

The Greater New York Gender Alliance Presents

Moonlight in Manhattan

Dinner/Dance

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***Shopping &
Entertainment
Guide***

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Guidelines for Manhattan

Welcome to New York City! - Our city is the business, entertainment and publishing capital of the country. The nation's largest city, it is teeming, busy and always rushing. It can be a fascinating, exciting and invigorating place to visit en femme.

Getting Around - If you are unfamiliar with Manhattan traffic, the best driving advice we can give you is: **Don't!** Our traffic patterns can be a nightmare for even the most experienced of drivers. Avenues are north and south bound, and most of them are one way also. Your best bet is to hail a taxi.

Security - In large urban areas you need to stay alert, and be aware of your surroundings. Don't invite petty thievery by careless actions. Leave your valuables in the hotel safe, use travelers' checks instead of large cash bills. If you go out, go with one or two companions. Keep an eye and a hand on your purse: don't hang it on the back of a chair in a restaurant unless you want someone to make off with it. Public bathrooms are usually okay, as long as your behavior and appearance is not apt to gain lots of attention. If you go shopping, be aware that not all stores have private dressing rooms.

Deportment - This is a non-sexual event. The Days Inn is located in a residential neighborhood and it is usually filled with visitors. While here, you are advised to dress appropriately to the time of the day and the events or activities that you are attending. Unusually short skirts are generally not a good idea, although you can probably get away with more 'provocative' party-wear during the Friday evening bus tour — in the bars and night clubs, many of us like to wear rather more revealing attire than we do in the restaurants, museums or art galleries. In the hotel, please treat all the other hotel guests with courtesy. If there should happen to be an incident, let the hotel Desk Clerk at the Main Desk know about it, or tell one of the committee people.

Emergencies - For coordinated help in any emergency it is best to call 911 and describe the nature of your trouble. Otherwise you can call the Doctor's Emergency Service of the New York County Medical Society at (718) 238-2100 or the Dentist Emergency Service at (212) 677-2510. If you brought a domestic (please no farm animals) and she becomes ill, you can call the animal Medical Center, 24 hours a day, at (212) 838-8100. The Days Inn is in the Midtown North Precinct and their phone number is (212) 760-8300. During the weekend, you can also call Lynda frank at (212) 765-3561.

Common Sense - This may seem just too obvious, but the pressure of the moment combined with the exhilaration of being 'out' and relatively 'foot-loose and fancy-free' can sometimes lead us to lose sight of the basic kinds of things that help us to survive. New York City is much like any other city, and common sense will be a good thing to keep close. If at any time during this weekend, you have a question about how to go about doing something, or if you find you are unsure of yourself, please find one of the GNYGA committee

Featured Speakers

Dr. Jeffrey Mechanick

Dr. Jeffrey I. Mechanick, M.D. has a practice in Endocrinology and Metabolism. He shares his practice with Walter Futterweit, M.D. and will talk about hormones and medical management issues of transsexuals.

His practice is located at 1172 Park Avenue New York, NY 10128. The phone number is (212) 876-6400.

Lilith Martin

Lilith Martin is a therapist who works with the gender community and practices on Long Island. Lilith has appeared on several television talk shows such as the Jerry Springer Show, the Cristina Show and the Maury Povich Show. Her practice includes transexuals, transgenderists, crossdressers and spouses/significant others.

Ms. Martin can be reached at (516) 466-5099.

Mariette Pathy Allen

Anyone who has ever seen a Tapestry cover is familiar with the work of Mariette Pathy Allen. Mariette's photographic studies of the gender community have appeared in magazines such as *American Photographer*, *Photo*, and *Afterimage* as well as her book *Transformations*.

To order her book, please contact Mariette Pathy Allen, 100 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10024.

Featured Vendors

Jim Bridges

Jim Bridges is perhaps the best known makeup artist in the gender community. Jim has made up some of the most beautiful faces seen on the movie screen, television, and magazine pages. Drawing on many years of experience in both New York City and Los Angeles, he has brought 'a little Hollywood magic' to many members of the gender community. Jim has become an institution at the most prominent gender community events around the country. His makeovers are a veritable rite of passage at such events as Fantasia Fair and the Texas 'T' Party. Many a girl has stared in joyous disbelief at the gorgeous creature that she sees in the mirror once Jim finishes his work.

