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### May LGBTQ History Programs Highlight Harvey Milk Memorabilia, QCC Director Natalia Vigil, 20th-Century Jewish Lesbian Activist

**San Francisco** — The program series for May 2021 sponsored by the GLBT Historical Society will highlight rare objects from the society's Harvey Milk Collection, a discussion with Queer Cultural Center Executive Director Natalia Vigil and a biography of Eve Adams, a Jewish lesbian activist active in the U.S. before World War II. All events take place online; registration is required for access to the streaming link. For more information, visit [www.glbthistory.org](http://www.glbthistory.org).

**Queeriosity Corner**

**Meet the Mayor of Castro Street**

Friday, May 7

6:00–7:30 p.m.

Online program

Admission: free, \$5 suggested donation

In the inaugural event of our new program series “Queeriosity Corner,” GLBT Historical Society museum registrar and curatorial specialist Ramón Silvestre will provide an intimate, in-depth look at items in the archives’ extensive Harvey Milk Collection, in time for Harvey Milk Day on May 22. Among these rare items are Milk’s barber/dentist chair from the Castro Camera store, the props featured in a candid photograph taken by Daniel Nicoletta and other items that provide a glimpse at the man behind Milk’s political persona. Silvestre will be joined by Nicoletta, who will discuss the photograph and share his own experiences with Milk.

“Queeriosity Corner” is a quarterly program series led by Silvestre that showcases treasured physical objects from the archives’ Art and Artifacts collection. Each program in the series explores a few select items in this collection, which includes paintings, sculptures, objects, costumes, drawings, posters, photographs and ephemera, most of which have never been on public display. The series also features conversations with other museum professionals on display and curation best practices, institutional partnerships and related topics, all in delightfully entertaining queer show-and-tell format. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/3cZZH3C>. Tickets are available at

<http://bit.ly/311p4wG>.

### **Queer Culture Club**

#### **Catching Up With Natalia Vigil**

Thursday, May 13

7:00–7:30 p.m.

Online program

Admission: free, \$5 suggested donation

GLBT Historical Society executive director Terry Beswick will interview queer Xicana writer and multimedia curator Natalia Vigil, who recently assumed the position of executive director of the Queer Cultural Center. She will discuss her new position, her work and her involvement in the upcoming 2021 Queer Arts Festival. This is the May installment of “Queer Culture Club,” our monthly series each second Thursday that focuses on LGBTQ people who are defining the queer culture of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Each month, Beswick interviews queer culture-makers, including authors, playwrights, historians, activists, artists and archivists, to learn about their work, process, inspirations, hopes and dreams. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/2NXkyfI>. Tickets are available at <http://bit.ly/3s42T4T>.

### **Author Talk**

#### **The Daring Life and Dangerous Times of Eve Adams**

Friday, May 21

6:00 –7:30 p.m.

Online program

Admission: free; \$5 suggested donation

Author, historian and OutHistory.org founder Jonathan Ned Katz will discuss his new book, *The Daring Life and Dangerous Times of Eve Adams* (Chicago Review Press, 2021), the story of the daring Jewish lesbian activist Eve Adams. Drawing on startling evidence while carefully distinguishing fact from fiction, Katz presents the first biography of Adams. Born into a Jewish family in Poland, Adams emigrated to the United States in 1912 and befriended anarchists, sold radical publications, and ran lesbian-and-gay-friendly speakeasies in Chicago and New York. In 1925 she risked it all to write and publish a book entitled *Lesbian Love*, presenting brief portraits of two dozen women (Katz’s book also reprints the long-lost-text of *Lesbian Love*). Adams’s bold activism caught the attention of the young J. Edgar Hoover and the Bureau of Investigation (later the FBI), leading to her surveillance and arrest. In a case that pitted immigration officials, the New York City police, and a biased informer against her, Adams was convicted of publishing an obscene work and of attempting sex with a policewoman deployed to entrap her. Jailed and deported back to Europe, Adams was ultimately murdered by the Nazis at Auschwitz. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/3rpe1In>. Tickets are available at <http://bit.ly/3r4oM2k>.

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### **ABOUT THE GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The GLBT Historical Society is a public history center and archives that collects, preserves and interprets the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and the communities that support them. Founded in 1985, the society

maintains one of the world's largest collections of LGBTQ historical materials. For more information, visit [www.glbthistory.org](http://www.glbthistory.org).

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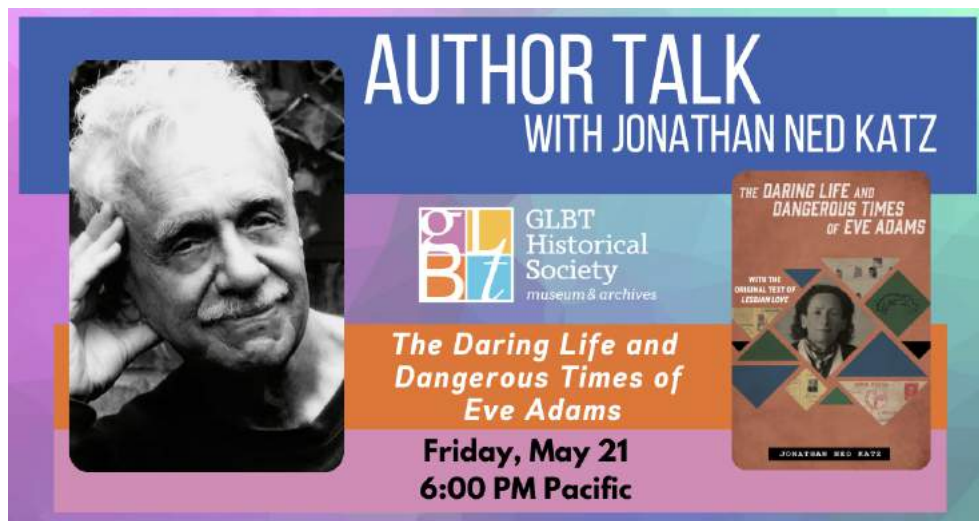
Harvey Milk clowning around at the Castro Camera store, 1977; photo by Daniel Nicoletta, used with permission.

### Queer Culture Club 5/13



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### Author Talk 5/21



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