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# TRANSGENDERSCOPE



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## RADICAL CARING

BY REV. ELDER DIANE FISHER

Violence is in front of us every day. Each and every day young people are getting shot for no apparent reason, people are being bullied because someone feels better than others, there is talk of walls be built, immigrants being sent out of the country, and hate is being spewed over people of different faiths. There is talk of radical Islamics, radical enemies, radical reactions of people being unhappy, afraid, incited to violence. Radicals...

I want to propose that we move to a place of "radical caring". I want us to move beyond a place of naming what divides us and make a "radical" shift to what unites us. It is easy to get caught up in the hype of the media, the reporting of things that one presidential candidate might be spewing which is filled with hate of "other". Instead let's say that we want to be focused on radical caring, reaching out beyond what is expected and supporting one another with kindness, gentleness and respect.

Let's join together as people who love and say I am with you. Let's reject hate filled rhetoric and extend a hand of friendship. Let's communicate with each other, let's share our stories, our hearts and our truths with each other. Let's become the kind of communities we would like to see in the world and be a part of bringing about change.

We can choose to love, choose to care, choose to know and be known. Radical caring is about being our best selves and inviting others to be their best selves too. Radical caring is about promise and about seeing each person as being of value and valued. Radical caring reaches out beyond the boundaries imposed to embrace the reality lived. Radical caring sees the humanity in us all and acknowledges that we are changed forever by that awareness.

I want to always choose to care radically. Will you join me?

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*Rev. Diane Fisher, is the pastor elect of MCC of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. She begins her new role in January. She and her wife Kharma were recently married in Canada, Diane's birth country. She has been an international human rights activist for many years and applauds the courage and tenacity it takes in living our truth. Diane has been a great supporter of Transgender Tallahassee and will be significantly missed in this community.*



**Margeaux Mutz**

*Founder of Transgender Tallahassee, Margeaux facilitates its gender chat group and administers both its Facebook page and website (transgendertallahassee.com) which bear the Transgender Tallahassee name. She currently is a board member of Transaction Florida, an initiative of Equality Florida and works with MAACA, Inc. on minority care issues. Margeaux also has served as a board member of the Tallahassee LGBT organization The Family Tree for whom she has written the monthly articles "Transgenderscope" and "Ask Margeaux" published in The Family Tree newspaper Branching Out and its website at familytreecenter.org. She has a B.A. in Political Science, is a parent and the owner of Hairvoyance, A Salon de Beaute through which she has had the opportunity to work with the aged at Tallahassee Memory Care, a local Alzheimer's facility. Margeaux is a transgender transsexual female who through public acknowledgement of her transness hopes to de-mystify the transgender experience and promote the non-discrimination of all.*

## UNDER THE DISCOMFORTSCOPE

Many years ago I wrote a column for The Family Tree's now defunct newsletter GENDERSCOPE. I have since modified it to TRANSGENDERSCOPE and now use it for this newsletter. My idea for TRANSGENDERSCOPE was to provide a positive and helpful look inside the world of those of us in the transgender community. That idea is still embodied in the words you will read within its pages. Unfortunately outside these pages the hateful words and actions of a few have seemingly put us in the crosshairs of a discomfortscope.

The idea that we are under the watchful eye of local passersby on the street, or family, friends and co-workers is daunting and paralyzing to some, especially in the early years of transition. For me, after many years of positive experiences in Tallahassee and points nationwide, I have managed to push those feelings deeply into the background. I have found a comfort level that heretofore was unimaginable. My concern for the safety of myself and my fellow trans folk has become similar to anyone who ventures out their doors; my fears of being assailed for being me, seemingly assuaged by an understanding world. Enter stage right the year 2016 with the vitriol of xenophobic politicians, ministers, editorialists and all who follow them.

