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NEWSLETTER

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Your LGBTQ+ Connection In Desert Hot Springs

INTRODUCING OUR BRAND NEW QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER!

DiversityDHS is happy to debut our informative quarterly newsletter to our many members. Herein, find a wealth of information about our organization, activities, informative discussions, community involvement and speaker's bureau. Use this newsletter as your source of information regarding the LGBTQ+ community of Desert Hot Springs. Wish to contribute content to the next edition? Write us at: info@diversitydhs.org.



2023 FALL EVENTS CALENDAR

October 25	Rainbow Night @ Playoffs - 7:30 - 9:30pm Playoffs Sports Lounge - 12105 Palm Drive - Desert Hot Springs, CA.
October 30	LGBTQ+ Town Hall Meeting - 6:00 - 8:00pm Desert Hot Springs City Hall - 11999 Palm Drive - Desert Hot Springs, CA.
November 5	DiversityDHS @ Palm Springs Pride DiversityDHS Celebrates LGBTQ+ Pride At Palm Springs Annual Event
November 11	DiversityDHS Board Meeting - 3:00 - 5:00pm Desert Hot Springs Public Library - 14380 Palm Drive - Desert Hot Springs, CA.
November 12	Sunday T' Social @ Dillon's - 3:00 - 5:00pm Dillon's Burgers & Beers - 54547 Dillon Road - Desert Hot Springs, CA.
November 29	Rainbow Night @ Playoffs - 7:30 - 9:30pm Playoffs Sports Lounge - 12105 Palm Drive - Desert Hot Springs, CA.
December 3	Let's Do Lunch! - 11:00am - 1:00pm Sunshine Cafe @ Spa Hotel - 10905 Palm Drive - Desert Hot Springs, CA.
December 7	LGBTQ+ Dinner Club - 6:00 - 9:00pm * Sunshine Cafe @ Spa Hotel - 10905 Palm Drive - Desert Hot Springs, CA.
December 9	DiversityDHS Board Meeting - 3:00 - 5:00pm Desert Hot Springs Public Library - 14380 Palm Drive - Desert Hot Springs, CA.
December 10	Sunday T' Social @ Dillon's - 3:00 - 5:00pm Dillon's Burgers & Beers - 54547 Dillon Road - Desert Hot Springs, CA.
December 27	Rainbow Night @ Playoffs - 7:30 - 9:30pm Playoffs Sports Lounge - 12105 Palm Drive - Desert Hot Springs, CA.

LGBTQ+ Town Hall

Come To Desert Hot Springs City Hall And Meet With The Police Chief And City Officials



We are confronting a critical issue that will not go away if we choose to simply ignore it. The far-right is increasingly targeting the LGBTQ+ community and we all need to start talking openly about it. Discuss what we absolutely must this October 30th at the Desert Hot Springs 5th Annual LGBTQ+ Town Hall Meeting.

Scan This QR Code To Access Our Website, Downloadable Materials, Videos, [Donation Form](#) & Surveys



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Joey Robinson, President, DiversityDHS

The COVID-19 pandemic has undeniably reshaped our communities in ways we could never have imagined. As we emerge from the pandemic's grip, it is crucial to reflect on the impact it has on diversity within our communities and how we can foster a more inclusive and equitable future.

COVID-19 has disproportionately affected racial and ethnic minorities, low-income groups and the elderly. It's important to recognize these disparities as a starting point for fostering inclusivity. It is important now more than ever before for communities to come together against forces that would divide us.

DiversityDHS is a nonprofit organization whose goals are to:

- Celebrate the diverse cultures, backgrounds and perspectives that enrich our communities.
- Advocate for ongoing education and awareness efforts to combat bias, discrimination, and inequality.
- Showcase local initiatives or organizations that have played a crucial role in promoting diversity and inclusivity within the community.

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed both the vulnerabilities and strengths of our communities. While it has exposed disparities, it has also showcased the resilience and capacity for unity within diverse populations. By acknowledging the challenges and actively working towards a more inclusive future, we can emerge from this crisis stronger, more connected and more committed to embracing diversity in all its forms.

The beauty of DiversityDHS lives in the name and we are here for everyone living in Desert Hot Springs and throughout the Coachella Valley. Join us here at DiversityDHS in our quest to build a safe place for everyone to participate regardless of age, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation.

DiversityDHS - End Of Year Gift Giving

By Tom Engler, Treasurer

It's not year-end yet, but it's coming! This is just a reminder that DiversityDHS is a fully qualified 501(c)(3) organization. As such, you can donate any amount to support the organization's operations. And, depending on your tax position, deduct the amount of your contribution from your federal and state income taxes.

DiversityDHS has been slow to recover from the COVID pandemic but still has important objectives in it's sights.

Any gift will help immensely, whether to prepare for the March Pride Festival or in support of a range of community and social programs. To make a donation, find the QR code on this newsletter. The QR code is the gateway to DiversityDHS resources including a donation page. That page appears as the second entry in the list of resources.

Please consider DiversityDHS in your tax-deductible giving at year-end or any time during the year. Our community needs are continuous.

TALENT CORNER

Artisans Who Enrich Our Local Community

Capturing Magic In Glass

Brian Brodowsky



Brian Brodowsky is the current secretary for DiversityDHS.

