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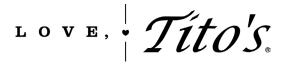
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Welcome to

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THE TRAVEL DESTINATION FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

There's always that moment as you settle into arriving at the Cape's tip when you take a deep breath, smile and begin to feel the magic of Provincetown! Whether it's your first time here or you've been visiting for decades on behalf of the members of the Provincetown Business Guild we're grateful that YOU are here, and promise you an unforgettable experience.

The spirit of Provincetown is undeniable. It can be felt strolling down Commercial Street, wandering the dunes, biting into a slice of late-night pizza between two fabulous drag queens or just taking in the golden light over Provincetown Harbor from MacMillan Pier. Here you get to be who you really are or who you've always wanted to be. And Provincetown embraces all that you are. It's this historic, defining spirit, one that has encouraged unbridled self-expression for over a century that now draws 70% of our visitors coming from the LGBTQ+ community to revel in this queer wonderland. This spirit of inclusivity, celebration and imagination runs like an electric current throughout the town and time. That feeling of self-empowerment that comes from those values sparks a generosity within to make everyone who visits feel the same. It is for this reason that Provincetown is an invaluable resource meant to be shared with the LGBTQ+ community at large, and why the PBG was founded and continues to thrive in its mission today, to make sure that Provincetown stays the special enclave it has been for the LGBTQ+ community for years to come.

Starting in 1978 our organization, along with the help of the local business community, began specifically marketing Provincetown to the LGBTQ+ community, one of the first to do so in the country, as well as created beloved annual events like Holly Folly, First Light and Carnival, which has become the town's signature event. These efforts evolved out of the town's legacy as an historic art colony and a safe harbor for outsiders from mainstream society of all stripes, which in turn led to Provincetown becoming the important place it is to the LGBTQ+ community. In more recent years, the PBG developed Provincetown Pride to help broaden our representation within the full spectrum of our LGBTQ+ family. We also support the integral event producers of other major LGBTQ+ events like Family Week, Women's Week, FROLIC, Trans Week, Bear Week, Womxn of Color Weekend and many more to help amplify their message and remind everyone that not only is there a special space for them in Provincetown, but that they're also welcome ANY time. We've developed new communication tools to reach younger audiences and more budget-conscious travelers to spread word about lower rates in the shoulder season to ensure Provincetown isn't only for the wealthy. We feel the best way to show our

love for Provincetown is by sharing it with as many people as possible.

These are troubling times for sure. And while Provincetown can provide an escape from frightening headlines there's also opportunity to organize against those forces that seek to attack LGBTQ+ rights as well as reproductive freedom. Now more than ever our community needs to actively stand together in the face of those who wish to take hard fought rights away and demonize us for how we are. If you're visiting us from a place that is taking steps to restrict your rights, we hope you'll be inspired to step-up upon your return home and get even more involved in your community. Let the spirit of Provincetown remind you that you are not alone and love can win out the day.

Thank you for choosing Provincetown. And remember to 'gay-it-forward' by spreading the spirit of Provincetown, wherever you may be!

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2024 CALENDAR OF

May

13 - JUNE 17 | TWENTY SUMMERS 20summers.org

16 | FAST FERRY SERVICE BEGINS baystatecruisecompany.com and cityexperiences.com

17-19 | SINGLE WOMEN'S WEEKEND provincetownforwomen.com

18-19 | MONUMENTAL [YARD] SALE ptown.org

23-27 | MEMDAY WEEKEND WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

lesbiannightlife.com/memdayptown

30 - JUNE 2 | WOMXN OF COLOR WEEKEND

wom xnof color weekend.org

June

MAY 31 - 2 | PROVINCETOWN PRIDE

ptown.org/pride

MAY 31 - JUNE 2 | INTERNATIONAL ENCAUSTIC CONFERENCE castlehill.org/encaustic24

2 | FEET OVER FRONT STREET 5K RUN & WALK - PRIDE EDITION btown.org

3-9 | PROVINCETOWN CABARETFEST -THE GOLDEN ERA OF NIGHT CLUBS' PROVINCETOWNCABARETFEST.COM 12-16 | PROVINCETOWN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

provincetownfilm.org/festival/

13-17 | FROLIC - MEN OF COLOR WEEKEND

wearefrolic.com

19 | JUNETEENTH - A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND COOKOUT

