

SPECTRUM

Rainbow Community Calendar

The *Rainbow Community Calendar (RCC)* is a monthly publication serving the LGBTQ community of Waterloo Region. It is named in tribute to the *Pink Triangle Community Calendar* created in 1989 by community activist Lisa Simkins. The *RCC* is issued by the **Rainbow Community Calendar Collective**, an action group of **SPECTRUM—Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community Space**. Print copies are available at SPECTRUM, ACKWA, and various bars, clubs, cafes, etc. in Waterloo Region.

Online at <http://ourspectrum.com/Comm/CommunityEvents.html>

Send events to info@ourspectrum.com by the **20th of each month**.

SPECTRUM'S **Resource Centre and Drop-In Space** is in Unit 210 at 283 Duke St. W., Kitchener, N2H 3X7 (corner of Duke St W and Breithaupt). Park on Breithaupt St side of building, near the loading dock. Go in the Duke St entrance, up the stairs, through the door, down the hallway to Unit 210.

Website: <http://ourspectrum.com/> (includes hours of opening and much more)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SpectrumCommunitySpace>

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Special Meeting

tri-Pride NEEDS YOU!

Community Meeting. 6-9pm, Thursday, **March 10** @ Conestoga Room-Kitchener City Hall. The current Board consists of 4 Directors, many of whom have volunteered for over 5 years. Without several new volunteers, tri-Pride 2016 will not be possible. If you would like some kind of Pride events in Waterloo Region, please attend. A community is only as strong as the people who make it up. We do not know what Pride celebrations will look like in the future, but we know they will not happen at all without Community Support.

2016 March Events

Belonging: LGBTQ+ Arts Program:

Drop in for Open Art Studio Days. 4-7pm, Tuesday: **March 8**. \$5 per individual. Use of some art materials available. Bring something to work on! Button Factory, 25 Regina St. S, Waterloo.

Coming Out Older Discussion Group.

7 – 9:00pm. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month: **March 8 & March 22**. @ Pre-School Room, Downtown Community Centre, 35-B Weber St W, Kitchener. Sponsored by SPECTRUM.

Friends of Dorothy Bowling League

Event. 1:15pm practice; 1:30-4pm bowling, Sundays: **March 6, 13, 20 & 27**. @Brunswick Frederick Lanes, 385 Frederick Plaza, Kitchener.

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7-11pm, Fridays: **March 4, 11, 18 & 25**. @ SPECTRUM. Join us to play board games, and do puzzles.

Glow 45th Anniversary.

6-8pm (Speakers at 6:30, Reception at 7:30) **March 7, Monday.** Hagey Hall Theatre, UW. Celebrating Glow's history. All those involved with Glow in the past, community members and allies are invited to attend. Please RSVP to glowsvp@feds.ca by March 4.

Good Laughs. 7pm till closing, last Tuesday evening of the month: **March 29**. A safe space for trans people to explore their identity in the community; open to allies as well. @ Symposium Café, Waterloo (corner of King and Erb) —back room. goodlaughs81@gmail.com

Lazy Queer Reading Circle. 6:30-8pm, 4th Thursday of the month: **March 24**. Come join us as we read short stories/articles and discuss them. @ SPECTRUM.

OK2BME Youth Group—Topic to be announced. 6-7:30pm. Alternate Tuesdays—**March 1** (Personal Crests), **March 15** (Movie Night) & **March 29** (ACKWA—Sex and Drugs).

ORG—SPECTRUM'S Outdoor Recreation Group. Sundays. Events alternate between Lite and Regular: **March 6**—'Lite' 2 - 4 PM. Uptown Art Stroll 2. Meet at 2 PM at Honey Bake Shop, 100 King Street South, Waterloo. We visit some more indoor and outdoor art in the heart of Waterloo.

March 13—'Regular' 1- 5 PM. Victoria Park to The Boardwalk. Meet at 1 PM in the parking lot in Victoria Park, Kitchener, by the public washrooms, just off Jubilee where it crosses David and becomes Courtland. We head west.

March 20—'Lite', 2-4 PM. Jacob's Landing. We meet at Jacob's Landing at 2 PM, on the north bank of the Speed River, where it meets Guelph Avenue, by Mill Pond in Hespeler Cambridge, at the old dam. We follow the old railway bed east.

March 27—'Regular', 1 -5 PM. Forwell Trail. We meet in the seating area just outside the main entrance of Waterloo City Centre (west side of 'city hall'), near the William Street East Parking lot. We head north.

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/ORG.WR/>

Plan B Drop-in Hours at SPECTRUM

6—8pm, 2nd & 4th Mondays: **March 14 & March 28**. 283 Duke St W, Kitchener, Unit 210. Plan B invites members of our communities to learn more about our vision, ideas and goals.

Queercraft—a Queer Crafting Group.

6-8pm, Tuesdays: **March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22 & March 29**. @SPECTRUM.

