

## June Program:

# **Feel the Steel: The Art and Magic of Needle Play**

**Presented by Cleo Dubois and friends**

Friday, June 21, 8-10 p.m. (doors open at 7:30)

Center for Sex and Culture (1349 Mission in SF, between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>)

Come enjoy the energetic connections we will create with these little poky things! We'll start with a look at the roots and applications of temporary piercings for decoration, restraint, SM exchanges, and journeying. Of course, there will be a hot demo focusing on the empowerment needle play can bring.

Then, pierce and be pierced. Practice with a partner. Relish your experience as you pierce or are pierced! Learn to control the depth and width of your needle play piercing technique as well as a foolproof way to not prick yourself. Three piercing stations will ensure you get our personal attention.

Take it beyond SM; see where focusing your intent leads to. You will have a chance to experience the "high" of running energy through temporary piercings during our mini energy pull ritual. An Exiles night to remember!

(All materials provided.)

**About our presenter: Cleo Dubois** is a ritualist and BDSM educator. Her Academy of SM Arts teaches bondage and SM to couples, Dominants, and switches, both privately and in regularly held Erotic Dominance Weekend Intensives for Women and Men at the SF Citadel. Details on [www.sm-arts.com](http://www.sm-arts.com). She also offers in office and Skype consultations. Details on [www.cleodubois.com](http://www.cleodubois.com). She writes a weekly blog "In Kink with Heart." Check it out at [www.cleodubois.wordpress.com](http://www.cleodubois.wordpress.com).

### **Program Meeting Information**

- All women (and those whose gender self-identity is other than male) who are over 18 are welcome.
- We have sign language interpreters at all of our meetings.
- Members \$4; non-members \$10. Please have membership card or ID ready to speed entry.
- Visit our [website](http://www.cleodubois.com) for more information.

**Directions to the Center for Sex & Culture:** The Center for Sex & Culture is located at 1349 Mission Street, between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets, in San Francisco. It is 2 blocks from the Civic Center BART station and the J, K, L, M and T MUNI Metro lines. There is ample street parking in the area.

## Club News

- The Exiles' next **Business Meeting is on Sunday, June 2, from 5-7 p.m. at the Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library**, 6501 Telegraph Ave. in Oakland (near the White Horse). Our business meetings are a way for you to help shape the future of this club. There are also several officer positions still available; come learn more about them at this meeting:
  - **Doorkeeper:** Manages the door at monthly programs.
  - **Volunteer Coordinator:** Recruits and manages volunteers for the monthly programs, Orientations, and other Exiles events.
  - **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Provides security at the door for Exiles functions.
  
- Come schmooze with kinky women for free at **our next New Member Orientation**. The festivities are on **Friday, June 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at the Women's Building in San Francisco**. If you're interested in helping or have any questions, contact [orientation@theexiles.org](mailto:orientation@theexiles.org). Bring your friends!
  
- **Special thanks to our generous anonymous donor!** Someone sent in an anonymous donation of \$250 recently, which will assist us in helping maintain our monthly expenses and budget items. Donations to the Exiles, a 501(c)3 organization, are tax-deductible and may be made online with PayPal by visiting <http://bit.ly/159mLna>. Please let us know if we may thank you publicly for your donation or if you would prefer for it to be anonymous.
  
- Speaking of schmoozing with kinky folks, a great way to do that is to volunteer at the Exiles booth in Leather Alley at San Francisco Pride. The last weekend of June, join us to set up and/or tear down our booth, hand out Exiles flyers, and be an ambassador for our club. To sign up, please email [cocos@theexiles.org](mailto:cocos@theexiles.org).
  
- Taking your kink on the road? As an Exiles member, you enjoy membership reciprocity agreements with kink organizations including our brand-new agreement with the [Bad Girls of Portland](#) (Oregon). Other organizations we enjoy such agreements with include:
  - [Society of Janus](#) (San Francisco)
  - [Lesbian Sex Mafia](#) (New York)
  - [Bound by Desire](#) (Austin)
  - [Black Rose](#) (Washington, DC)
  
- We have an exciting line-up of events, including the Exiles 15th Anniversary Bash, that require hands, presence, and energy to keep going. If you can lend a hand at any events, please contact [cocos@theexiles.org](mailto:cocos@theexiles.org).
  