It has been many years actually 2010 to be precise that I have encountered open disdain for me in a public place. That came during our Human Rights Ordinance (HRO) campaign of Leon County. It is an ordinance that protects LGBT folks from discrimination in housing, public accommodations and employment. It was enacted May 11, 2010 by a 5-2 vote of our county commissioners. Yes, all our commissioners at that time didn't think we had a right to equal rights! And yes, you know who you are! During one of the open meetings prior to the vote I was verbally assailed by name as a presumed pedophile by one of the haters speaking for the opposition. Then, as now, the effort to stop the ordinance centered on smearing transgender folks with the pedophile and sexual abuser tag. The attempt, as we most recently know, has gone nuclear throughout the country, spearheaded by legislators, governors and presidential candidates. It has crystallized into a movement that wishes, in their words, to make "America Great Again", or in other words, lily white, Christian or their idea of it, straight, non-trans and misogynistic. The results of their hateful words engenders the feeling within myself, especially with the recent tragedy in Orlando, that I have been taken back to a time that was not so great; that I and all other transgender people wear targets on our backs while being made uncomfortable and susceptible once again to ridicule in public spaces.

Today we are open to a totally different scope than I had envisioned at this point in my life. It does not feel good knowing that with the gains in awareness of transgender issues within our shores comes a push back designed to elicit fear in the uneducated, which with its repeated remonstrations threatens to unravel the threads which are us from the weave that makes up the fabric of America just as we seemed to be making so much headway. Seems like déjà vu.

But this is not déjà vu. We are light years from the close-mindedness of my teens and middle years. It is the life's work of the recidivist to return us who have been disenfranchised to those days, days that they call great. It will not work. Thank you NBA, NCAA, ACC and all the corporations and individuals who are beginning to stand up for us. All made possible by Trans people standing up, sharing their stories, being themselves and letting everyone know how cool we are. We do have a place in today's world and it won't be less than. We will make America great but this time with its entire people fully invested in its future, not just the supposed chosen FEW!

## MY THIRD ANNIVERSARY

By Kane Barr

*Kane Barr is a Biological Science Technician with the Agricultural Research Services{ARS} Invasive Plant Research Laboratory and the Entomology and Nemotology department of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences{IFAS}. Kane is currently investigating multiple insect species as potential biological control agents to limit the spread of invasive plants. In addition to agricultural science, he is a graduate of FAMU and is an active member of the transgender community in Gainesville and Tallahassee. Kane has a unique set of experiences navigating work, family, and higher education as a queer trans man of color. These experiences have encouraged him to be an advocate for trans people within and outside of the community. Kane hopes to keep changing the world to be more inclusive for everyone.*

July 16th, 2016 marked the third anniversary, or birthday, since I started hormone replacement therapy. In other words, I initiated the process of medically transitioning from female to male through testosterone injections. I make it a point to commemorate this day every year and reflect on how far I have come with the support provided along the way.

I wasn't one of those kids that proclaimed the opposite gender at an early age. I remember just knowing that I was different. Around 2 or 3 years old I had a realization that there was a different person only I was able to see while looking in the mirror. I couldn't articulate this to anyone. I would come to find out that these moments of the world spinning and flipping upside down were anxiety attacks. Many trans people I've talked to expressed similar experiences of becoming aware of our differences from those around us, as well as, the phenomenon known as gender dysphoria.

Puberty was a very difficult time, despite it arriving a bit late compared to my peers. I hoped and wished for my voice to drop and my body to look like the other boys my age. In spite of this, I was 12 when my mom got us get dressed up for what would become our last series of family portraits. As soon as my mom declared me all fixed up and looked really good, I dashed into the bathroom. I didn't recognize who was staring back at me, until I realized this reflection of a girl was who everyone else saw, but it wasn't me. I broke down. Fearfully, my mom rushed into the room. Utterly perplexed by my anguished expression without a drop of blood in sight. I ran terrified, with uncontrollable tears, out the door, down the stairs, and barricaded myself in the guest bathroom. I sobbed and wept until convulsions became a steady rock. Until I could unlock the door for my mom's words of encouragement. Yet with her phrases of condolences, "You are very pretty", or "You will become a beautiful young woman", brought repetitive replies of "No I'm not!" as tears streaked my face once more. I could not find words that would reach her. I could not tell her in my fear, shame, and grief. There wasn't a band-aid for her to give to make it better, because she could not see the piece of me that died that day. All you can see is the toll it brought printed across the backdrop. There are many many more pictures like these scattered throughout the trans community.

