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*celebrating the lives and times of rainbow folk in Grand River country*

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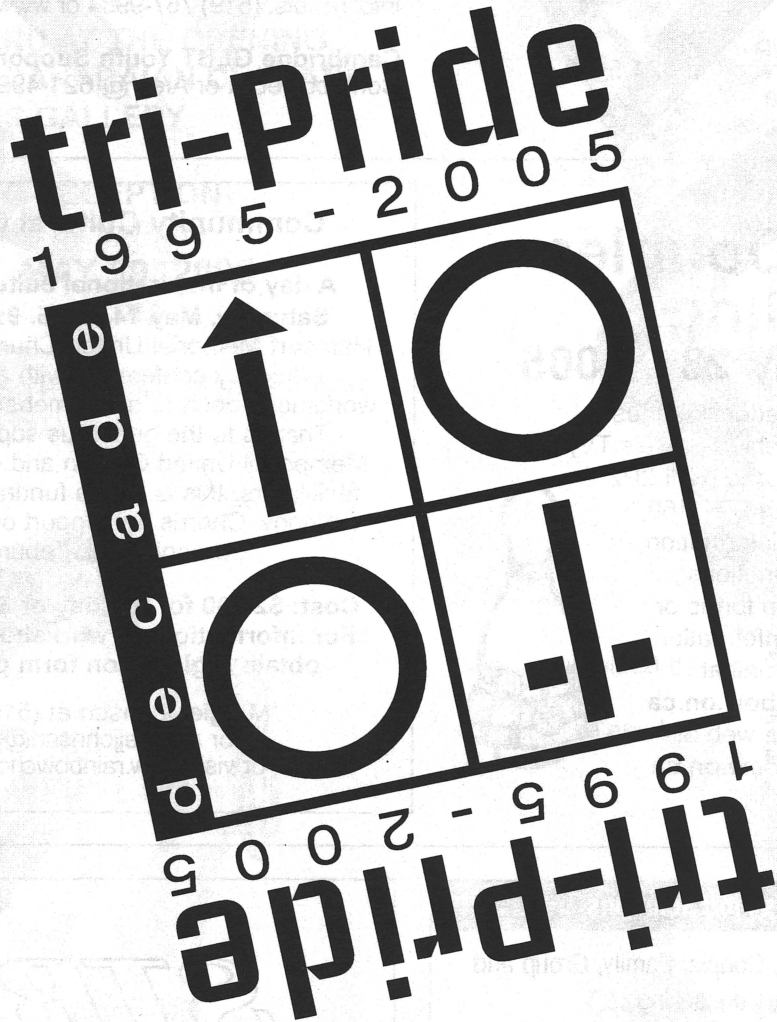


May 2005

# Pride Pages

Serving the Greater LGBT Communities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo

**COME CELEBRATE A DECADE OF PRIDE!**  
**MAY 28 - JUNE 5, 2005**



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# Community Listings

## Glow Discussion Group

free support group for members of the LGBT community  
 When: Wednesday Nights  
 Where: University of Waterloo  
 Hagey Hall, Room 373/378  
 More Info: [www.glow.uwaterloo.ca](http://www.glow.uwaterloo.ca)

## Friends of Dorothy

Kitchener/Waterloo, Cambridge and Guelph GLBT bowling league  
 When: Sundays 3:00 pm  
 Where: Brunswick Frederick Lanes, Kitchener  
 More Info: [www.kwfriendedorothy.com](http://www.kwfriendedorothy.com)

## Sunday Night Euchre

When: Sunday nights at 7:00 pm  
 Where: E-Bar, Guelph  
 More Info: call Jon at 519-823-██████

## Coming Out Support Group

More Info: contact Dave Vervoort at 821-██████ or [DaveVervoort@symapico.ca](mailto:DaveVervoort@symapico.ca)  
 For more information and costs

## Conestoga Pride

Stefanie Folkes  
[sfolkes-cc@conestogac.on.ca](mailto:sfolkes-cc@conestogac.on.ca)  
 519 496 ██████

## Queer Moms of Guelph

Online meeting place for lesbian and bi moms residing in Guelph and area to chat, share resources and plan social activities.  
<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/QMOG>

## The Rainbow Chorus Waterloo/Wellington

Fundraising Dance  
 When: Friday, May 12 - 9:00 PM  
 Where: C.A.W. Hall  
 611 Silvercreek Pkwy. N. Guelph  
 Cost: \$5.00  
 Info/Tickets: (519) 767-██████ or [www.rainbowchorusww.com](http://www.rainbowchorusww.com)

## Cambridge GLBT Youth Support Group

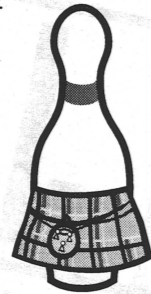
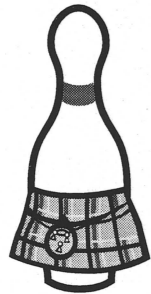
Contact Debra or Alex @ 621-4998 ext 250.

