



# Lavender Notes

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## STORIES OF OUR LIVES

### Deardre Anne "D'Anne" Breutsch-Goldberg

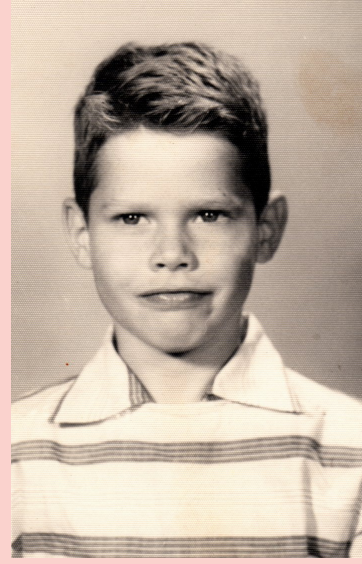
On June 7, 1948, the year Harry S. Truman defeated Thomas Dewey to remain President of the U.S., an adorable blond, curly-haired little boy was born in Guthrie, Oklahoma, into a family highly connected with state Democratic politics. Those connections included, over the years, the chair of the Oklahoma Democratic Party, an Oklahoma City Mayor and a Governor.

Four years later, the same year that war-hero Dwight David Eisenhower first defeated Adlai Stevenson for President, that little boy – recently shorn of his curls for a "more-masculine" Marine-style crew-cut, shocked her parents' politically-connected family and friends at a garden party for the Chamber of Commerce. She proudly announced that she was really the curly-haired girl in a picture of her pre-clipped self she flashed generously among the party-goers.

"Oh, my, did it hit the fan that day," D'Anne recalls. "That photograph disappeared – for over 30 years – I thought it had been destroyed. At our parents' orders, my four-years-old brother told me I was NEVER to embarrass the family like that again! Thus began more than two painful, tortured decades of the girl on the inside masquerading as a good little boy on the outside and to the world. The rift between my brother and me – and even his children and grandchildren, who know so very little about me – has never really healed to this day."



The pretty little girl in the picture, which “went missing”  
for decades



The handsome “boy” who took her place for 22 years

For years after that incident, her parents seemed intent on “fixing” their son. So she did everything in her power to play the male gender role expected of her.

“I was the best little boy in all of Logan County,” D’Anne recalls. “I was just a regular guy through my childhood – not allowed to play with girls – neither my family nor the girls would permit it. Only other boys could come and play with me. Fortunately, my parents’ best friends had two girls – no boys – so I got to play with them the most. On another note, I had a favorite doll that I kept in my room – until mid-high-school, when it somehow disappeared into the same black hole that whisked away my treasured photo of the curly tow-headed little girl.”

After many years of feeling isolated, her social life finally began when she was a sophomore in high school.

“I was invited to a party by a girl,” D’Anne recalls, “which somehow made it acceptable as a teenager, even though I hadn’t been allowed to associate with girls earlier. I refused to accept the invitation for several days, but one day was informed that I HAD accepted the invitation and would be going. Though I dreaded the party – in a big hall in town – it turned out to be quite fun with boys on one side and girls on the other. That launched me into a life of bogus ‘dating’ and pretending to be one of the boys. I even tried playing baseball and football to fit in. What a joke that was! It was just plain torture and I was no good at any of that!”

By senior year, when everybody was expected to have a ‘steady’, the progression from holding hands to kissing to petting with a girl was almost more than the ‘pretend boy’ could handle.

“When Jamie wanted to go farther than petting, I began to hyperventilate and had to come up with some excuse,” D’Anne says. “When I told her I was worried about Parkinson’s, her Mom soon called my Mom, which resulted in my being sent to a psychiatrist. One of my worst fears was that I would one day be sent to a shrink, who would’ve been told by my parents that they wouldn’t take me back until I was ‘fixed’. The presenting issue in that session

remained the fear of Parkinson's, so I was quite relieved to get out of there alive and be returned to my family!"

In the occasional "what do you want to do when you grow up" discussions, nothing was ever masculine enough for the family.

