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**GOLD: \$500** Krewe of Amon-Ra, EGM XV Todd Blauvelt, EGM XV Stuart Nettles & EGM IX Safonda Peters, EGM XII Gary Vandeventer, Krewe of Satyricon, EGM XII Elizabeth Bouvier, Dr. Barry Rutherford, Noel Twilbeck & Glen Kahrman, Mary King Dodwell, Herb Import Company, Kevin Sullivan

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## under the gaydar

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### Bartender of the Month

My bartender of the month for May is an absolute doll laden with a quirky sense of humor, style and most of all a sexy cool demeanor that serves him very well. He is also the first bartender of the month from the uniquely New Orleans Double Play. I am talking about none other than Philip Smowers who has been with the bar for approximately five years.

I recently got to see Philip's extraordinary skills behind the bar over the Easter festivities when the Purple Party was held at the Double Play. He managed a full house making sure everyone was served quickly, never missing a beat. It is easy to see why so many locals love coming to The Double Play. Bartenders like Philip are the epitome of what makes this city so great. His personable approach and conversational attitude makes him very popular.

His devilish smile and charming southern demeanor also adds to his appeal. But his winning attributes are his ability to make a good cocktail at a fast pace. His gregarious personality combined with a professional work ethic makes him a top at his craft. He also likes to have fun and get into the spirit of the holiday; during the Purple Party he donned a furry colored hat which made him look even more adorable if that is possible.

The Double Play is not only a French Quarter local favorite but is perfect laid back watering hole for tourists also. So next time you are out in about in the Quarter, stop



**Bartender of the Month Philip Smowers @ The Double Play**

by Double Play and grab a cocktail from Philip. The Double Play is located at 439 Dauphine Street.

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sharp.

Watch [www.SouthernDecadence.com](http://www.SouthernDecadence.com) for the latest info on New Orleans #1 LGBT holiday attracting over 150,000 participants Labor Day Weekend, August 27-September 1. Like SD at [www.Facebook.com/SouthernDecadenceNOLA](http://www.Facebook.com/SouthernDecadenceNOLA).

### Golden Lantern Reaches Over \$4,300 for Southern Decadence

The Home of Southern Decadence, the Golden Lantern has passed the \$4,300 mark raised for the 43rd Southern Decadence 2014 Celebration of Gay Life, Music & Culture. Funds raised minus expenses benefits the charity chosen by Southern Decadence Grand Marshals XL Reba Douglas, Aubrey Synclair and Chad Boutte. Expenses include parade insurance, permit and police detail; sanitation fees; and grand marshal costumes.

Golden Lantern proprietor James Garner has hosted prize raffles at the three weekend shows hosted by his bar for the past eight months. An additional \$1,200 was donated by Patrons of The Golden Lantern.

For more on The Golden Lantern, visit [www.facebook.com/GoldenLanternBar](http://www.facebook.com/GoldenLanternBar).

### 5th Bunnies In The Big Easy Brings in \$6,886 for Gay Easter Parade

The 5th Annual Bunnies In The Big Easy: Putting The Good Back In Friday

raised \$6,886 for the Gay Easter Parade benefiting Food For Friends. Hosted at Bourbon Vieux by GEP Boards Rona Connors and Tony Leggio, the fun filled evening featured entertainment, auctions, and hot Bunny Boys.

Revenue from the event included 2,940.00-84 Tickets, 44.00-Shots, 532.00-Performance Tips; plus auctions including 60.00 for St Anna's Fun Basket from Gene Theriot, 110.00 for Tales of the Cocktail Basket from Evan Bergeron, 110.00 for East Meets West Basket from Albert Carey, 150.00 for Jeweled Bunny Limoge from Karen Benrud, 110.00 for Sexy Framed Watercolor Cowboy Art Work from Larry Porter, 600.00 for Giant Easter Basket from Larry Anderson, 500.00 for Sack Religious (donated by Creason's Fine Art Gallery) from Bill Goodwin, 140.00 for Royal Bunny Faux Faberge' Egg from Chuck Turner, 850.00 for Male Nude by Klimt Anew (donated by Creason's Fine Art Gallery) from Bill Goodwin, 290.00 for NO/AIDS Task Force Basket from Albert Carey, 200.00 for Bunny Winnie The Pooh Basket from Gene Theriot, 250.00 for Foodies Basket from Larry Anderson; 6,886.00 Sub-Total.

