

WELCOME TO GAYLA 39!

Whether you're a veteran of GAYLA, someone returning from an absence or a first timer, we will be happy to have you among our beloved community.

Here's a current list of those who will be attending GAYLA for the first time:

Bob Sweeney
Brian Duston
Edwin Fuller
Gregg Grippo
Harmon Ziegler
Ken Miller
Michael Currier

Michael Denapoli
Michael Dubson
Rev. Adam Robinson
Rick Smith
Seth Feinberg
Tom Muise
Tom Pruvot

“It was as though something, somewhere wanted us to like it here.”

Kurt Vonnegut

We hope our new brothers will find that something to like at GAYLA and Ferry Beach.

Newcomers Receive a \$150 Discount When Registering

Book your rooms now while there are still some available. Enjoy the company of some of the finest spirits you'll ever know. Join us at **GAYLA 39** and embrace the brotherhood. Pair up, bring a friend and share the fun.

We're only two weeks away! Register by calling **207.282.4489** or go online at registration@ferrybeach.org.

There will be a \$35.00 GAYLA activity fee due at the time of your check in. Checks or cash only. Check in will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, in the Quillen building. We hope to see you there.



Here's a brief description of the check in process when you arrive at Ferry Beach:

You will first check in and complete your registration with Ferry Beach at the registration desk in Quillen. After that, you'll be directed to the GAYLA check in site where you'll complete your registration with GAYLA. A copy of the week's calendar of activities, along with a map of the campus, will be given to you. For newcomers, this will be the time you meet your Big Brother who will assist you in finding your room and show you around the campus. He will also be available during the week if you have need of his experience and knowledge with GAYLA and Ferry Beach, or just to talk. Check in will start at 3:00 p.m. Remember, an activities fee of \$35.00 will be collected during your GAYLA check in. Cash and checks only. This fee is separate from the costs of Ferry Beach.



Highlights of the Week at GAYLA 39

Saturday, July 15

Opening Ceremony - 8:00 p.m. in Rowland
Line and Two-step Dancing called by Bob Sweeney - Following the Opening Ceremony

Sunday, July 16

Chapel in the Grove - 9:30 a.m. - Church Lady hats are recommended
Sign up for workshops and activities - 2:45 p.m. in Rowland
Remembrance Service - 8:00 p.m. in the Grove
Bonfire in the Grove - Following the Remembrance Service

Monday, July 17

Game Night/Drag Bingo - 8:00 p.m. in Rowland

Tuesday, July 18

The Queens' Tea Party - Open Space at 2:00 p.m.
Disco Tea Dance - 3:30 p.m. at Rowland
Choralfest Broadway Singalong - 8:00 p.m. in Rowland (GAYLA men are invited to join in.)

Wednesday, July 19

Free Day - Take a road trip, hang out on the beach, the choices are yours.
Movie Night - 8:00 p.m. - *Lust in the Dust* - GAYLA Theatre in Rowland

Thursday, July 20

Volley Ball Game - 2:00 p.m. - GAYLA vs. Ferry Beach Staff
TNT (Talent/No Talent) 8:00 p.m. - GAYLA Theatre in Rowland
(The evening includes an auction and an ice cream social.)

Friday, July 21

GAYLA Town Hall Meeting - 2:00 p.m. - Chapel in the Grove
Closing Ceremony and Group Activity - 8:00 p.m. in Rowland

“Be yourself, everyone else is already taken.”
Oscar Wilde

Let's Dance!

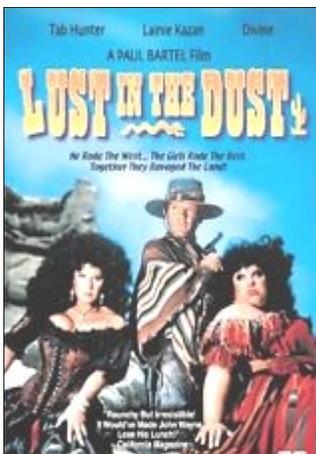


Learn some fun easy line dances and the basics of two-step with **Bob Sweeney**, President of **Gays for Patsy**, a country western dance club that has been “queering” Greater Boston since 1988. He loves the friendliness of group dancing, the intimacy of partner dancing and the challenge of line dancing. 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. **Join us in the GAYLA Theatre following the Opening Ceremony on Saturday night.**

Drag Queen Bingo

Justine and Wanda will call the numbers for the games and will perform in their typical unique and fabulous styles. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to wear drag for this night of games, prizes and laughs.