"When my father asked if I wouldn't like to be an engineer, I responded that I really liked to bake!" D'Anne recalls. "Nothing that I liked to do was the kind of career path that a boy should be pursuing, according to them. So I mostly stopped participating in those conversations, as I knew they were pretty much dead-end."

Her parents – who told her independently they had only stayed together until she finished with high school – divorced soon after her graduation.

"After I moved my tassle from right to left, they gave me some money and a used car," she recalls, "implying such encouraging things as 'you're probably not going to amount to much', sending me out into the world without even a hi-ho silver. Dad moved out, he and my brother somehow became best friends – after very contentious, sometimes knock-down father-son battles over the years. I was left to fend for myself. Our mother was somehow demonized by my brother for everything that had gone wrong in that family – I was unwilling to declare her satanic, however, even though she hadn't been particularly kind to me, either."

D'Anne went to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in math. It was 1970 and the Vietnam War was looming.

"To avoid the draft, I had joined the Air Force ROTC, so I went into the Air Force as an officer," she recalls. "Equally important in my mind, however, was that I find a serious relationship with a woman. I found someone who was interested and we dated for five months. Since she was not a virgin and I was, it took six or seven tries before I could actually pull off the intimacy thing. I remember thinking, 'Hey, I CAN be a guy!' So we got married. When we had lived together for about six months – I was desperately unhappy – she started saying she wanted us to have a child. I told her I didn't want to do that – that I didn't think I would be a good father. Of course, she didn't know that I'd always thought of myself as a mother, but never a father!"

While D'Anne was stationed in San Bernardino, she was assigned to Johnston Island in the South Pacific, where nuclear testing had happened, leaving all kinds of hazardous waste everywhere. Within a month, she received divorce papers from her wife.

"Though I had mixed emotions about it, I didn't hesitate to sign the divorce papers. I was very worried about her," D'Anne recalls. "Her mother informed me that she was not okay, which hurt me a lot. I realized that marrying her had been a very selfish thing – trying to sort out or camouflage my own gender issues – something I regret terribly. Fortunately, my ex-wife soon found another Air Force guy – somebody from my squadron – and subsequently married him."

Though the divorce took six months to be finalized, D'Anne immediately told

her commander that she needed to see a psychiatrist. She was sent to Honolulu, where the Air Force mental health services provider suggested he not write anything down (since “there could be serious repercussions if there were anything in writing”) and that she instead go to see a provider who had recently left the military. Meanwhile, the Air Force psychiatrist’s notes concluded that she was under “post-divorce stress”, prescribed some calming drugs and gave her books to read.

“I might’ve received a medical discharge for ‘gender dysphoria’ or some such if this guy hadn’t been as generous and far-sighted,” D’Anne suggests. “Instead, I was able to finish my tour of duty, apply for release from the Air Force and be removed from active duty. Initially, there was resistance to my leaving, since they had invested so much in me. I was going to be sent to the basement of Gerald Ford’s 1974 White House. There were threats that they would try to keep me for the full 20 years. Actually, I gave one more Pacific Command briefing and – because of the post-Vietnam glut of officers – I was released from duty on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1975. On that day, I began my transition to Deardre Anne. It was clear to me – and eventually to my psych – that I was born female and needed to live my life that way if I were ever going to be happy.”

Within six months, she was living 24/7 as female. She’s never looked back and has no regrets about that decision.

“My decision was not whether to be transgender or not, but whether to be HAPPY or not,” D’Anne has concluded. “I was 26 years old and had spent most of that time miserable, hating myself and struggling to make real contact with other human beings. My main goal in life had been to hide who I really was from everybody! I needed to experience the joy I had felt during those first four years of life, after which I’d felt bullied by others to be something that I wasn’t. How exhilarating – and somewhat scary – those transition years were!”



TRANSITION: From not so happy 26-year-old



to Deliriously happy 31-year-old D’Anne

By then a resident in Hawaii, D’Anne had her surgery done at a clinic which remained closeted about the procedures – and only allowed two such surgeries per month. During this time she made contact with the Mahu community, which – before colonization by white people – were considered special, assuming respected roles in passing on tradition from one generation to the next. After her surgery, she lived with “Mama D”, who provided guidance and



actually became an adoptive mother to her. That relationship eased those transition years considerably.