Expenses included 450.00 Bourbon Vieux Help, and 400.00 DJ; leaving a 6,036.00 Event Total.

### Saints & Sinners' Bear Bards Read @ The Phoenix May 17

Join The Phoenix for an evening in pursuit of the hirsute muse as award-winning poets from around the country gather to read from their new collection of poetry,



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**Hibernation**, and other poems by Bear Bards. This free event is set for Saturday May 17th, 8pm, and will be hosted by editor Ron J. Suresha featuring writers David Bergman, Felice Picano, and Jeff Mann, plus other contributors attending the Saints and Sinners Literary Festival May 16th-18th. This is a Lit-bear-ary event not to be missed! The event is sponsored by Bear Bones Books, The Phoenix, and Saints and Sinners.

### Bourbon Pub & Parade Celebrates 40th Anniversary Memorial Day Weekend

Memorial Day Weekend will be the setting for the 40th Anniversary celebration of New Orleans' Bourbon Pub & Parade, 801 Bourbon Street. "A Night at the Disco" is set for Saturday, May 24th with doors opening at 9pm.

Voted one of the top 10 gay bars worldwide by GayTravel.com, the club transports you back to the legendary Studio 54 featuring NYC Studio 54 DJ Robbie Leslie. It's a night you will not want to miss!

Visit [www.BourbonPub.com](http://www.BourbonPub.com) for more information.

### Lords Sets Nachos, Beer & Sports Gear Night, plus Seafood Boil & Poker Run

Are you a jock or just an athletic supporter? Or maybe just hungry on a Friday night?? All the bases are covered with the Lords' May Beer Bust/ Nachos/Sports Gear Night on Friday, May 9 at the Phoenix. It will be a sports-themed night so wear your favorite team's uniform, t-shirt or cap. (Or jockstrap or locker room towel). \$5 gets you all the beer you can swallow from 9pm until midnight and for \$5 more a plate of nachos to satisfy those nighttime cravings. It's the spring sports season so bring your bat and balls to the Phoenix and see if you can hit one out of the park.

Try your luck at poker and follow that up with a delicious seafood boil on Sunday, May 25 at 2pm at the Phoenix. Enjoy the Memorial Day holiday weekend and join the Lords as they will visit several bars in the Marigny for their annual poker run and award fabulous prizes to the winners. The run will end at the Phoenix where you can cool down with a beverage and chow down on some great seafood hot from the pot. Cost will be \$10 for entry into the poker run and \$10 for the seafood boil or better yet, just \$15 for both!

## letters

### Editor, *Ambush Magazine*

Thank you for the story by Frank Perez on the Lesbian Herstory Program presented at the Newcomb College Institute last month. I appreciate the support from **Ambush** in highlighting this segment of LGBT history in New Orleans.

The panel presentation was an outgrowth of several years of research on feminist history by Janet Allured, Ph.D. in preparation for the publication of her book about the history of the women's movement during the 70s and 80s in Louisiana.

It has been my pleasure to support this project by providing information to her about that period, but I am not a co-author of the manuscript in preparation. Dr. Allured has interviewed and collected manuscript materials from dozens of women activists, myself included, of the 1970s and 1980s. These manuscript materials, which will be deposited in Newcomb Archives, will be available for others conducting research on this topic in the future. Allured's book should be available for purchase from the University of Georgia Press in 2015.

I am pleased that **Ambush** chose to cover this important part of our GLBT past, and that the magazine will continue to include information about the lesbian community, past and present, in its publication.

--Clay Latimer

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### Be A Part of the Glitterati!

Glitter and Be Gay is back and it is even gayer than ever if that is even possible. The Krewe of Armeinius is hosting their annual event on Saturday, May 10th from 7-10pm at 815 Dauphine Street. Don your gay apparel and join this fun-loving group of men for a night of art, auction, and cocktails. This is one of the krewe's more popular shindigs. Tickets tend to go quickly so make sure to get yours today. Your \$25 ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, auction, and art gallery. This event benefits the Krewe of Armeinius. Get your ticket from a member or have them today by buying online (no fees! same cost as cash). For more information, check them out on Facebook or go to [www.armeinius.org](http://www.armeinius.org).