Located in Studio City, CA next door to the Queen Mary (the night club, not the ship), Jim runs the famous Jim Bridges Boutique. At his shop you can not only get a fabulous makeover, but select a new wig, pick out some fabulous jewelry, try on some great evening wear as well as attend to necessities such as electrolysis. Appointments are necessary, so please call ahead. The phone number for the shop is (818) 761-6650.

Muriel Olive

Muriel Olive of Fem Fashions, located at 9 West 31st St. Suite 7R in the heart of midtown Manhattan, has been helping crossdressers achieve their full potential for many years. Her expertise in color, building the feminine figure, style and fashion has helped even the most tentative crossdresser to achieve their full potential. In addition to providing wardrobe and appearance consulting, Muriel has also run the 'Poconos Fantasy Festival' each Fall and Spring. At these events, crossdressers can experience the delights of being en-femme for several days at a time and meet others in a fun-filled environment.

Muriel can be reached during the days and early evenings at (212) 629-5750.

Places to Go

Early Arrivals and Late Departures

All dressed up and no place to go?

New York is a great place to be a tourist, and if you have a few extra hours, you might want a look at:

Lower Manhattan

SOHO - An acronym for 'SOuth of HOuston' Street, it is 3 blocks south of Washington Square Park. Avant-garde galleries, shops, and cute restaurants.

SOUTH STREET SEAPORT - Located near the Manhattan side of the Brooklyn Bridge, it has plenty of interesting shops, specialty restaurants, boutiques, and some gorgeous full-rigged ships (some of them more fully 'rigged' than some of the girls at Moonlight in Manhattan!)

STATUE OF LIBERTY - The Lady with the Light stands on Liberty Island, located in NY Harbor. She can be reached by ferry from Battery Park. Telephone 269-5755.

ELLIS ISLAND - Next to Liberty Island, it has recently re-opened. You can have your passport stamped here. Also reached by ferry from Battery Park. Telephone 269-5755.

GREENWICH VILLAGE - Of course! Lots of restaurants, shops, bookstores, art shows, coffee houses, and night clubs.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE - Located at 20 Broad Street, (corner of Wall Street), has free tours and a visitor's gallery. Telephone 656-5168.

Midtown Manhattan

EMPIRE STATE BUILDING - This famous landmark is located at Fifth Avenue and 34th Street. Some people still insist (don't confuse me with the facts!) that this is the tallest building in the world. Worth a visit. Phone 736-3100.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY - Located on

Central Park West at 79th Street. Phone for Information, 769-5000.

THE HAYDEN PLANETARIUM - Located on Central Park West at 81st Street, is part of the American Museum of Natural History. There is a separate admission fee, but the shows are definitely worth it. Phone 769-5920.

THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART - Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street, is always worth visiting. Phone for hours, 535-7710.

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART - 11 West 53rd Street, was recently renovated and is twice the size it once was. Prints, sculpture, film, paintings, architecture, and more. Phone 708-9400 or 708-9490.

Upper Manhattan

THE SOLOMON R. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM - This is at Fifth Avenue and 89th Street. The breathtaking edifice was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Spend at least two hours here, more if you can. Phone 360-3500.

Places to Go

Other Events

NEW YORK COMEDY CLUB - 915 Second Avenue, between 48th and 49th Streets. Gay Comedy Night: Show and Mixer, Sunday April 25th at 7:30 PM. Reservations and Information: (212) 888-1696.

New York by Night

The Big Apple has some of the most unique and interesting places in the world to visit, once night falls. You can encounter some of the most exotic creatures of the night or even become one of them by frequenting some of these haunts.

The nightspots below are classified according to the type of activities you may find there along with a brief description of the place itself. Don't let exteriors fool you, in NYC, the inside of a place may have little to do with the appearance from the street.

Warning! The places I will list here range from the banal to the profane; I do not draw value judgements. The activities and classification are provided for your judgement. If you would feel uncomfortable or offended going to a certain place, please avoid it. *Caveat Emptor!*

Places to Go

Suggestions

Miss Coco Peru - A Legend in Progress - Eighty-Eights, 228 West 10th Street
924-0088 Friday 11:00PM
Reservations Needed Cover
\$10/2 drinks — about \$20

Miss Coco is fabulous! This is my personal choice.