# Scotch Doubles Bowling

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005

At Brunswick Frederick Lanes  
 385 Frederick St (Behind Steve's TV)  
 Kitchener, Ontario N2H 2P2

Phone: 519-576-1160  
 For further information, prize donations, registration forms or volunteer information, via e-mail at [info@rainbow.on.ca](mailto:info@rainbow.on.ca) or on the web at [www.rainbow.on.ca](http://www.rainbow.on.ca)



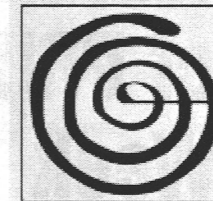
## Community Cultural Connections

A day of inspirational cultural workshops.  
**Saturday, May 14, 2005. 9:30am - 3:30pm**  
 Harcourt Memorial United Church, Guelph, Ontario  
 A full day conference with a wide variety of workshops open to all members of the community. Thanks to the generous support of Harcourt Memorial United Church and volunteer workshop facilitators, this is also a fundraising event for the Rainbow Chorus (in support of the chorus' trip to Carnegie Hall, February 2006)

Cost: \$20.00 for full day or \$14.00 for half day  
 For information on workshops offered and to obtain registration form please contact:

Margie Johnson at (519) 767-██████ or [margiejjohnson@yahoo.ca](mailto:margiejjohnson@yahoo.ca) or visit [www.rainbowchorusww.com](http://www.rainbowchorusww.com)

# Clay Pride



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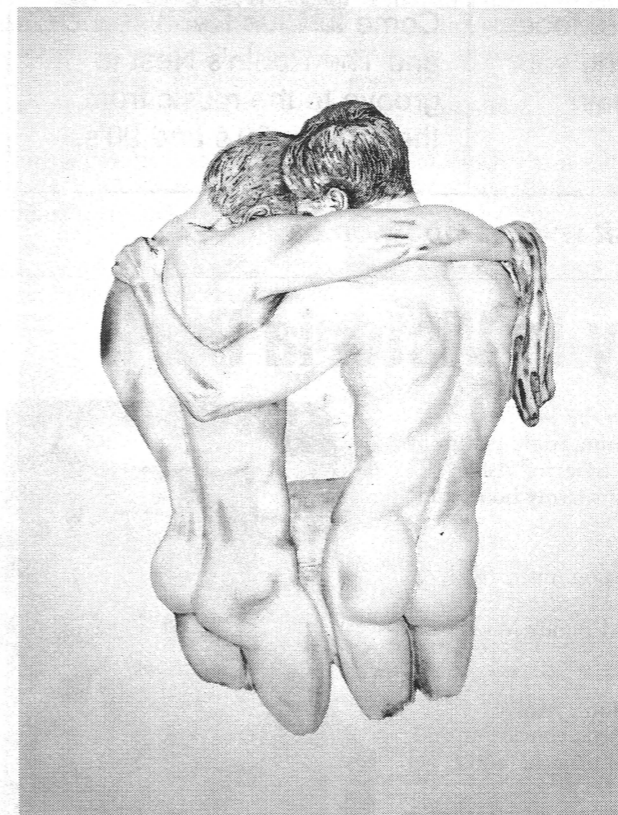
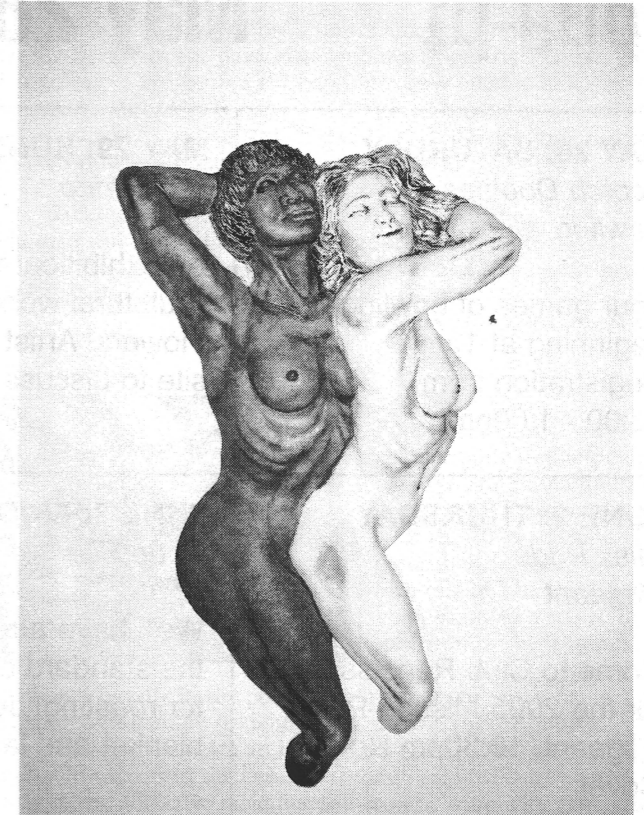
AN EXHIBITION OF THE SCULPTURAL WORK  
 BY R. BRUCE FLOWERS

