

TO BE perfectly **QUEER**

NEWS OF THE LGBT CENTER OF SE WISCONSIN

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Watch the News Today!

TODAY the Senate passed the *Respect for Marriage Act!* It's not final...yet. It goes back to the House of Representatives to approve revisions and then to President Biden for signature.



The *Respect for Marriage Act* would give millions of same-sex and interracial loving couples the certainty that they will continue to enjoy the freedoms, rights, and responsibilities that all other marriages enjoy.

Senator Tammy Baldwin, Democrat of Wisconsin and the lead sponsor of the legislation, said Wednesday that gay people were “scared for good reason” and that the same legal arguments the conservative-leaning Supreme Court rested on to reverse *Roe* could just as easily be applied to other cases. *New York Times*

The bill would not require any state to allow same-sex couples to marry, but it would repeal the Defense of Marriage Act, which denied federal benefits to same-sex couples. It would require the U.S. federal government to recognize the validity of same-sex and interracial marriages in the United States.

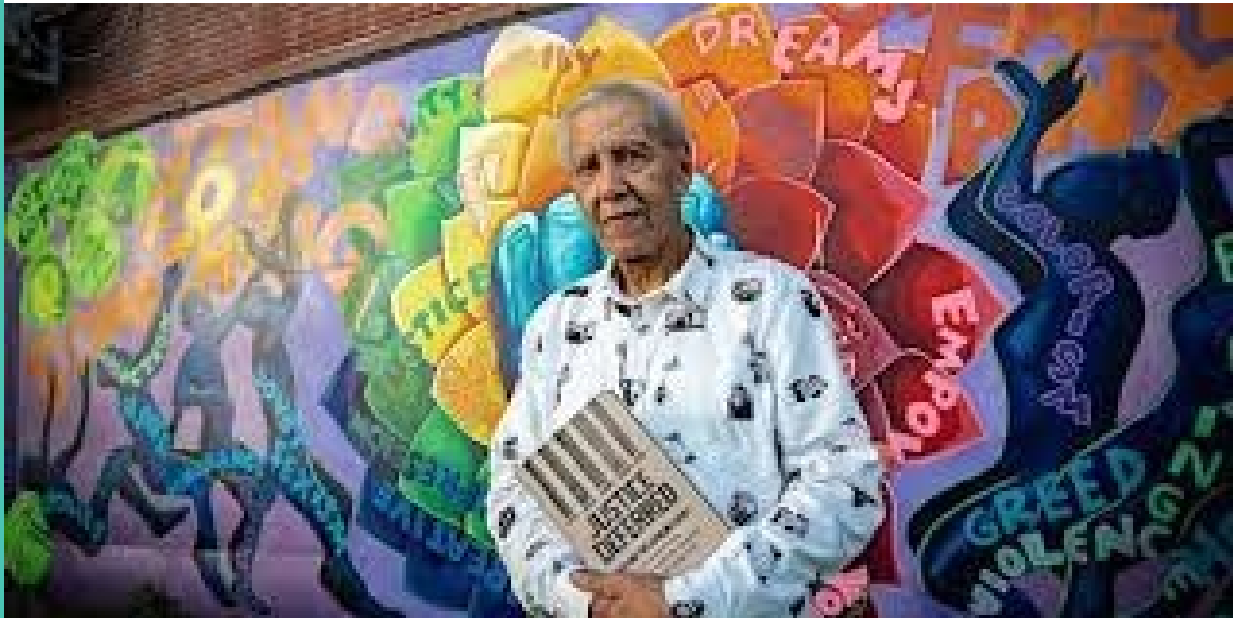
This is a critical day in the advancement of LGBTQ+ rights in this country.

Peace,
Barb

Events

The Passions Project

by Heidi Wagner



We are so proud of photographer Heidi Wagner and her "Passions Project" exhibit featuring local LGBTQ+ persons in the community. Heidi has a gift for not just making her images look amazing, but capturing her models doing what they are passionate about, hence the name "Passions Project". Her ability to capture this makes the exhibit so special.

This exhibit is a positive, affirming and a celebratory collection of Racine's LGBTQ+ community. What a gift! Thanks to the Racine Arts Council and the United Way of Racine County for their support through the Equity Innovation Fund.

The exhibit is currently at Social on Sixth on 6th street in downtown Racine. The exhibit is designed to be a traveling exhibit and you will have future opportunities to see it live.

Follow her on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) to see images and upcoming shows.

ADVOCACY

Join RAISE

RAISE is a project that is growing from the ground up. We want to identify people in the community that are ready to help advocate for our rights whether that is publicly or privately. RAISE is a group of people who have the inside knowledge of what is



RAISE

LGBTQ+ ADVOCACY
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happening in the LGBTQ+ community and are ready to take action when needed. We are over 60 strong!