Night Spots

Webster Hall - 125 E 11th Street (212) 353-1600 On Fridays it is the Make-up Room, in the upstairs balcony lounge

Crazy Nanny's - 21 7th Avenue South (212) 477-8427 - A bar for Gay Women, Biological or Otherwise

Busters - 129 Lexington Avenue A friendly, comfortable transgender bar. Visit it on the bus tour.

Jackie 60 - 432 West 14th Street Tuesdays Only \$10
Opens at 10 PM

Judy's Supper Club - 49 West 44th Street (212) 764-8930
Featured on the bus tour, this is the place to go if you want a more relaxed environment, a meal or love show tunes. Look for Jerry at the Piano.

Le Fleurs - 360 West 42nd Street (212) 502-5937
(Shows on Mondays and Tuesdays 1:00AM)

Sally II - 252 West 43rd Street. Probably NY's most interesting gender bar. Lots of fun but not for beginners or the timid. A stop on the bus tour, those who want a dose of NYC grittiness will get it here.

Roxy - 515 W 18th Street at 10th Avenue (212) 645-5156
Good NY Club.

Pyramid Club - 101 Avenue A. Mixed crowd. lots of fun. Opens at 10PM \$5 at the door.

Five Oaks - 49 Grove Street (212) 243-8885 A excellent piano bar where you can also order dinner. Marie Blake at the Piano is a NY institution.

Dining

Orbit - 46 Bedford Street (just off of 7th Avenue. Another stop on the bus tour. Great food and bar, mixed crowd. I recommend the Peppered Salmon. Say hello to Rico at the door.

Manatus - 340 Bleecker Street. Ther official Diner of Moonlight in Manhattan is on the bus tour and has better than diner food as reported in Homo Xtra. Open very late.

7A - 109 Avenue A (212) 673-6583 A 'must do' East Village restaurant.

Cajun - 8th Avenue and 16th Street If you like good cajun cokin and New Orleans Jazz, this is the place for you

Caffe Raffaella - 134 7th Avenue South (Between 10th and Charles) (212) 929-7427. Great Italian Cafe.

Sex Related

These are definitely XXX rated places.

The Vault - 28 Ninth Avenue, down the stairs. after 11PM until ??? Thursdays through Sundays NYC's premier S&M club doesn't get hopping until about 2AM. The Vault has been featured in Madonna's videos and books as well as a few scenes from the movie *Single White Female*. Dressed 'T' people admitted at women's prices. No alcohol is served here, but you can bring your own. Nudity, scenes and whatever - not for the squeamish. If you go tell them you are from Moonlight in Manhattan at the cashier.

Places to Go

Where to Shop

Clothing

Beauti-Full Sizes 1088 Central Avenue
Yonkers, NY
(914) 472-6550
Ask for Nina

Elegant Woman 84 E Putnam Avenue
Greenwich CT

Forgotten Woman 888 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY
(212) 535-8848
Ask for Annette or Jean

A Woman's Place 222 East Main Street
Mt. Kisco, NY
(914) 241-9415

Lee Brewster 14th Street and 9th Avenue
(212) 947-7773

Shoes

Tall Gals 10 E 41st Street
New York, NY
(212) 532-6635

Harry's Shoes 83rd and Broadway
New York, NY
(212) 874-2035

Luigi's Shoes 86 E 161st Street
Bronx, NY
(212) 665-5205

Makeup

Jim Bridge's East Makeovers and Jim
Bridges Makeup Line
Monique
(212) 213-6335

Alter Image Transformation Salon
(212) 475-1050

Hair

Anna Ingrati Specialist in haircutting, perman
ents and color
(718) 722-7633

Electrolysis

Claudia By Appointment Only
(718) 343-1571

Fashion Consulting

Hannah Manning Startbrite Unlimited
Box 4089
Great Neck, NY 11023
(516) 487-5519

Lee's Brewster's - 14th Street and 9th Avenue -
NYC's TV department store.

Fem Fashions - Muriel Olive
(212) 629-5750

Where to Shop

Additional Shopping

When in NYC, you don't need to restrict yourself to establishments catering to the gender community. You'll find that little or no concern is given to who buys what type of clothes.