After the surgery, D'Anne was unsure what job-hunting would be like as a woman. Many had warned her she would never be able to earn as much as a man would earn. She found that to be untrue in her field.

"I was in Hawaii from 1973-1985 – including work at Mauna Kea Observatories – plus I was in Tucson for ten years and wound up in the Bay area from 1995 on, retiring in 2015," she recalls. "I was always making good money. I've mostly worked in high-tech software, operating systems for telescopes and a myriad of other devices needed by NASA, as well as cutting-edge tech companies around the world. I spent the last years of my career with Wind River Systems in Alameda and Konika-Minolta down on the Peninsula. This high-tech work has been very rewarding, personally, financially and professionally, involving programs of almost inter-galactic proportions sometimes. If scientists have questions about a problem with the Hubbell Telescope, for instance, they'll likely call Wind River and ask for my colleague, Mike!"

Though she has lived in Castro Valley for most of her time in the Bay area, her work on the Peninsula contributed to her providential involvement with the Many Journeys MCC in San Mateo. That's where she married the love of her life, Ary, in November 2016.

"Since I'm a very trusting person, I made some pretty bad relationship choices before I met Ary," D'Anne recalls. "I met her at the Out Standing Seniors support group in Hayward, facilitated by Beckie, who is the editor of the Lavender Seniors newsletter! Ary is the sweetest, kindest and nicest person I have ever met. We've been together since 2014 and coming up on our second wedding anniversary next month! I've been totally accepted by her children and grandchildren – they call me 'Mom' and 'Grandma,' words I've waited all my life to hear! I've finally found a family that I truly feel a part of!"



Wedding Day, November 2016 – D'Anne looking adoringly at

Ary



and with her new-found family outside the Many Journeys MCC

When her biological mother was dying of cancer in the early 90s and could no longer care for herself, D'Anne brought her into her Tucson home for the last months of her life. Though they were never really close, her mother had given her the treasured photograph in the 1980s that had been taken away when she was four years old – from a box of photos and other memorabilia she had

saved for her – but not including the doll that had disappeared.

“Though both my parents had been horrified initially when I told them about my upcoming transition, I was able to make peace with both of them before they died,” D’Anne recounts. “They had the usual periods of denial – ‘maybe this is just a phase’ or ‘maybe you’re just gay’ – but eventually both accepted that they probably always knew they had never really had a second son, but had gained a daughter. My brother and his family are a different story – we’re not exactly estranged, but we rarely talk to or see each other – and it can be uncomfortable for all concerned, even with his kids and grandkids, whom I’ve had very little contact with. I think they may think of me like their father once said as ‘a man in a dress’, but I do sometimes feel bad about our not knowing each other better.”

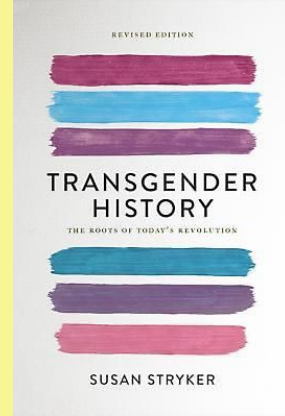
Besides her marital and church families, however, she has also developed close relationships with kindred spirits through organizations like Lavender Seniors and a group of relocated Hawaiian Mahus who did a lot of public speaking, both with PFLAG and independently. She has volunteered with Lavender Seniors as a Friendly Visitor, a group facilitator and on the Board of Directors. She was featured in one of the eight Lavender Scrolls developed by Lavender Seniors in 2006-07 (click here to see the [Scroll](#) and [Bio](#)).

“It was after the Newark murder of Gwen Araujo in October 2002 that I decided I owed it to my community to become more politically active and help make the transgendered community safer and more visible,” D’Anne recalls. “Though some things appear to have improved since then, I’m afraid there are still four-year-olds – or forty-year-olds – in the world whose spirits are being bullied into believing they’re not good enough. The ‘it gets better’ type of campaign will hopefully help some of them get through that, but we’re all going to have to work at making it safe for everybody to be who they were born to be!”

