



PFLAG Colorado Springs

Parents, Families, Friends, and Allies United
With LGBTQ People to Move Equality Forward

August 2021

Inside Out Initiates QTPOC Youth Group

Inside Out Youth Services is initiating a youth group for Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) ages 13-24 in September. The new group will be launched with a community meet-and-greet at the Hillside Community Center, 925 South Institute Street on Saturday, August 21 from 2-4 p.m. sponsored by Inside Out and the Pikes Peak Safe at Schools Coalition.

There will be food and entertainment, and admission is free for all ages at this kickoff event. Please spread the word about it.

Information about Inside Out, a non-profit organization supporting LGBTQ youth for over 25 years, can be found



at www.insideoutys.org, on its Facebook page and also on Twitter: @Inside_OutYS

Advance Notice: You are Invited to Trans Empowerment Month 2021

Throughout the month of October, Stand with Trans is hosting a variety of virtual presentations, panels and performances as well as some in-person events for trans youth, caregivers and anyone who works with transgender youth.

Talks include: "Getting it Covered: Navigating Insurance with TransFamily Support Services"; "Surgeon Q&A Trans Affirming Breast/Top Surgery" and "Steps Forward Towards Transgender Equality with the ACLU of Michigan".

Last year this event hosted over 700 registrants from all over the US and throughout the world. The month of virtual workshops and presentations is free for trans and non-binary youth 24 and under. The early bird price for adults 25 and older is \$37 until August 15. The link for more information and registration is:

<https://bit.ly/37xXcTO>

Stand With Trans is a well-known national nonprofit support group of parents supporting the transgender community. www.standwithtrans.org

History Colorado Website Features Bob Wingear Interview



Bob Wingear (1965)

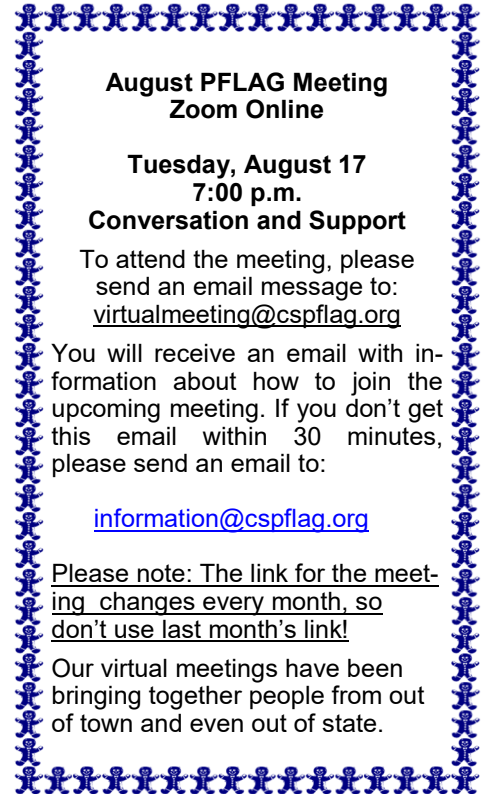
The *History Colorado* Museum in Denver interviewed Bob Wingear of Black Forest, CO, in 2020 as part of its two-year *LGBTQ History Project*, and has now made the recorded interview (100 min.) available online at:

<https://bit.ly/3Cyplsz>.

There is a link within this file ("full catalog record") that provides his biography and two photos.

Bob is a good friend of Colorado Springs PFLAG. Born in 1939, he

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August PFLAG Meeting Zoom Online

Tuesday, August 17
7:00 p.m.

Conversation and Support

To attend the meeting, please send an email message to: virtualmeeting@cspflag.org

You will receive an email with information about how to join the upcoming meeting. If you don't get this email within 30 minutes, please send an email to:

information@cspflag.org

Please note: The link for the meeting changes every month, so don't use last month's link!

Our virtual meetings have been bringing together people from out of town and even out of state.

Colorado Springs PFLAG will be moving between online (Zoom) and in-person meetings, with a possibility of future meetings that are hybrid (an in-person meeting with a Zoom link so that others can join the meeting online). Please watch the newsletter for updates.

Out Loud Schedules Auditions

Hooray! The Out Loud Colorado Springs Men's Chorus is gearing up for a new in-person season with auditions for new members on August 23 and August 30 at First Congregational Church.

Auditions FAQ:

Q: I do not have a strong musical background. I've never sung in a chorus before. Should I still audition?

A: YES! We have members who only sang in the shower before joining, some who have advanced musical

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Colorado Springs PFLAG Facebook Page

Cindy Waldmann does a wonderful job of managing the facebook page of Colorado Springs PFLAG. Week after week, she comes up with breaking news about the community and insightful, heartwarming posts from our allies. For those who do not use Facebook, we bring you some of her great posts. Thank you, Cindy!



"But seeing those straight parents out there on the streets saying, 'yes, I'm here in this parade because I love my kid and I am not ashamed' kills me every time. Anyway, the reason this exists, the reason this phenomenon exists in America, the reason there are all of these totally normal average moms and dads out there with this dignified, remarkable tears-inducing public proclamation of love for their kids is because of this specific incident—this moment in time."

—Rachel Maddow

January 11, 2013/The Rachel Maddow Show, MSNBC

Rachel Maddow on the Pride Parade

May we be able to have one on-the-street downtown in 2022!)

A reminder to all parents of LGBTQ kids:
They already know they're different.

But they don't know if that's OK.
What you celebrate in them now is what they will love about themselves later.

