

COLAGE NOTES

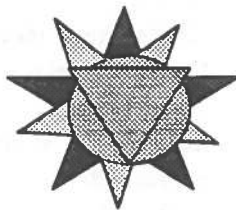


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Where We've Been, Where We Are, And Where We Think We Might Be Headed (yes...we actually do know)....

So here we are, a great big, glorious, and *busy* summer laid out in front of us. For those of us in school, this means exactly one thing: freedom! Hang out with our posses, go on trips with our families, read all of the books we wanted to but never got to this past winter. Shed those sweaters and find the nearest body of cool water. For those of this that aren't in school, we look forward to warm evenings in good company away from our workplaces.



COLAGE has had a productive spring and looks forward to an extremely busy and exciting summer. We have acquired two brand new, sparkling summer interns! Meredith Fenton hails from Peoria, Illinois and Erin Gluckman comes from way back east in Rutland, Vermont. Kate Widman, who has handled our information referrals, graduated from college this spring (GO KATE!), is striking out this summer, and will be leaving us soon (NO KATE!) Kate has brought us Game and Activities night on the third Saturday of every month, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pacific Center.

Felicia Park-Rogers remains our director and is now the celebrity in our midst! "The Castro" is an hour and a half long documentary charting the history of the queerest district in San Francisco that aired nationally on Friday, June 12th. Felicia spoke in the documentary with her father on what it was like to be raised by queer parents in the Castro and what it is like for her to live there with her partner today.

Many congratulations to her and her family!

So...PRIDE!!!! The Pride March is happening on Sunday, June 28th and we are a part of it! We are totally psyched up for the entire day and will be out (in every sense of the word) marching and manning our very own COLAGE booth. We highly encourage you and your families to come march with us. We will be within the top twenty marchers, so close to the front of the parade. Meet on Market St. at 9:30 a.m. between 1st and 2nd St. and bring your placards and your T-shirts. For more information about how to help out or be a part of the magic of COLAGE on Pride give us a call! The Pride Day parade is way of being visible in all of our communities, queer and straight alike, of affirming and being proud of our families and our lives!

Another must-be-at COLAGE event is the Annual COLAGE Conference and Family Week in Provincetown, Massachusetts from August 1st to the 8th. This is an opportunity for our families to take a vacation and gather together to support and celebrate each other and our community. There will be discussions, workshops, and social events, not to mention lots of time to explore the fabulous and famous Provincetown. For more information on accommodations and the conference call Kate at (703)709-0595 or the COLAGE office.

In between all of this we have Family Picnics, our monthly Brunch Bunch and Game and Activities Night (see our calendar.)

Phew!

So...things are big...things are happenin'! As always call and ask questions, let us know if there is any information or events that we should know about that we left out. We look forward to spending the summer together!

ONE HOT SUMMER!

Events of Interest

June 20

Transgender Family Picnic - Second Annual TG family picnic, co-sponsored by COLAGE and Alternative Family Project. At family picnic table above children's playground in Golden Gate Park. 10:00 a.m. - afternoonish

June 21

Family Game and Activity Night - 5-7 p.m. at The Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Hill, Berkeley. Fun and games for the whole family, especially sons and daughters of glbt parents 9 and over. Our last one was so much fun we decided to make this a regular event, third Sunday of every month, same time, same place. Next two dates: July 19, August 16

June 26

Float Building Party - Help decorate Family/COLAGE float for SF Pride with All Our Families Coalition, Our Family, and the Alternative Family Project. 6-9 p.m. Hot drinks and goodies served. 2018 23rd Ave. and Pacheco

June 28

PRIDE!!!! - All the family groups are marching behind one banner that says Liberty and Justice for All Families, so join the fun. We are in the first 20 groups marching this year to make it easier for the younger kids. Meet to march at 9:30 on Market St. between 1st and 2nd St. Come visit our booth on the corner of Polk St. and Grove St. by the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium and grab some shade. Eight volunteers for booth and three contingent monitors needed. Please call 861-5437 to help!

July 1

Women in Love: Portraits of Lesbian Mothers & Their Families, Opening reception and Book signing - San Francisco Public Library, Jewett Gallery. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This exhibition will remain open from June 26 to August 15. For

more information, call 415-557-4277.

July 11

The Brunch Bunch - For COLAGERS 18 and over. Josie's Juice Joint 16th and Market. 11-1 p.m. The second Saturday of each month. Next two meeting times are August 8 and September 12.

July 19

Kid's Book Reading - at A Different Light Bookstore, starting at 1 p.m. The third Sunday of every month, same time, same place. Next two readings are August 16 and September 20. Most appropriate for children ages 6 and under, but all are welcome!

August 1 - 8

Annual COLAGE Conference - Provincetown, MA. Affordable rooms available if you act fast. E-mail our Conference Coordinator, Kate Ranson-Walsh, for more information: Dresden5@aol.com or call (703)709-0595.

August 22

Picnic for All Families - come and bring the sun and some food to Sharon Meadow at Golden Gate Park, 11-3 p.m. Games and good times for all.

September 4 - 6

River Raft Trip - for adult children of lgbt parents and lgbt families, this should prove to be quite the adventure! Registration due NOW, call COLAGE for registration information.

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COLAGE Raft Trip

Come one, come all to the first ever COLAGE Raft Trip co-sponsored with Camp It Up. This three day trip, starting September 4 and ending on the 6th, will take families through Gold Rush country on the South Fork of the American River. The trip will be guided by ETC, Environmental Traveling Companions, and is open to all families but adult children of gbt parents and gbt families are highly encouraged to register. Felicia Park-Rogers, director of COLAGE, and her dad will be there to wave goodbye to summer and bring in the fall. This is an excellent opportunity to spend time with each other and our families and share an extraordinary adventure!

Registration is happening NOW! To get a registration form call the COLAGE office.

Projects In The Works

A Bay Area group for kids with transgender parents in collaboration with Alternative Family Project's transgender parent support group.

A local group in Detroit, MI.

A comprehensive resource guide for kids with lgbt parents and our parents.

A fact packet with information about our families and about COLAGE.

COLAGE website, now updated monthly.

A series of local game nights.

Recruiting new Steering Committee members.

Working with filmmaker Meema Spadola to produce a comprehensive documentary.

Coalition building and collaborative efforts with other lgbt family groups, locally, nationally, and internationally.

And more...

Anything you want to help with? Any project you'd like to start? Just give us a call.

We Appreciate Your Support

Here are things you can do to continue to support COLAGE:

Donations of clothing or anything else made to Community Thrift can benefit COLAGE - mention us the next time you drop off your goods there.

Some of you work in places that do workplace giving campaigns. You can write COLAGE in on you United Way form.

Please consider making a donation.

Wish List

Can you help us with:

Things

A 600 dpi printer

Reams of plain white copy paper

Highlighter pens and other office supplies

Extra 32 and 20 stamps

Snack foods for volunteer night

Pentium (586) computer(s)

Scanner

Frequent Flier miles

Blank VHS and Hi8 Tapes

Volunteers

Pen Pal Coordinator

Newsletter Editor

Computer assistance and trouble shooting for

Windows 95 Network using Office 97, PageMaker,

FileMaker Pro

Group leaders

Help with information requests, answering phones, other office work

Help with special events, planning and day of

Help with fundraising, grants, events, personal ask

Help with publications, editing, design, production, mailings

Bookkeeping



Support. Develop. Involve.

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