Juneteenthptown.com

24-29 | PTOWN WELLNESS RETREAT outermostyoga.com/retreats/ptown-june

27-30 | PROVINCETOWN PORTUGUESE FESTIVAL AND BLESSING OF THE FLEET

province town portugues efestival. com

23-SEPT 15 | GREAT MUSIC ON SUNDAYS @5

ptownmusic.com

July

JUNE 29-6 | REVOLUTION: INDEPENDENCE WEEK

only at the crown.com

4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND FIREWORKS

ptown.org

13-20 | BEAR WEEK

ptown.org/bears

21 | 2024 ASGCC PTOWN 5K asgcc.org

24-27 | GIRL SPLASH

provincetownforwomen.com

27- AUG 3 | FAMILY WEEK ptownfamilyweek.com

August

5-13 | PROVINCETOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL

provincetownjazzfestival.org

17-24 | 46TH ANNUAL CARNIVAL - RENAISSANCE & REVOLUTION

ptown.org/carnival

18 | FEET OVER FRONT STREET 5K RUN & WALK - CARNIVAL EDITION

ptown.org

22 | 46TH ANNUAL CARNIVAL PARADE

ptown.org

30 | ANNUAL JOCKSTRAP BIKE RIDE ptownbrewco.com

September

AUG 30 - 2 | LABOR DAY WEEKEND ptowntourism.com

6-9 | INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT iwffa.com

7 | PROVINCETOWN SWIM FOR LIFE & PADDLER FLOTILLA

swim4life.org



12-15 | NATIONAL GAY PILOTS ASSOCIATION - CAPE COD CLASSIC

ngpa.org

15-17 | YANKEE LAMBDA LGBTQ CAR **CLUB SHOW**

yankeelcc.com

20-22 | PROVINCETOWN BOOK FESTIVAL

provincetownbookfestival.org

22-28 | PET APPRECIATION WEEK & **PET TEA**

casasanimalshelter.org

26-29 | ANNUAL PROVINCETOWN TENNESSEE WILLIAMS THEATER **FESTIVAL**

twptown.org

October

3-7 | MATES LEATHER WEEKEND XXVII matesleatherweekend.com

11-13 | WASHASHORE MUSIC & ARTS **FESTIVAL**

washashorefestival.com

12-14 | MONUMENTAL YARD SALE ptown.org

14-20 | 40TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S WEEK womensweekprovincetown.com

20-27 | 50TH ANNUAL TRANS WEEK

transweek.org 25-27 | INDIGIQUEER & TWO-SPIRIT

WEEKEND justkfg.com

31 - NOV 3 | HALLOWEEN WEEKEND AND SPOOKY BEAR

ptown.org/halloween

November

7-10 | PROVINCETOWN FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

ptownfoodandwinefestival.com

6 | PIE FEST

brovincetowncommons.org

11 | LIGHTING OF THE PILGRIM **MONUMENT**

pilgrim-monument.org/annual-lighting

22-24 | NEW ENGLAND LEATHER WEEKEND

mr-nel.com

28 - DEC 1 | THANKSGIVING WEEKEND ptown.org/thanksgiving/

29 | 'PINK' FRIDAY - QUEER BUSINESS **SHOPATHON**

ptown.org/pinkfriday

29-JANUARY 1 | THE CANTEEN HOLIDAY MARKET

canteenholidaymarket.com

30 | LIGHTING OF THE LOBSTER POT TREE

facebook.com/provincetownlobsterpottree

December

1 | WORLD AIDS DAY asgcc.org

6-8 | HOLLY FOLLY

ptown.org/hollyfolly

7 | "SOUPER SATURDAY" **FUNDRAISER** skipfood.org

27-JANUARY 2 | FIRST LIGHT NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

ptown.org/firstlight

2025 CALENDAR **OF EVENTS**

January

1 | 9TH ANNUAL PROVINCETOWN POLAR BEAR PLUNGE ptown.org/firstlight

February

14-17 | Valentine's Weekend

ptown.org/valentines

21-23 | SNOWBOUND LEATHER WEEKEND XVI

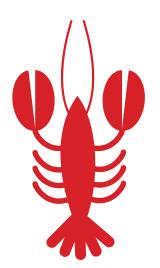
matesleatherweekend.com/snowbound

March

6-9 | 'OUT OF HIBERNATION' - A WINTER BEAR WEEKEND ursamen.org

APRIL

21-27 | PROVINCETOWN LESBIAN VISIBILITY WEEK





The modern understanding of Provincetown as a special place for the LGBTQ community began in 1899. That's when Charles Hawthorne founded the Cape Cod School of Art, giving birth to the Provincetown art colony.

Hawthorne had been touring New England, looking for the perfect location for his summer art school, when he came upon Provincetown, which had been devastated by the Portland Gale of 1898. Much of the town lay in ruins and a significant portion of the fishing fleet had sunk in the storm, leaving a significant number of widows in town. The town's economy was in shambles and many of the women offered housing and cooking for the artists Hawthorne promised he'd bring back with him.



The visionary's school soon opened a pipeline between Provincetown and New York City. The train service that was available at the time between the two points brought many to town from

NYC's Greenwich Village. Over the next two decades. Provincetown welcomed not only thousands of artists, but also writers, actors and left-wing political radicals who brought new ideas on gender and racial equality, artistic expression and sexuality.

These ideas were accepted by a local population that was already pushed to the fringes of American society and a Portuguese community that was facing discrimination on many fronts in the region. So began a symbiotic relationship that bonded together the LGBTQ community with a significant portion of the straight population as friends and allies.

News spread throughout the LGBTQ community nationwide that Provincetown by the 1920s was a place of relative freedom and acceptance. This caused an influx of visitors and vacationers, and saw the town's gay population grow exponentially. But this growth also sparked a growing backlash from more conservative elements in Provincetown which tried to halt the influx of LGBTQ people. Clearly those efforts failed.



Starting in the 1950s, various businesses and entertainers began to tiptoe out of the closet. By the historic Stonewall Riots of 1969, the town exploded with activism and visible queer expressions of art, culture and politics. Provincetown had finally earned a worldwide reputation as a LGBTQ safe haven.

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WHAT'S NEW TO EXPLORE IN

Provincetown

Preparing for a Cape Cod getaway, you'll of course need to pack for the beach, dancing the night away, fine dining and for one of the many shows at Provincetown's fabled theaters and cabarets. But what more do you need to know? Whether it's your first or tenth visit there is always something new to explore in Ptown. Here are a few new attractions to check out this year.

The Arts, Galleries & Events

While the **Hawthorne Barn** will remain the spiritual home and main location for **Twenty Summers** residencies and events, this year they will be taking on a new **Twenty Summers Annex** at 494 Commercial St in the heart of the East End. This new Annex to the Barn will allow for extended year-round programming including special events, readings, exhibitions and so much more!