MAMA DRAGONS

Love them, celebrate them.
Re-posted from website of Mama Dragons: Supporting Moms of LGBTQ+ www.mamadragons.org

Non-Binary

Non-binary is used to describe people who feel their gender cannot be defined within the margins of gender binary. Instead, they understand their gender in a way that goes beyond simply identifying as either a man or woman. Some non-binary people may feel comfortable within trans communities and find this is a safe space to be with others who don't identify as cis, but this isn't always the case.

#NONBINARYAWARENESSWEEK #NBWEEK #ENBY

TransParent Group

The TransParent group for parents of gender variant and transgender youth is meeting virtually on Zoom on the third Thursday of the month from 6:00—7:30 p.m.

For more information, and to receive the Zoom meeting link, email transparenting@insideoutys.org or call Inside/Out at (719) 328-1056.

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ARKANSAS TRANS HEALTH BAN BLOCKED

LOUISIANA ANTI-TRANS BILL STOPPED

BREAKING NEWS: In Arkansas and Louisiana, [#LoveWins!](#) A court and a vote, respectively, affirmed that trans kids are KIDS and deserve healthcare—and they can play sports! Thank you to [Governor John Bel Edwards](#) in Louisiana, the [ACLU](#) in Arkansas, and everyone who continues the work to [#LetKidsPlay](#) and

[#ProtectTransKids](#) everywhere. ❤️
[#PFLAGProud](#)

"Homosexuality was well known in the ancient world, well before Christ was born, and Jesus never said a word about homosexuality.

In all of his teachings about multiple things, **He never said** that gay people should be condemned." — President Jimmy Carter



Queer Friends Colorado Springs - A Private Facebook Group



This is a social group for anyone on the LGBTQIA spectrum. Queer-friendly allies and friends are also welcome. We hope to build a community of friends through events such as hiking, coffee, meals, beers, day trips, etc. We're here and we're queer! We are also on Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/Queer-Friends-in-Colorado-Springs> (use this link): <https://bit.ly/37uh1vl>

Colorado Springs PFLAG

This newsletter is published by the Colorado Springs Chapter of PFLAG. PFLAG provides support, education and advocacy for people who are LGBTQ+, their families, and allies.

To receive this newsletter regularly, go to the website: www.cspflag.org.

To contact PFLAG, send email to: information@cspflag.org.

Colorado Springs PFLAG Support Line: (719) 425-9567

Facebook: PFLAG—Colorado Springs <https://www.facebook.com/PFLAGCS/>

PFLAG National Office website: www.pflag.org



BULLETIN BOARD

Aug 21— Inside Out QTPOC Meet and Greet 2-4 p.m., Hillside Community Center, 925 South Institute Street, Colorado Springs. Free food and entertainment. See p. 1.

Aug 23 and 30 — Auditions for Out Loud Colorado Springs Men's Chorus, First Congregational Church, 20 East St. Vrain St. See article, p. 1.

Aug 29— PFLAG Current Members Celebration—by invitation.

Aug 30 — Safe at School Coalition Meeting 4:00—5:30 p.m. on Zoom. To register to attend, use this link: <https://bit.ly/3AwEDMx>

Sep. 8 — Back to School Open House, 4-6 p.m. at Inside/Out Youth Services, 223 N. Wahsatch Avenue. Have you heard the buzz about the Safe at Schools Coalition's 10th anniversary? Did you know that the Coalition works with school districts throughout the region to make spaces safer for LGBTQ+ youth? Come and meet us and learn more! More details here: <https://bit.ly/3CAqQpR>

Out Loud

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degrees, and everything in between. Part of Out Loud's formula of success is to take a mix of singers with diverse experiences in music.

Q: How often does Out Loud rehearse?

A: We rehearse every Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:30pm, with sectional and other special rehearsals as needed.

For more information, and to sign up for an audition, go to www.outloudcsmc.com and click on the "Audition" tab.

Thank You

To the Saponas Foundation, First Congregational United Church of Christ and the Ruskey/Bianchi Family for their significant, ongoing support of Colorado Springs PFLAG.

Bob Wingard

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arrived in Colorado Springs in 1965 with the U.S. Army and was initially assigned to the Air Defense Command at the Childlaw Building. He later worked as a civilian in government service until he retired in 1995.

Our story about his life as a gay man working for the government in this conservative place was featured in the October 2020 edition of the PFLAG newsletter.

Neither Bob nor Walter, his partner of many years who worked as the pastry chef at the Broadmoor's Penrose Room, were ever really "out" at work.

They had hoped to get married, but, sadly, Walter passed away in July 2014, just three months before gay marriage became legal in Colorado.

History Colorado provides the following introduction to the recorded interview:

"Bob's story is unique in that he was gay man working as a civilian government employee with top-secret clearance for the USAF Air Defense Command/NORAD from 1965 to 1995.

"During this time, if Bob's sexual orientation went public, the chances are very good that the government would have fired him and stripped him of his top-secret clearance. Bob speaks directly to this and how it affected his career and opportunities for advancement.

"He goes into detail about his career with the Air Defense Command/NORAD giving a unique perspective that many people will find interesting."

Visit the History Colorado Center Museum at 1200 Broadway in Denver. See www.historycolorado.org

PFLAG Meetings

You don't always know where other people are on their journeys.

Therefore, PFLAG meetings, both in-person and virtual, must always be a safe space.

Who you meet, and what you hear
Must remain strictly confidential.

Support Colorado Springs PFLAG—Become a Member

You can join at any time of the year. The current membership year extends from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Name: _____

___ New member ___ Renewing member

Address: _____

___ Regular Membership \$ 30
___ Supporting Member—Silver 40
___ Supporting Member—Gold 60
___ Supporting Member—Platinum 100

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

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Check here if you wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail _____

Each year our chapter contributes \$15.00 for each paid membership to the PFLAG national office to support its mission.

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