



June Updates for GAYLA 39 July 15 — 22, 2017

Book your rooms and start planning for **an exciting week at Ferry Beach with the most amazing gathering** of gay men you'll ever experience. Join us at **GAYLA 39** and embrace the brotherhood. Register by calling **207.282.4489** or go online at registration@ferrybeach.org.



Newcomers Receive a \$150 Discount When Registering

What I Did One (or more) Summer (s)

Rev. Adam Robinson — Minister of the Week

Some reflections about a few of my summer vacations have helped me guide and gear my expectations of our time together at GAYLA 39. Perhaps, after I've shared some of those things with y'all, you can share some of your hopes and dreams for this week.

Looking forward to seeing you at Chapel in the Grove.



Let's Dance!



Learn some fun easy line dances and the basics of two-step with **Bob Sweeney**. Bob is President of **Gays for Patsy**, a non-profit country western dance club that has been "queering" Greater Boston since 1988. He joined the group in 2003 and went from stepping on toes to helping in all aspects of the club, ultimately becoming president in 2014. He loves the friendliness of the group, the intimacy of partner dancing and the challenge of line dancing. We're grateful that he has volunteered to share his love of dancing with GAYLA. You do not need experience or a partner, just a willingness to have some fun and giggle a lot. For footwear, wear something that will let you turn easily or dance in socks. The unofficial motto of **Gays for Patsy** is "dance, learn and socialize." **Join us in the GAYLA Theatre following the Opening Ceremony on Saturday night**. This will be a great way to kick off our week and to show our newbies that we have fun and inclusive events at GAYLA.



March with us in Pride

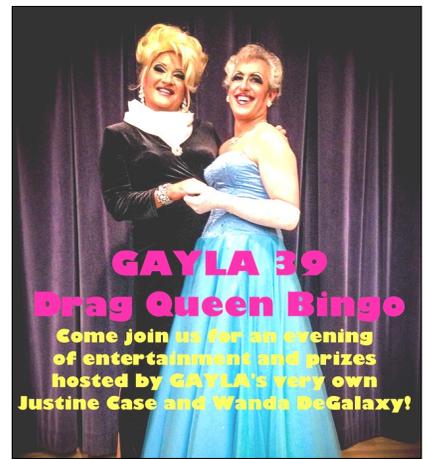
Join us at Pride in Boston on **June 10th**. **Ferry Beach Staff and Members** along with the **GAYLA Brothers**, will show our support for the LGBTQ Community. To participate, [register here!](#)



Drag Bingo

Justine and **Wanda** will call the numbers for the game and will perform in their typical unique and fabulous styles. Others who would like to perform a short number during **Drag Bingo** are invited to contact them and they may be able to work it into the program. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to wear drag for this night of games, prizes and laughs.

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Daily Workshops

Stich and Bitch - Facilitated by Malcolm Kroh

Learn to make or alter a basic item of clothing or accessory. You bring a pattern and materials and Malcolm will help you understand how to follow it and make something beautiful. For performers in need of a dress of a certain size and shape, he will help you make it more flattering to your figure. A couple of sewing machines, a serger and notions will be provided. If you have your own machine please bring it. Machine sewing experience is helpful but not required. Instructions will be offered if needed.

A Week on the WILDE Side - Facilitated by Joe Law.

The opening day of this workshop will concentrate on Oscar Wilde's biography. Then, using recent films, each of the remaining days will focus on one of his plays: *Salome*, *An Ideal Husband* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Hiking with a Camera - Facilitated by Dave Sumner

Enjoy the beauty of the surrounding area while hiking with your camera. Dave is a highly accomplished photographer specializing in outdoor and natural settings. His photography has always been inspired by noted photographer Ansel Adams. Bring your cameras and explore while snapping pictures.

Sunrise Circle - Facilitated by Ron Willett

For those who enjoy a special connection and a little stretch before breakfast. Ron will lead simple movements from Qigong and Paneurhythmy disciplines. Full instructions on Sunday and Monday; on following days you'll simply begin at 7:00 a.m. No prior experience necessary.

How is Your History Effecting Who You Are Today? - Facilitated by Richard Barrett

During his many years as a GAYLA brother, Richard has conducted several very interesting and therapeutic workshops. His experience as a Psychiatric Nurse for more than 30 years, with 15 of those years specializing in alcohol and drug rehabilitation, makes him highly qualified to tackle difficult life issues.