In 2023 Cody Sullivan began Cody Plays, a hugely popular series of live plays, written in a day and performed in the theatrical speakeasy The Wilde at The Gifford House. In the high season Cody Plays will be presented weekly on Monday evenings, and continue monthly in the off season.

The Provincetown Pride Center at 115 Bradford St is kicking off the season with an exciting gallery exhibit in partnership with the Obodo Queer Artist Fund, featuring works by several LGBTQ+ Nigerian artists. The PPC will also be launching the SummerONE Program over Pride Weekend. This program aims to offer the next generation of LGBTQ+ visitors, with an emphasis on first-time visitors, an accessibility opportunity to enjoy the magic of Provincetown at an affordable rate.

Participating lodging partners include 8 Dyer Hotel, AWOL, The Boatslip, The Bradford, The Brass Key Guesthouse, Gifford House, Land's End Inn, Scott House, Somerset House Inn and more!

Improvements, Facelifts & Expansions

After a devastating fire a year ago, **Coffey Men** finally reopened its doors in April. "The only thing more overwhelming than the event itself, was the support from the town," says owner Scott Coffey about a GoFundMe started by his dear friend Maria Marelli to help him reopen the beloved boutique.

Walking by **The Gifford House** you'll instantly notice some massive changes this year including the addition of **The Yard**, an outdoor bar, food and entertain-

ment area open in the daytime and used as an extension of **Club Purgatory** in the evenings. Club Purgatory is also getting a refresh with a brand new stage, five all-gender, ADA accessible bathrooms and a facelift for the building's annex!

This season you can find the former Spindler's space at 359 Commercial St. transformed into a pop-up of **The Mews**, while its 429 Commercial St home undergoes an exciting renovation.

Down the street **Anchor 2 Anchor** has just moved this year to a new (much bigger!) location at 296 Commercial St. And several other Provincetown businesses have recently expanded beyond the Cape (we're looking at you **East End Books** at Boston's Seaport, **Plush** on Newbury Street, **Perry's** Palm Springs and **Respoke's** latest outpost in Charleston, SC).

If you're entering Provincetown off Shank Painter Rd., you can't help but notice the town's glistening-new Cape Cod modern **Provincetown Police Department**. At 30 years and \$17M in the making, we're grateful for the completion of this modern public safety building.

Locally-Sourced & Delicious

Now in its second year, 'The Locally Sourced Tour' by Mayflower Excursions gives you a guided taste of what's fresh and locally-made between Wellfleet and Provincetown in one afternoon, including fresh Wellfleet oysters and sampling the newest offerings from Truro Vineyards and the Provincetown Brewing Company. A lighthouse tour, National Seashore tour and customized private tours are also available.

Also in its second season, is the Thai pop-up by Royal Thai in Pilgrim House and their upper level al fresco dining option, the Terraza Kitchen and Bar, where you can enjoy a fusion of Peruvian and Asian flavors, including popular dishes like Korean Style Lobster Paella and Ton Katsu Chicken Bao along with some of the best cocktails in town.

Hop, Skip & A Jump

Salty Market in Truro is a go-to breakfast and lunch destination now offering a locally sourced selection of picnic ready provisions by Chef Liam alongside an extensive selection of beer and wine. If you're lucky enough to get your hands on Liam's famous horseradish cheddar dip, count yourself blessed!

Theater lovers should be sure to catch a show at one of the Cape's top live theater destinations, the **Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater (WHAT)**. WHAT features multiple productions in the high season, live MET Opera screenings in the off season and a variety of children's theater events year-round.

While in Wellfleet you'll want to pop by **Bagel Hound's** flagship location on Route 6, home of some of the best handcrafted bagels on Cape, now with a Provincetown outpost on Commercial Street.















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WHAT WOULD DO?

When Bella Baiona dropped down from the ceiling while sitting on a swing festooned in feathers and sequins no one back in 1952 at the hot spot Weathering Heights knew that they were witnessing Provincetown history in the making. Bella was the drag alter ego of Philip Baiona, who opened Weathering Heights on Shank Painter Road after operating gay bars in Boston for many years. And he made quite the splash and not just in drag. He ran Weathering Heights as a nightclub and cabaret for all, but with a decidedly queer bent that was quite open and brazen for the times. In ads in the local paper her referred to it jokingly as a "strayte" bar, a wink, wink and a nod to those who might be looking to experiment beyond just heterosexuality. However, what made

Baiona so special is not so much that he was a drag queen, as by 1952 Provincetown had been home to many, but rather that his drag name is the first one to survive and find its way into the historical record. At the moment, all that pre-date him are thought to be lost to history. Baiona made

people still talk about his antics. And the ether that allowed Baiona to become a Provincetown legend, where he'd be considered an outcast elsewhere, but a hero here, still swirls in the air on the Cape tip today.

Since the arrival of Europeans onto the shores of what is now Provincetown, the town has been a refuge for the outsider, those that don't fit, and don't want to fit into the mainstream. Its why the century-plus art colony continues to thrive and what seems odd and against the grain elsewhere is celebrated here. In an increasingly homogenized, corporate dominated world it can feel like an endless beige blur of bland suburbs,

strip malls and big box stores where conformity is currency and imagination a threat. And those forces often come knocking at our door here in Provincetown to make quick money or attempt a cultural coup to sell real estate to a more conservative, uptight moneyed set. The spirit of Provincetown, as exemplified by Bella on her swing all those years ago, is strong and feisty.