If you are interested in any type of LGBTQ+ advocacy work, whether short-term, ongoing or just for one or two events. Go [here](#) to signup.

We are also looking for leaders to help organize. If interested, email info@lgbtsewi.org

QUEER BOOK CLUB

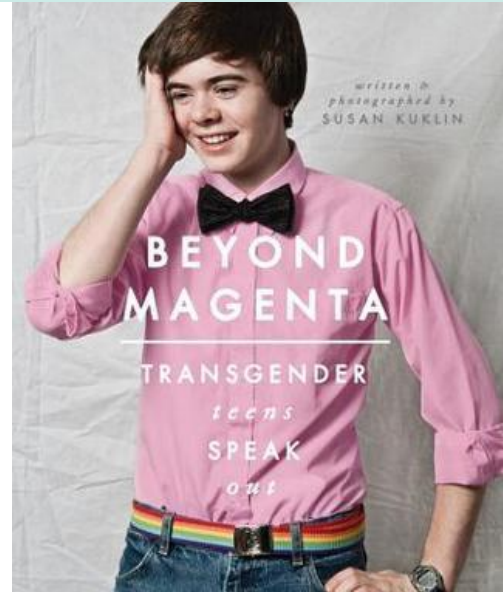
November's Read: *Beyond Magenta* by Susan Kuklin

"Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference."

"Portraits, family photographs, and candid images grace the pages, augmenting the emotional and physical journey each youth has taken. Each honest discussion and disclosure, whether joyful or heartbreaking, is completely different from the other because of family dynamics, living situations, gender, and the transition these teens make in recognition of their true selves." *goodreads*

The Queer Book Club will select a new book monthly and meet virtually on the last Tuesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a facilitated discussion. Sign up [here](#)!

Join us on **Tuesday, November 29th.**



QUEER BOOK CLUB

Radical Change Through Real Talk

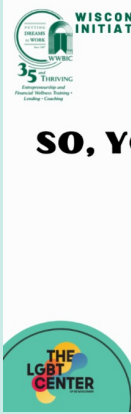


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Learning Event
Starting a

Business?

TONIGHT... Listen to a local expert, Christine Padilla from Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC) on successful strategies on how to start your dream business and be your own boss.



SO, YOU WANT TO START A BUSINESS

Is entrepreneurship for you?
Join us to learn what it takes to start and run a business.

November 16th, 2022
6-7 PM

Location | In-Person Training
LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin
1456 Junction Ave, Racine, WI
53403



This is open to anyone (yes, men too) and is designed to empower LGBTQ+ people to be brave and create the business they have always wanted.

Join us on **Wednesday, November 16th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM** at the LGBT Center! 14576 Junction Ave., Racine

Youth Programming Youth Art Night,

Thursday, November 17th

Youth Art night this Thursday is being led by Anwar Floyd-Pruitt. He is an artist, curator, and puppeteer from Milwaukee. In addition to leading puppet-making workshops, Floyd-Pruitt writes and performs a family-friendly singalong called Hip Hop Puppet Party. Last year Anwar was awarded a grant from the Jane Henson Foundation to engage at-risk youth in puppetry.

Youth ages 14 to 18 and their parents or guardians are welcome to join! All materials will be provided by Anwar.



Thursday, November 17th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at 1456 Junction Ave, Racine.

Want to join our youth group? Sign up [here](#). It meets every Thursday from 5:00 - 6:00 PM on zoom.

Event

Friendsgiving - Pre-Holiday Party!

Saturday, November 19th, 6:00 - 10:00 PM

We are thrilled to have this amazing event put on by Friends of the Center! They are hosting a fun holiday gathering for the community to join together for a joyous and filling night of food,

wine, 50/50, raffle baskets, wine cork pulls, and connections with friends.

Tickets: \$25 (Includes hors d'oeuvres and 5 wine-tasting tickets)

Tickets are available for purchase [here](#), Uncorkt, or limited tickets are available at the door.

All proceeds from this event benefit The LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin.

Friends of  are hosting...

FRIENDSGIVING 2022

6 - 10 PM | UNCORKT

240 MAIN STREET RACINE, WI

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

\$25

- Includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, 5 wine-tasting tickets -

Purchase at paybee.io/@lgbtsewi@20 or Uncorkt.

Limited tickets for sale at the door.