D’Anne and Ary have moved recently from Castro Valley to Tracy to be closer to their family, a move they are both quite happy with. Fortunately for us in the immediate Bay area, they still continue their involvement in San Mateo’s Many Journeys MCC, participating in groups and activities in Hayward, San Leandro and Oakland.

Thank you, D’Anne, for sharing so much of your life with your community. We’re all happy for you and Ary. You deserve the best!





## BOOK REVIEW

# Transgender History: Second Edition. The Roots of Today's Revolution

By Susan Stryker

Stryker is the associate professor of Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Arizona. She won an Emmy Award for the documentary film, "Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton's Cafeteria"

What we get here is a history of the medical approach to the trans community formation, identity politics and the civil rights battle. She concentrates on the years after World War II.

Stryker tells us about a childhood where she knew at an early age that she was trapped in a male body. In 1991 at age 30 she started to come out. She was a victim of homophobia. She traveled worldwide and was active in the Bay Area.

This is a breathtaking chronicle of the trans fight for basic human rights. All freedom loving folks should read and rejoice that things are getting better, though we still have a long way to go.

-Frank Howell

## CONNECTIONS



Have you moved out of the area, do you want to get in contact with other Lavender Seniors near you or someone you have lost contact with? [Email us](#) and we will try to help out. No information will be shared without your specific permission.

### LAVENDER SENIORS FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM HAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE.

Volunteers with the Lavender Seniors Friendly Visitor program are background checked, interviewed and trained, after which they are matched with a senior to visit regularly, usually for a couple hours each week. Visitors can share stories, chat about mutual interests and current events, and if both are willing and able, volunteers can take their seniors out for a walk in the park, a bite to eat, a cup of coffee, shopping

or maybe a movie or a trip to the museum.

We ask volunteers to make a commitment of at least six months.

If you are in need of a Friendly Visitor, we can help with that too!

Please contact [karen@lavenderseniors.org](mailto:karen@lavenderseniors.org) and we will be in touch with you soon. Thank You!

# Call Her Ganda

**Frameline Encore - Free Screening and Q&A**  
**Piedmont Theater, 4186 Piedmont, Oakland,**  
**Monday, 1st October, 7pm**



**\*All Frameline Encore Screenings are FREE & open to the public\* - Piedmont Theater**

## CALL HER GANDA

DIRECTOR: PJ Raval

2018 | USA, Philippines | 93m

Her mother called her *ganda*, "beautiful" in Tagalog. Her family and friends called her Jennifer. The U.S. Marine who killed her called her "it." This film calls for justice – for Jennifer Laude and for her country. Director PJ Raval (*Before You Know It, Trouble the Water*) unreels a piercing, kaleidoscopic indictment of U.S. colonial power in the Philippines, set against the aftermath of the brutal murder of a transgender woman.

The evidence is clear: 19-year-old Private Joseph Scott Pemberton is guilty. But the geopolitical situation is murkier: by dictate of a controversial 1999 agreement, the U.S. government retains jurisdiction over military personnel accused of committing crimes in the Philippines. And so we are led, by crusading trans journalist Meredith Talusan, the family's tenacious attorneys, and Laude's anguished, grieving mother, in and out of byzantine legal maneuvers, through the dark streets of Olongapo City to interview other transgender sex workers, and back to a kitchen filled with the sizzling of comfort food. Interwoven with Raval's poetic vérité imagery-marvelously shot by cinematographer Mike Simpson-are cell phone videos of a radiant Jennifer Laude in a red dress, twirling before the camera, that play a haunting refrain. As legal chaos swirls, as the media feasts, as activists march, and as the



populist demagoguery of Duterte threatens, we are always brought back to the exquisite humanity and promise of an individual woman.

*This film has a scene of transphobic violence.*

*Call Her Ganda is a recipient of the Frameline Completion Fund.*

*In English and Tagalog with English subtitles.*

#### **EXPECTED GUESTS:**

Director PJ Raval and Subject Meredith Talusan

#### **CO-PRESENTED BY:**

**Center for Asian American Media, Cinematografo International Film Festival, Spectrum Queer Media**

#### **REVIEWS:**

"Handling its complex issues and complicated plot developments with forceful clarity, the film proves simultaneously heartbreaking and inspirational..."

