

AfterWords

Bookstore & Espresso Bar

Newsletter, Winter '93

Happy Holidays from AfterWords

Happy Holidays and welcome to AfterWord's Winter Holidays/Christmas 1993 Newsletter, our first quarterly newsletter. In this issue, we hope to offer plenty of fun gift giving ideas to help everyone's holidays: from Christmas to Hanukkah, Winter Solstice to New Year's, the merriest and, of course, the gayest!

Holiday Cards

If you are dreaming not of a white but of a Fabulously Rainbow Christmas, then let AfterWords be your shopping headquarters. At AfterWords, you'll find the best selection of gay and lesbian holiday cards to be found anywhere, offering a wide array of humorous, serious, and naturally a few naughty cards from many gay companies. We are also pleased to feature a series of holiday cards in gay-positive designs by Vala Mohr, a local artist and card designer. You will also be able to find at AfterWords a wide variety of non-gay but definitely irreverent holiday cards plus our usual selection of everyday cards and postcards.

1993 : An Exceptional Year for Books!

Throughout this newsletter, we have sought to select the best book suggestions for even the most difficult to please gay, lesbian, or even straight reader. 1993 has been a remarkable year in gay and lesbian publishing with an unprecedented number of exceptional books. Randy Shilts' CONDUCT UNBECOMING, Rita Mae Brown's VENUS ENVY, and Michelangelo Signorile's QUEER IN AMERICA all received national acclaim and exposure. In addition, 1993 found new novels by David Leavitt, Mary Wings, Jeanette Winterson, Joseph Hansen, and Anne Rice.

Gift Ideas for Everyone

Besides books, AfterWords has a staggering array of gift items sure to please even the most difficult person on your gift list. AfterWords stocks a tremendous selection of gay, lesbian, and women's music on CD and cassette, a large variety of calendars, many, many T-shirt designs, rubber stamps, coffee mugs, jewelry, and assorted novelty items. So, please stop into AfterWords this holiday season, have some coffee and browse. We think you'll be surprised what AfterWords has to offer to make this Christmas the gayest!

Christmas Open House

To help you get into that festive holiday mood, AfterWords has scheduled a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 12 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. We will be featuring live classical music plus a selection of traditional and some no-so-traditional holiday music along with some home made Christmas treats and refreshments. We're sure to put the merry back into your Christmas!

World AIDS Day

We are pleased to announce that Anonymous HIV Antibody testing will be offered on Friday, December 3rd from 8:00pm to 11:00pm. This testing is offered at AfterWords without charge as an outreach service of the BESTD Clinic and in observance of World AIDS Day, December 1. A pin containing a special "Red Ribbon" AIDS Awareness Stamp will be given to every person tested. AfterWords will also be offering a discount on all AIDS related literature throughout the week.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, December 1st

World AIDS Day

All AIDS Literature Discounted 15%

Friday, December 3rd

Anonymous HIV Testing

Sponsored by Brady East STD Clinic

8:00pm - 11:00pm

Sunday, December 12th

Christmas Open House

Live Classical Music

Special Christmas Refreshments

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Sunday, January 9th

Help Us Celebrate

6 Months Anniversary Party

6:00pm - close

Wednesday, January 12th

AfterWords Reading Group

Initial Meeting - All Welcome

7:00pm

Tuesday, January 20th

Poetry Reading : Tom Grair

Open Mike to Follow

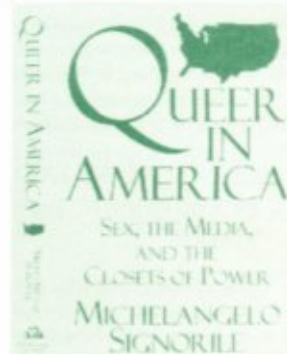
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Thursday, January 22nd

Play Reading

Playwrights Studio Theater

7:30pm



Holiday Hours:

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25th
Closed

Christmas Eve Friday, December 24th
Early Closing -- 5:00pm

Christmas Day Saturday, December 25th
Closed

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31st
Early Closing -- 6:00pm

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1st
Closed

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January Events at AfterWords

Six Month Anniversary

AfterWords will be 6 months old on January 9th and we've decided to celebrate! In honor of our first six wonderful months in business, AfterWords will host a big Anniversary Bash Sunday, January 9th from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. Come help celebrate this special event with food, fun, surprises! Everyone welcome!

AfterWords Book/Discussion Group

We have had many enquiries about AfterWords starting and hosting a book discussion group. With the holidays over, the AfterWords Book group will have its initial meeting on Wednesday, January 12 at 7:00pm. Everyone interested is welcome to bring their ideas to this initial meeting.

Poetry Reading -- Tom Grair

For the first poetry reading of 1994, AfterWords is pleased to invite Tom Grair on Tuesday, January 20th at 7:30pm. There will be an open mike to follow. AfterWords is hoping to begin regular poetry readings. Everyone interested in having a poetry reading at AfterWords should contact Carl at 963-9089.

Play Reading -- Playwrights Studio Theater

AfterWords is happy to welcome the Playwrights Studio Theater for a Play Reading on Thursday, January 22nd. Two new plays will be read. The first is "Ciao, Ricky" by Mike Neville plus Jack Talbot's "Liebestrame: Dreams of Love" All are invited to this free event at 7:30pm.

Bare Walls at AfterWords

Local Artists: If you are interested in showing your artwork, AfterWords has many bare walls. If anyone is interested in exhibiting at AfterWords, please contact Carl at 963-9089.

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