



Our Mission & Vision

PFLAG is the nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

LEADING WITH LOVE

Check Out Our Upcoming Events!

October 6, 2024 - Support Meeting: 2-4pm @ First Bank in Woodstock

Events You'll See Us At!

October 5, 2024 - Winchester Pride: 10a-5p @ Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

October 26, 2024 - Community Wellness Fair: 10a-2p @ Central High School Gym

Happy Fall Y'all!

We Are So Grateful We Found Givebutter!

In September we take time to look at how many members we have and send that information to PFLAG National along with a \$15 fee for each of those members. That allows us to be part of the national organization and get all the perks from them. So, right before our annual membership meeting earlier in September we signed on to a platform known as Givebutter.

Givebutter is a fundraising platform for non-profits that allows the administrative work of tracking members, memberships, and donors and allows us to spend more time doing what we need to be doing, which is supporting, advocating and educating for the LGBTQ community and for those who love them!

We learned about Givebutter at the PFLAG National Conference last fall and after lots of discussion about dealing with our data, we decided to try Givebutter. And we honestly wish we had signed on sooner. But, given the fact that we are still a young chapter it hasn't been that difficult to input the data that we have so far into the program.

We are already seeing the benefits:

- ❖ Tracking memberships and seeing who is current and who isn't
- ❖ Filtering out those who have attended support meetings to send them messages about our meetings ahead of time
- ❖ Email products to allow us to market our events in ways that we couldn't before such as using tickets to help folks RSVP. This also can work as a safety feature to ensure we only allow allies into our events.
- ❖ A credit card device so that we can sell our t-shirts at events or take donations on the spot with QR codes.

This is just to name a few, but we're looking forward to using many other features as our skill levels improve.

So, in the coming months, you may see that our correspondences with you look a bit different.

And that is like butter on toast!!!!



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Join Us for Another Fun-Filled Game Day on November 16th!

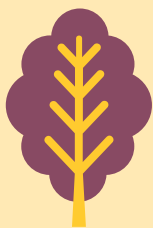
After the incredible success of our first Game Day in July, we're thrilled to bring you another chance to gather, play, and connect! Mark your calendars for November 16th, when we'll be hosting a lively afternoon of gaming at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Stephens City, VA. From 1-6 p.m., you'll have the opportunity to enjoy your favorite board games with fellow game enthusiasts looking to relax, have fun, and meet new people.

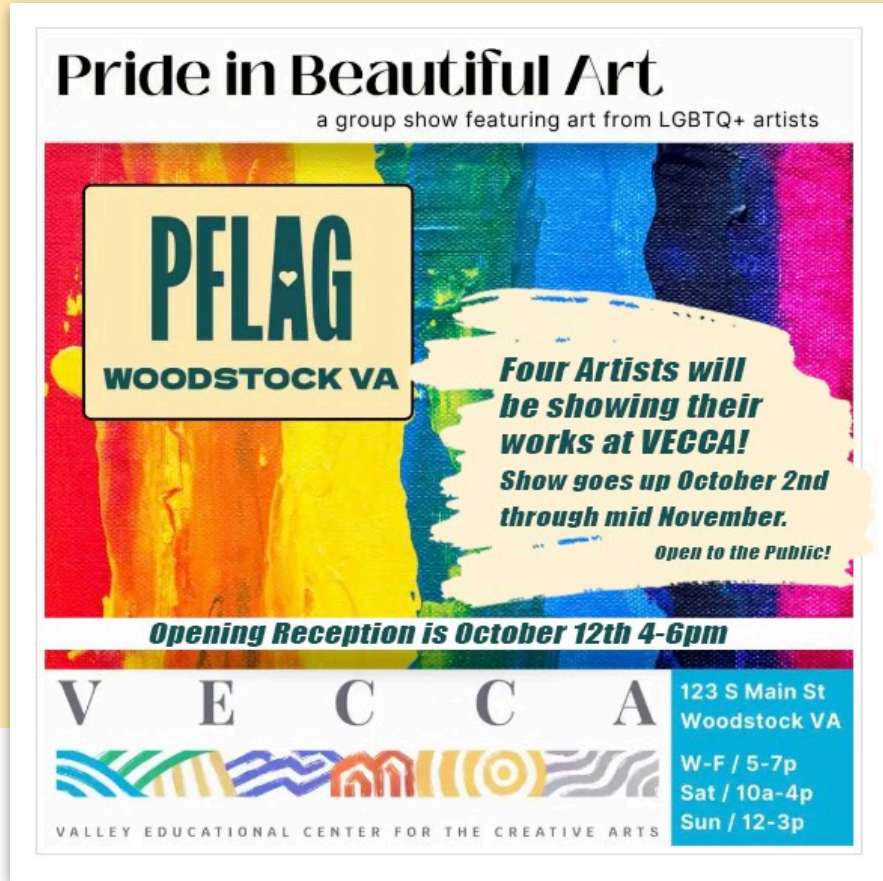
Whether you're into strategy, party games, or classics, this event is perfect for anyone who loves a little friendly competition—or just wants to unwind in a welcoming atmosphere.