- FRANK SCHECK, *[The Hollywood Reporter](#)*

"An unflinching and eye-opening investigation into the emotional, physical and political toll continued American military presence is having in that country..."

- KEVIN RITCHIE, *[NOW](#)*

"A significant tale of the fight to see trans rights as human rights and to confront the greater systems of power that continue to compound inequality. It's a tough but vital film..."

- PATRICK MULLEN, *[POV Magazine](#)*

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# CREATING AGE-FRIENDLY OAKLAND

The Oakland Mayor's Commission on Aging  
Invites you to join them

## COMMUNITY PRESENTATION & LISTENING SESSIONS

The demographics of Oakland are changing. Let's discuss how we can work together to make Oakland an Age-Friendly City — to make it a livable community for *all* ages. Your voice is important. Please join us!

Health & Wellness • Parks/Outside Spaces • Transportation  
• Social Participation • Employment • Civic Engagement  
• Volunteering • Housing • Community Information



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### DISTRICT 1

**Thur. 10/4**—6pm to 8pm  
North Oakland Sr. Center  
1714 Martin Luther King Jr.  
Way, Oakland

### DISTRICT 2

**Tue. 9/18**—10am to 12pm  
Hong Lok Senior Center  
261-11th St., Oakland  
Offered in Cantonese

### DISTRICT 3

**Sat. 9/29**—1pm to 3pm  
West Oakland Senior Center  
1724 Adeline St., Oakland

### DISTRICT 4

**Sat. 10/6**—10am to 12pm  
Joaquin Miller Elementary  
5525 Ascot Dr., Oakland

### DISTRICT 5

**Wed. 9/12**—10am to 12pm  
Fruitvale Senior Center  
3301 E. 12th Street, upper  
floor, Oakland  
Offered in Spanish

### DISTRICT 6

**Sat. 10/13**—10 am to 12pm  
Center for Elders' Independence  
Eastmont Town Center  
7200 Bancroft Ave, suite 275  
upper level near McDonalds

### DISTRICT 7

**Sat. 9/22**—1pm to 3pm  
East Oakland Sr. Center  
9255 Edes Ave., Oakland

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**A Fundraiser Benefiting  
Alameda County Seniors,  
Their Families & Our  
Community  
Thursday October 11  
5PM-8PM  
Woods Bar and**



Brewery, Uptown

Oakland

[Click Here for Ticket Info. & Other Details](#)



## Second Saturday Rainbow Lunch October 13, Noon-2:00 pm

All Saints Episcopal Church  
911 Dowling Blvd, San Leandro

Program: A Musical Interlude

A catered buffet luncheon will begin at noon, followed by announcements and the program at approximately 1:00. Feel free to bring a potluck dish to share if you wish.

# coming out then & now

How did you  
experience coming out?

Berkeley Public Library  
3rd floor community meeting room

October 14, 2018  
2:00pm—3:30pm



Join Michelle Meow & guests  
for an intergenerational discussion.


October is  
LGBTQ  
history month  
at BPL

Saturday, October 13  
Monday, October 22

2:00-3:30 Transgender Legal Clinic  
6:30 –7:30 Brontez Purnell



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 Wheelchair accessible. To request a sign language interpreter, real-time captioning, materials in large print or Braille, or other accommodations for this event, please call 510-981-6195 (voice) or 510-548-1240 (TTY); at least five working days will help ensure availability.

Please refrain from wearing scented products to public programs.

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



(Come and meet your newsletter editor...Beckie will be part of this panel!)

