

## Creech to share new book

**April 27 • Chapel Hill**  
**'Adam's Gift'**

Internationalist Books hosts the Rev. Jimmy Creech discussing his new book "Adam's Gift: A Memoir of a Pastor's Calling to Defy the Church's Persecution of Lesbians and Gays," a moving story and an important chapter in the unfinished struggle for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil and human rights. 405 W. Franklin St. Free. 919-942-1740. internationalistbooks.org.

**April 16-17 • Charlotte**  
**Queen City Stomp**

Hundreds of participants from across the country and southeast flock to Charlotte for Southern Country Charlotte's annual Queen City Stomp, an LGBT Country-Western dancing festival including evening parties and dances and daytime dancing lessons and more. For more information, including registration, event details and lodging options, visit [queencitystomp.com](http://queencitystomp.com).

**April 16-17 • Charlotte**  
**Kings Drive Art Walk**

Charlotte's Festival in the Park presents its first annual Kings Drive Art Walk, a fine arts and emerging artists festival. Sugar Creek Greenway, Kings Dr. & Morehead St. April 16, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. April 17, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. [festivalinthepark.org](http://festivalinthepark.org).

**April 16 • Charlotte**  
**Petra's Got Talent**

Petra's continues their search for huge talent with eight new contestants. Calling all performers: vocalists, instrumentalists, dancers, comedians, drag performers, stupid dog tricks and more! Cash prizes for the top three and bookings for first place. Visit [petraspianobar.com](http://petraspianobar.com) for official contestant rules. Audience will decide the winner. Petra's Piano Bar, 1919 Commonwealth Ave. 10 p.m. [petraspianobar.com](http://petraspianobar.com).

**April 17 • Durham**  
**'Sing for the Cure' Kick-Off Social**

Common Woman Chorus and Triangle Gay Men's Chorus co-host a casual event to promote the upcoming Triangle premiere performance of "Sing for the Cure" on June 12 at the Meymandi Concert Hall. Proceeds benefit the choruses and Susan G. Komen for the Cure-NC Triangle. Cash bar, free appetizers. Suggested

donation of \$20. Revolution Restaurant, 107 W. Main St. 3-6 p.m. [tgmchorus.org/events](http://tgmchorus.org/events).

**April 20 • Rock Hill**  
**Wednesday Night Out**

Amici's Italian Restaurant in Rock Hill hosts a weekly night out for the surrounding LGBT community. WNO is a gay professionals happy hour for the Rock Hill/South Charlotte area — a perfect opportunity to meet make new friends and get connected. 2732 Celanese Rd. For more information, call 803-328-6836.

**April 23 • Charlotte**  
**Plaza Midwood Spring Party**

Music from more than half a dozen bands and musicians. Artwork from community artists. Food from the Diamond. This and more at the Plaza Midwood Spring Party, hosted by Petra's. 1919 Commonwealth Ave. [petraspianobar.com](http://petraspianobar.com).

**April 28 • Charlotte**  
**Pecha Kucha**

Local artists and creative souls gather for a unique show-and-tell presenting 20 slides for 20 seconds each in what organizers call an "exhilarating kaleidoscope of inspirations, ideas and work." Amos' Southend. 1423 S. Tryon St. 7:30 p.m. [pecha-kucha.org/night/charlotte/](http://pecha-kucha.org/night/charlotte/).

**May 3 • Charlotte**  
**Walk against domestic violence**

The Avon Foundation presents Walk the Course Against Domestic Violence. Walk up to 18 holes (five miles) alongside tournament players' wives and families at Quail Hollow Club, a PGA TOUR course, to raise funds and awareness for the domestic violence cause. All proceeds benefit local domestic violence organizations. \$35 per person (\$25 before 4/22), under 12 free. Quail Hollow Club, 3700 Gleneagles Rd. 6-9 p.m. 866-646-2866.

[walkthecourseagainststdv.org](http://walkthecourseagainststdv.org).

**May 5 • Charlotte**  
**Antiques show**

From apartments to million dollar homes, you'll find unique items to fit any style and budget at the International Collectibles and Antiques Show! Including: home decor, antiques, furniture, collectibles, art, jewelry, crafts and more. Metrolina Tradeshaw Expo, 7100 Statesville Rd. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. [icashows.com/ICAShows](http://icashows.com/ICAShows).