Rainbow Connections—Cambridge meetings. 2:30-4pm, Tuesdays: **March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22 & March 29.** LGBTQ & Mental Health Group. 9 Wellington St, Unit 1, Cambridge on

Rainbow Connections—Kitchener meetings. 7– 9pm, 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month—**March 3 & March 17.** LGBTQ & Mental Health Group. Main floor, Self Help Alliance, 67 King St E. Kitchener. Meetings on the Please wait at the doors on Frederick Street and someone will let you in the building for group. If you will be late, please contact us in advance so we know when to let you in. Also note that there is a 15 minute time-period that we can let you in, otherwise it becomes disruptive to group. We will be in the downstairs room, so ring the downstairs doorbell to be let in.

Rainbow Newcomers. 7-9pm, 2nd Thursday of the month: **March 10.** A place for LGBTQ-identified immigrants and refugees to socialize with each other and with LGBTQ people who have been in town for a while, and discuss issues related to being a newcomer to Canada. @ SPECTRUM.

Rainbow Reflections Screening. 5:30-7:30pm, Tuesday, **March 8** @ Kitchener Downtown Community Health Centre, 44 Francis St S, Kitchener. A screening of Melissa Sky's local-history documentary, followed by a discussion of the importance of this powerful history and the need to establish LGBTQ-positive

services in our community. To RSVP, call 519-745-4404 ext. 202.

SPECTRUM Saturday Social 2-6pm, Saturdays: **March 5, March 12, March 19 & March 26.** An informal afternoon of socializing in a safe and normalizing space. We have friendly volunteers, an extensive collection of games, books and DVDs, and free wi-fi - and a jigsaw puzzle on the go. @ SPECTRUM.

Three Dollar Bills - Financial Planning with Pride. 6-8pm, first Monday of the month—**March 7.** A confidential, drop-in, peer-support group for LGBTQ folks who want to learn more about money. @SPECTRUM.

Trans Peer Support Group. 7-9pm, 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month: **March 3 & March 17.** New Day—New Time—New Facilitator. A safe and normalizing environment for anyone identifying in the trans/gender variant umbrella. @ SPECTRUM.

Trans Social Night. 6-10pm, 2nd Thursday of the month: **March 10** @ Big Mama's Kitchen, 26 Ainslie St S, Cambridge (across from the bus terminal in Cambridge).

Waterloo-Wellington-Perth PFLAG. Parents, Family & Friends Peer-Support Group. 7-9pm, 3rd Tuesday of the month: **March 15** @ Pre-School Room, Downtown Community Center, 35-B Weber St W, Kitchener.

April

2016, April 9 (Saturday)

Friends of Dorothy's Best Charity Bowling Tournament. This is an annual fundraising event organized by Friends of Dorothy Bowling League. Brunswick Frederick Lanes, 385 Frederick Plaza, Kitchener. 12pm registration; bowling begins at 1pm SHARP! 5:30pm Reception/Cocktails, 6:30pm Dinner @ The Firkin at the Tannery, 121 Charles St W, Kitchener.

2016, April 16 (Saturday)

Inclusive Faith LGBTQ Potluck. 6:00-8:30pm. Meet at 6pm, eat at 6:30 pm. Parkminster United Church, 275 Erb St. E., Waterloo. Welcoming LGBTQ folks and allies who attend an inclusive faith group, or are interested in exploring faith and/or spirituality. Let's meet for social time and networking. <http://www.facebook.com/events/1655042691435750/>

2016, April 22 (Fri.) - May 8 (Sun.)

Guelph Pride 2016. This year's Guelph Pride celebrations will take place from April 22 to May 8; there will be many events. This is the current schedule, but details are subject to change:

Friday April 22—Pageant

Friday April 29—Teen Bowling

Friday April 29—Pride Pub Crawl

Saturday April 30—Guelph Pride Flag Raising and Community BBQ

Saturday April 30—Cabaret

Sunday May 1—Beach Volleyball

Sunday May 1—Transfolk and Allies Potluck

Monday May 2—Queer Trivia

Tuesday May 3—Speaking Our Truths Part III

Wednesday May 4—Celebrating Pride in Our Families & Communities

Wednesday May 4—PrideLit - An Evening With Ken Setterington - author of Branded by the Pink Triangle

Thursday May 5—Queer Art Show

Saturday May 7—Pride Teen Dance

Saturday May 7—Guelph Pride Dance Party

Sunday May 8—Harcourt Affirming Ceremony

Exact details will be found at

<http://www.guelphpride.com/events.html>

May

2016, May 25 (Wednesday)

13th Annual Lesbo Bingo. A major fundraising event organized by Secrett Events. The Boathouse, 57 Jubilee Dr, Kitchener. Details to follow.

June

2016, June

Secrett Mystery Bus Tour. One Bus! One Destination! Endless Possibilities! A reprise of a popular event in which you buy a ticket, board the bus and wait to see which fabulous location you end up in. Rave reviews from previous years. Details to follow.