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SNMA Launches Membership Drive With New Journal of Queer Archives

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: Stonewall National Museum & Archives (SNMA), one of the largest LGBTQ libraries and archives in the United States, announced today a Spring 2021 Campaign to increase its membership by nearly fifty percent.

Membership in SNMA not only supports its programs but affords the opportunity to check out materials from its library of more than 28,000 books and 3,000 DVDs on LGBTQ subjects. As an additional incentive, new and renewing Stonewall members will receive discounts from area businesses and cultural attractions. Stonewall currently has 350 members and hopes to increase that number to 600 members by June 30.

A cornerstone of the campaign is the publication of its new journal, *Archeion: Journal of Queer Archives*. The journal offers in-depth articles reflecting on topics arising from recent SNMA exhibitions, drawn from its archive of over 6 million pages. The journal also creates a new platform for the voices of writers, archivists, curators, artists, performers, and poets. Published quarterly, *Archeion* is intended to ignite dialogue, conversation, and community around the complexities of queer life and identity. The first issue focuses on two recent SNMA exhibitions, *BLK: The National Lesbian and Gay News Magazine* and *Elected Sisters: Pioneering Bi, Lesbian and Trans Political Leaders*, and features writing from contributors Che Gossett, Joe Tolbert, Jr., Dr. Rachel Corbman, and Jamie Grace Alexander. *Archeion* will be mailed to all Stonewall members.

"With publication of *Archeion*, Stonewall is poised to actively share contributions from a range of contemporary professionals working in LGBTQ culture and history" said Executive Director Hunter O'Hanian. "It allows us the opportunity to chronicle contemporary voices in a timely way." *Archeion* is edited by Andy Johnson, a DC-based curator, arts writer, and editor. He is currently Director of Gallery 102 at the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design, and editor for *Dirt*, andyjohnson.com.

SNMA memberships start at \$35 for an individual and \$50 for a household. Memberships to SNMA's Society of donors begins at \$250. To become a member visit stonewall-museum.org. In addition to having *Archeion* received via the mail, members will receive discounts at: Apex South Florida, Buck & Beard, LaFleur Florals and Events, The Frame Studio, the NSU Art Museum, the Art and Culture Center Hollywood, and the Historic Stranahan House Museum.

About Stonewall National Museum & Archives

Celebrating 48 years, Stonewall promotes understanding through collecting, preserving and sharing the proud culture of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender and queer people of all stories, and their significant role in American society. SNMA currently presents a robust schedule of virtual exhibitions

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and virtual programs, in South Florida and featured in cities across the country. Visit stonewall-museum.org and follow on [instagram.com/stonewallarchive](https://www.instagram.com/stonewallarchive) and [facebook.com/stonewallmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/stonewallmuseum). With a focus on the last quarter of the 20th century to the present day, the Stonewall archive is comprised of over 2,700 linear feet (twice the height of the Empire State Building) of items documenting LGBTQ political, cultural and social history. The professionally organized collection, most cataloged with detailed descriptions, contain papers, books, objects, and other media. While its initial focus was on Florida and Southeastern United States, the Archives contain materials from the entire country. Used by scholars, historians, researchers, writers and members of the general public, access to the Archives is by appointment only.

Stonewall offers a free, robust weekly series of talks and interviews on a variety of LGBTQ topics with artists, curators, writers, activists and thinkers. Additionally, private virtual tours can be arranged through Airbnb experiences for a modest fee of \$10 per person.

Stonewall is located at 1300 East Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. Free parking is available. It is open Mondays through Fridays from 11 am until 5 pm and Saturdays from 11 am until 3 pm and closed on Sundays. Standard COVID safety guidelines are in effect. Masks are required and social distancing practices are in place for visitors. In-person attendance is limited to 10 people at one time.

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