

Pride Weekend: Sept. 29 - Oct. 1

Friday, Sept. 29

Durham

3-6 p.m.
Pridetini Fest at the Bar of Grasshopper on Ninth St. Benefit for the NC Pride marching band with special drinks.
 6 p.m.
Pride Crawl on Ninth St. with coffee and desserts at Madhatter's Cafe.
 6-9 p.m.
Pride Happy Hour. Meet friends old and new building community in a casual setting. George's Garage. 937 9th St. No cover.
 7-11 p.m.
An Evening of Acoustic Chicks with Picks! Featuring SONiA of Disappear Fear with a duo acoustic set featuring Disappear Fear band-mate, Laura, on hand-drums and Someone's Sister. \$10 cover. Sirens Lounge.
 11 p.m.
Pride Night Bash at Sirens Lounge with dancing, entertainment, special drinks and DJ. Corner of Markham/Broad.
 9 p.m.
 Dreamz Entertainment presents "Lights Action Camera" Part 1 with DJ Sedrick. Poetry reading and open mike till 10 then a blackout party (Come dressed in all black) and drag show. This is a rainbow unity party for all. At the Loft at George's Garage on Ninth St.
 10 p.m. - 3 a.m.
Official NC Pride Kick-off Party: "Big Top" Magnus-Events.com and Centaur Music of NYC present "Big Top" Circuit Party, featuring national release party for DJ Rob Harris of his new dance CD "Soakin Wet 3" and from Las Vegas the nationally known magician Nick Comis, three rings of music, three dance floors, three DJs under the big top. Street dancers, fire performers and more surprise circus acts and performers. Complete with a "Party Bus" for late night travel to special afterhours party. Located at Fowlers, 112 South Duke St.

Chapel Hill

5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Pride Coffee and Desserts at Cafe Driade.

Raleigh

8 p.m.
 Triangle Gay Men's Chorus presents "Tickled Pink" Concert with special guests, Common Woman Chorus and the Triad Pride Men's Chorus. At Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, 1801 Hillsborough St.
 8 p.m.
Pride Coffee and Desserts at Third Place at Five Points.
 10 p.m.
 Singer/Songwriter Barry Brandon previews his "Musical Theatre Album" at Flex Bar.
 10 p.m.
 L Club presents DJ Awsum in a post-Pride party.
 10 p.m.
Special Pride Drag Show by Miss Gay U.S.of.A., Alyssa Edwards, with Lawanda Jackson at Legends Nightclub. Featuring her illusions of Michael Jackson and Tina Turner.
 11:15 p.m.
St. John's MCC Gospel Drag Show at Capital Corral Club.



Greensboro

10 p.m.
 Official "Pride Glow Party" at Warehouse 29 in Greensboro.
Saturday, Sept. 30
NC PrideFest Day - Festival and Parade — "Pride not Prejudice"
 Durham — festival site at Duke East Campus 8-9 a.m.
Vendor setup at Festival grounds.
 8:30 a.m.
NC Pride 5k Phantom Run and Walk (free)
 9 a.m.
Morning conferences with workshops, Duke East Bldg.
 10 a.m.
Festival grounds open with vendors and displays.
 11:00 a.m.
Ecumenical Church Service at the Gazebo.
 11:15 a.m.
Parade Float line up — Parade Marshall Connie Vetter.
 11:15 a.m.
Marching units group leader sign in
 11:30 a.m.
NC Pride Band Overture.
 11:55 a.m.
National Anthem for Opening Ceremony.
 Noon

Pride Rally with speakers and dignitaries including address by Assistant City Attorney Sherri Rosenthal, former Air Force Sgt. Bruce Wyatt and City Councilman Mark

Kleinschmidt, Dr. Janie Long of Duke University and other speakers.
 12:45- 2:15 p.m.
Parade line-up to march with African Drums.
 1 p.m.
Parade begins (official reviewing stand at Madhatter's Cafe at the corner of Main and Broad St. and official viewing stand party serving drinks at Sirens Lounge, Broad and Markham St.).
 2:15 p.m.
NC Pride Band and Atlanta Freedom Band Overture on the street.
 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Festival Stage features Common Woman Chorus, Imani Singers, drag king show and "Prideful Noise" Musical Acts by 307 Knox Records with headliner The EX-Members with Shirley Hale, David K. and Melissa York.
 3:15 p.m.
Presentation of Jim Baxter Award.
 5 p.m.
Day Festival Ends.
NCPridefest Night Festival at Hargett Street Area in Raleigh
 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
White Rabbit Open House — Come see what's new at White Rabbit! Prizes and refreshments all evening.
 10 p.m. - 4am
Legends Embrace Party — with nationally known DJ Chris Cox.
 10 p.m. - 4am
Capital Corral Embrace Party — with the well-known DJ Brian.
 10 p.m. - 4am
Flex Club Official Pride Party featuring male