Provincetown isn't just a "tourist town." We're a vibrant community that revels in our legacy of welcoming the outsider, celebrating what is scorned elsewhere and thumbing our noses at the world of convention and herd mentality. It would be a heartbreak if Provincetown ever became respectable. Yes, Provincetown is a wonderful place to visit, but it's an even better place to explore. Each and every trip to Provincetown is a chance to leave your mark like Baiona did over seventy years ago. It's not uncommon to hear that when it comes time for a visitor to leave once their trip is over that they may cry or be overcome by a sense of melancholy as they have to return to the "real world." As magical as Provincetown feels, what happens here is not by chance, but rather both a choice and commitment. Its why for about a century Provincetown has been a safe harbor to the LGBTQ+ community with that reputation continuing to grow. As a traveler, there are many, many places to go in this world. But those of us who live here continually hear that there is no place like Provincetown. So come and be a part of this fabulous legacy. Come and fight the forces of convention. Come explore a whole new way of being. Come and be celebrated for who you are. Come and make your mark.

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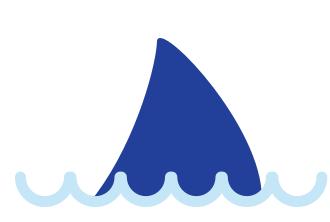
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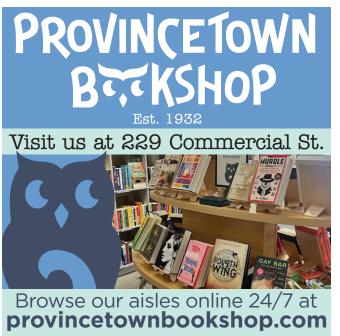
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BENDINGSGAL

Each year, the Provincetown Business Guild invites local and community-based artists to be involved with the creation of our seasonal guidebook, promotional posters, and more. For this year's annual LGBTQ+ Guide to Good Times in Provincetown, we're proud to share the whimsical, smile-inducing work of Provincetown community member Benjamin Weinryb Grohsgal.

Provincetown Business Guild (PBG): In 2022 you participated in the first Carnival Parade Artist Matchmaking Program, and folks are still talking about your award-winning octopus float. How was this creative process for you?

Benjamin Weinryb Grohsgal (Benji): I mean it was great, it was a process of discovery and brainstorming sessions and if we realized something wouldn't work, we tried something new. Our entire project was made with mostly found items like pool noodles, bed frames from the Methodist thrift shop, wooden pallets from the brewery, used tarps and chicken wire. We barely bought anything. It was a very appealing way to create. I feel like every minute invested in that project was worthwhile and then being able to show it off to the entire town was really special.

PBG: What first brought you out to Provincetown?

Benji: I came to Ptown for Bear Week once before officially moving full-time in 2019. At the time I was able to work at my job remotely and art was a passion I enjoyed on the side. I loved getting creative in my free time and handmade several f@g bash outfits for my roommates and friends.

PBG: Your art is often described as playful and humorous, bringing motifs of Provincetown and other nautical references, nature and playful nude figures to a brightly colored canvas. Where do you find your inspiration?

Benji: That's it. I'm very ad hoc, you get what you see. Provincetown, my surroundings at the time, life, whatever is happening around me is what I'm inspired by.

PBG: How did you decide on the subject matter for this year's Guidebook cover art?

Benji: I wanted to do a dune shack. Rather than the Pilgrim Monument, which is huge and large and looming, I wanted to go in the opposite direction and do a tiny dune shack. But I also wanted to create my fantasy dune shack, with some 'Benji monsters', of course.

PBG: This past summer you were diagnosed with terminal brain cancer and have noted that one of the most significant challenges you have faced was learning to navigate the world using your non-dominant hand. How would you say your art has evolved?

Benji: With the introduction of brain can-

cer in my life, I became too tired to continue my day job. But it's actually gone really well. Everyone is always really surprised. I've really gotten into creating art digitally with my left hand and I do use my whole hand rather than a stylus. It's really fun actually, you get a greater degree of forgiveness. It's really fast and I appreciate being able to quickly "undo" as compared to other forms of art.

PBG: Where else can visitors find more of your work?

Benji: I'm currently getting ready for two shows in Ptown. One will be at The Commons featuring 43 portraits from June 11th-22nd. The second show is focused more on plants and nature and will be on exhibit at the Studio Lacombe gallery from August 2nd-8th. I actually have several pieces all over town like the Provincetown Brewing Company and on the windows of Cafe Heaven during the winter months. It actually makes me feel really good to know that I'll always have a presence here.





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Did you know that Provincetown Bear Week is the largest gathering of bears IN THE WORLD?! But not just for bears - for bears, wolves, cubs, otters, foxes, silver-foxes, pups, bulls, bunnies, ursulas (that's right, female bears,) and really just about every other species in the queer kingdom lexicon. All are welcome, because deep at the heart of Bear Week is a strong theme of selflove and the opportunity to embrace yourself - or be embraced! - amidst an endless sea of furry, sweaty, smiley, handsome men.

It's been nearly 25 years since Bear Week Provincetown was originally founded by John Burrows and the men of **PtownBears**, a social organization formed in support of the Bear community of Provincetown and beyond. Originally defined by a handful of dance parties, under the leadership of PtownBears this event has grown exponentially into one of the most jubilant, jampacked theme weeks of the year in Provincetown. Sadly, Mr. Burrows unexpectedly passed away in the spring of last year. However, his legacy of community building lives on through the strong efforts of PtownBears as well

as the wide array of event producers and Provincetown businesses who contribute to the week's endless variety of offerings.