What little flame of hope I had was put out by that frigid gust, leaving only smoldering chunks of maple wood. Depression settled in the ash all about the fire pit. At night I prayed with heart and soul for God to send me an angel until I fell asleep next to my stuffed bears, exhausted from weeping. My time was spent in the room I shared, while my friends wondered why I wouldn't come out to play. The teachers rarely saw my hand held high and I participated only when they asked me to.

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KANE BARR  
trans people in my soul with body, but also caved-in

That missing piece grew into a necrotic void as I entered high school. Those transcripts omitted the agonizing distress seen infixed in my eyes, and the hidden self inflictions sheltered under baggy clothes. Not to mention, countless referrals slipped to the guidance counselor by way of disquiet faculty. I do not blame them. I was akin to wood chunks heated in animosity, and anesthetized upon over-the-counter medications. The SAT's scored the lack of my aspirations, and didn't reflect the substantial competence academic institutions grant admission by. Nor does my GPA account the recurring meltdowns, coupled with on the down low visits to the school's psychologist. And yet, I could not utter a word of her, the foreign girl who mirrored my reflection. In fact, secondary school was a challenging time. like some other trans stories that attest to the absence in ability to live their truths

On a college campus, I eventually found myself pressured and compressed into feminization. It was not because a few Residential Assistants had an agenda to make a lady of a tomboy, but because the campus culture did not provide safe spaces for individuals who didn't fit neatly inside their cookie molds. Factions peppered the courtyard, cast an affront as you walk by, like you were deaf and without shame. It took innumerable hours of watching masculine presenting individuals, who were assigned female at birth, before I began to reconcile with the girl who stared back at me in the mirror. I discovered the language to speak and learned how to tell others what being trans means for me. It's where men's clothes felt at home, and binding my chest flat unraveled the veil of femininity over everyone's eyes. Not only did hormone replacement therapy reaffirm the invisible cell society marginalizes

So when you think of transgender, envision that one old song, the one that sang your whole life's story long ago, and consider the ways things have changed since then. The song is still the same, yet your feelings about it now might be different. At the same time, a trans person's appearance may have changed from how you once knew it, but they haven't changed who they are at heart. Being transgender is only a single aspect of someone's life, like a mail carrier isn't only a mail carrier. We are scientists, athletes, someone's child, firefighters, teachers, parents, artists, managers, and more. Everyone is composed by diverse combinations of identities, including qualities you do not agree with. However, by simply listening to various experiences of opposing opinions, offer a greater sense of understanding and knowledge of something new, of which weaves and threads us altogether.



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## \*Attention Facebook scrolling friends

By Audrey Pandolfi

So this may be a surprise to some of you, or not a surprise... I don't know what's going in y'all's minds Regardless of its status as a surprise, it's still kinda important. Important enough to warrant a long Facebook message to everybody who doesn't know yet.

Well..

I am in the process of becoming lady Austin. Or in other, less comedic sounding words, I am transgender.

It's nothing new, it's been something I've been dealing with for the past decade or so. If you want the long, sad, somewhat angry backstory, I'll be happy to talk with you about it, but it'll make this post pretty long, so I'll leave it out for now.

About a year ago I decided that I need to do something about it. Before that, I figured that I had a snowball's chance of ever passing, and I shouldn't ruin my life trying. But the thought of waking up as a 60 year old man and realizing that I wasted my entire life trying to make others happy is a lot more terrifying than making some people mad.

Honestly I feel a lot better moving forward with this, I never thought I'd actually be able to do it! I know this post sounded a bit negative, but I'm actually really happy with life right now!

So I'm sorry if this bothers you, but it's happening.

So some basic info for people who may not know much about this.

-it's done through hormone replacement therapy. Which basically affects all soft-tissues in the body. Essentially everything but skeleton. You get most of the physical changes the natural way, by going through puberty #2.... Yay -\_-

So no, it's not breast implants and a wig.

-Makeup Contouring is amazing

-I'm not trying to "trick" people into having sex with me. I don't need to trick people... 😊

-I have no interest in what your significant other is doing in the bathroom. People firing out the molten remains of burrito night isn't sexy to me. I may be weird but I'm not that weird.

