

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project  
Third Anniversary Party / Year-Four Visioning Workshop  
@ the CoLab  
September 18, 2018**

10 people in attendance.

**AGENDA**

6pm: Potluck, birthday cake, socializing, networking

7pm: Presentation: what the History Project has accomplished in the past three years

7:10pm: Small Groups --- we broke into four cross-generational groups to brainstorm both "Content" and "Methods" for Year Four of our project

7:30pm: Small Groups --- sharing

8pm: Departure

**YEAR FOUR GOALS**

***Content:***

- Pride history (local/regional)
- PFLAGs & other support groups (Outright, etc.), history of
- POC: specifically Latinx & Asian American stories, but also continued African American focus, too
- Trans stories
- Drag history (local/regional)
- Punk rock & history of queer music scene
- 1986-1990, broad focus on this period
- HIV/AIDS research --- more public outreach / make research accessible
- Subgroups within the LGBTQ community, history of
- LGBTQ filmography

***Methods:***

- Collaboration with PoSE (Pride of the Southeast)
- Collaboration with Roanoke Pride
- Collaboration with local PFLAGs (such as Floyd PFLAG)
- More interviews / oral histories
- Exhibit with/at Taubman
- Exhibit that tours regionally
- Presentation at Pride, or part of the Pride festival, about our research
- Drag reunion
- History of dance/music/drag thingy
- Drag ball w/ historic categories
- Living library (check out a human to hear their stories)
- Week(end)-long festival of events: lectures, films, etc.
- Exhibit at RDC --- archives installation? Making archives more accessible
- Exhibit in public space

- RDC financial support/sponsorship of History project
- Training more/new people to lead the History project

### **NEXT STEPS**

We decided to prioritize working on the following seven initiatives, as summarized from the “Year Four Goals”:

- 1) ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES: We will prioritize researching and interpreting the histories of LGBTQ+ organizations in our region, specifically support groups such as PFLAG, Outright, etc.
- 2) QTPOC PROJECT: We will continue prioritizing researching and interpreting the stories of LGBTQ people of color in our region, specifically Latinx and Asian Americans, but also African Americans
- 3) TRANSGENDER HISTORY: We will prioritize researching and interpreting the histories of trans people in our region
- 4) DRAG HISTORY: We will prioritize researching and interpreting the histories of drag performance in our region
- 5) PHYSICAL, MOBILE EXHIBIT: We will work on producing a physical, mobile exhibit that can tour regionally
- 6) VISIBILITY / ACCESSIBILITY: We will focus on making our project more well-known and accessible to a broader audience, including promoting usage and access of our research materials
- 7) MULTI-MEDIA OUTREACH: We will focus on outreaching to and collaborating with regional institutions with a focus on using multi-media (film, etc.) to promote the History Project

### **OUR NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, 5:30pm-7:30pm, in the Parrott Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Roanoke Public Library