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DEVELOPMENT

*New programs, outreach, or changes in mission.*

OUTREACH LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

In collaboration with Safe Communities, a Falls Prevention Class for older LGBTQ adults starts August 1. Build your balance with Stepping On, including strength exercises based on curriculum by Stanford University. Each class is taught by a medically trained leader, and will feature guest speakers who provide information about fall hazards, your fall risk, up-to-date falls prevention information, and how vision and medication affect falls. For more information and/or to register contact Michal Osier at michalo@lgbtoutreach.org or call 608-255-8582.

TRANSLIBERATION ART COALITION

The group is actively recruiting new board members and volunteers to staff upcoming project initiatives and shows. If interested, contact Kaci at

team@transliberationartcoalition.com.

Fundraising is on now to help support the 2018 Fall Show. Donate at transliberationartcoalition.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Plan ahead to join in.*

AIDS RESOURCE CENTER OF WISCONSIN

AIDS Ride Wisconsin is taking place July 27-29. Participants can sign up to ride 25, 50 or 100 miles, as well as ride all three days. Sign up at arcw.org. AIDS Walk Wisconsin & 5K Run is Saturday, October 6. The 2018 Honorary Chair is Director and Award-Winning Actor Matt Bomer.

A retrospective art exhibit and fundraiser to benefit the group will be held Saturday, August 11 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Commonwealth Gallery (100 S. Baldwin St. in Madison), featuring the art of Jimi Reinke. His family and friends invite you to celebrate the

## Two area schools receive prestigious HRC Welcoming Schools Seal of Excellence

**NUESTRO MUNDO COMMUNITY SCHOOL** and **HERBERT SCHENK ELEMENTARY** were recently awarded the Human Rights Campaign's Welcoming Schools Seal of Excellence, in recognition for their work to create a safe and inclusive school environment for all students.

HRC offers the Welcoming Schools program to any interested grade school in the country, but only 13 had so far received the distinction of the Seal of Excellence. Nuestro Mundo, a Spanish-language immersion school in Monona, and Schenk in Madison, become number 14 and 15.

The Seal of Excellence is awarded to select schools across the country that meet HRC's benchmarks demonstrating a supportive school community in which LGBTQ students and families feel included, respected, and valued.

Johanna Eager, Director of HRC Foundation's Welcoming Schools, presented the awards to the principal and staff members at each school, complete with a school-wide assembly, songs, and other end-of-school-year celebrations.

Nuestro Mundo Principal Josh Forehand noted that over 70% of their students, when surveyed, indicated that they felt welcome, safe, and supported at school. "We won't stop this work until that number hits 100%," he added.

According to HRC, "These standout schools not only demonstrated outstanding dedication to creating and sustaining welcoming and inclusive school environments through meeting the benchmarks, but also showed innovation and creativity through special projects—including Herbert Schenk's Ally Superhero event and Nuestro Mundo's Ally Week. The Ally Superhero event has since been adapted as an official Welcoming Schools lesson." ■



**METHODOLOGY** | *Our Lives* reaches out to area LGBTQ+ organizations to seek information for inclusion in this section. We also gather information from newsletters and social media put out by the various organizations. If your LGBTQ+ organization would like to be included in these updates, please reach out to us directly at [contact@ourlivesmadison.com](mailto:contact@ourlivesmadison.com).

life of Jimi, a man who dedicated his life to art, advocated for LGBTQ issues, and worked collaboratively with ARCW to improve people's lives. Jimi passed away peacefully in 2017 and left behind a large collection of prints, paintings, drawings, textiles, and sculptures. The family is offering his original art for purchase, priced to sell, in a public one-day event to benefit the ARCW. Light refreshments will be served, VISA/MC accepted. To view some of the art for sale, visit: [blueflesh.com/index.php](http://blueflesh.com/index.php).

CREAM CITY FOUNDATION

Join the foundation for their annual summer fundraiser, the 2018 Summer Social, held at the South Shore Terrace and Beer Garden in Bay View (Milwaukee) on

Tuesday, July 24. The event raises critical funds to fuel the Foundation's programs, including grant making, the LGBTQ+ scholarship, and convening. More at [creamcityfoundation.org/summersocial](http://creamcityfoundation.org/summersocial).

GSAFE

The Nineteenth Annual Leadership Training Institute will be held at the end of July on the U.W.-Whitewater campus. LTI is a four-day community building and leadership development event for incoming high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. GSAFE is also excited to partner with Edgewood College to present the upcoming two-day Consent Culture Conference, August 9 and 10 on the Edgewood College campus. The conference is open

## One-day art sale to benefit ARCW in honor of artist and activist Jimi Reinke

A **ONE-DAY ART SALE** will be held at Commonwealth Gallery in Madison on Saturday, August 11 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., featuring a variety of artworks by Jimi Reinke, who passed away in 2017.

Jimi worked for AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) from 1999 until 2017. He also worked part-time for Woodman's West starting in 2006



until June 2017. Jimi was a prolific artist and earned a degree in art from U.W.-Madison. He was primarily a printmaker, but he also painted on canvas and textiles, drew on paper, and sculpted clay and plaster. The subject matter for the majority of his artworks were male nudes and homoerotic art. He also produced female nudes, lesbian-themed figures, landscapes, and self-portraits.



He continued to make art and write poetry until he passed from cancer. He donated his art to many organizations over the years, including ARCW, as well as local and national LGBTQ organizations. His art is in private collections across the U.S., Australia, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

As a gay man he felt it was important to teach about the threat of AIDS and Hepatitis C, and most importantly to educate on prevention. He was an activist for gay rights and to end racism and sexism. In the early 1990s Jimi wrote, "Initially I started in art for the freedom of self-expression. It helped me define myself as a creative, intelligent, rational being. I found that I was drawn to content with intent, seeing the role of artist as teacher. I feel an artist is responsible to the Earth. This is not a time for decorative luxury. We need a greater understanding of our human condition to heal the trouble in our society."

Starting in 2000, Jimi was editor of a total of 23 community zines titled "One Shot"—a newsletter about injection drug abuse. The Wisconsin Historical Society requested them back in 2004, and he continued to create them until 2013. The newsletter/zine was a way to reach out to drug injectors in the community and to educate people on the health risks involved.

Jimi drove many miles around Dane and Rock County meeting users in different communities. He was very passionate about helping them when called. Jimi did many interviews over the years in Madison, Janesville, and Milwaukee. He did trainings on the U.W. campus, at the state level, and with inmates at the Dane County jail.

At a Public Health Award Ceremony in April 2013, Jimi received a Prevention Award for his work with LifePoint (a needle exchange program) from Mayor Paul Soglin and Dane County Executive, Joe Parisi.

Jimi left behind a large collections of prints, paintings, drawings, textiles, and sculptures that will be for sale at the August 11 event. —**Mary Graham**, (Jimi's sister)



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New Harvest Foundation continues to support and fund LGBT projects and programs in South Central Wisconsin. However, the work we do cannot be done without the financial support of our donors.

First, we'd like to thank all those who have given and continue give to NHF. We encourage and ask for your enduring support.

As the tone of the national conversation shifts, it is clear the importance of groups like New Harvest and the role they play in their local communities. Our mission is even more vital now than ever before so we ask those who have not given to consider giving to New Harvest's mission in supporting the LGBT communities of south central Wisconsin.

Information on donating or  
applying for a grant is available at:

[newharvestfoundation.org](http://newharvestfoundation.org)

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