Dance of the Goddess

PLAN TO ATTEND AT THE OPENING RECEPTION THE CANADIAN CLAY AND GLASS GALLERY

OPENING RECEPTION  
 Co-hosted by tri-Pride  
**SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2005**  
 2:00 - 4:30 PM

ARTIST WILL BE ON SITE TO DISCUSS HIS WORK



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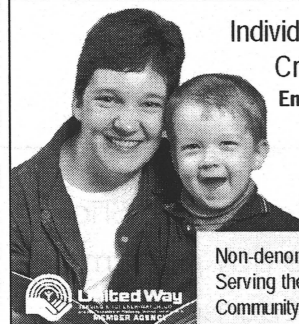


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Clay Pride runs from  
**May 27<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>** at the  
 Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery

25 Caroline Street N. Waterloo.  
[www.canadianclayandglass.ca](http://www.canadianclayandglass.ca)

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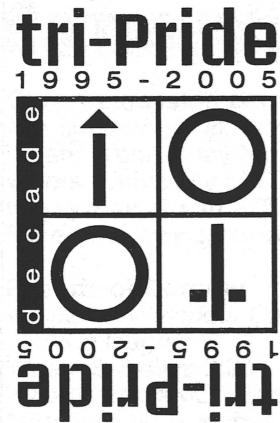
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# Come celebrate a decade of PRIDE! Pride Week

## May 28 - June 5 2005

<p><b>MAY 28: SATURDAY</b> <i>Scotch Doubles Bowling</i></p> <p>Four games of bowling beginning at 1pm. Registration from 12:00 - 1:00pm.</p>	<p><b>MAY 29: SUNDAY</b> <i>Clay Pride</i></p> <p>An exhibition of the sculptural work by Bruce R. Flowers! Artist will be on site to discuss his work.</p>	<p><b>MAY 31: TUESDAY</b> <i>Lesbo Bingo!</i></p> <p>Bring your dabbers and your lucky troll doll for a fun and relaxed evening of crazy Lesbo mayhem!</p>
<p><b>JUNE 2: THURSDAY</b> <i>Miss Pride Pageant</i></p> <p>Come to Club Renaissance for the 2005 Miss tri-Pride Pageant. 10:30pm No Cover</p>	<p><b>JUNE 3: FRIDAY</b> <i>Pride Fire</i></p> <p>We'll have a roaring fire and the standard campfire foods for roasting! Just bring your blanket and lawn chair!</p>	<p><b>JUNE 4: SATURDAY</b> <i>Pride Theme Night</i></p> <p>Come to Club Renaissance and The Robin's Nest to groove to the music from the 1970's, 80's and 90's.</p>

For more information please visit [www.rainbow.on.ca](http://www.rainbow.on.ca)

## JUNE 5: SUNDAY - Pride day in Victoria Park

When Ashley MacIsaac burst on the worldwide scene with 1995's *Hi, How Are You Today?* (A&M) he scored the kind of coup instrumental artists often dream of. Going triple-platinum in Canada and breaking down radio barriers with the Gaelic single "Sleepy Maggie," Ashley became an immediate pop icon, rebellious and exuberant, resplendent in kilts, army boots and combat pants.

