

Workshops w/descriptions (in order)

1. Storytelling with Film of Rhythm Fest and Herstorian Merrill Mushroom

Merril shares stories of Southern lesbian, feminists who worked from the 60s thru the 90s; All movers & shakers in the south during the second wave of feminism.

2. Storytelling with Alix Dobkin and JEB

Alix Dobkin tells her story:

Hear how Alix started out in Greenwich Village in the 60s singing folk music with the top talent of the day. She then became an early founder of lesbian music in the 70s. Find out why the New York Times called her “uncompromising” and the F.B.I. called her “a troublemaker”.

Jeb (Joan E Biren) An internationally recognized documentarian. Her photography and film work helps paint a picture of what early lesbian life was like. Jeb will share stories of the early days of women’s music.

Amazing stories followed by a Q&A

3. Surviving and Thriving in Place

During this intense time of disruption, we will explore how to stay grounded and involved in what matters most to us, and create hope for our future.

Presenter: Janne Dooley, psychotherapist and activist.

4. So Many Ways to Parent

Dive in to the many paths to parenting and how to support others who parent.

Provincetown mother of 10, Tracy Kachtick-Anders, will cover foster care, foster to adopt, guardianship, parenting LGBT and non-binary youth, alternative insemination and how to become a child advocate.

Q&A to follow

5. Film Discussion. (Trailer, discussion & q&a)

C. Fitz - Director/Producer & Pat Branch Writer/Producer of Jewel's Catch One.

Filmmakers explore the history of the oldest black-owned disco in America and its owner Jewel Thais-Williams, who defied discrimination and hate for 42 years. Be sure to see Jewel's Catch One on Netflix now, distributed by Ava DuVernay's ARRAY. Featuring music by: Bonnie Pointer, Thelma Houston, Sylvester, Jennifer Holiday, Evelyn "Champagne" King, Peaches & Herb and many others.

Lynn D'Angona- First AD, HBO's EQUAL- the upcoming four-part docuseries about the history of the LGBTQ civil rights movement. Along with never-before-seen archival footage, Anthony Rapp, Samira Wiley, Sara Gilbert, Cheyenne Jackson, Alexandra Grey, Jamie Clayton and Shannon Purser are just some of the names who portray gay rights activists from the turn of the century to the 1970s following the Stonewall Riots.

Special Guest Panelist!

Presented by: Anne Attalla

6. Film: The Archivettes - Intro by Director: Megan Rossman, an assistant professor of communication at Purchase College and an award winning documentary filmmaker.

The Lesbian Herstory Archives was founded in the 1970s when a group of women involved in the Gay Academic Union realized that lesbian history was “disappearing as quickly as it was being made.” The group’s mission is to gather and preserve records of lesbian lives and activities.

7. Uncovering the Past: Women Writers and Their Research
In this panel, three women writers will discuss the benefits and difficulties of uncovering and writing about the history of women and women’s groups.

- Sarah F. Pearlman is the author of “The Lesbian Erotic: Bad Girl Persona and Other Poems” and “Where There Are Mountains”
- Rose Norman is a member of the Ravens Den Sanctuary Land Group, general editor of the Southern Lesbian Feminist Activist Herstory Project and an author and lecturer.
- Jeannette de Beauvoir is the author of historical and mystery fiction and teaches workshops on historical fiction

8. Old Dykes with Herstory:

Hear how it was WAY back when: The Family, The Fashion, The Nightlife, The Dating. Several women share their memories. Oh those gals!

Presented by: Michelle Crone

9. Women & Politics: Featuring: Mimi Gonzalez, Jo Hay, Tanya Domi, Dee Walker and Katherine Power, Catherine Russo

In these challenging times, it is women who are taking charge. We bring you 6 amazing warriors doing courageous work to bring our planet back to balance.

Presented by Mel Dwyer
Followed by Q&A

10. Herstory tour of “Women of Ptown” - Hear about the women who started the Art Colony, the Underground Railroad operations, & early lesbian cultural life.

Presenters: Michelle Crone, Shira Kavon, Julia Perry

11. The Healing Power of Humor for Activists-
Presented by: Karen Williams M.Ed, Founder/CEO HAHAInstitute for the Best in Stand-Up Comedy Diversity Training, Humor Education & Motivational Speaking.

Nationally-known stand-up comic whom Curve Magazine calls “a laugh riot”

12. Guess What? We are All Growing Older...Are You Ready?
Examine different aspects of our aging needs: medical, legal, spiritual, financial and emotional. All will be addressed.

Presented by Jeanne Burke and women in the field of aging and end-of-life

13. Ask Away - Non-binary, Transman, Genderqueer -
Our New Language and What It Means. Any Questions?

First hand account by Twiz Rimer & Tuck Mayo (from Vice TV's Twiz & Tuck)
Q&A to follow

Presented by: Anne Attalla

14. Combating Racism -

In these challenging times, Anne Stott presents a multimedia presentation on Abolishing the Police created by SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice)

We'll dive into what it means to "defund the police" and why abolition is the path we must take to build a society that is based in justice and care.

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