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1 Kopkind Colony celebrates Pride Month with LGBT Film
2 Festival, Raising the Rainbow Late Brunch

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5 Pride began with rebellion. The Kopkind Colony, the
6 living memorial to the late radical journalist Andrew Kopkind,
7 honors both as it begins its summer season of activities.

8 First up, “CineSlam,” Kopkind’s annual Pride Month film
9 fest of LGBTQ+ short films. The screenings will be held at the
10 Latchis Theatre on Main Street in downtown Brattleboro Saturday,
11 June 28, at 4 p.m.

12 This year's line-up includes foreign and domestic films,
13 comedy and drama, animation and experimental documentary.

14 "The selection of national and international films spans
15 genres, subjects, and emotions," wrote organizers in a news
16 release "a kaleidoscopic expression of LGBTQ+ life and
17 experience." There will be comfortable seating in the main
18 theater and, at intermission, Pride Cake. For tickets, see
19 filmfreeway.com/cineslam/tickets.

20 The next afternoon, Sunday, June 28, Kopkind will revisit
21 a tradition for a new season with an early summer "Raising the
22 Rainbow Late Brunch," with the writer and thinker Roger
23 Lancaster, at Tree Frog Farm, 158 Kopkind Road in Guilford.

24 There will be food beginning at 2 p.m., followed by a
25 talk on themes central to Roger's most recent book about
26 working-class gay life, *The Struggle to Be Gay: In Mexico, for*
27 *Example*: topics will include "the urgency of desire," the salience
28 of class and material want in the creation of identity, the
29 universal necessity of "vistas of freedom," connection, a better
30 life.

31 The talk will be followed by discussion and birthday
32 cake. There is no charge for Sunday's event (donations will be
33 gratefully accepted). People must make a reservation, though, so
34 organizers will have a count for food. Contact JoAnn Wypijewski
35 at jwyp2000@gmail.com.

36 Since 1999, The Kopkind Colony has put on public
37 events and brought together journalists, activists, and
38 documentary filmmakers for seminars and retreats in Guilford,
39 where Andy Kopkind spent 25 summers with his life partner, John
40 Scagliotti, a pioneer in gay media and the project's administrator.

41 Kopkind follows in Andy's spirit of "thinking deeply,
42 analyzing astutely, living expressively, and extending the field for
43 freedom, pleasure and imagination."

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