Growing up on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Ashley never listened to pop music (with the exception of AC/DC and Ozzy Osbourne). Instead, he listened to the recordings of the local master fiddlers like Angus Chisholm, Winston "Scotty" Fitzgerald, and Buddy MacMaster who would become Ashley's dominant influence.

Performing as a duo (traditional shows) or four piece (traditional/rock/fusion), Ashley MacIsaac plays the hottest traditional jigs and reels you'll ever hear with excitement, conviction, and a musical passion. Recalls Ashley, "My father once told me, 'If you want to play the fiddle, get mad at it or don't play it at all!'"

[www.ashley-macisaac.com](http://www.ashley-macisaac.com)

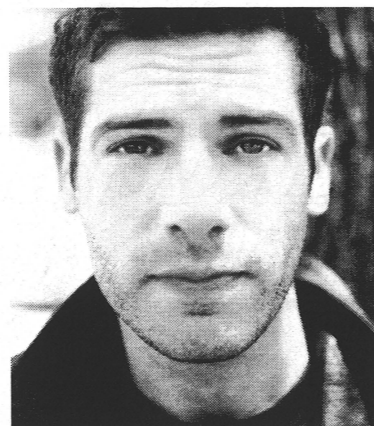


photo by Dina Torrans

Swamperella is a Toronto based Cajun band in it's ninth year of popularity. Spicy, melancholy, toe tapping, sexy, the Swamperella experience "defies listeners to stay seated".

Swamperella's expression of music is deeply rooted in Cajun tradition and the band's original material attests to a profound understanding of and connection to the 'Louisiana sound'

The music is infectious and the Swamperella approach is to pull out all the stops. The old fashioned waltzes drive forward in pulsating rhythm, the plaintive vocal harmonies wrap the listener in a haunting reminiscence, the washboard grooves get everyone moving and those that still won't dance find themselves clapping along and hollering.

Swamperella is a five piece band made up of: lead fiddler, vocalist and washboard player Soozie Schlanger. On button accordion, fiddle and vocals Peter Jellard, guitarist, Conny Nowe, bassist, Rachel Melas and percussionist, Dave Pontello.

[www.swamperella.com](http://www.swamperella.com)



### Charlena Russell

A powerhouse vocalist and adept multi-instrumentalist, Charlena Russell uses her musical/vocal training and penchant for poetry to create fiery, soulful, haunting, songs.

A trained vocalist, trumpet player, and violinist, and a self-taught guitarist, Charlena is a sponge for all things music-related. She was a member of both goth/electronic outfit Puncture Vine and funk-groove band Six Foot Groove.

Charlena promotes many shows, the first of which was Rocking Out Against Cancer. Famed for her do-it-yourself ethic, she was nominated for a 2005 Kitchener-Waterloo Arts Award.

Never one to rest, Charlena works, teaches violin and guitar, and is co-producing her debut album.

[www.myspace.com/charlenarussell](http://www.myspace.com/charlenarussell)



Miss Drew burst onstage in the mid-Nineties with a bang at Kitchener's finest and longest running Gay bar. Her first haunt was at Club Renaissance, and she still prowls the night fearlessly - whether she's pushing her love potion shooters to the most eager patrons, grabbing your attention with her high energy performances, or just terrorizing and delighting the unwary public every chance she gets!!! Her high production values + intense choreography makes a winning formula. The leggy local, rose quickly through the ranks, and soon was enjoying Star Status, as a Co-founder of the elite team "THE RENAISSANCE GIRLS". Miss Drew, once a novice, now a queen! Considering herself as an 'entertainer', has wowed audiences throughout Southern Ontario and the United States. This performer's awareness, insight and time to local charities has gained her the title 'Ambassador of Goodwill'



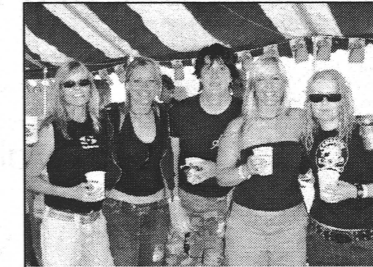
photo by Kenneth Grey

THE BACKSTABBERS COUNTRY STRINGBAND has been kicking around Toronto since 1997, and has developed an ardent and fun-loving fan base there. From its humble origins in Toronto's Cameron House (where they played five years of Sunday matinees) the band has moved on to a monthly residency at the time-capsule-like Canadian Corps Hall. They've also taken their particular brand of hard country music from coast to coast in Canada, playing on the folk, bluegrass and country music festival circuit.