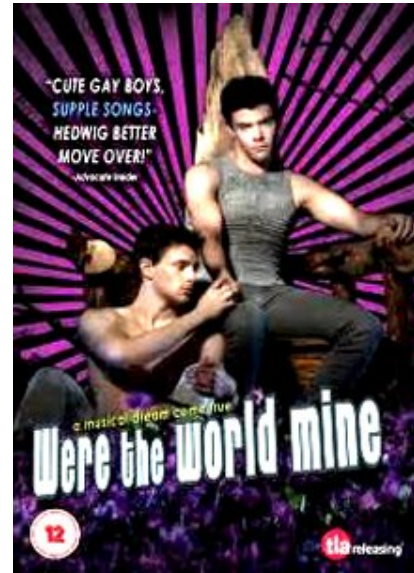
LAVENDER  
SENIORS  
of the East Bay **FILM  
SERIES**





# Were the World Mine

October's selection in the Lavender Seniors Film Series is an LGBTQ delight, combining a love story, good music, syncopated dancing (and a few athletic moves on the rugby pitch), comedy, fun fantasy and, of course, gorgeous young men! "Were the World Mine" is a 2008 gay remake inspired by Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream", staged at a mythical all-boys' school.



Timothy (Tanner Cohen) is an openly gay student at a private boys' school. Although now in his senior year, he is still persecuted by the aggressive rugby team, on whose captain, Jonathon (Nathaniel David Becker), Timothy has a crush. Timothy lives with his mother, Donna (Judy McLane), who is struggling with her son's sexuality and with getting a job. His father is not a part of his life.

Timothy is reluctantly cast as Puck in the senior production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. While reviewing his lines, he discovers the recipe for creating the flower love-in-idleness. Timothy uses the flower to have the homophobic town take a "walk in his shoes". The entire town is thrown into chaos as previously heterosexual community members fall in love with their same-sex friends, bosses, and co-workers: whomever they first saw after being sprayed by the flower. The school drama teacher, Ms. Tebbit (Wendy Robie of "Twin Peaks" fame), guides Timothy towards the question of whether his actions have caused more harm than good.



Jonathon, the love interest, sings to Timothy



Timothy finally has his arms around Jonathon

The Rotten Tomatoes review of the film:

A color drenched, winning musical film-fantasy of a struggling and bullied gay teen,



Timothy, whose spirit soars when his eccentric teacher casts him as Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream. After magically discovering the play's love-potion, Timothy puckishly begins to turn his closed-minded town gay - including casting a love spell on the town's stunning jock - with hilarious and unexpected results. After he reluctantly restores the town's free will, he is amazed with the surprising results. If you could magically make someone love you, would you?



The brilliantly eccentric drama teacher



The funny musician in love with Timothy's best friend

The Lavender Seniors film series is held in the fully-accessible Carnegie Lecture Hall at the San Leandro Public Library, 300 Estudillo. Screening begins at 1pm on the Third Wednesday, 17th of October. Following the showing, there will be a brief evaluation and discussion of the film.

Attendees are reminded that the theater is frequently chilly in the summer, so that a sweater or light jacket is recommended. Library staff report that temperature is controlled automatically and cannot be altered for any one room in the facility.

The library can be reached via BART (five blocks above the San Leandro station), AC-Transit (two blocks above the E. 14th and Estudillo bus-stop), Bancroft Avenue, Highways 580 or 880. Ample two- and three-hour parking is available.



## Update from 2712 Telegraph

Many – if not most – LGBTQ seniors in the East Bay have personal and/or professional history with the Pacific Center for Human Growth (PC) at 2712 Telegraph in Berkeley. The days of 100-150 women showing up for SOL (Slightly Older Lesbians) on Thursday nights or 100-150 men showing up for the “Monday Night Raps” from the late 1970s to mid-1990s may have gone the way of the dinosaur, but the PC has continued chugging along for 45+ years, offering vital services to the community.

The PC is one of the oldest and continuously-running organizations in the

country providing mental health, social services and educational services for what USED to be called (for original funding) "sexual minorities" (then described as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender – the "Q" for "Questioning" or "Queer" was only added for the now-common acronym LGBTQ in the late 20th and early 21st century).



Home away from home for several generations of  
LGBTQ



Anne standing in front of the PC, June 2018

Anne Mitchell, Director of the PC's Peer and Elder Services Programs, will be on hand for the Third Friday Lunch Bunch, 19th October, to describe all of the Center's programs, including the "Older and Out" support groups readers can see listed in the "Calendar" section at the end of this newsletter, covering virtually every corner of Alameda County.

