
LGBT News

The LGBT Resource Center of the
7 Rivers Region, Inc.

December 2006

A Fairer Wisconsin Starts with La Crosse: Thank You Friends and Allies!

On Thursday, December 7, 2006 the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center and UW-L's Eagle Equity will sponsor a celebration to thank you and other La Crosse county residents for standing tall against injustice. Your strength in opposing the constitutional amendment banning civil unions and same-sex marriage meant that La Crosse county had the second highest "no" vote in Wisconsin, right behind Dane county. Jennifer Shilling, Rachel Gundersen, and John Medinger will speak briefly at 7:00 p.m.

We will all celebrate that La Crosse county had a 50% vote against the constitutional amendment banning civil unions and same-sex marriage. Please join us as we celebrate our place in the La Crosse Community and thank you and all the other members of our community who helped us fight the first discriminatory amendment to Wisconsin's constitution. Appetizers will be provided and there will be a cash bar.

When: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Program: Jennifer Shilling, Rachel Gundersen, and John Medinger will speak briefly at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Walt's in the City Brewery (Hospitality Center) 1111 3rd Street, downtown La Crosse

Thanks to You the Open House and Art Sale Were A Success!

Five artists exhibited and many of you joined us at the Center's new space on Pearl Street. The open house and art show was held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2006 with cider and cookies served and some great art to view. The artists donated 20% of their sales to the center.

Artists include: Diane Crane, Jean Donohoe, Lori Horsic, Suzanne Merkl, and JoAnne Mulert. Read more about their art [here](#).

Thanks to all of you who dropped by to help celebrate that the Center is entering its fourth year in 2007!

For pictures of the day's events visit our [blog](#).

Center Activities for December 2006

Gender Queer/Transgender Gathering at the Center:

Do you identify as gender queer? How about Transgender? Do you ever feel like you don't fit in because of your gender identity or expression? Then come to a monthly discussion group at the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00. For more information contact: vanroose.kath@uwlax.edu. For upcoming meeting dates, check the Center [website calendar](#)

Genderqueer - A gender variant person whose gender identity is neither male nor female, is between or beyond genders, or is some combination of genders. This person may want to challenge gender stereotypes and the gender binary system.
Transgender - A person who lives as a member of a gender other than that expected based on anatomical sex.

Women's Book Group:

The women's books group will not meet in December. They will read **Fingersmith** by Sarah Waters, for **January**. The discussion will take place at 4:30 on Sunday, January 28, 2007. See the Center website calendar for more details: <http://www.7riverslgbt.org/calendar.htm>

Annual Meeting: January 19, 2007

Mark your calendars for the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center annual meeting in January. As always the short business meeting will be followed by a dance. So come celebrate the beginning of the fourth year for your Center.

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE
LGBT RESOURCE CENTER FOR
THE 7 RIVERS REGION***