

# NAUGHTY NORTH !

a radical queer newsletter for maine!

On August 11th at the Burdock Gathering in Starks a group of radical queers gathered to discuss the state of radical queer politics in Maine. This meeting was a continuation of a meeting at the bangarang collective the year before and we appear to be reaching a fabulous radical critical mass of queers and trannies committed to making Maine a better place for us!



At the meeting we mostly discussed how to create better social networks to defeat the constant presence of loneliness and alienation we find in both the larger radical community and bland mainstream gay community. We also chatted a bit at length about how to better include and work with youth, how to push mainstream gay orgs to the left/move focus from gay marriage to more pressing matters, how to piss off the right, and how to better share resources amongst ourselves!

Inside you will find notes about things we talked about which will hopefully serve as fodder for a more focused camp out meeting on September 21st at the Food for Maine's Future land in Thorndike the Friday night of Common Ground Fair. That evening we will be meeting up to discuss projects, plans for direct action actions, and having fun that only radical queers can have!

# NOTES

## **Social Networking**

- we should be having rotating meetings around the states since we are spread out all over the state.
- People are more interested in once a month day long gatherings vs weekly meetings
- Meetings shouldn't just be meetings, but also serve fun social purposes as well!
- Communication is difficult across such a large geographic area especially when not everyone has access to email let alone electricity! It will be important to communicate across a spectrum of mediums: email, newsletters, phone, etc.
- Having a solid network of safe spaces, sort of like an underground safe house list, that would include queer/trans positive spaces and shelters.
- Using literature, 'zines, and other writing to outreach to one another and share ideas!

## **Working with Youth**

- How do we reach out to other youth?
  - o Civil rights teams, diversity days, how to reach youth that are home schooled or dropped out?
- How do we help keep money flowing into good organizations that are providing crucial resources to queer youth.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Radicalizing mainstream gay events, for example a rouge radical queer float in the pride parades!
- How to deal with and better respond to confrontation and violence? Self-Defense?





# the radio is soooo gay...

90.9fm or 104.1fm WMPG - Portland

Thursdays - 1:30pm - 3pm

Lesbian Radio is a feminist weekly show with interviews, discussion, music and news for women and lesbians. Host Virginia Throckmorton talks with intriguing Maine lesbians, takes on political topics, interviews the women of our communities and provides a local forum for Portland area activists, writers and artists.

93.3 or 99.3 Rockland/Camden

Wednesdays 8pm - bedtime

Radio Utopia is a break from that desperate world and dwells in sounds from the heart...with visions of another world. and another. and others. featuring the delightful sounds of my latest whim: something like precocious bird songs with whale songs, dissent, desire, alternative to the alternative alternative. take a moment to dance in front 'a that mirror!

## E V E N T S


**Naughty North Radical Queer Camp Gathering @ The Common Ground Fair**  
Evening of September 21st \* Thorndike, ME \* [rconrad@riseup.net](mailto:rconrad@riseup.net)

**The Second Annual Northeast Community Herbal Convergence:** including workshops on transgender health and lots more! \* October 5th - 7th \* Attleboro, MA \* [www.sevenarrowsfarm.com](http://www.sevenarrowsfarm.com)

**Outright L/A 10 Year Anniversary Events:** Gay Roller Skating Night, Benefit Concert, and Dinner \* October 1st - 31st \* Lewiston, ME \* [www.outrightla.org](http://www.outrightla.org)

**LGBTQ Symposium: Strengthening Community, Building Alliances \***  
November 17th 8:45am - 4:30pm \* Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME \* (207) 761-2440

**Trans Day of Remembrance** \* November 17th \* Portland, ME \*  
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