If someone is really concerned about safety, then they should worry about actual bathroom dangers, like under-toilet-seat-spiders or Senators.

Or just carry a damn taser and use it if someone jumps you (which will be a cisgender dude/woman 99.999% of the time, and will probably occur outside of the bathroom anyway)

-I'm still going to like all of the same things I like now. I'll still get into car shenanigans, and fix stuff, and make art and all that. I'm not going to become a different person.

So long story short, I'm going to be the same person, I'm not going to become a glitter oozing queen of drama (unless you cross me) I'll just look a bit different.

Comments and questions welcome.

Negative and/or "abomination against God" comments can be written on a standard 8.5x11 piece of paper, folded into a small rectangle, then jammed down your own windpipe. In 2-5 minutes you'll be able to ask Jesus himself about his opinion on the subject. ❤️☐(Or whoever your deity of choice is)

Hope this doesn't make things weird between us.

***Audrey is a transgender person who lives happily in Tallahassee, Florida***

## HEALTHY BODIES SAFER SEX

BY BETH THOMPSON & ANNA BENBROOK

IS A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO SAFER SEX, RELATIONSHIPS, AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FOR TRANS OR NON-BINARY PEOPLE AND THEIR PARTNERS. IT IS IN BOOKLET FORM AND CONSISTS OF 31 PAGES. IT CAN BE VIEWED IN PDF FORM AT

[HTTPS://ANNABENBROOK.FILES.WORDPRESS.COM/2016/03/HEALTHYBODIESSAFERSEXNATL.PDF](https://annabenbrook.files.wordpress.com/2016/03/healthybodiesafersexnatl.pdf)

### DATING FOR THOSE WHO ARE TRANSGENDER

Navigating the dating scene can be complex and confusing. Before engaging with someone else it is important to reflect on what you are looking for in a partner or to get out of a hook up. Not everyone is looking for the same thing so active communication should be constant before, during, and after an encounter. These tools have been helpful to some people in some situations, but please remember that you are never responsible or to blame for someone's actions. Resources for those who have experienced assault of any type are available in the Resources section at the back of the booklet. Dating or hooking up while trans can add some additional layers for you to reflect on and explore.

#### THE BASICS

Find places to meet people, maybe it's a shared interest group, maybe it's class, maybe it is an online dating site. When you meet up with someone for a date, whether you met them online or not, set up a safety call. A safety call is where you have someone, who knows where you are, who you are with and is willing to be "on call" for you. Set up a time that you need to contact this person by before they call the police/take action to protect you. A phone call or text works (especially if you use a special code like "are the pancakes ready?" to mean "i need to get out of here because (this person is boring/scary/etc)" or "I don't want breakfast for dinner, thanks!" to let them know you are having a great time.

**DISCLOSURE:** The tips on disclosure and dating come directly from the Center on Halstead (Chicago, IL) publication on disclosure.

#### I AM TRANSGENDER. SHOULD I TELL MY DATE? AND IF SO, WHEN?

There is no absolute right or wrong answer to these questions. Such a decision is very personal. Above all else, remember it is your right to choose if or when to discuss your gender identity, your genitals, or any other part of your body. If someone insults or attacks you because of their expectations about your body, always remember that is not your fault.

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In the Summer/Fall of 2015 my intern, Beth Thompson, had to do a final project for her MPH. She came to me with an idea to do a safer sex resource guide for trans students which I was 100% on board with. After giving me all the copy, I created the booklet and here we are today.