Popular events will include the Bear Boat Cruise, daily cigar socials, the John Burrows Memorial BBQ, Bearmania events including Horse Meat Disco, specialty tea dances, the Fireman's Ball, Mike Flanagan in concert at Town Hall, and so much more...

This year's lineup brought to you by the PBG includes the Bear Week headliner show at Town Hall, Nina West Is... Where the Bears Are, the return of the Otter Pop Pool Party at the Crown & Anchor, and our 3rd Annual Bear Week Weiner Roast & Pool Party at The Brass Key.

Lazy beach days, gallery strolls, dance parties, pool hangs, and cookouts await you and all your fuzzy friends!

Find a comprehensive list of ALL Bear Week offerings listed at Ptown.org/Bears







Our condolences go out to the friends and family of John Burrows, founder and organizer of Bear Week Provincetown. Thank you for your many years of community building in Provincetown!





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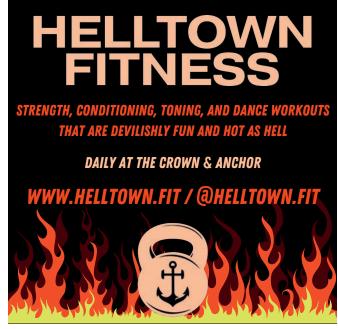
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QUEER HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

This list is far from exhaustive; it's provided to offer some highlights of our LGBTQ+ experience in Provincetown.

1899: Charles Hawthorne opens the Cape Cod School of Art, bringing thousands of creatives to Provincetown from NYC.

1952: Philip "Phil" Baiona, known by his drag name Bella

Baiona, opens Weathering Heights town's first LGBTQ+ bar.



1966: Andy Warhol brings his Exploding Plastic Inevitable, a variety show featuring the Velvet Underground. to Provincetown.

1970: LGBTQ+ activists hold a Labor Day Solidarity March to honor the one-year anniversary of Stonewall, despite being denied a parade permit by the town.



1975: The Boatslip holds the first Tea Dance.

1978: The Provincetown Business Guild is founded, making it one of the oldest LGBTQ+ business associations in the country.

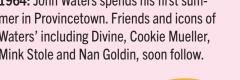
1983: The Provincetown AIDS Support Group -- now the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod – is founded.



2010: The United States Census Bureau releases data that shows Provincetown has the highest rate of same-sex couples of any municipality in the country, making Provincetown the "gayest town in America."

1940: The Province-

1964: John Waters spends his first summer in Provincetown. Friends and icons of Waters' including Divine, Cookie Mueller, Mink Stole and Nan Goldin, soon follow.



1966: Famed female impersonator Lynne Carter buys the Pilgrim House, solidifying Provincetown as an important cradle for the art of drag.





1976: Womencrafts opens. Today, It remains one of the few feminist bookshops in the country.

1990: The Spiritus Riot occurs during Labor Day weekend, resulting from police harassment of the LGBTQ+ community. Soon after, the Provincetown Police Department implements reforms,

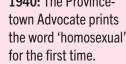
including hiring LGBTQ+ officers.



2004: Marriage equality comes to Massachusetts and Provincetown welcomes hundreds who are seeking marriage licenses, resulting in the town making headlines around the world.



- **20** Years of Marriage Equality in Massachusetts
- 4 Years of Women's Week the longest running cultural event for women in the Northeast
- **Solution** Years of TransWeek Provincetown's first 'theme week' and the oldest transgender event in the world









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PROVINCETOWN'S 46TH ANNUAL CARNIVAL:

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The founding members of the Province-town Business Guild created Carnival in 1978 as a direct invitation to the LGBTQ+population to come to Provincetown and celebrate themselves through community, expression and creativity. Riding on the spirit of its inception for nearly 50 years, Carnival has since evolved into Provincetown's signature summer celebration, inclusive to all, a week-long smorgasbord of world-class parties, performers, art, music, costumery and more, all culminating in Cape Cod's largest single event, the Carnival Parade.

Provincetown's 46th Annual Carnival Parade: Renaissance & Revolution

The Carnival parade this August 17-24 promises to bring out the most creative side of Ptown. The existence of our community as a LGBTQ+ safe-haven and the creation of Carnival itself are both

their own forms of cultural revolution. Defiantly building spaces in which we can be ourselves is an important part of our legacy (particularly in an election year!). And Renaissance – despite popular belief- is not JUST a Beyonce album, but a term dripping with beauty and artistry, perched atop the changing of tides and times. We can't wait to see how the people of Carnival interpret Renaissance & Revolution! Whether you're a walking rebirth of the Mona Lisa himself, paying homage to queer revolutionaries the likes of Marsha P. Johnson or Keith Haring, or choreographing your group's steps from Les Misérables, we look forward to celebrating with you this Carnival.

Be sure to check out the full list of events and offerings at ptown. org/carnival

The Revolutionary Art of Melissa Wilkinson

Each spring the PBG commissions a

community artist to help develop the coming season's artwork for Carnival. We're excited to announce that Melissa Wilkinson will be producing this year's iconic, collectible Carnival poster for Renaissance & Revolution. Wilkinson's work has been featured in wide-reaching publications throughout the country including three editions of New American Paintings and four editions of INDA: Manifest International Drawing Annual. In addition to teaching workshops at the Fine Arts Work Center and showing at On Center Gallery in Provincetown, her work is exhibited internationally and has garnered numerous awards, fellowships and grants. Wilkonson's exploration of gender-play, appropriating and repositioning iconic art history images, and her fascination with celebritism and emblematic figures all make her aesthetic a perfect fit to visually represent Renaissance & Revolution. Follow us @VisitPtown to see this year's artwork revealed!