A nutritious buffet lunch (including vegetarian options) will be served at 12 noon at North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 MLK Jr Way (corner 58th Street). Following community announcements at 12:45pm, the program will be turned over to Anne from Pacific Center. There will be a Q&A session after her presentation.

The parking lot and entrance are in the rear of the building off 58th Street. Please feel free to join us!

For more information on the Pacific Center for Human Growth, see [www.PacificCenter.org](http://www.PacificCenter.org).

Don't miss this-our very own Meri (Mica) Furnari showing her wonderful artwork!

**Fall 2018**  
**"Flyin' Solo"**  
**Hayward Area Senior Center**



### About the Artist

## MERI FURNARI

Since childhood, I had always dabbled at art and dreamt of becoming an artist. Growing up in New York City, I was so steeped in culture that I found it challenging to find my own voice. Seeking an environment in which to bloom, I headed to the country, the beach, and the desert. In 1981, drumming and mural-making drew me to the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1988, I began formal art training at California College of Arts and Crafts (now CCA) in Oakland where I earned my BFA degree with Distinction in Painting. Ever since, I have had a home studio in Oakland and have been producing, showing, and selling artwork. Life experience includes work in publishing, the trades, and administration for non-profits and the private sector.



I believe that Art is a powerful healing tool that enriches and even saves lives as it taps into an unconscious, pure source within us. That is my experience when I draw and paint. Also, I think that personal transformation can occur when an artist and a viewer connect. As I paint, I thoroughly enjoy creating interplay between abstraction and representation; and I work in three mediums: oil, watercolor, and chalk pastel. Whenever I convert inspiration into expression through color, texture, and shape I am reminded that I can be present with myself. I consider the sharing of my art experience with others a privilege and a joy.



The selected pieces displayed here show an eclectic style because I continue to search, experiment, and challenge myself. And while I mostly show my work locally, it can be found in many private collections nationwide. My other passion is editing and I work at it as a freelancer. I also love to dance and travel, and I have a daily Buddhist meditation practice. Affiliations include: Hayward Arts Council, Piedmont Adult School Creative Retirement Program, Pro Arts, CCA Alumni Association, CCNY Alumni Association, National Museum of Women in the Arts, KQED, and Lavender Seniors.

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# Solo Show sponsored by Hayward Arts Council & H.A.R.D.

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## Watercolor - Oil - Chalk Pastel Selected Works



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LGBTQ News & Calendar for the Bay Area



Friday, November 2 - Golden State Warriors v Minnesota Timberwolves

7:30pm - Oracle Arena, Oakland



**\* How To Reserve With Us!**

Send a reply now to this message, with your name and phone number included, telling us how many tickets you want to reserve, and we'll get back to you. No payment is due today, but it is time to reserve your seats by simply telling us which type and how many you need.

This early reservation opportunity is for our group representing the **San Francisco Bay Times** and "Betty's List. Our ticket prices this year are substantially reduced in all categories.

**\* Upper End Zone: \$90**

**\* Upper Baseline/Corner: \$95**

**\* Upper Sideline - \$110**

**- Bring your family and friends to the LGBTQ Night and cheer on your 2018 NBA Champions as they take on the Minnesota Timberwolves!**

**- A commemorative Warriors LGBTQ Night Giveaway is included with every Special Event ticket purchased through this offer.**

**- A limited number of tickets are available at our group rate and more details will be coming soon about the pre-game party and more.**

Enjoy the Game with **San Francisco Bay Times** & "Betty's List"! We are proud to once again be invited by the Warriors to coordinate this group.

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**Just a few of the things offered:**

LGBTQ Chat 2nd and 4th Mondays, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

This group is open to all LGBTQ seniors and is an opportunity to connect with others socially in a supportive environment where participants can share individual and collective experiences. We will create an inclusive place to share our stories with each other and build a sense of community. Facilitated by Sylvia Vargas, Openhouse Friendly Visitor Manager

Where Were You When? Saturdays, 12:00pm - 12:45pm

Where were you when you were 50 years old? Or 10? Do you remember where were you on Christmas Eve in 1960 or the summer just before you started high school?