Brian started his career as a dentist in 1983 until retirement in 2014. With no real plan what to do, he looked for artistic ways to spend his time.

Working with glass is clean, precise and detailed...

The perfect fit became working with clean glass, with precision and detail.

Glass fusing is the process of joining compatible sheet glass together in a kiln until the glass fuses up to 1490 degrees fahrenheit. Fusing glass offers a myriad of possibilities for creating both functional pieces and artwork with color and form.

Each piece presented is handmade in my home studio here in Desert Hot Springs and I have enjoyed this hobby for some time. I also enjoy sharing my craft with others.

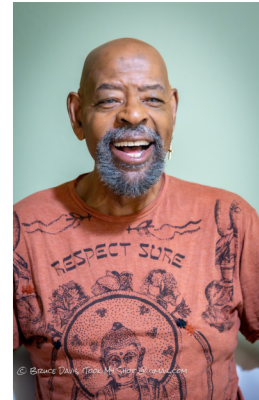
50% of sale proceeds of these one-of-a-kind pendants is given to DiversityDHS.

See more of Brian's work at: bff-artisans.com

The Man, His Life And The Music

Art Reynolds

Art Reynolds is an African-American songwriter, producer and singer that has put music at the forefront of his life for over seven decades. His love for music was harvested by his grandmother "Doll" buying him a piano when he was aged 10 in Long Beach, California. She told him to play, and play he did.



From that simple start, he has used music to say what's on his mind, heart and soul. He listened to the Doo-Wop groups of the mid-1950's well into the 1960's and found a simple set of chords that allowed him to play the most current interaction of R&B/Rock and Roll/Gospel and other forms of music that made it's way into the fabric of our America.

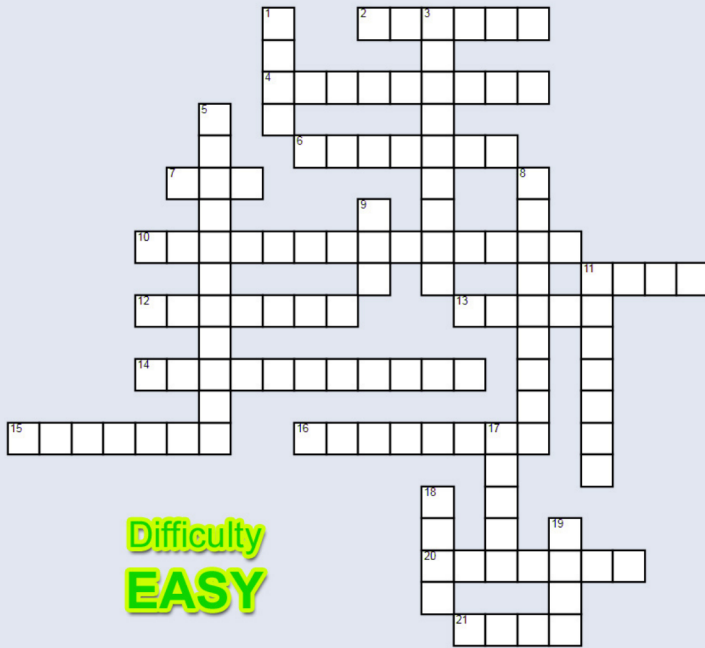
Learn more about Art at: artreynoldsmusic.com

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Attend DiversityDHS's Monthly Public Meetings



Gay Trivia - What Do You Know?



Difficulty
EASY

Across

2. Well known drag queen famous for ____ drag race.
4. A person who identifies with the sex they were assigned to is?
6. When you ask to touch a person or their things what do you ask for?
7. What does the 'G' in LGBTQ+ mean?
10. What is the practice of unfairly treating people or group that are different?
11. The trans flag colors are blue, white, and?
12. Without sexual feeling or association is called?
13. A term, once offensive, now used as an umbrella term for those who do not identify as straight is called?
14. Having attributes of multiple genders can be?
15. When is coming out month?
16. Sexually attracted to both men and women is?
20. What does the 'L' in LGBTQ+ mean?
21. When is pride month?

Down

1. Trans activist and popular author: Janet ____.
3. Not limited in sexual choice with regard to biological sex or gender is?
5. What does the 'T' in LGBTQ+ mean?
8. Name of the place in Manhattan NYC where a gay protest riot occurred?
9. How many colors are in the LGBTQ+ flag?
11. What does the 'P' in PGP stand for?
17. What does the 'A' stand for in the acronym LGBTQIA+ stand for?
18. Harvey ____ is the high school located with HMI. (Hetrick-Martin Institute).
19. On Rupaul they say, "You better lip-synch for your ____!"

DiversityDHS Histortree

Growing From The Ground Up In Desert Hot Springs

Many participants in our organization are new and want to know more about the history of DiversityDHS. The progress timeline shown at the right illustrates our many years of active participation within our community. Those shown here represent only a few of many activities.



Gay Trivia Puzzle Answer Key

Across

21. June
20. Lesbian
16. Bisexual
15. October
14. Androgynous
13. Queer
12. Asexual
11. Pink
10. Discrimination
7. Gay
6. Consent
4. Cisgender
2. Rupaul

Down

19. Life
18. Milk
17. Allies
11. Pronoun
9. Six
8. Stonewall
5. Transgender
3. Pansexual
1. Mock