NYC Fixture Kevin Aviance Returns to Provincetown

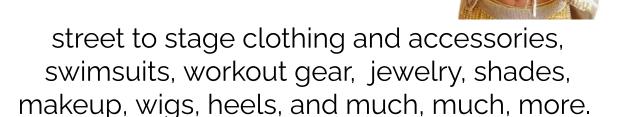
Towering, Black, and Bald, Kevin Aviance, the drag icon who conquered the '90s gay dance scene returns to Provincetown for this year's Carnival celebrations. Inspired by the likes of Grace Jones and Boy George, Aviance established himself as a fixture in New York's thriving gay scene. Affiliated with icons like Junior Vasquez, Aviance unleashed unforgettable tracks such as "Cunty" and "Rhythm Is My Bitch" and now Aviance's music continues to influence mainstream as Beyoncé spotlighted Aviance on her track PURE/ HONEY. Honored with a knighthood by the Imperial Court, Aviance remains an indomitable force in the world of drag and music. You can catch Aviance in the Carnival Parade as well as headlining this year's Carnival Closing Party at The Crown & Anchor.

Calling All Volunteers!

Did you know that the Carnival Parade takes nearly 120 volunteers?? As the saying goes: It takes a village! Since 1978, the non-profit Provincetown Business Guild has been producing events for the betterment of our community. The planning, promotion, and production of these events requires a tremendous amount of coordination and cooperation from our small team. By volunteering with the PBG, you can help to make events like Carnival happen – while meeting new friends and experiencing great events for free! Share your information with us at ptown.org/volunteer.



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Glossary



Augustitis – The first recorded use of this word dates back to the 1940s. For those that live and work in Provincetown, it refers to the summer stress experienced by locals who put in long hours. The condition is not fatal; it's nothing a trip to the beach can't cure.

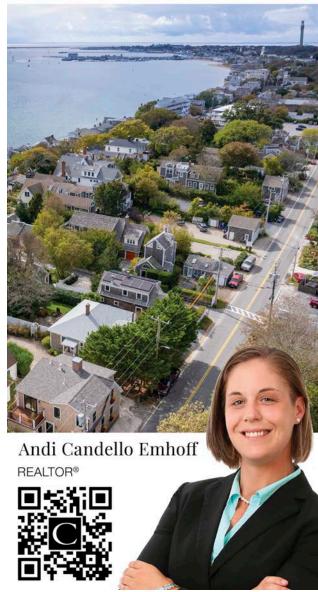
Baby Dyke Weekend – A moniker for MEM-Day when thousands of younger women flock to Provincetown for Memorial Weekend with jubilant 'spring-breaker' energy. It's the perfect energized kick-off to the summer season!

Barking – The practice of "barking" is the old-school promotion of a live show. Come late afternoon in Town, comedians, drag queens, musicians, and others hit Commercial Street to "bark" for their shows and pass out flyers. If you're not interested in taking a flier, a smile and a "no thanks" is appreciated.

Boy Beach – Dating back to the 1950s, this is the longstanding nickname for the far-flung part of Herring Cove Beach that attracts many gay men, and now a growing number of the LGBTQ+ family. Though not technically allowed within the Cape Cod National Seashore, it is Province-

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& Bourne

Far East – A name to describe the part of Provincetown past the point where Commercial and Bradford street begin in the East

End. It extends to the beginning of Beach Point, just before the town line with Truro.

east end

west end

Nice Boy - A term of

endearment coined by mostly Portuguese women in Provincetown to refer to gay men. It was a way these women expressed affection and support to the young men who often boarded in their homes, which led to the important culture of guest houses in Provincetown.

Sapphic - Derived from the Greek poet, Sappho, of the Isle of Lesbos, sapphic is often used as an umbrella term to identify LGBTQ+ women and those they experience attraction to, whether they identify as lesbian, bisexual, queer, trans, masc, non-binary or any diverse identity.







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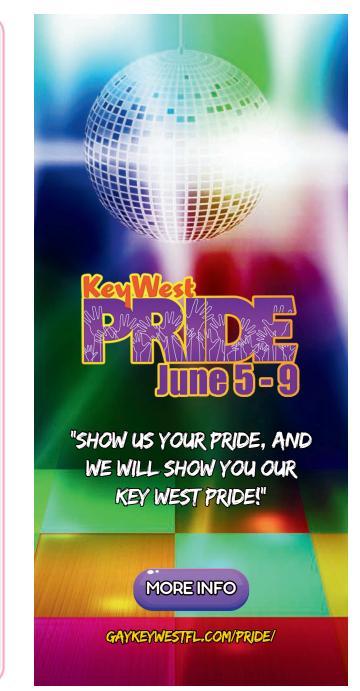


Tea – This is the shortened moniker for Tea Dance, the popular afternoon party at the Boatslip that's been a part of Provincetown since the late 1960s. You'll often hear people along Commercial Street exclaim, "See you at Tea!"

Townie – Perhaps in some locales, calling someone a "townie" is an insult – but not in Provincetown. Anyone born in Provincetown, usually called a native, is also a townie. How do you become a townie? That's unclear, but when the day arrives you know - as a townie usually tells you.