Join us to discuss these memories of our lives back when. Facilitated by Janice Rooker

Poetry Sundays, 10:00am - 11:00am

Share with others poetry that you have written or that you admire and join in a lively discussion about the poems. Facilitated by Anne Alle

View the Current catalog of community phone calls [here](#). Check the [website](#) for more information. To participate in these or other Senior Center Without Walls (SCWW) telephone activities, or to learn more about SCWW programs, call 877-797-7299 or email [info@seniorcenterwithoutwalls.org](mailto:info@seniorcenterwithoutwalls.org).



## LGBT Online Support Group for Caregivers

If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender and caring for someone with ongoing health problems...[you are not alone!](#)

Family Caregiver Alliance's online LGBT Caring Community Support Group connects you with others facing the day-to-day challenges of caregiving. If you're assisting someone with Alzheimer's, stroke, Parkinson's, traumatic brain injury, or other chronic health problems, you can get support from the convenience of your home.

Share experiences, resources, and ideas in a supportive, caring environment. Available 24 hours a day, all you need is e-mail, and it's free!

Visit [LGBT Caring Community Online Support Group](#).



## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

### **Out Standing Seniors - Sponsored by Pacific Center**

October 2 & 16 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesdays)

Hayward Senior Center, 22325 N. Third Street, Hayward

*A safe and confidential space for LGBTQ seniors 50+ to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information, and support. FREE, though donations are welcome.*

### **Queerly Aging Lesbians**

October 4 & 18, 1:30 p.m. (1st and 3rd Thursdays)



The Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Avenue (at Derby), Berkeley  
*Find support and like-minded wonderful people!*

**Older & Out Therapy Group - Berkeley - Sponsored by Pacific Center**

October 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:15 p.m. (Fridays)

North Berkeley Senior Center, 901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley

*Free drop-in therapy group for LGBTQ community members age 60+*

**Older & Out Therapy Group - Oakland - Sponsored by Pacific Center**

October 5, 12, 19, 26 2:15 p.m. (Fridays)

Oakland LGBTQ Community Center, 3207 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland

*Free drop-in therapy group for LGBTQ community members age 60+*

**Older & Out Therapy Group - Hayward - Sponsored by Pacific Center**

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 1:15 p.m. (Mondays)

Hayward Senior Center, 22325 N. Third Street, Hayward

*Free drop-in therapy group for LGBTQ community members age 60+*

**Rainbow Seniors - Sponsored by Pacific Center**

October 9 & 23, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 E 14th St, San Leandro

*A safe and confidential space for LGBTQ seniors 50+ to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information, and support. FREE, though donations are welcome.*

**Lavender Seniors Board Meeting**

October 11, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Day/Time/Location change for this month)

4300 Bermuda Avenue, Oakland, CA 94619

*A portion of this meeting is open to the public.*

**Senior Gay Men's Group**

October 11 & 25, 1:30 p.m. (2nd and 4th Thursdays)

The Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley

Co-sponsor: The Pacific Center, 510-548-8283

*Feel alone? Need to find space to be yourself and chat with others? Join us!*

**Lavender Seniors Second Saturday Rainbow Lunch**

October 13, noon - 2:00 p.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd., San Leandro

*This month's program: "Musical Interlude" (see info above)*

**Lavender Seniors LGBTQ Film Series**

October 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (3rd Wednesday)

San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo, San Leandro

*This month's movie: "Were the World Mine" (see info above)*

**Island Pride Peer Support Group - Sponsored by Pacific Center**

October 10 & 24, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. (2nd & 4th Wednesday)

Mastick Senior Center, 1155 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda

*A Peer Support Group is a safe & confidential space for LGBT Seniors 50+ to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information & to support one another.*

### Oakland Third Friday Lunch Bunch

Sponsored by City of Oakland Aging/Adult Services & Lavender Seniors of the East Bay

October 19, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland

*This month's program: "2712 Telegraph" (see info above)*

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