Their newest CD recording "Deep, Dark & Dangerous" carries on the Backstabbers' passionate embrace of old-style country music, but it also pushes the band into new musical and sonic terrain. Produced at Toronto's Gas Station Studio by Don Kerr (Rheostatics, Ron Sexmith) "Deep, Dark & Dangerous" features a pared-down, intimate Backstabbers sound.

The Backstabbers feature songwriters Tom Parker and Bob Hannan (on mandolin/vocals and guitar/vocals respectively), fiddler Tony Allen, and new additions vocalist Kristine Schmitt and Sam Petite on upright bass.

[www.thebackstabbers.org](http://www.thebackstabbers.org)



### The Strap-Ons

London, Ontario's all-girl/harmony junkie/power popsters, The Strap-Ons, have undergone a metamorphosis with the 2004 addition of guitarist Kris Abbott, formerly of The Pursuit of Happiness. As a result, the spectrum of the 5-some's musical offerings, once

anchored heavily in the power pop/alt country genre, has expanded to include straight-ahead, driving rock. Abbott's infectious guitar hooks, an integral part of TPOH's platinum and gold success in the late 80's through mid-90's, are a custom fit with the addictive melodies and esoteric simplicity generated by Wanda Schneller (vocals), Pam "Peeks" Armstrong (guitar), Dee McNeil (bass) and Monica "Mox" Miatello (drums). Although the band pays homage to the mainstream with an occasional cover, the group's primary products are original tunes - refreshingly parochial and universal - and typically candid tales of heartbreak from the band's collective experiences. The payoff of this unorthodox combination of industry veteran with indie, grass-roots, DIY'ers is as much visual as it is auditory. But all eye/ear-candy aside, the real appeal of seeing The Strap-Ons live is in experiencing the genuine passion and energy that result when five women who really love each other play music together.

[www.mindscope.com/jp234/](http://www.mindscope.com/jp234/)

# SteelZ

## the decadent gala

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**May 14, 2005**

at

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519-570-2742 e: SteelZ@canada.com

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Dinner - 7:30pm

Vodka and Martini Tasting - 8:45pm

Entertainment - 9:00pm

Late Night International Dessert Buffet - 11:00pm

**\$100.<sup>00</sup> per person**

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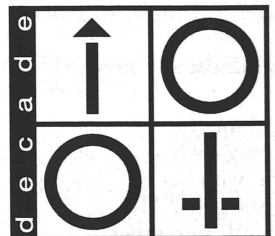
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# LACAGE

**Our 2nd annual La Cage Cabaret was held on Friday, April 29th in the sold-out Crystal Ballroom at the Walper Terrace Hotel**

Hosted and produced by K-W's own Miss Drew, the show featured 10 talented drag performers doing incredible impersonations of some of your favourite celebrities spanning the last 100 years.

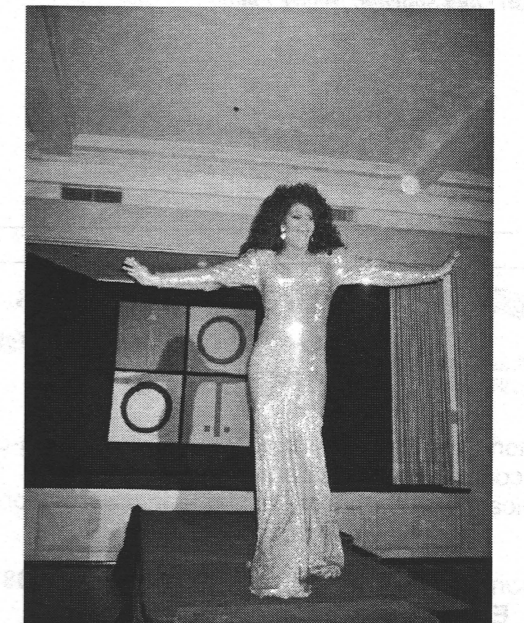
Judging from the huge success once again of this year's show it looks like La Cage has become one of the hottest and most anticipated Spring events in K-W.



"Victoria as Mae West"



"Ms.Drew as Marilyn Monroe"



"Chris Edwards as Diana Ross"



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