- Find new play partners, friends-with-benefits, a mentor, and/or true love by placing a free business-card sized personal ad in the Fringe! Email the ad to [fringe\\_editor@theexiles.org](mailto:fringe_editor@theexiles.org) by the 15th of the month to appear in the next month's Fringe. [cocos@theexiles.org](mailto:cocos@theexiles.org).

# May Program Report

## If It Be Your Will: The Secret Art of Graceful Service through Submission

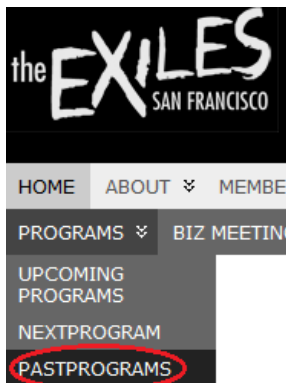
by Rio

Thank you to everyone who attended our "If It Be Your Will" program!

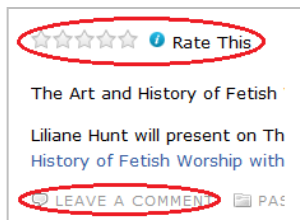
We had a lively discussion on different aspects of service and submission, led by Mr. Goldberg and girl kim. They each spoke of their personal experiences and learned lessons, and they invited members of the audience to ask questions and offer their own experiences as well.

The result was both educational and entertaining. Thanks to our presenters, to our volunteers, and, as always, to our members!

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Find the one you want and click the rating stars or click *Leave A Comment* to tell us what you thought of the program:



## Scene Report: Northwest Leather Celebration 2013

by Marilyn

Many Exiles folks attended the Northwest Leather Celebration (NWLC), May 17-19 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose, sponsored by SMOdyssey. The event started on Friday with three workshop sessions, an opening ritual, a contestant Meet and Greet hosted by the SF girls of Leather, the Exiles' Champagne and Chocolates Hospitality Reception, and a play party onsite in the large ballroom.

Saturday was another day of workshops, the step-down luncheon for the outgoing Northwest Master and slave, Master Morris and slave jonathan, contestant interviews and presentations, and a few more Hospitality Receptions. Early in the evening was the Northwest Master/slave contest, won by Master Brian and slave Mel from the Seattle area. They will be representing our area in the International Master/slave contest at South Plains Leatherfest in Dallas next March. After that there was another Hospitality Reception hosted by the Society of Janus, and another play party until 1 a.m.

Sunday started with an "Ask the Cop" session at 9 a.m.; not sure how many people made it to that. Then, over the Keynote Brunch, Tim Pursell shared his very personal and difficult journey over the last year or so since Daddy Ken died. A few more workshop sessions, the Ms SF Leather Hospitality Reception, and the wind-down Hospitality Reception brought it all to a close at 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Throughout the weekend there was bootblacking, a vendor area, authors selling and signing their books, 12-step meetings, and lots and lots of socializing at the restaurants and at the pool.

The Exiles were well-represented at NWLC. In addition to many Exiles attendees, Lou interpreted; Rio ran the Silent Auction; Angel was the Volunteer Coordinator and Judges' Girl; Marilyn, Liza, and Jody taught workshops; amathyst was a scheduled instructor; Sage signed and sold her books; Lou, Rio, Marilyn, and Octavia set up the Champagne and Chocolates Hospitality Suite; and Summer, Roz, and some others helped, too.

This was a pansexual event with many heterosexual attendees, but many LGBT folks were there as well. Since NWLC hosts the Northwest M/s contest, there was a large M/s component to the workshops, and M/s couples were the majority of the attendees. But the event has other Leather and BDSM workshops and attendees, so even those not strictly in the M/s dynamic found something to engage them. Plus just hanging out with kinky leather people for the weekend is always a great time.

NWLC 2014 is scheduled for May 16-18, 2014, so mark your calendars!



## Membership Renewal

Reminder that our membership year runs through the end of June, so expect a renewal request soon.