Monday night in Rowland Hall.



Movie Night

This classic kicks off when news that a cache of gold is buried somewhere in the New Mexico town of Chile Verde. This attracts a menagerie of cowboys, desperados and gunfighters in search of the treasure. When the gruff enigmatic cowpoke known as **Abel Wood** (Tab Hunter) teams up with a defiled singer **Rosie Velez** (Divine) and a saloon owner **Marguerita Ventura** (Lainie Kazan) the trio unites in a frenzy of greed and lust the likes of which Chile Verde has scarcely seen. How far will these disparate outlaws go to procure the treasure for themselves? Come dressed as one of the characters in the movie (or not) and be prepared to interact as we laugh at them and at each other. Great fun awaits!

Wednesday night in Rowland Hall.

Open Space Activities

Some are one time, some can be drop-ins anytime, others may be a couple of times. Visit the Workshops/Open Spaces/Activities sign up time in Rowland on Sunday afternoon.

"Lipstick anyone?"

Makeup playtime with Justine! An open space to dabble in drag makeup and see where things go.

THE MUSIC OF OUR LIVES - Offered by Paul Belyea - Join us for this one time open space as we listen to recorded music by GLBT and gay friendly artists (mostly gay male artists). Music that is reflective of our journey in life – songs of oppression, coming out, joy, love, spirituality and freedom – a mix of the humorous to serious.

ZENTANGLE - Offered by Troy Liston - You will be instructed in a simple step-by-step process by which you can draw zentangle patterns on paper.

MANDALA ROCK PAINTING - Offered by Troy Liston - Creating mandalas is a form of meditative ritual employed for focusing attention and establishing sacred space.

QUEENS' TEA PARTY - Offered by Christine Burgess - You are invited to afternoon tea. 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.

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. 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.

Daily Workshops

Stitch 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. 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

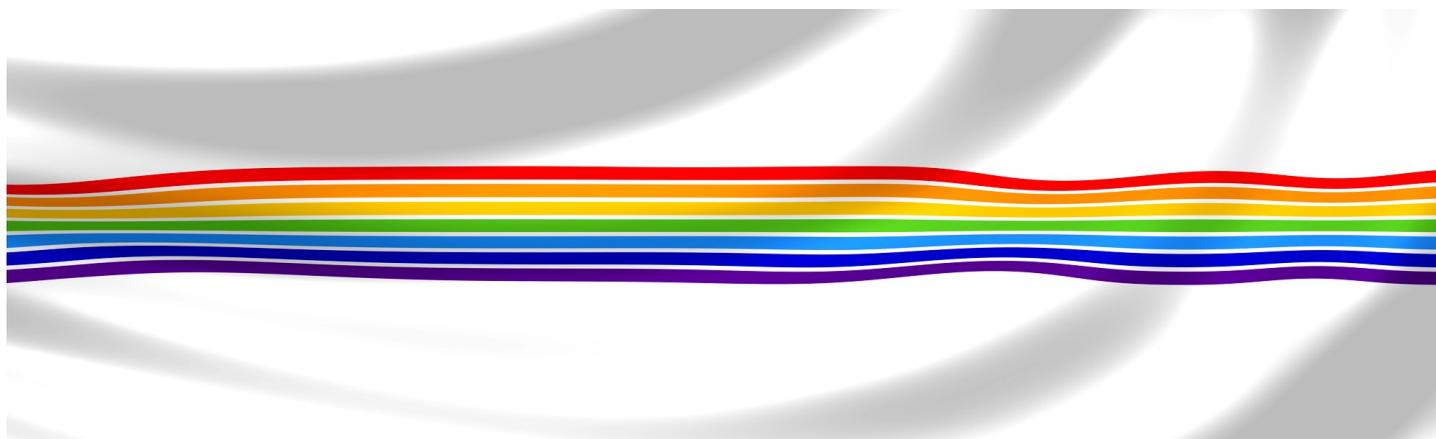
Enjoy the beauty of the surrounding area while hiking with your camera. Dave is a highly accomplished photographer specializing in outdoor and natural settings. His photography has always been inspired by noted photographer Ansel Adams. Bring your cameras and explore while snapping pictures.

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 we will 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.



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. We've already received some very nice donations but need more.