Additional choices for fun, support, growth and involvement at GAYLA 39:

TNT Show (Talent/No Talent Show)

Tea Dance

Morning Chapel in the Grove

Small Group Check in Circles

Friendship Circle Gatherings on the beach after dinner

Movie night

Drag Bingo Night (feel free to dress up, or down)

12 Step Meetings every afternoon

Two Step and Line Dancing

Remembrance Service and Bon Fire in the Grove

Lawn Gathering every afternoon before dinner

Singing with the Choir

Open Space Activities

(Some are one time, some can be drop-ins anytime, others may be a couple of times)



ZENTANGLE - Offered by Troy Liston

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Almost anyone can use it to create beautiful abstract images. It increases focus and creativity, provides artistic satisfaction along with an increased sense of personal well being. The Zentangle Method is enjoyed all over the world across a wide range of skills, interests and ages.

- From www.zentangle.com

Troy will instruct you in a simple step-by-step process by which you can draw zentangle patterns on paper tiles. Think you can't draw? A zentangle has no pre-determined up or down and is not intended to be a picture of anything. Don't have time? A zentangle can be completed in 15-30 minutes, giving you a sense of accomplishment. Think you're not creative? Zentangle is based on easily learned, repeated patterns.



MANDALA ROCK PAINTING - Offered by Troy Liston

Creating mandalas is a form of meditative ritual employed for focusing attention and establishing sacred space, traditionally used by Buddhist and Hindu practitioners. Mandala originates from the classical Indian language of Sanskrit. Loosely translated to mean "circle" (or circle with a center) a mandala is far more than a simple shape. It represents wholeness and can be seen as a model for the organizational structure of life – a cosmic diagram that reminds us of our relation to the infinite, both the world that extends beyond and within our bodies and minds.

Troy will guide you through a simple step-by-step process by which you can paint mandala patterns on stones. This requires no skill in painting, just a willingness to learn and follow basic directions.



QUEENS' TEA PARTY - Offered by Christine Burgess

When was the last time you drank tea, brewed just for you, from of a china tea cup and poured from a silver teapot? You are invited to Afternoon Tea during GAYLA week. Lets call it a Queen's Tea and assume that royalty will be coming. Dress up and indulge yourself. A bit of high brow ambience should be expected. **Christine Burgess** is a fixture at Ferry Beach, a great friend of GAYLA and loves tea. She's looking forward to hosting this unique tea party on Tuesday.



TRANS 101 - Offered by Malcolm Kroh

Malcolm invites you to a join a discussion group for anyone who would like to learn more about the transgender experience and ask questions.



PICKLEBALL - Offered by Jason Romer and Adam Patterson

Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and ping pong. Players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court and a net and rules similar to tennis, with a few modifications. Equipment will be supplied.



LIFE IS A BEACH - Offered by John Crowe

Music, nail painting, henna tattoos, frisbees, squirt guns, beach balls, etc., and maybe a big raft for brothers to float on. A gay old time with brothers on the beach.

Consider the many opportunities you have for involvement at GAYLA and come prepared to sign up on Sunday afternoon for workshops and open spaces. Schedules and locations will be available at sign up time.



Helping Hands Fundraiser

The Helping Hands fund was established so that financial assistance for attending GAYLA could be available to those who are in need and qualify for financial aid. Our annual auction, the primary source of income for the Fund, is held on Thursday night along with the Talent/No Talent show. The auction comes in 3 stages. Please consider the following:



Donate as much as you can and keep in mind, we want to offer quality, useful items that will draw the highest bids.



A few high end items that have already been donated, and those that are yet to be donated, will be presented for competitive bidding. Another beautiful hand made quilt has been donated.



Some ideas you might want to consider donating as raffle prizes:

Theme gift baskets, scratch off ticket boards, art work and theatre/concert/speakers tickets

Let **Bill Mitchell** know in advance of your donations at lvhist.comcast.net.

Knowing in advance will help Bill and his Auction Team plan on how to sort the donated items.

We drink from wells we did not dig.

We are warmed by fires we did not kindle.



We sit in the shade of trees we did not plant.