***New this year:*** Be a [Supporting Member](#)

For an additional \$24 per year you get free admission to all programs throughout the year. What a deal!



The **9th annual Queer Women of Color Film Festival** premieres an unprecedented 55 short films in 5 screening programs. The Festival Focus includes a Featured Screening that explores culture, tradition, and activism, from the waves of feminism to the simmering revolutions among Southwest Asian, North African/Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, South Asian (SWANA/AMEMSA) communities, followed by a discussion with artists and activists. The festival also showcases films from across the U.S. created through the QWOCMAP Film & Freedom Academy. From the intoxicating first kiss to candlelit prayer rugs, to the ebb and flow between parents and children, this festival is awash with films that fill our spirits. From the deep reservoirs of Hawaiian and Navajo cultures, to the buoyant swells of chosen families, to the radical creative founts of queer artists, dive into the depths and soak up the juicy possibilities of these powerful films!

**The Exiles are partnering with QWOCMAP in presenting the opening night screening, "Tender Possibilities", on Friday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., at the Brava Theatre in San Francisco:**

*From the intoxicating first kiss to yearning for relationships, to the Navajo Miss Nizhoni beauty pageant and musical dinners gone right, from stories of queer Pin@ys navigating their culture & upbringing, to transmen loving and dating, soak up the juicy possibilities in these sassy date films.*

## Special Offers for Exiles Members

- Come join **Bad Girls of Portland, Oregon** as we unleash our beast at our annual event, **HOWL**. For the first time ever this annual event has been expanded to two days occurring **July 19-21**. HOWL is a Women Only\* Outdoor Weekend Event on eight acres of primitive playground. Leave the chains of civilization behind and play in the wild or in the dungeon that is open 24/7. If you want to retain a touch of humanity then take advantage of our massage opportunities that are provided or relax in the hot tub. Get your Kink back to nature with the Organic Play workshop taught by Dr. Evil or make a bloody mess with Cutting and Knife Play by Kika Moon. There are indoor and outdoor sleeping options as well as optional B&B style meals. As a current member of The Exiles we are offering you our basic membership discounted rates!
  - Savage Option: \$45 (without meals)
  - Roughing It: \$65 Basic Bad Girls (some meals provided)

Registration Opens June 10th. For more information visit <http://pdxbadgirls.net/howl>.

**\*This event is open to all self-identified women over 18**

- On behalf of the Beyond Vanilla Committee and the National Leather Association-Dallas, we would like to invite the Exiles to attend **Beyond Vanilla XXIII in Dallas, Texas, on September 27-29, 2013**, at a special rate. Use coupon code *Exiles* during online registration for \$15 off the event registration package through June 30th, 2013. Registration includes:
  - Over 50 hands-on workshops
  - International Puppy & Trainer Contest
  - Mr. & Mrs. Great Plains Olympus Leather Contest
  - Access to specialty vendors and silent auction
  - Teeter-Totter-a-Thon benefitting Bryan's House

Additions include:

- Play Party with co-ed, men-only, and women-only play spaces
- Leather dinner with keynote speaker Dossie Easton: sexual freedom activist, author, and longtime member of the BDSM community

We've negotiated a special room rate at the Crowne Plaza Dallas - Downtown of \$110 per night for Beyond Vanilla attendees. The room rate does not include parking in the hotel garage. To ensure you receive our event rate and a room in our reserved space, please make sure to use the link Crowne Plaza Dallas - Downtown to register your room.

Please visit our website at [www.beyondvanilla.org](http://www.beyondvanilla.org) to learn more or register online today and take advantage of your \$15 off coupon code Exiles.

We look forward to seeing you there for a Kinkalicious good time!

— The Beyond Vanilla Committee

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## Business Meeting Minutes, April 2013

*(Note that since we now publish minutes a month in arrears (so that they can be approved by the biz group before publication), what you see here may not be the latest information. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact [cocos@theexiles.org](mailto:cocos@theexiles.org) or come to the next biz meeting.)*

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**Attendees:** Angel, Bennett, Carmela, Countess, Margaret, Marilyn, Michelle, Ray, Randi, Rio, and Val.

