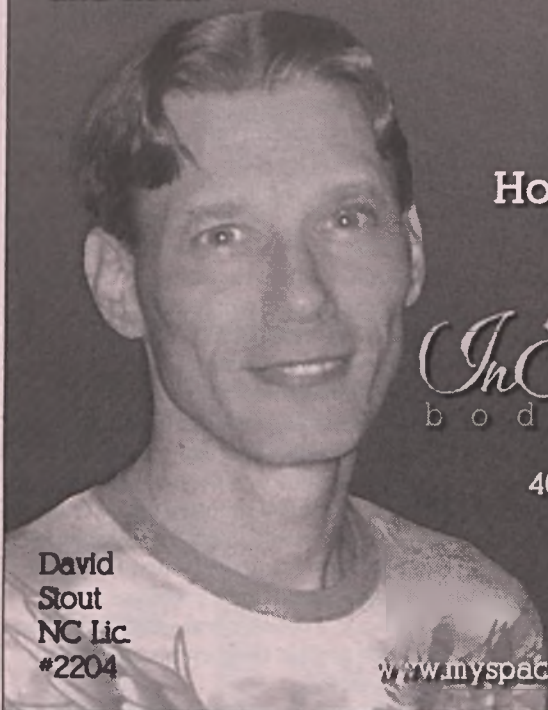


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Pride Charlotte announces pageant dates

Group's revamped pageant system includes preliminaries across metro area

compiled by Q-Notes staff

The Charlotte region's largest LGBT Pride festival has announced the dates for this year's Miss Pride Charlotte Pageant. The new pageant system features preliminaries at several LGBT establishments across the greater Charlotte area.

Six organizations are participating in the pageant system this year, including Scorpio, the Charlotte Eagle, Liaisons, the Hide-A-Way, Night Owls and the Actors' Theatre of Charlotte. Scorpio's pageant was held on May 15.

The final, where Miss Pride Charlotte will be crowned, will be held at Scorpio on July 10 at 9

p.m. Dates of preliminaries are included below.

Each pageant will have a theme for the night. Those announced at press time included the Charlotte Eagle's "Leather & Lace," Actors' Theatre's "A Queen in Color" and the final's "Out is in...Style," an homage to the Pride Charlotte 2009 theme, "Out is in."



Miss Pride Charlotte pageants

Miss Charlotte Eagle Pride — May 24, 8 p.m.
Miss Liaisons Pride — June 6, 8 p.m.
Miss Hide-A-Way Pride — June 13, 10 p.m.
Miss Night Owls Pride — June 19, 10 p.m.
Miss Queen City Pride (Actors' Theatre of Charlotte) — July 3, 8 p.m. ▽

Foundation honors, remembers

State senator receives award, movie trailer shown

by Matt Comer . Q-Notes staff

WILMINGTON — Community members gathered for three days of fun, networking, fundraising and involvement at the Frank Harr Foundation Family Fest, May 15-17. The group also awarded the state's only out member of the General Assembly and screened the trailer of an upcoming documentary produced and filmed in town.

The foundation honored State Sen. Julia Boseman (D-New Hanover) with their inaugural "Frankly Speaking" Community Award. Boseman is North Carolina's only openly gay or lesbian state legislator. She has worked diligently to bring LGBT issues to the General Assembly and was the chief sponsor of the School Violence Prevention Act, which passed the Senate 26-22 on May 7. The award is given annually to a member of the community who acts in the spirit of Frank Harr.

"The Frank Harr Foundation has been established to keep the undying spirit of Frank Harr alive," the organization said in a release. "Our primary purpose is to educate

the public on matters concerning the LGBT community in order to impart a sense of unity, equality and acceptance."

After the ceremony honoring Boseman, the group screened the trailer for "Parkview," a forthcoming film documenting the February 1990 murder of 32-year-old lesbian Talana Kreeger.

Other events of the Frank Harr Family Fest weekend included the Port City Pride Stride, an annual 5k walk/run to benefit OutWilmington Community Center and St. Jude's Metropolitan Community Church's Tent Revival and brunch.

The organization was founded and named in memory of longtime Wilmington advocate Frank Harr, who passed away last May. Harr was dedicated to building community, educating others about human rights and promoting equality. He served as a board member of CARE, a non-profit organization serving and supporting families infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Harr also co-founded and co-chaired an annual AIDS benefit. In the fall of 2008, Harr was posthumously awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the New Hanover Democratic Party for his role in founding the Wilmington chapter of Stonewall Democrats. ▽

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