We can't wait to see you there. If you'd like to help out with setup from 12-1 p.m. before the fun kicks off, we'd love to have your support—just let us know!

Get ready for a fantastic day of games, laughter, and community!

[RSVP HERE!](#)





**We asked for LGBTQ+ artists
for a show at VECCA and we got FOUR!**

PFLAG Woodstock VA partnered with VECCA, on main street in Woodstock, VA, to put together an art showing of LGBTQ+ artists. That show is going to be hung at the VECCA gallery on Wednesday October 2nd and will then be open to the public. The opening reception is planned for October 12th, from 4-6pm with snacks and drinks served while you check out the fabulous art! We hope that you will attend the reception and support this endeavor in our community.

Let's take PRIDE in this community partnership!



**And maybe take home a piece
of beautiful art for your home!**



Calling all Volunteers!

Thanks to you, PFLAG is becoming a visible, credible resource for a growing number of area families, professionals, and organizations. This Pride season, we've been asked to attend multiple events and we need your help to attend and grow our presence in the community!

To learn more about what volunteering entails or to sign up click the link below and we will collect your information and get in touch with you! YAY! We love new people!

Volunteer With US!



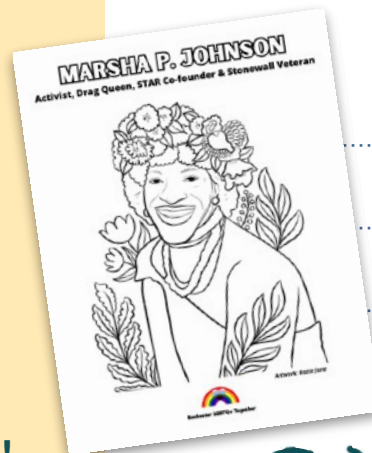
Community Wellness Fair at Central High School on October 26th

PFLAG Woodstock recognizes the importance of having a healthy well being. That is why we decided that we need to be visible at our local Wellness Fair that is being sponsored by our Chamber of Commerce, Valley Health and Shenandoah Memorial Hospital, and Shenandoah County Triad Committee. Come to see us at this Wellness Fair and learn ways that you can improve both your mental and physical health.

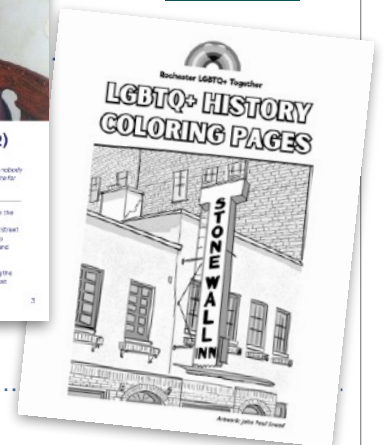


October is also LGBTQ+ History Month

We will have LGBTQ+ History coloring book pages for you to color and take home.



Marsha P. Johnson (1945-1992)
*It's important to do it right and it's important to be honest. When nobody else is going to get up there and say 'I'm proud' and 'I'm a transsexual' for them. Out of the Closet: Voice of Gay Liberation, 1972



Those in the LGBTQ community are susceptible to difficulties with their mental wellness for many reasons and we will have resources on hand to help those you love to cope with all that has been happening that affects their lives.



It's hard to believe, but the holidays are right around the corner, and we're sending out a plea for help! The parade is December 6th and we are thinking ahead now to have things ready in time.

Are you a creative thinker? We would like help designing our "float", so that it fits in the holiday theme, but displays PFLAG'S unique style!

Like to walk and hand out candy? We have the job for you!

Rather ride along with a wave and a smile? We need folks for that, too. How about the actual decorating and de-decorating? Come help us with that!

Please use the link below to let us know if you would like to help in any way with our float. Inside the link, you can indicate what you would like to help with and if you would like to donate funds for candy, you can do that too!

Volunteer to help and indicate how many people you would like to bring with you. The more the merrier!