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University

From Beth: My name is Beth Thompson (she/they pronouns), and I created this booklet as part of my internship at Florida State University. I received my Masters of Public Health from FSU in April 2016. This booklet was created because of need I saw within sexual health and LGBTQ+ spaces. I created this booklet by researching for 100+ hours. I read journal articles, blogs, forums (ones specifically created for non-trans people to talk to trans folks), magazine articles and health initiatives. I also heavily reviewed the only other two similar booklets out at the time. I spoke with online trans communities and local trans communities. As the roughest drafts came together, I invited trans friends and contacts to review and critique it, because it was important to me that voices of transgender experience were heard. The terminology used throughout this booklet is a product of trying to meet in the middle. Between the medical perspective of using medical terminology as well as the trans perspective of having their own language for their bodies. Language is fluid and we hope that you will be able to mentally substitute any words you use with the ones we used.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GENDER CHAT

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Every Month  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
UNITED CHURCH IN  
TALLAHASSEE  
1834 MAHAN DR 32308  
Sept. 8, Oct. 11, Nov. 15, Dec. 13,  
(2016) Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14,  
April 11, May 16(2017)

### GENDER GROUP THERAPY with Lorin Brand, LMHC

Meets every other Wed.5-6:30PM  
at 109 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.For more info  
contact Lorin at  
[lorinbrand@gmail.com](mailto:lorinbrand@gmail.com) or 850-308-  
5429

### THE OUTLET TRANS YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

Dates: 10/27, 11/17, 12/15 from  
7:30-8:30PM, at 1200 Stearns St  
.For more info go to:  
[theoutlettallahassee@gmail.com](mailto:theoutlettallahassee@gmail.com)

### TRANSPARENT MEETING

Thurs. Oct. 6 see page 8

### TRANS MOVIE FLORA

During Chat Nov. 15 7PM  
See page 10

### TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE (TDOR)

Nov. 20(Sunday)(4-6PM)  
UU Church of Tallahassee  
2810 N. Meridian Rd. 32312

### CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

Dec. 18(Sunday.)(7PM)  
Essence of India  
1105 Apalachee Pkwy

## DO I HAVE TO DISCLOSE THE FACT THAT I AM TRANS TO MY PARTNER?

Plenty of non-trans people do not have discussions about their gender or their bodies prior to having sex. However, while you do not owe it to anybody to talk about your genitals prior to a sexual encounter, it may be safer to do so. It may also be less awkward or uncomfortable in general. So it may be ideal to have a conversation about the type of sex you would like to have (and the type of language you use for your bits) beforehand. If this is simply not your style or not an option, that is okay. Your decision may be different depending on the person you are talking with and how sensitive or aware they seem.

- In a personal ad, email, or chat (online)

## DISCLOSING

Pros: Better chance at weeding out people who are unfamiliar with trans people who may ask inappropriate questions; Attracting people who are attracted to you and your body type

Cons: may attract “chasers” (people who get with trans folk and fetishize them with no regard to the person beyond their trans identity) Tips: Use an anonymous email account and if someone is disrespectful...block them!

- On the phone

Pros: ability to hear tone of voice and gauge their language; no record exists for privacy violations or outing;

Cons: They may be able to use your phone number to harass you Tip: look into getting a Google number connected to your anonymous email, or blocking your number before calling

- In Person, before or during a sexual encounter

Pros: You will be able to read body language and facial expressions; You will probably be in public, so there may be safety in that; you will be able to discuss terminology for your bits

Cons: you may not be in public; sometimes it can be difficult to talk sex once sexy stuff has started

## **LOCAL TransParent USA. ORGANIZATION FORMED IN TALLAHASSEE**

### **TransParent Tallahassee**

In the Spring of 2015, my child informed us that she was really a boy with a boy brain, and wanted us to refer to her using male pronouns and a male name. My husband and I were supportive, but unsure of what we should do. The news didn't come as a complete shock to us. After all, this child had been using boy names in imaginative play, wearing clothing from the boy's department, and cutting his hair progressively shorter for the past two years.

Our hesitation came when we began interacting with other adults. What should we say? How would the school, doctor's office, baseball team, and other family members react? How should we best support our child without putting him in harm's way from those who wouldn't understand? We found some internet groups, and got some advice from other parents online, but it just wasn't the same as face-to-face interaction with other parents who knew the issues that we were suddenly facing.

In June of 2016, my son and I attended the Philadelphia Trans Health Conference. I had a wealth of support groups to chose from, and I attended all that I could. After the conference, I resolved that Tallahassee needed a group of it's own. I knew that there were other parents somewhere out there. Maybe they thought they were all alone. Maybe, like my son, they were convinced that no one else in the world had ever heard the word transgender. If so, they needed to know that they were not alone.

