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LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert Makes 40 Years of Palm Springs Pride Guides Available Online

Digital Collection and Special Exhibition Celebrate Four Decades of Pride in Greater Palm Springs

November 4, 2026 (PALM SPRINGS, CA): **The LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert** is pleased to announce that, in honor of the **40th Anniversary of Greater Palm Springs Pride**, it has completed the scanning and digitizing of all the Pride Guides currently in its collection, covering the years 1986 through 2025.

For the first time, these historic publications are being made available online for the general public, researchers, and anyone interested in exploring the history of Pride in Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley. The digital collection, which is keyword searchable, can be accessed by visiting **lgbtqpshistory.org**, clicking on *Collections*, and scrolling down to *Greater Palm Springs Pride Guides*.

Preserving and sharing these publications provides more than a look back at the evolution of Pride. The guides offer a remarkable historical record of the people, organizations, businesses, venues, and community leaders who helped shape Pride over four decades. They document those who were honored, the organizations that participated, the events that brought the community together, helping to make Palm Springs Pride what it is today.

Making these materials accessible online is an important step in the Archives ongoing commitment to preserving our community's history and ensuring that it remains accessible for future generations.

In addition to the online collection, the Archives is pleased to announce a special exhibition **celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Pride**. The exhibition, ***Palm Springs Pride: Then. Now. Next.*** will be presented during the Pride Festival on **Saturday and Sunday, November 7 and 8, on Palm Canyon Drive.**

Everyone is invited to stop by, explore the exhibition, share memories, and participate in the different activities; becoming part of the story. Plus, if you have photographs, programs, memorabilia, or other mementos from past Pride celebrations that you might be willing to donate to the Archives permanent collection, please let us know! These personal pieces of history help tell the larger story of our community.

Whether you have been attending Pride since its earliest years or are discovering its history for the first time, we invite you to celebrate this milestone with us!

About the LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert

Formed in 2019 the LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert is a community-based archive that documents, collects, preserves, and makes accessible the history of LGBTQ individuals, businesses, organizations, and events centered in Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley. For more information, please visit their web site www.lgbtqpshistory.org or follow the Archives on Facebook *@lgbtqpshistory*.

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