14th-street.com.

Queen the Sky (Skylive Soundscape, 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.-4 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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Seattle Storm Pride Night
(Climate Pledge Arena, 7 p.m.)
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Kremwerk Pride
(9:00 p.m. 6/22-2:00 a.m. 6/25)
Three nights of clubbing fun at this queer-centric, queer-owned, two-story nightclub, featuring headliners Dono, Tyganon, Miss Madeline, Jordania, and Ixtal Butterfly, with local DJs and performers in between.

Pride Super Show
(Club Cosmetics Seattle, 6/22-6/24)
Cabaret of Comedy presents three nights of a fast, funny, and 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 Bassy, with performances by Baby and Annie Tiff.

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 Que No? Life Is Short”
(Truly, 7:30 p.m.)
Dj performs Mama Tita just got off her eighth tour in Puerto Vallarta, and now she’s hitting the road and taking the show on tour! Experience button smooth vocals and heartfelt stories.

Queens of the Hall Party
(501 Beer Hall, 8:30 p.m.)
Stacey Starstruck hosts this annual Pride celebration, with special guests Myaiko, Norvina Dabois, and Louedes.

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

Indiegarage Festival
(Pier 62, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.)
Kick off Seattle Pride weekend with food, drink, music, dance, and more with the Salish Sea as your backdrop. This event demonstrates the beauty and power of Inuit/Two-Spirit people.

Prom Dress Rags
(Columbia Memorial Park, 2 p.m.)
The Quake, Hens, and Saracen’s don thrift store prom-wear and wrestle over the old gin bias for their annual summer fundraiser for GeNPRIDE. Spectators can pay for outfit changes, penalties, gliter bombs, slow dances, and even the chance to take 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 Baranba 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 “havan of cosmopolitan island kitch.”

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.)
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)
Queer beer, brats, and boce 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 Tom, Ricki Leigh, and Sessions.

Seattle Sounders FC Pride Match
(Lumen Field, 5:30 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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Seattle Pride Parade
(11 a.m.-3 p.m.)
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.

Tiny Tea Dance
(Pony, all day)
Hosted by Adé and Strawberry Shortcake, featuring DJs Sling, Dion and King of Pants.

PrideFest Seattle Center
(12 p.m.-8 p.m.)
Day Two of the largest free Pride Festival in the country, starting right after the downtown Pride Parade! As always, there will be over 100 artists including drag performers, musicians, and poets.

Pride Karaoke (See June 24)

Queer/Pride Festival (See June 23)

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 paths and have a good time.

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.

Matt Baume discusses
"Hi Honey, I'm Home! Strooms, 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 MEN:
The International Male Story
(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-derided Midwesterner and fashionista Gene Burkard.

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.

Capital City Pride Festival
(Olympia, 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)
An event to uplift, celebrate, heal, and inspire Olympia’s vibrant LGBTQIA+ 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 Barbikids, Beauty, Creature Hole, comedian Sneaky Boo, and other local legends. Get tickets while they still last!

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LGBTQ+ Community Pride Awards (PNGages 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 (THE, 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.mvblackpride.org/events.

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.

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.

Beginnings of LGBT History Month

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 spots, fire pit circles, and plenty of seating. Dogs are also welcome! Hosted by PFLAG Bellingham.

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.

Gay Bowl XXIII (Magnuson Park playing fields, 10:30-10:30)
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.
Drag brunches to check out this month

BY CAMERON MARTINEZ
SGN INTERN

Brunch: the time between breakfast and lunch when the mimosa is 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. "Dinosaurs & Drag" is a free weekly performance hosted by Sativa the Queen, but she goes by Stevie 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 48 stars on Google Maps and is known for its homemade biscuits 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 Pink mega fan Alecia Lily, and is known for its provocatively danced 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 Unicorns, a carnivorous-themed 21+ bar with 4.4 stars on Google Maps, with tickets costing $30 to $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 its mini musical productions, where we reimagine some of Broadway's biggest musical hits into a wild drag retelling. Past productions include "30 Minute Hutong," "The Wicked Wiz of Oz," "Roter Drachen," "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 $20 admission comes with a buffet-style brunch and a chance to cure your hangover with mimosas. This waterfront venue has a 4.3-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 roleplay game sensation Dungeons & Dragons in front of a live audience! With comedians Paul Curry as dungeon master and live improvisational musician Carson Grubb jamming along, this is sure to be an adventure for newbies and D&D 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 $25. 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 Flash: Queens Are Wild" drag brunch at the Great American Casino in Tulalip 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 $30.

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

For those who can't stop saying things are "vamp"
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 Jandine D. 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 MyaKlo and a rotating third performer. DJ BB Bizz 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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Liquid Pride: Queer spaces to drink around town

By Benny Loy
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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 Christiansen. 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 leather scene. 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 Szecky 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
Union, Capitol Hill
This bar and nightclub was started in 2018 and "proudly serves the LGBTQ+ 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 Titos beverage is donated to local LGBTQ+ 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 CL Reign soccer team's semifinal playoff game. Get a drink and a bite to eat while choosing one of the 15 screens on which to watch sports. As the website says, "Whether you are looking for a new game-day tradition, an alumni event, a practice dinner with the family, or an overtime catch-up, we invite all fans of all ages to join us to watch ALL the sports." 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 have a bite to eat. The lounge doesn't advertise itself as a gay bar, but it is bar, and it is popular with locals 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 "beers, bitches, butches, bubs, blue collars, and baddasses!" Diesel was opened in 2011 by Mike Rees and Mark Harst 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

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Footprint Wine Tap, Capitol Hill
The first and only sustainable keg wine-on-tap bar, Footprint, is Queen 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 characteristic 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, glinting taps. The venue can host private events for up to 50 people.
www.footprintwine.com

Dragster, Fremont
Owners Auzie Oxford and James Wieland started Dragster “with the idea of creating a community in mind.” This fresh and gay bar opened last year and offers a new addition to Seattle's nightlife. The welcoming ambience 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 Shitty Smart cocktail and stay for the good vibes.
www.dragstercity.com

The Lumber Yard Bar, White Center
Michale Farrar and Nathan Adams often hold large gatherings and entertain in their home. The Lumber Yard, the first Queer bar in White Center, offers an experience that calls back to the bar's love for hosting. “We 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

Ashley's Pub, Bremerton
This business started by Ashley Martin is outside of King County but deserves to be mentioned. Like the Rovet Lounge, it is Queen owned. The venue is a gem's dream. The walls are lined with board games, and the bar is stocked with microbrews, cider, wines, and even macarons. 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 ages, races, and most alignments are welcome.”
www.ashleyspub.com

The Cuff Complex, Capitol Hill
Looking for a leather bar with a friendly, just-sewy-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 Thursdays are a must-try, and every Wednesday they feature live music. 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 town.
www.thecuffcomplex.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 24 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 @changesinwallingford

Pony, Capitol Hill
If a dive bar is more your style, Pony is the spot to go. They're located in what used to be a gas station, they've got a fire pit, their DJ lineup is immaculate, and the vibe is 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 town.
www.ponyseattle.com

Queer Bar, Capitol Hill
In 2017, Joey Burgess founded the bar that boldly proclaims in its simple yet sleek font, “Queen Bar.” The name choice was put welcome note to LGBTQIA+ members and allies, put 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.queerbar.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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