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First Annual Stiletto Stomp Kicks Off Hampton Roads Pride Month With Style And Flair

The event, presented by Outwire757, saw a group of dedicated runners lay it all on the line to show off their running-in-heels skills.



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Do you have any idea how difficult it is to run in heels? The participants in last weekend's First Annual Stiletto Stomp sure do! Held on a section of Granby St. in Norfolk this past Friday with the intent of kicking off Pride Month in fine fashion, this event treated Downtown Norfolk First Friday attendees to a sight they are sure to remember.

The event was sponsored by Norfolk LGBTQ publication Outwire757, in collaboration with the Downtown Norfolk Council, and hosted by Ms. Jennifer Warner, who won best drag performer in Outwire's 2018 Gay HRVA Readers' Poll earlier this year. The event was a benefit to endow a scholarship in the name of her friend Thomas Hitt, who was killed by a drunk driver in a hit-and-run accident in January.

Entrants paid \$10 toward the scholarship fund in order to compete for prizes donated by local businesses and organizations. "First Friday had big turnout in terms of spectators, but as always, it's up to the brave few pioneers to actually get their heels on and do it," said Outwire757 president Eric Hause. "We had 10 runners, but they were committed."

The ten participants reflected a diverse sampling of the LGBTQ community in Hampton Roads, and each had their own approach to completing the race; while some ran full-out, others jogged, and still others chose to sashay with flair down the asphalt catwalk. From all reports, everyone involved had a wonderful time, despite the heat, and the results couldn't be beat.

This may have been the first Stiletto Stomp, but it won't be the last, according to Hause. "Based on positive feedback from the Downtown Norfolk Council, we're on again for year two in June 2019." Hopefully the success of the first year will lead even more community members to demonstrate their jogging skills in stilettos. Let's make this a grand Pride Month tradition!

Here are some photos from the event, courtesy of Outwire757:





