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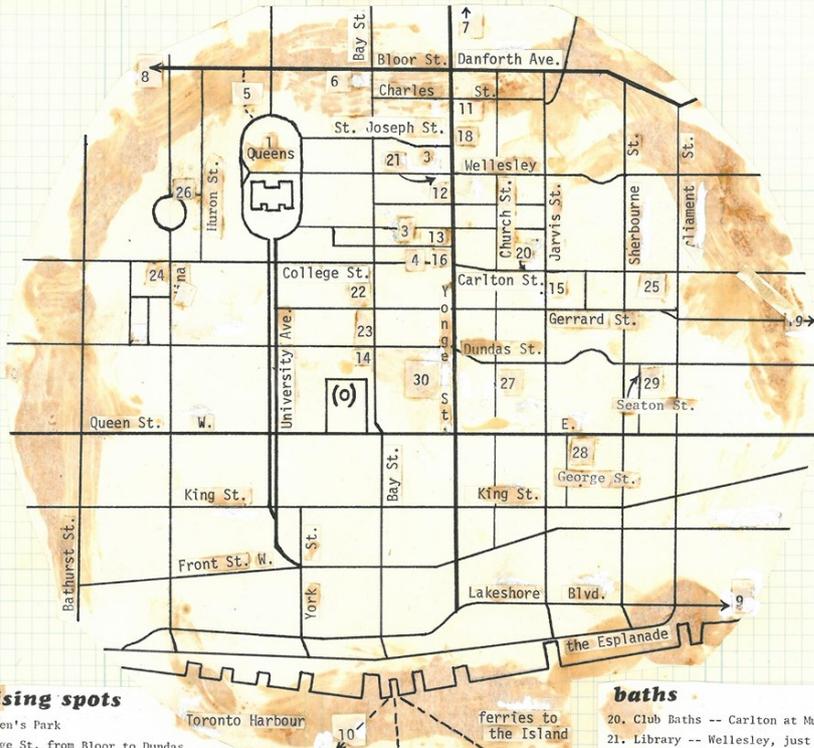
## Queer Ecologies of Care

by Torsten Lange

The event will be held online via ZOOM under the following [ZOOM-Link](#)

Against the backdrop of our current ‘crisis of care’, this talk discusses the potentials for rethinking care and social reproduction from a queer perspective. It will highlight historical examples of ‘queer infrastructures’ in Canada and the US spanning the period between lesbian and gay liberation and the HIV/AIDS crisis (late-1960s to mid-1990s), focusing on the social, material and architectural relationships underpinning their making and constant re-making. Doing so, I will argue not only for the importance of attending to the social and material ecologies that sustain these infrastructures and their specific communities of users. I also ask to what extent critical historical accounts of the former can unsettle and destabilize normative, gendered (and frequently racialized) understandings of care, while allowing us to rethink of queer spaces away from thingness towards more fluid and complex infrastructural assemblages.

# gay toronto



## cruising spots

1. Queen's Park
2. Yonge St. from Bloor to Dundas
3. Grosvenor and Grenville Sts.
4. In front of the YMCA, and east to the corner at Yonge
5. \*Philosopher's Walk -- the walkway behind the Museum from Bloor to Hoskins
6. Inside the Colonnade on Bloor
7. David Balfour Park -- just north of this map, but still downtown. From the St. Clair subway, walk east to Avoca, then south to the park.
8. \*High Park -- in the west end. Take the Bloor subway to the High Park stop, or drive west on Bloor to just past Keele.
9. Woodbine Beach -- in the east end. Take the Queen St. car to Woodbine, and walk south to the beach.
10. Hanlan's Point -- take the Bay St. bus to the docks, then the Hanlan's ferry. The beach may be difficult to find; follow the pavement walkway, keeping to the right. The beach is on the lake side, at the west end.

\* Watch for police in these areas.

## bars & restaurants

11. Quest -- Yonge just south of Charles
12. Parkside -- Yonge at Breadalbane. The lounge is often mixed, but the beverage room is men only.

13. St. Charles -- Yonge north of College
14. Charley O's -- Bay south of Dundas. Mainly leather and denim. Upstairs Friday and Saturday nights.
15. Carriage House Hotel -- two downstairs beverage rooms, and an upstairs lounge with dancing, where evening meals are served. The hotel is gay, as well.
16. Fran's Restaurants are predominantly gay at night. Locations: Yonge @ College, Yonge @ St. Clair, Yonge @ Eglinton.

## clubs

17. Mañates -- St. Joseph St. Toronto's most popular gay spot for dancing. Opens at 10 PM, Friday to Sunday. Men only.
18. Sugar's -- Yonge at St. Joseph, above "The Market". Opens July 18. Milk Bar -- for bi's and trendies. Located upstairs from Parkside (12) Maygay -- upstairs from St. Charles (13). Men only, and licensed.
19. The "Club" -- women's gay club. Pape just south of Gerrard, east of the Don Valley. Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

## baths

20. Club Baths -- Carlton at Mutual.
21. Library -- Wellesley, just west of Yonge, upstairs.
22. Roman -- Bay south of College.
23. Terminus -- 600 Bay north of Dundas.
24. International -- Spadina south of College.

## gay organisations

25. The Body Politic -- 193 Carlton, at Ontario. 961-9389.
26. Gay Alliance Toward Equality (GATE) A gay civil rights group meeting Wednesdays in the Graduate Student Union Bldg. on Bancroft St. (E. of T. Campus). Office at 193 Carlton, Call 961-9389.
27. Community Homophile Assoc. of Toronto (CHAT) -- 201 Church, south of Dundas. Dances Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. General Meeting Tuesdays at 8 PM. Women's night - Thursdays at 8 PM. Call 862-1544 (office) or 862-1169 (CHAT Centre).
28. Women's Place -- 137 George St. A lesbian collective meets Fridays at 8 PM. Call 363-8021.
29. Glad Day Bookstore -- 139 Seaton. Gay books and periodicals. Open evenings during the week, and all day Saturday. Call 364-6731.
30. Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Services Sundays at 8 PM, at Holy Trinity Church, on Trinity Square, off Yonge, south of Dundas. 364-9799.

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