**May 6 • Charlotte**  
**Empower(mint)**

The Mint Museum in Charlotte is hosting three "First Friday" Mint events this summer, the second of which is Empower(mint). The Mint Museum Uptown will be organizing live entertainment, gallery tours, hands-on art activities and a cash bar. The event is free for members or \$10 for non-members. The Levine Center for the Arts, 500 S. Tryon St. 6-11 p.m. For more information contact April Young at [april.young@mintmuseum.org](mailto:april.young@mintmuseum.org) or call 704-337-2034.

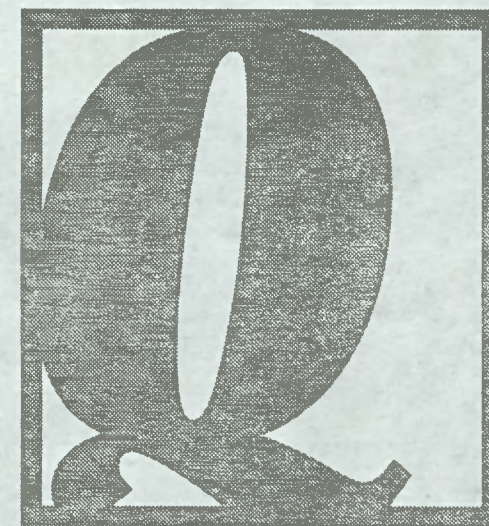
**May 6 • Charlotte**  
**HIV, AIDS, and You Art Show**

Local artists present their "Positively Art" show, remaining on display until June 17. The Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 820 Hamilton St., Suite B11. Show opens at 5:30 p.m. Free. 704-333-0144. [gaycharlotte.com](http://gaycharlotte.com).

**May 7 • Charlotte**  
**AIDS Walk Charlotte**

One of the largest AIDS fundraisers across the Carolinas, AIDS Walk Charlotte raises funds for the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network. To register walk teams or learn more, visit [aidswalkcharlotte.org](http://aidswalkcharlotte.org).

**May 14 • Charlotte**  
**Queen City Drag Race**



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[goqnotes.com/qguide/events](http://goqnotes.com/qguide/events)

The second annual Queen City Drag Race heats up! Competitions, music, drink and food! Proceeds benefit Human Rights Campaign and Pride Charlotte. Hartigan's Irish Pub, 601 S. Cedar St. 1-6 p.m. [queencitydragrace.com](http://queencitydragrace.com).

**May 14 • Raleigh**  
**OutRaleigh**

The LGBT Center of Raleigh presents its downtown festival celebrating diversity — an historic first for the capital city. Festival will include vendors, children's area, entertainment and more. City Plaza, Martin St. For more information, including festival schedule and a location map, visit [outraleigh.com](http://outraleigh.com).

**May 21 • Raleigh**  
**AIDS Walk+Ride**

Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina hosts their annual walk and bicycle ride in downtown Raleigh. Register walkers, learn more about the ride and more at [aidswalkandride.org](http://aidswalkandride.org).

**May 25 • Charlotte**  
**Fourth Annual Happening**

The Charlotte Lesbian & Gay Fund presents their annual luncheon event, presented by Wells Fargo. Proceeds benefit the Fund. 2011 grant recipients will be highlighted. Omni Hotel, 132 E. Trade St. [fftc.org/Page.aspx?pid=953](http://fftc.org/Page.aspx?pid=953).

**May 27-30 • Charlotte**  
**Twirlicious 2011**

A Memorial Day Weekend full of exciting events by Just Twirl. Details TBA. [justtwirl.com](http://justtwirl.com).

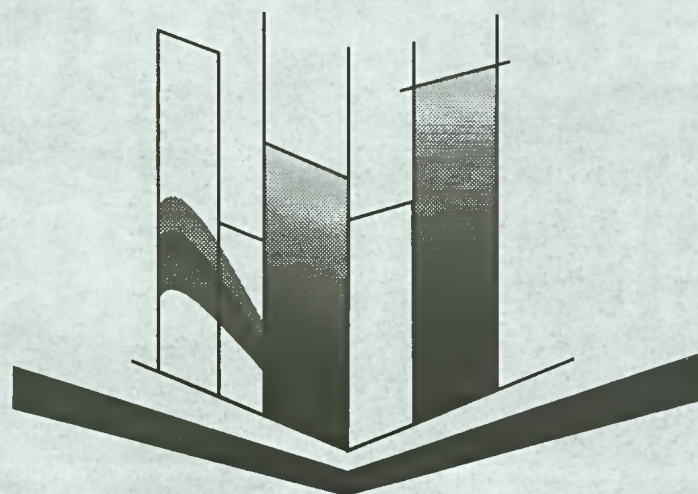
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