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'TREES AT LOCK 24' by Harvey Kupferberg is part of the photography exhibit, 'Infrared: The Invisible Light' at Touchstone Gallery. An opening reception is schedule for tonight.

E-mail calendar items to calendars@washblade.com two weeks prior to your event. Space is limited so priority is given to LGBT-specific events or those with LGBT participants. Recurring events must be re-submitted each time.

TODAY

The D.C. Center (1318 U St., N.W.) is hosting an open mic night tonight from 8 to 10 p.m. hosted by Mike Brazell.

RAW, hosted by DJs Bil Todd and Shea Van Horn with special guest DJ Sirlinda, will be at Green Lantern (1335 Green Court, N.W.) tonight from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Free entry before 11 p.m. with a \$5 cover after. There will be an open bar from 10 to 11 p.m. Attendees must be 21 or older.

DJ Tracy Young will be spinning at Cobalt (1639 R St., N.W.) tonight at 10 p.m.

Aja Feen is giving same-sex argentine tango lessons at Ballet Teatro Internacional (1643 Connecticut Ave., N.W.) tonight from 8 to 9:30 p.m. with practice time and social dancing from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. For more information, call 202-588-8282.

Touchstone Gallery (901 New York Ave., N.W.) is hosting an opening reception tonight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for its newest exhibit "Life Is Too Serious" featuring paintings and drawings by Marcia Coppel and "Infrared: The Invisible Light" featuring photographs by Harvey Kupferberg.

The Lodge (21614 National Pike) in Boonsboro is hosting May Madness featuring drag performers Stephanie Michaels, Nicole James, Sasha Renee, Chi Chi Ray Colby and Araya Sparxx tonight at 9 p.m. There is a \$5 cover from 9 to 10:30 p.m. and an \$8 cover after. For more information, visit thelodgemd.com.

(516 8th St., S.E.) and the D.C. Center present two-time world poetry slam champion Buddy Wakefield tonight at 7:30 p.m.

DJ Drew G will be performing at Town (2009 8th St., N.W.) tonight with music and video downstairs by Wess. Doors open at 10 p.m. There is an \$8 cover before 11 and \$12 after. All attendees must be 21 or older.

52 O Street Studios is holding open studios today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be workshops, discussions and performances. This event will continue on Sunday. For more information, visit 52streetstudios.org.

Cobalt's (1639 R St., N.W.) second annual amateur DJ contest starts today at 4 p.m. The club will provide CDJs and turntables for participants to use. To enter, send your name, DJ name, phone number and e-mail to cobaltcontest@gmail.com. For more information, visit cobalt.com.

Code has its monthly installment tonight at Green Lantern (1335 Green Court, N.W.). Gear, rubber, skin, uniform or leather dress code will be strictly enforced. Music provided by DJ Frank Wild. Admission is \$10. All attendees must be 18 or older. There will be an open bar from 9 to 10 p.m.

The Lodge (21614 National Pike) in Boonsboro is hosting "Villains and Hos: The Slutty Party" tonight from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Prizes, including \$40 cash, \$20 bar tab and free drinks, will be given for best costume.

drag brunch hosted by Shi-Queeta Lee today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The brunch buffet is \$20, which includes a free mimosa.

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society's 54th annual Mother's Day House and Garden Tours are today from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 on the tour weekend. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit chrs.org.

MONDAY, MAY 9

Professionals in the City and the D.C. Center are hosting a speed dating event for lesbian and bisexual women at Chi-Cha Lounge (1624 U St., N.W.) from 7 to 9 p.m. Attendees will date for about an hour and then be able to mingle with everyone. After the event, matches can be made online. Tickets are \$20. For more information, visit prosinthecity.com.

Bears do Yoga at Green Lantern (1335 Green Court N.W.) tonight at 6:30 p.m. Class lasts for an hour and serves as an introduction to yoga for people of all different body types and physical abilities. It's taught by Michael Brazell. For more information, visit dcenter.org.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Beeswax, a newly formed, Washington-based arts promotion and advisory service working with artists, dealers, collectors and galleries, is hosting its second monthly D.C. Artists Networking Happy Hour tonight at the Science Club (1136 19th St., N.W.) from 6 to 9 p.m. There is a \$5 cover.

"Follies," an award-winning musical

starring Bernadette Peters, will be performed tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$45 to \$150 and can be purchased online at kennedy-center.org.

The Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance will hold a membership meeting tonight from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Charles Sumner School Museum and Archive (1201 17th St., N.W.).

DCBiWomen will have its monthly dinner at Dupont Italian Kitchen (1637 17th St., N.W.) tonight from 7 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit dcbiwomen.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Washington Wetskins Water Polo team is having its monthly happy hour at Nellie's (900 U St., N.W.) tonight from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Academy is hosting a panel discussion tonight featuring Mame Dennis, Destiny B. Childs and Carlton Stevens as part of its 50th anniversary tonight at the National Trust for Historic Preservation (1785 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.) from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The Big Gay Book Group will meet tonight at 7:00 p.m. at 1155 F Street, N.W., Suite 200. The book discussed will be "The 19th Wife" by David Ebershoff. For more information, visit biggaybookgroup.com or e-mail biggaybookgroup@hotmail.com.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

The **Gay Men's Chorus** of Washington has its monthly piano bar/open mic tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. at Black Fox Lounge (1723 Conn. Ave., N.W.). Singers of all levels are welcome to sing alone or with members of the Chorus.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

The Beltway Poetry Slam, The Fridge D.C.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Nellie's (900 U St., N.W.) has its weekly