### HRC Shows It's Fashionable

The Human Rights Campaign New Orleans is hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mike Theis Fashion Show on Saturday, May 10th from 7-10pm at Oz. Your emcees for the evening are the lovely Maryam Bayman and Persana Shoulders. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. This will be an exciting evening of entertainment and fashion from Rab-Dab and Macy's. All proceeds benefit the work of the Human Rights Campaign to eliminate discrimination against LGBT Americans. For more information, check them out on Facebook or go to [www.action.hrc.org](http://www.action.hrc.org).

### Let's Cheer Our Home Girls On

On Tuesday, May 13th, Oz New Orleans is hosting a benefit to help support Tami Tarmac and Lisa Beaumann as they make their bid to capture the crown at the Miss Gay USofA Classic Pageant. The show starts at 10pm and is hosted by the witty Persana Shoulders. It is always wonderful when one of our locals become national royalty and you can help defer some of their costs; gowns, wigs, shoes and rhinestones aren't cheap. So show Tami and Lisa some love and come play at Oz.

### Are You A Saint Or A Sinner

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Saints & Sinners Literary Festival will be held May 15 – 18 at their host hotel, The Hotel Monteleone, and has many other venues throughout the city. The Saints and Sinners Literary Festival was founded in 2003 as an innovative way to reach the community with information about HIV/AIDS, particularly disseminating prevention messages through the writers, thinkers and spokes-people of the LGBT community. It was also formed to bring the LGBT literary community together to celebrate the literary arts.

Now eleven years later, the Festival has grown into an internationally-recognized event that brings together a who's who of LGBT publishers, writers and readers from throughout the United States and beyond. The Festival features panel discussions and master classes around literary topics that provide a forum for authors, editors and publishers to talk about their work for the benefit of emerging writers and

the enjoyment of fans of LGBT literature.

This year there are many great offerings and events such as the Book Launch Party and Fundraiser at the Beauregard-Keyes House, the Glitter and Literatti at the Herman Grima House and a reception at author Sergei Boissier's private home in the French Quarter.

This is one of the best festivals the city has to offer the LGBT community, not only for writers but avid readers of all genres. It is an incredible opportunity to mix and mingle with some of your favorite writers. For more information or to buy weekend passes, go to [www.sasfest.org](http://www.sasfest.org).

### Help NOCCA Raise the Roof

The New Orleans Center for Creative Arts is holding their delightful fundraiser entitled ART & SOUL 2014: Raise the Roof on Sunday, May 18th. Last year's event was a great kickoff to NOCCA's exciting campus expansion, and the party continues. The NOCCA Institute and The Lupin Foundation will celebrate the construction of the new NOCCA Forum with live entertainment, delicious food, abundant libations, mobile auction bidding and a NOCCA Marketplace.

The Patron Party begins at 6pm, with the Gala following from 7-10pm. Throughout the evening, there will be performances by NOCCA students, faculty, and alumni, including Young Alum Co-Chairs Alexis Marceaux and Sam Craft and their band, Alexis and The Samurai. For more information or to buy tickets, go to [www.nocca.com](http://www.nocca.com).

### Julian Sands Visits NOLA

I am so excited that Julian Sands will be coming to the Crescent City this month in a celebration of the late dramatist Harold Pinter. I have thought Julian was the hottest thing ever since I saw him in that 80's horror movie *Warlock*. I am sure he would die knowing that out of all his great films, that is the one I found most memorable. Oh, well, I am shallow, what can I say. Sands will be in New Orleans at the Contemporary Arts Center's Freeport-McMoRan Theater for three shows on May 9 and 10. The CAC presents an intimate staging with the master of human mysteries, as channeled with affection, humor and insight through Sands. While sharing Pinter's little-known poetry, he touches on the playwright's thoughts and writings about art, truth, politics and his love for his second wife, writer-historian Antonia Fraser.

Showtimes are Friday, May 9 at 7:30pm and Saturday, May 10 at 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$25 for CAC Members.

The late Harold Pinter's writing career spanned more than fifty years. One of the most influential and controversial modern dramatists, Pinter wrote more than twenty-nine plays and some twenty-one screenplays. His plays include *Betrayal*, *No Man's Land*, *Old Times*, *The Caretaker*, *The Birthday Party*, *A Kind of Alaska*, and the Tony Award-winning *The Homecoming*. Pinter was also a noted director, actor, poet, and political activist. When the late dramatist was too sick to read his poetry at a benefit, he asked critically acclaimed actor Julian Sands to sub for him. He also demanded that the finely tuned British actor

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