"Wagwan" - A way of saying "What's up?" in Jamaican English. Provincetown and the rest of the Outer Cape is home to a large and growing Jamaican community whose contributions are vital to our workforce, community and culture. Be sure to try out one of the many Jamaican or Caribbean-infused menus in town and visit town on August 6 for the variety of Jamaican Independence Day celebrations that have taken root.

Washashore – This is a common term heard all over Cape Cod to describe anyone who wasn't born on the peninsula. A washashore can live on the Cape, or in Provincetown, long enough to become a townie. But if you weren't born on Cape Cod, you will always be a washashore.



EEVIVE aissance

THE EXPANSION OF FEMME & QUEER+ INCLUSIVE SPACES IN PROVINCETOWN

Over the past few decades lesbian spaces have nearly vanished but recently there has been a Sapphically-energized movement of FLINTA (Female, Lesbian, Intersex, Trans and Agender)-friendly spaces reentering the scene. From La Camionera in London to The Ruby Fruit in LA, The Bush in Brooklyn, Femme Bar in Worcester and Dani's Queer Bar in Boston, Sapphic spaces are on the rise. And this goes for Provincetown, as well, which is in the midst of a Femme'aissance if you will. New queer+ and female-owned businesses are popping up all along Commercial St., more queer+ and female-identifying performers are commanding the town's stages and a growing number of events and parties are now offered for the "queer and Sapphically-inclined" to borrow a phrase from new events production duo Babes & Bois.

Founded by
Provincetown
residents Carmen
da Silva and Sam
Sewell, Babes &
Bois launched in
2022 to answer the
question, "Where are
the women at?" Apart
from established

events like MEMSDAY, Womxn of Color Weekend, Girl Splash and Women's Week, Sewell and da Silva would often be among a handful of the only female-presenting folx at any given event or bar in town. Last year alone, Babes & Bois created several new events like a Cubbyhole Bar Pop-up at Porch Bar, a weekly *C U Next Tuesday* residency at the Provincetown Brewing Company, Sapphic Sip & Draws, a Cliterary Book Club, a Holigay Market, and Poetry Open Mics at a series of rotating venues including Stranger & Saints and the typically-male dominated Crew's **Quarters**. After the first Babes & Bois Carnival Pool Party sold out last August, this year's event, again in partnership with lesbian-owned Seaglass Inn & Spa, plans to increase capacity to help accommodate the palpable demand for female and queer-in-

clusive events.

Provincetown's high season is known for it's event-filled performance spaces and these stages have been on fire with an amazing lineup of queer+ and female performers, authors and politicians like celesbi-

ans Lea DeLaria, Judy Gold, the Indigo Girls, Rachel Maddow and Maura Healey, queer songbirds Boyfriend, Yoli Mayor and Brittany Rolfs (also crowned PBC's first female Bearded Mistress), and local burlesque beauties Lady Maddness, The Duchess of Sandwich and genderqueer Drag King, Gina Carmela. Expect this summer's stages to heat up even more with Boston Leather Organization Of Dykes, Jes Tom, and Lexie Peters coming to town in 2024 as well as the return of Crown & Anchor's weekly pool party, Clam Jam, hosted by DJs J-Boom and C-Weed.

Theme weeks continue to be a magnetic draw for visitors to Ptown and this year marks several significant milestones for the queer, female and trans community. Women's Week, originally founded by the Women Innkeepers of Provincetown and now produced by Lynette Molnar of Provincetown For Women, celebrates its 40th anniversary this October. Later that month Provincetown will host the 50th anniversary of TransWeek and early June welcomes Womxn of Color Weekend which has expanded to a jam-packed four-day event. Lesbian Visibility Week enjoyed a successful inaugural celebration this past April with events all over town from softball tournaments and play readings, to herstory panels and a drag king show.

incredible women-owned and managed businesses in town to support all season long including Beach Babes Butler, a luxury picnic experience, Coast **Provincetown** for e-scooter rentals. East End Market for fresh bagels. sandwiches, beach snacks or a great bottle of wine, Harbor Lounge for one of the best cocktail menus in town. Liz's Cafe for crowd-pleasing brunch or a cozy date night, Sole Luna Massage & Meditation Studio for a great Thai Massage and Toys of Eros for all your pleasure needs. The Underground, now under the management of Katie Ledoux and her partner Carol Kambar, owner of the **Shell Shop**, regularly host events during female-focused theme weeks and a growing number of Sapphic dance parties year-round with DJs like Lizzie Pitch, Frenchy, KT, Sam Sewell and L'Duke on deck. And stand up comedian Kristen Becker is not only a beloved, local comic, but the co-owner of **Topless** Dune Tours and founder of Summer of Sass, a local non-profit created to transform the lives of LGBTQ+ youth with an opportunity to leave oppressive areas of the US and spend a summer working and living in Provincetown where they are celebrated!

There are also a growing number of

As more of our LGBTQ+ community is celebrated and given space, the stronger our community will be a whole. This is truly an exciting time to visit and help mold Provincetown into the most LGBTQ+ inclusive travel destination it can be, especially for our queer+ and femme family. Here's to a femtastic 2024!











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One of the most frequent questions asked of locals is "What is Provincetown like in the more quiet months of fall, winter or spring?" The truth is, while cooler weather offers a quieter escape, many residents or visitors adore this time most of all, and for good reasons.

Affordability & Access

In the summer months, finding a weeklong rental can be difficult; it usually requires throwing down a fair amount of cash. But remember that Provincetown is here for the LGBTQ+ community yearround, no matter the size of your wallet. Think about visiting during the winter or spring. You'll benefit from greater lodging availability, less-costly rates, and an undiscovered Ptown experience. These traditional "off-season" times now offer a growing number of events and themed weekends.