model and film star Duke Rivers.
 10 p.m. L Club presents DJ Awsum in a post-Pride party.
Durham
 6 p.m.
Bands and More at Joe and Joe's Pub. The official After Pride event in Durham.
 9 p.m.
 Dreamz Entertainment presents "Lights Action Camera" Part 2 with DJ Sedrick and DJ Ladie Fingaz. A rainbow unity party for men and womyn. At the Loft at George's Garage on Ninth St.
Sunday, Oct. 1
Raleigh
 10 a.m. - Noon
NC Pride Breakfast on the 1st floor restaurant of the Brownstone Hotel, the official Pride Hotel in Raleigh. All welcome — even if you are not staying at the hotel.
 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.
St. Johns MCC Church Service followed by the annual Pride Pig Picking luncheon.
 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Bear Brunch at Flex bar hosted by Carolina Bear Lodge.
 5 p.m.
Third Annual NC Pride Filmfest — "Vacationland" by Toddy Verow at Mission Valley Theatre. This hot new film is the latest work of N.Y. filmmaker Todd Verow and was picked best at the Newfest Film Festival this year.
 7 p.m.
Post Pride Hangout at Third Place Coffee
 10 p.m.
Post Pride Party at Legends Club
 10 p.m.
Post Pride Party at Capital Corral Club
Durham
 1:15 p.m.
Post Pride Lunch and HangOut at Madhatter Cafe with ice cream at Ben and Jerry's on Main St.
Chapel Hill
 7 p.m.
Post Pride Coffee at the Cafe Driade. ▀



Baxter to receive double kudos

Front Page founder, Q-Notes writer to be honored

Q-Notes contributing writer Jim Baxter will be doubly-honored on Saturday, Sept. 30 — first at his alma mater, Guilford College in Greensboro, and then later that same day, during the NC Pride festivities in Durham.

At Guilford, the college's Alumni Association presents Alumni Excellence Awards every year during homecoming festivities. The award was established in 1980 to recognize alumni who are humanitarians and have achieved distinction in their chosen professional endeavors. Service, commitment, integrity and success are the key factors in making these selections.



Baxter, a 1975 graduate, was a co-founder of the Guilford Gay Alliance on campus and a group called Gay People's Alliance off-campus. He wrote a column, called "On Being Gay," for a local newspaper, *The Greensboro Sun*. He later founded *The Front Page*, a biweekly newspaper for the LGBT community, and ran it as editor and publisher for 26 years.

The award will be presented at a luncheon on campus in Greensboro. Later that afternoon, around 3 p.m., Baxter will be presented with The Front Page Award, an honor created and sponsored by Q-Notes and North Carolina Pride.

"It's an award to recognize and keep alive *The Front Page* name, as well as recognize individuals who have made substantial accomplishments in the struggle for LGBT equality," says Q-Notes publisher Jim Yarbrough. "To commemorate *The Front Page* and its founder, Jim Baxter will be the first recipient of the award."

The award will be an ongoing event. "It will be given to someone each year chosen by the NC Pride Committee with some input from us," Yarbrough said. "They'll be the ones to administer it on a regular, ongoing basis."

Baxter is currently working on a master's degree in journalism from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communication at Syracuse University. ▀



Directions

From Greensboro and Points West Via I-85 North

Exit onto N.C. 147 (Durham Freeway). Continue on Durham Freeway to Swift Ave. exit (#14). Turn left onto Swift Ave. to W. Main St. Turn right on W. Main St. and go to Campus Dr., which is the main entrance to East campus.

From Richmond and Points North Via I-85 South

In Durham, take the left-lane exit (#174B) for U.S. 15-501 S. Bypass — Duke University/Chapel Hill. Continue on U.S. 15-501 to N.C. 147 (Durham Freeway) exit. Take Durham Freeway S. to Swift Ave. exit (#14). Turn left onto Swift Ave. to W. Main St. Turn right onto W. Main St. and go to Campus

From RDU Airport, Raleigh and Points East Via I-40 West

Exit onto the Durham Freeway (N.C. 147). Take Durham Freeway to Swift Ave. exit (#14). Turn right onto Swift Ave. to W. Main St. Turn right onto W. Main St. and go to Campus Dr., which is the main entrance to East campus.

From Chapel Hill Via US. 15-501 North

Take 15-501 N., marked to Duke University/Medical Center. Do not take 15-501 Business. Continue on US 15-501 to N.C. 147 (Durham Freeway) exit (#108B). Take Durham Freeway S. to Swift Ave. exit (#14), marked East Campus. Turn right onto W. Main St. and go to Campus Dr., which is the main entrance to East campus. ▀