



Gay After Marriage



Married Women Attracted to Women

April 25 and 26, 2009



Presented by Joanne Fleisher,
LCSW
Author of *Living Two Lives*



Workshop Details

This two-day workshop is for women who are married and questioning their sexual identity or beginning a process of coming out.

Dates:

Saturday, April 25, 2009
9:00AM - 5:00PM

Sunday, April 26, 2009
8:30AM - 1:00PM

Workshop Location:

Planned Parenthood Building
1144 Locust Street
Philadelphia (Center City)

Additional Info:

A Lavender Visions Workshop
Philadelphia, PA
www.lavendervisions.com
215-248-0844



Program

Description

Spend a weekend with other married women who are facing a range of feelings regarding their sexual identity and all of the dilemmas posed by the recognition of loving women. Through the use of professional guidance and small group interaction the workshop will focus on:

- Clarifying your sexual identity (Are you a lesbian, bisexual, or what?)
- Making difficult decisions about your marriage/Evaluating lifestyle options
- Resolving guilt and sadness about hurting loved ones
- Facing fears (homophobia, ending up alone, rejection by children or family)
- Living a double life (love triangles: secrecy or openness and the balancing act)
- How to approach husband
- Parenting concerns



How You Can

Benefit from this Workshop

- Share your story with other married women
- Develop a new support network
- Learn the steps that lead to self-acceptance
- Identify obstacles that prevent you from moving forward
- Leave with resources, both in your area and online



Agenda

Saturday:

- 9:00 AM Workshop Begins
- 12:00 PM Lunch on your own
- 1:30 PM Workshop Resumes
- 5:00 PM Workshop ends
(Evening activities will be suggested at local venues)

Sunday:

- 8:30 AM Registration and continental breakfast
- 9:00 AM Workshop begins
- 1:00 PM End of workshop

Confidentiality Policy

The need for confidentiality is stressed at all phases of the workshop. Recognizing the vulnerable state of everyone at the workshop, discretion is observed in all communication with participants before, during, and after the workshop.



About the Presenter



Joanne Fleisher is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a private practice for over 20 years. She holds an MSS degree from Bryn Mawr School of Social Work and offers individual, couples and group therapy. Joanne has used her personal experience and her professional training to develop *Lavender Visions*, a program for married women and others who are questioning their sexual orientation, trying to live with their marriage, or facing obstacles of living in a lesbian community.

Joanne moderates the Internet message board "Ask Joanne," which offers online advice for married women who are questioning their sexual orientation or facing coming out issues. In addition to her private psychotherapy practice, group, and supervision services, Joanne offers consultation to individuals and to organizations, and provides workshops related to working with the gay/lesbian/bisexual community.



What Others Have Said About their Group Experience

"The group taught me to stop asking myself why, that why wasn't the issue. Trusting myself was."

"I had been going to individual therapy for about a year before I went to the workshop, but those two days with Joanne (and all the 25 amazing women who were there, and the two other therapists, as well) PROPELLED and CATAPULTED and INSPIRED me beyond my wildest expectations!"

"Joanne and the other workshop leaders were insightful facilitators, and warm, caring people. I surprised myself by talking so much, but I guess I felt safe and comfortable."



Travel Arrangements

If you need hotel accommodations, we recommend the *Alexander Inn* (www.alexanderinn.com), which is close to the workshop location. Rooms are small, but very reasonably priced. There may be other hotels in the area as well.

Alexander Inn
12th & Spruce Streets
215-923-3535

Two Ways to Register/Pay

Pay online using your credit card by going to www.lavendervisions.com and clicking on the *April Workshop* link

Fill out and return the enclosed Registration Form with your payment

Cancellation Policy

Confirmations will be sent by email. Cancellation requests must be made in writing and postmarked no later than March 25, 2009. A full refund will be made minus a \$25 processing fee.

Sorry, no refunds after March 25, 2009.

Registration Form

Detach this section and return to:

Joanne Fleisher
18 Hilltop Road, First Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19118

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Email address: _____

Cost of Workshop: \$285

Amount of check or money order enclosed: \$_____

Please make checks payable to:
Joanne Fleisher, LCSW