Luckily, I was able to attend a workshop in Philadelphia that was presented by TransParent USA. This organization has existed since 2011, and they were looking to start chapters all over the US. They seemed a perfect fit.

*Their website, <http://transparentusa.org>, contains useful resources and links, including a list of chapters. One of the newest chapters is in Tallahassee. Meetings are set to begin in September, and will be monthly. Meetings are for parents at any stage of acceptance with gender independent kids of any age and at any stage of transition. All identities and information discussed in meetings are strictly confidential.*

**The next meeting of Transparent Tallahassee is Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Eastside Public Library, 1583 Pedrick Rd. There is a screening process required. A privacy policy is included on page 9. Please make contact via email at [tallahassee.fl@transparentusa.org](mailto:tallahassee.fl@transparentusa.org).**



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## TRANSPARENT PRIVACY POLICY

This privacy policy sets how TransParent (hereinafter “ TP ”) uses and protects any information that we receive when you affiliate with our organization. TP is committed to ensuring that your privacy and the privacy of your child is protected. Should we ask you to provide certain information by which you can be identified, that information will only be used in accordance with this Privacy Policy.

1. Personally Identifiable Information. “Personally Identifiable Information” of TP shall mean, with respect to any individual receiving services from TP : (1) an individual’s name, (2) an Individual’s child’s name, (3) child’s birthdate, assigned/affirmed gender, (4) contact information for the individual, including email address, (5) demographic information such as postcodes, preferences and interests, and (6) other relevant information that TP may need to receive grant funding.

2. Uses of Personally Identifiable Information. TP may collect Personally Identifiable Information to be used for the following purposes: (1) to better understand your needs, (2) to provide you with better service, (3) for internal record keeping, (4) to apply for grants and/or other funding, (5) to coordinate group meetings.

3. Selling of Personally Identifiable Information . TP agrees that we shall never sell, trade, publish or otherwise disclose any of your Personally Identifiable Information without your expressed written consent.

4. Security of Personally Identifiable Information . TP is committed to ensuring that your information is secure. In order to prevent unauthorized access or disclosure we have put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the information we collect. Access to Personally Identifiable Information will be limited to assigned Directors. Additionally, TP requires that all Directors, Staff and volunteers complete a Privacy Training Session to ensure the protection of your information. Upon completion of the Privacy Training Session, all Directors, Staff and Volunteers must sign a Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement to further protect your Personally Identifiable Information.

5. Effective Date. TP may change this policy from time to time by updating this agreement. This policy is effective from 2/27/2016 (date).





**TALLY TRANS TATS**



**FLORA**

IS A FILM

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY ALEXANDRINA ANDRE FOR

FSU COLLEGE OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS  
MFA THESIS PROJECTS SPRING 2016

RATING: PG

GENRE: DRAMA

TIME: APPROX 11 MIN

**Flora, a transgender woman is exposed to prejudice when she uses the women's bathroom for the first time during a visit to a small café.**

Recently at one of our Tuesday Gender Chats we were graced with the presence of Alexandrina Andre, a FSU Film School student. She came as an ally of the trans community having once been the roommate of a trans friend, and to promote and explain her short film FLORA which was to be shown at a showing of thesis films for the FSU College of Motion Picture Arts. As she explained that her friend's experiences led her to the writing and directing of FLORA, I became more intrigued. I made pact with myself to attend.

After attending all the thesis films, which I had for many years planned to attend but never quite made happen, I am certainly grateful that I did!

As you would expect, of all the films FLORA affected me the most, not only was it the best film of the bunch in my humble opinion, but it touched on a topic that is hard to ignore in the mind of a trans person, thanks to a world hell bent on gender policing.

After the showing I congratulated Alexandrina and asked her if there was any way that I could show the film at a Gender Chat in the future. She was delighted and though she has since moved to California and cannot attend she will be with us in spirit.

**Please join us on Tuesday November 15 at 7:00PM at Gender Chat (see calendar on pg. 7) for viewing of the film and discussion as part of TDOR week.**

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