

Shelf Life

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Thoughts from the Editors



Welcome to the first edition of Shelf Life for 2010!

It's been a while since we published anything, sorry if you missed us in the interim!

There are lots of exciting local events coming up, and you can always find information about them on our community calendar available through our website. This issue has information and dates for upcoming pride events in the region. There will be more information available in our next issue about the pride celebrations planned here in Guelph.

We also have a movie review and would welcome book or movie reviews from members who would like to share about their favourite queer films and books!

April marks national volunteer week, so next time you visit OOTS, don't forget to thank the volunteers that make it all possible for us to enjoy such a wonderful space.

We also have a new shift on Saturday's which means that you can now drop by with your laptop and enjoy our wireless internet from 11am to 5pm every Saturday!

Thanks for reading! Your editors - Greg and Laura

Movies ... In My Opinion

Running with Scissors

Directed by Ryan Murphy

Written by Ryan Murphy and Augusten Burroughs

Running with Scissors is an unbelievable story, made even more so by the fact that it is based upon the memoirs of an actual person; Augusten Burroughs. The story is about Augusten who ends up having to live with his mother's therapist and his family, all of whom seem to be much less sane than Augusten himself. It follows him as he deals with the loss of his actual family, the acquisition of this new family and the development of his first homosexual relationship. The movie has an all star cast including Annette Benning, Alec Baldwin and Gwyneth Paltrow, which means I was expecting to be

blown away by some awesome in depth acting. Unfortunately I was a bit disappointed. Not to say that I didn't enjoy the movie. It had moments of glee, of enlightenment and more than a few shocking events, but it also had its share of slow portions. I also began to wonder if some of these events were included in order to keep the movie more interesting. Could all of these bizarre things have really happened to someone? I just didn't buy it or at least the movie didn't make me believe so.

The enjoyment that I did get out of Running with Scissors is that relationships, or a connection with another human being, can be forged in all kinds of situations. Some of these connections can slip away, never to be regained, while others

can be renewed and strengthened. To me, Augusten Burroughs definitely had some strange experiences and whether they were exaggerated for the movie or not, it was the relationships that were born and died during these experiences that I found most interesting. His connection to both his parents started out quite differently from where the movie ends. The same is true with many of the other characters he meets along the way. Running with Scissors, while not the fantastic movie I expected, turned out to be a movie I'd still recommend to friends. Also, I've been given to understand that the book the movie is based on is quite amazing and whereas I may not have read it before watching the movie, I'm definitely going to read it now.

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www.outontheshelf.ca

Check out the community calendar on our website!

We would LOVE to help you advertise events that would be of interest to the Queer Community and our Allies!!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

OUT ON THE SHELF EVENTS

Writer's Circle

Usually Occurs on Tuesday Evenings - Contact organizer for details.
Organizer: Van Waffle - vanwaffle@gmail.com
Writing exercises, critiquing and discussion about the writing life.

Rainbow Knitters

Third Saturday of each Month - 1:30pm to 3:30pm
Organizer: Van Waffle - vanwaffle@gmail.com
Bring your knitting for an informal social time at OOTS.

QUEER COMMUNITY EVENTS

PHA (People living with HIV/AIDS) Movie Night

Tuesday April 27th, 2010 - 6:00pm
Join us for great food, laughs, tears, maybe a scare or two, and a great movie.
Find more details at www.aidsguelph.org/events

A Taste for Life for the Aids Committee of Guelph

Wednesday April 28th, 2010 - 5:30pm to Closing
Selected Restaurants will donate a portion of your bill to ACG
Find more details at www.aidsguelph.org/events

Rainbow Chorus Concert

Saturday May 8th, 2010 - 8:00pm to 10:00pm
Harcourt United Church - 87 Dean Ave. Guelph, ON
The Rainbow Chorus performs with special guests Singing OUT!
Check out www.rainbowchorus.ca for more details.

KW Rainbow Women's Soccer League

2010 Season: May 15th – August 28th 2010
A Recreational soccer league for LGBT and gay positive women of all ages. Registration is . For more information, and to sign up for a team, visit their website at www.rainbowwomenssoccer.org

Queeriot

June 10th - June 13th, 2010
Ed Video - 40 Baker Street
This festival includes workshops, dance parties, a queercore show, teen open mic, poetry slam, art show, sex toy auction, spandex wrestling and more...

PRIDE WATCH

2010!!

Guelph

May 31st - June 6th, 2010
www.guelphpride.outontheshelf.ca

Kitchener/Waterloo/Cambridge

May 30th - June 5th, 2010
www.tri-pride.ca

Halton Region

June 5th, 2010
www.haltonpride.org

York Region

June 6th–13th, 2010
www.yorkpridefest.com

Hamilton

June 18th - June 20th, 2010
www.hamiltonpride.com

Owen Sound

June 20th, 2010
tourism.owensound.ca

Toronto

June 25th - July 4th, 2010
www.pridetoronto.com

London

July 15th - July 25th, 2010
www.pridelondon.ca

Peel Region

July 18th, 2010
www.prideeventspeel.com

Windsor

Aug. 4th - Aug. 8th, 2010
www.windsorpride.com