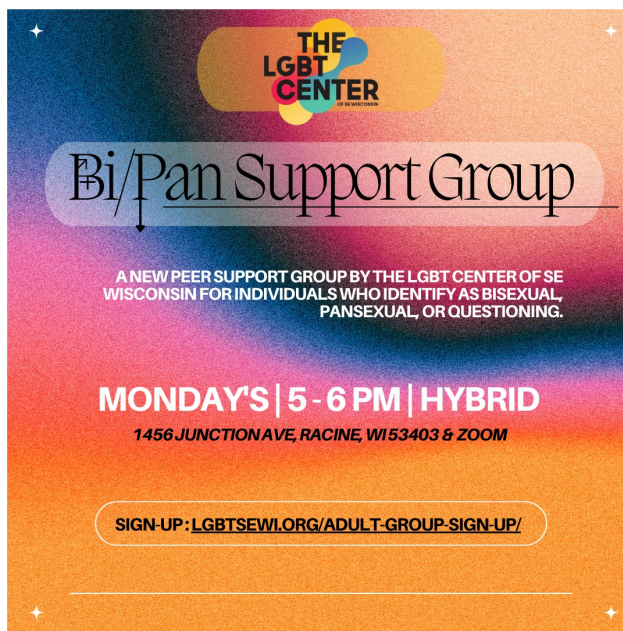
Don't miss out on raffle baskets, 50/50, wine cork pulls, & fun with good friends!

All proceeds from this event benefit the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin.

Support Groups

New! Bi/Pan Support Group

Starts November 28th



The flyer features a vibrant background with a gradient from blue to orange. At the top is the logo for The LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin. The main title 'Bi/Pan Support Group' is written in a large, elegant, black serif font. Below the title, in smaller white capital letters, is the text: 'A NEW PEER SUPPORT GROUP BY THE LGBT CENTER OF SE WISCONSIN FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS BISEXUAL, PANSEXUAL, OR QUESTIONING.' The event details 'MONDAY'S | 5 - 6 PM | HYBRID' are prominently displayed in white, with the address '1456 JUNCTION AVE, RACINE, WI 53403 & ZOOM' below it. At the bottom, a white rounded rectangle contains the sign-up link: 'SIGN-UP: [LGBTSEWI.ORG/ADULT-GROUP-SIGN-UP/](https://lgbtsewi.org/adult-group-sign-up/)'.

Coming November 28th...our Bisexual & Pansexual Support Group!

Finally, a separate space for our beloved Bi/Pan folx. This is a place for you to be yourself and to feel supported by your peers.

Attend either in-person or virtual on Mondays from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. Get the zoom link [here](#).

All individuals that self-identify as Bi, Pansexual+, or Questioning are welcome! Sign up available this Friday.

LOOKING AHEAD

Volunteers needed!

When an elder in our LGBTQ+ community is in need of support, we want to make sure they are in

the hands of caregivers who understand and support the LGBTQ+ community. Our relationship with ADRC can make that happen. If you know an elder that is isolated and in need of visitors, contact us at info@lgbtsewi.org or if you have time to volunteer and visit an elder, complete our [volunteer form here](#). We are excited to announce this partnership!



"The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is a no-cost, "one-stop shop" for older people, adults with disabilities, and those who care for them. We can assist by understanding your current needs and providing information and options available to meet your unique situation. We are a safe and inclusive source for objective, reliable information on a wide variety of services, resources, and benefits."

Kenosha County ADRC	262-605-6646
Racine County ADRC	262-833-8777
Walworth County ADRC	262-741-3400



Gregory Mason

My name is Gregory Mason, and I have lived in Racine for 25 years. I have been involved with the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin for a few years now. I started participating in what is now called the 50 and Up group. Once Sister Clarice Sevegney stepped down as the group leader, I have co-facilitated with Dale Estes and Sam Johnson for the past few years.



We meet twice a month and we have a hybrid meeting - both in-person and on zoom. Our group chats about what is on our minds, what is going on in our lives, and anything else that comes up. We truly try and support each other, and we are looking at ways we can support elder members of the community who can't meet in person.

I have been a member of the Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church for nearly 30 years. We are big supporters of the LGBT community and have

supported the Center since its beginning. I remember one year the Center was selling bracelets to raise money for the youth prom. I took some to church and sold them all, but people just continued to give me money because they thought this was such a worthwhile function.

We helped organize Pride Day in Racine and the march from the Court House to Monument Square. Now it's at City Hall. We also have a Trans Day of Remembrance service that is coordinated with the Center. It's this Sunday.

The Center has also benefited financially as one of our monthly offertory outreach recipients. One of our principles is to support the inherent worth and dignity of every person and supporting the LGBT community and Center is just one of the many ways we do that.

What is the one thing we can do that will have a positive impact on our community?

I think two of the best ways we can have a positive impact on our LGBT+ community is to be supportive of everyone within the community and be a part of and engage in the larger community.



Tessa Brown

Why do I choose to support the LGBTQ+ Center of SE Wisconsin?

"First, let me say that I don't have extra money laying around to just give away. I give what I can when I can. We have to support the Center to carry on the struggle on a level that individuals can't."

"I came out very late in life. Always trying to be what others thought I should be like. Support did not exist when I was young. It was a topic never to be discussed. Like many others coming out cost. I would do it again but earlier. "



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