NYC has some of the best fashions and the best buys and if you are a bargain hunter, a trek through the fashion district (7th Avenue in the upper thirties and the surrounding area) can be heaven. There are lots of boutiques and discount stores in other areas of the city also. One of my favorite areas is the Fulton Street area near Wall Street.

Don't be afraid to explore. In addition, you'll find many sidewalk vendors selling goods of which you have to be the judge. You can get a good buy on the streets of NY, but it is just as likely to be worth *exactly* what you paid for it.

If you have any specific needs that can't be filled by the featured vendors or have some special requests, please stop by the registration desk. Someone there will help you out if at all possible.

SERVICES

Endocrinology

Walter Futterweit, M.D.	1172 Park Avenue, New York NY
10128 (212) 876-6400	
Jeffrey I. Mechanick, M.D.	1172 Park Avenue, New York NY
10128 (212) 876-6400	

Dermatology

Peter Wisch, M.D.	55 East 87th Street, New York NY 10128
(212) 369-6900	

Psychotherapist

Dr. Leah Cahan Schaefer	285 Riverside Drive, New York NY
10025 (212) 866-1139	
Lilith Martin	
(516) 466-5099	

Speech

Phyllis Klein, M.S. C.C.C., SLP-A	107 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn NY
11231 (718) 243-1884	

This is a partial listing of professionals who provide services to the gender community.

GNYGA

The Greater New York Gender Alliance is a group of groups, encompassing the main gender related organizations in the greater NY metropolitan area. GNYGA currently consists of the following five groups, which serve a broad and varied membership.

The GNYGA's purpose is to increase the social and political presence of the NYC area gender community and does so through outreach and events that any one group could not support.

LIFE

Long Island Femme Expressions (LIFE) represents the crossdressing community of Long Island, but draws its membership from the surrounding counties as well. A particularly active group, it provides both dress and non-dress meetings. Its membership is focused towards the heterosexual crossdresser and offers support and social activities. This group is especially well known for its irreverent and openly plagiaristic newsletter, LIFELINE, put together by Vicky Stone.

MGN

Organized in the Autumn of 1991, the Metro gender Network is an open group which meets the second Sunday of every month, in the afternoon, in the Murray Hill section of Manhattan. Through our meetings and contacts, we engage in interactive discussion, information exchange, and advocacy in support of the gender community. Our primary goals are to assist our members to enjoy life in their preferred gender role by assisting them in connecting with resources which will enhance their capabilities; to provide mutual support;

Imperial Court

The sponsors of the fabulous Night of a Thousand Gowns, this organization has monthly meetings and is open for TV's, TS's and DQ's. While they seem all beauty and glamour, the Imperial Court has a long tradition of raising money for a long list of worthy charities and causes.

TRIESS

TRIESS is an international organization with over fifty chapters and one thousand members nationally. It caters to heterosexual crossdressers exclusively and encourages family participation, where appropriate. Security is a primary concern. Support for the crossdresser and his wife is available and group discussions encouraged. For additional information call Lynda Frank at (212) 765-3561.

CDI

CDI is a non-profit, non-sexual organization open to all who cross dress with a full feminine identity regardless of sexual practices or orientation.

For members and friends, CDI provides friendship and a secure, non-threatening environment. CDI sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows and many other functions. It serves as a membership organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of all cross dressers, transvestites, and transsexuals.

Schedule

Friday 4/23

- 10 AM Registration Center Opens
- 10 AM Day free to shop and explore NYC
- 7 PM Hospitality Suite and Mixer - Mandarin Room, 2nd Floor
- 10 PM Manhattan Madness Bus Tour

Saturday 4/24

- 9 AM Registration Center Opens
- 10 AM Seminar - Jim Bridges on Makeovers
- 12 Noon Lunch on your own
- 1:00 PM Seminar - Mariette Pathy Allen Photography and You
- 2:00 PM Seminar - Dr Jeffrey Mechanick and Lilith Martin
- 3:30 PM Seminar - Muriel Olive - Building the Feminine Figure
- 7:00 PM No Host Cocktail Party
- 8:00 PM Dinner/Dance

Sunday 2/25

- 9 AM to 1 PM Fond Goodbyes and check out. Enjoy the hotel morning brunch

Please check the bulletin board at the registration desk for any last minute changes.