Community Commitment

From summer to winter, the local popula-

tion dips from a robust 60,000 all the way to around 3,700. While Provincetown's community is always tight-knit, visiting during winter will give you the chance to drop in to numerous community-oriented events. You'll mix and mingle with the year-rounders, and get to connect with Ptown's locals in a new way.

New Events & Experiences

Longstanding events such as Holly Folly. First Light, Snowbound Leather Weekend, and Out of Hibernation bring exciting spikes of traveler numbers during our quieter months. These moments in Ptown now are bigger than ever with record-breaking attendance. Additionally new events are cropping up all over the calendar, especially during or around the Provincetown Food & Wine Festival. Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and "4/20"—to name just a few. Be on the lookout for new PBG events coming this year that will help amplify the growing shoulder/winter seasons.

Introspection, Meditation, & Balance

There's a special reason why writers and thinkers like Henry David Thoreau have produced odes to our part of the world: it's due in part to the quiet and solace granted by this place. Why not come here as an alternative to a silent retreat or meditative getaway? Bury your mobile devices in a drawer, light a fire. and crack open a book. Allow the sound of wind gusts outside to create a buffer between you and the rest of the world.

It's All Natural

When you visit off-season, you'll see the spaces you know so well through a brand new lens. We may be known for lush. seaside summers. However, the famous Cape light, dunes, and strolls through Provincetown take on different colors and qualities at other times during the year. You just might discover a greater enjoyment that will deepen your love of Provincetown.

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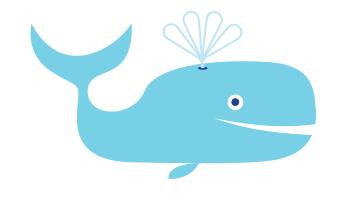






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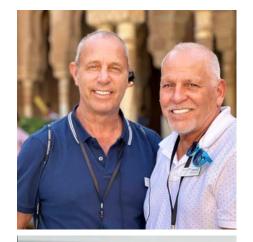
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Thanksgiving & 'Pink Friday' Friday, November 29, 2024

The holiday season in Provincetown kicks off during **Thanksgiving Weekend**. That's when thousands gather from all over at the tip of Cape Cod with their chosen family to give thanks for our incredibly nurturing community. The national gift-shopping day after Thanksgiving is traditionally known as Black Friday. But here in Ptown, the Provincetown Business Guild offers a unique LGBTQ+version of that ritual. We call it **Pink Friday** – and it happens this year on Friday, November 29th.

On Pink Friday, locals and visitors alike can take advantage of the hundreds of unique shops, galleries, and attractions in Provincetown, to perfectly address their holiday gift-giving needs. What better way for the LGBTQ+ community and our friends to support small 'mom & mom' and 'pop & pop' owned businesses here in town?

Holly Folly December 6-8, 2024

The nation's original LGBTQ+ holiday Celebration, **Holly Folly**, first began in Provincetown in 1997 as an opportunity to gather and celebrate the festive winter season with our chosen family. Today, Holly Folly has become the nation's largest LGBTQ+ holiday festival and draws queer community visitors who travel from far and wide to town. Visitors enjoy great performance art, fine dining, and holiday shopping experiences, happily losing themselves in the one-of-a-kind, independently-owned shops, boutiques, and galleries that line Commercial Street.

Highlights of Holly Folly Weekend include The Boston Gay Men's Chorus at Provincetown's Town Hall, Holly Folly Bingo, the Crown & Anchor's Holly Folly Follies, as well as additional holiday performances, dance parties, art exhibitions and more all across town. Looking for a truly unique shopping experience? Be sure to visit Canteen's Annual Holiday Market, which features dozens of makers and artisans offering unique holiday gifts. Stay for a while and savor warm holiday favorites from their beachside kitchen and bar!

Last year, more than 250 runners joined the **Jingle Bell Run** on the Sunday of Holly Folly to one-horse-open-slay their way down Commercial Street in as little clothing as they dared in a frosty fun-run. Participants will gather again this year to strip down and run through Province-town to the Lobster Pot Tree!

First Light December 27, 2024 - January 2, 2025

You'll have the perfect opportunity to ring in the New Year in Provincetown with friends and family during First Light weekend. With the Pilgrim Monument decked out in lights, revelers will fill the streets and frolic as they celebrate. We offer a number of our signature events during this year-end celebration, including the Provincetown Library's Light Bright Bike Ride, the PBG's annual Ball Drop Bingo, and the annual Polar Bear Plunge.

The Polar Bear Plunge on New Year's Day draws nearly a thousand people to the beach along Provincetown's Harbor for a refreshing dip in the ocean. In 2023, more than 200 plungers participated while DJ Chris Racine and Trampolina got the crowd's blood pumping! Best of all, the event benefits the important work of the Center for Coastal Studies.

Afterwards, the crowds continued the New Year's Day party by flocking to the beachside warming station and then moved on to Harbor Lounge for a cup of hot chili and a cool Tito's cocktail.

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Founded in 1978, the Provincetown Business Guild is a non-profit membership supported organization that works to drive LGBTQ+ tourism to Provincetown and support our local businesses throughout the year - but we can't do it without the support of our community.

- Please consider supporting the PBG by doing any of the following:
- Make a donation to the PBG
- Volunteering to support our events
- Supporting our artists by underwriting a Carnival Float
- Becoming a member of the PBG





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