A few high end items that have already been donated, and those 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

If possible, 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.

Rev. Adam's Sermon Titles and Blurbs



Speak to us of Love

In his book *The Prophet*, Kahlil Gibran, has given us a beautiful section titled "On Love". It begins with the request "Speak to us of Love." Let us look at it and let it fulfill that request.

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

Some reflections about some summer vacations help me to guide and gear my expectations of our time together at GAYLA 39. Perhaps after I share some of those things with you y'all can share some hopes and dreams for this week.

The Greatest of These...

Peter Ustinov, Reinhold Niebuhr, and 1 Corinthians 13, provide us with insights about love and forgiveness. Many times we think of love in terms of things we do or don't do. And we think of forgiveness the same way. But perhaps they can be part of a whole that can multiply the effect of each by being understood together.

Our Place on the Arc

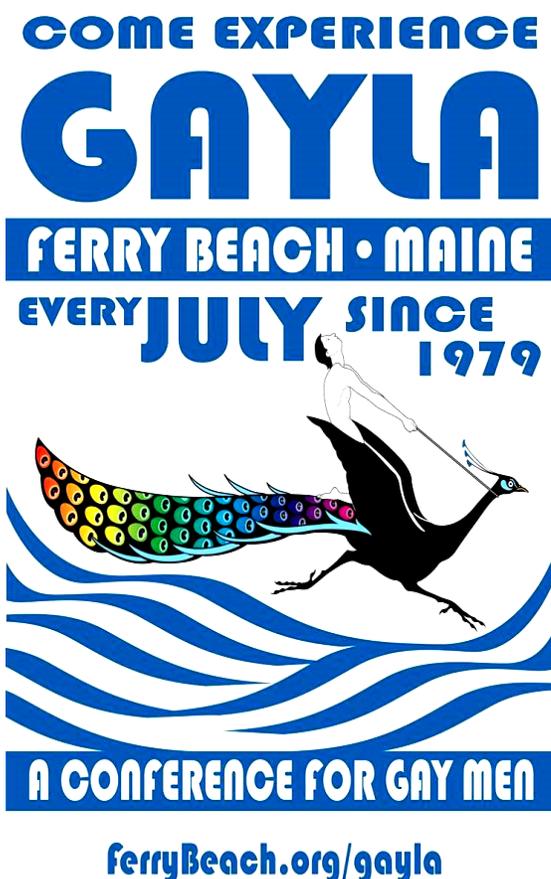
Transcendentalist, Unitarian, and abolitionist Theodore Parker in his sermon "Of Justice and the Conscience" says, "Look at the facts of the world. You see a continual and progressive triumph of the right. I do not pretend to understand the moral universe, the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways. I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight; I can divine it by conscience. But from what I see I am sure it bends towards justice. Things refuse to be mismanaged long." In many areas of social justice we want to win the big fights, but we must not forget that every small justice we do, those little acts of love, compassion, mercy, and grace, bend that arc helping ultimately to bring justice more fully into the universe.

Coming Out as an Act of Love

For 29 years this year, on October 11th, the anniversary of the first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, National Coming Out Day is observed. Human Rights Campaign, in their own words "the largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans" has in the past set the theme as "Coming Out Still Matters". But why does it still matter? When should we come out and who needs to come out? How does this act of bravery show love to us, those around us and the world at large?

Would You Please Go Outside and Play.

I heard that request from my grandmother and mother more times than I can remember. Recalling how a good loving home made us feel safe enough to venture out side as children, let us look forward. As we leave the safe and nurturing environment of GAYLA 39 how have we been changed? How have we been transformed to be a loving blessing to those we come into contact with? How will the world be made better by our time here together?



Spend the week among an amazing group of men loving men. It will be a celebration of love, excitement and joy. Think of GAYLA as [summer camp](#) for men who can choose their own path of engagement. Sing in the choir at morning chapel, play volleyball, swim in the ocean, attend a workshop, play board games, take an art class, sit on the porch rocking and talking, sign up for the Talent/No Talent show or just hang out and relax. Come prepared to laugh, cry and feel incredibly safe and loved.

GAYLA is a community of commitment where GBT men can find physical, spiritual and emotional nourishment enriching them with respect, courage and fortitude. We welcome you to GAYLA as we share our life's journeys while seeking wholeness, validation and fully actualized lives filled with love.

*We hope to see you at
the beach!*