**Recognitions:** Val recognized Angel, Margaret, and Marilyn for coming to help with the orientation. Countess recognized everyone who has helped her this last year which has been very difficult for her physically and personally.

**Note from Rio:** A new agenda format was introduced at this meeting, placing the core business issues at the beginning of the agenda.

### Core Business:

**Election Results:** Election conducted at March Program. The proposed changes to the Articles were passed. Rio was elected to a full term as Co-coordinator, Angel was re-elected as Treasurer, Marilyn was elected as Membership Officer, and Ray was elected as Recorder.

### Appointment of Officers:

- Newsletter Editor: Rio in discussion with member about this position.
- Outreach/PR Officer: Randi is going to take this on in an acting capacity while she explores running for it as an officer position.
- Orientation Officer: Val was re-elected to this position.
- Doorkeeper: (not filled)
- Sergeant-at-Arms: (not filled)
- Website Manager: Countess was re-elected to this position.
- Volunteer Coordinator: (not filled) There was considerable discussion about how important it is that we fill this position as soon as possible.

**Future Programs:** The May program will be on the fourth Friday due to the Northwest Leather Celebration on the third Friday.

### Old Business:

**Update on IMsL Reception:** The committee has met twice. Currently expenses are expected to come in within budget. Randi is arranging for volunteers. Rio confirmed that as in previous years any member in good standing may attend the reception even though they are not registered for the conference. However, this year they will need to sign up prior to April 13th. Randi will send an email to the membership announcing this. Members wishing to attend will RSVP to Randi who will forward the information to IMsL.

**Exiles Representation to Leather Alliance Board:** Exiles representation to the Leather Alliance Board. Rio has been the Exiles primary representative. Allison has been the alternate, but has stepped down. Rio expressed interest in stepping down as primary representative to be the alternate representative. Angel expressed interest in being the primary representative, and the vote at the meeting made this so.

**Agreement with Center for Sex and Culture:** Rio discussed this with them, and the rent will continue to be \$200 per program.

**Partnering with Venus Playground at Folsom this year:** Discussion on the merits and drawbacks of this proposal; further discussion tabled until next month.

## **New Business:**

**Hacking of our website:** Countess reported that this issue has become serious enough that our site is potentially being slowed down. No one has succeeded in entering our system, but it is still a serious disruption. Attempts seem to be coming from offshore servers primarily in Europe. There was general agreement that at this point we do not want to block any particular geographic area. Countess will investigate what other software might be available to help protect us and what the costs might be.

**Exiles' FetLife Profile:** Angel encouraged to go to their Fetlife accounts and friend the Exiles. Randi will coordinate with Angel regarding PR/Outreach possibilities. Further discussion was tabled till next month.

**Partnership with Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project (QWOCMAP):** Val reported that as in previous years the Exiles had been invited to be a part of the film festival as a community partner. Val and Bennett are working on it. The Exiles provide volunteers at one of the showings in exchange for publicity for the Exiles. Our showing is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 14. This year the event will be at the Brava Theater. Four lucky Exiles volunteers will receive weekend passes to the festival. Interested members should contact Val or Bennett to volunteer.

**Exiles Back Patches:** Tabled due to lack of time.

**Officer Reports:** Rio had requested that reports be submitted in writing in advance. That these reports would be noted not discussed. The treasurer (Angel) reported that there were \$1,607.75 in available funds, and that the balance included the O/S \$100 receivables due for the NWLC sponsorship. No other written reports were received.

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## **Exiles Officers**

<http://theexiles.org/contact/>

Co-Coordinator:	<b>Rio and Lou</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Angel</b>
Membership Officer:	<b>Marilyn</b>
Recorder:	<b>Ray</b>
Orientation Officer:	<b>Val</b>
Website Manager:	<b>Countess</b>
Sergeant-At-Arms:	<b>(open)</b>
Doorkeeper:	<b>(open)</b>
Newsletter Editor:	<b>Suzanne (acting)</b>
Outreach/PR Officer:	<b>Randi (acting)</b>
Volunteer Coordinator:	<b>(open)</b>