

## December Program:

### **The Annual Exiles' Carnal Carnival**

Friday, December 20, 2013, 8-10:15 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.)

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

Come enjoy a hot winter night of kink, fun, music, and debauchery. Join us for great booths, food, kinksters, and much merriment. Experience play piercing, impact play, or flogging. Feel a violet wand, or enjoy the ever-popular vibrator races, bean bag toss, and other games. That's just a taste of what we'll have waiting for you at this year's festivities!

As with our regular programs, admission is \$4 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For the Carnival, the admission price includes 10 Exiles Bucks and 1 raffle ticket. There will also be light snacks included. When you need more Exiles Bucks for the booths, you can buy them for \$1 each, \$5 for 6, or \$10 for 13.

We'll have raffles for kinky goods: you get to choose which raffle prize you want to try for. You'll get a raffle ticket when you come, and you can buy additional raffle tickets for more chances at the goodies!

You'll also be able to purchase DISCOUNTED tickets to the [Eclipse Holiday Un-wrapping Play Event](#) that goes until 1 a.m. the same night, so you can continue the party even after our Carnival ends!

#### **Additional Information:**

- All women (and those whose gender self-identity is other than male) over 18 are welcome.
- Visit our [website](#) for more information.
- Exiles programs are on the third Friday of the month at the Center for Sex and Culture in San Francisco (1349 Mission Street) [\[map\]](#)

### **The Exiles New Year's Eve Play Party**

Tuesday, December 31, 2013, 8:00 p.m.– 2:00 a.m.

Alchemy , San Francisco

Bring in the New Year with the Exiles! Beat out the old year and whip in the new, as we celebrate the end of 2013 and the beginning of 2014 in grand style.

This incomparable event will feature elegant appetizers and canapés, complimentary refreshments, and an amazing array of desserts – plus a nonalcoholic toast at midnight and more surprises! Dress in your festive best and enjoy the company of the Bay Area's kinkiest people as we celebrate the New Year in a most unique way! 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Alchemy, SF, in the kink-friendly SoMa district. (Address will be sent upon completion of payment.)

Tickets are available online at [Brown Paper Tickets](#): \$25 members, \$40 nonmembers, with a \$10 discount if you volunteer. 18+ welcome. This event is open to women, genderqueer folk, and all those who do not self-identify as male.

**No tickets will be sold at the door.  
Buy yours early because this event *will* sell out!**

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## Club News

- If you're wanting to make more of those year-end tax-deductible contributions, please consider the Exiles! Donations to the Exiles, a 501(c)3 organization, are tax-deductible! For extra convenience, donations may be made online with PayPal. Just click the big *Donate* button in the left-hand column on [our website](#). Donations may also be mailed to the Exiles at P.O. Box 14338, San Francisco, CA 94114. Please let us know if we may thank you publicly or if you would prefer for your donation to be anonymous.
  
- **Our January business meeting is Sunday, January 5**, at Alchemy in San Francisco, 5-7 p.m. Please join us and help shape the future of the Exiles! If you'd like to attend, please contact [cocos@theexiles.org](mailto:cocos@theexiles.org) for the exact address.

We still have several open officer positions:

- **Outreach/PR Officer:** Manages publicity and outreach.
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Recruits and manages volunteers for the monthly programs, Orientations, and other Exiles events.
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Provides door security at Exiles functions.

Learn more about these positions and other opportunities with the Exiles at this month's business meeting.

- Volunteers are needed for Exiles programs and parties. It's a great way to meet lots of kinky women in a casual environment and build up kinky karma! If you can pitch in at any events, please contact [cocos@theexiles.org](mailto:cocos@theexiles.org).

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## Reminder...

The Northwest Leather Celebration is May 16-18, 2014, but online registration is open now. As a special incentive, during the months of November and December you can sign up for a basic weekend pass for just \$79. This entitles you to the socials, workshops, indoor vendor fair, onsite play parties, and much, much more.

Be sure to mention that you're an Exiles member when you register, since we enjoy a reciprocal organization discount. For more information about the celebration, the Northwest Master/slave Contest, hotel rooms, volunteering, etc., please visit their website.

## Business Meeting Minutes, October 2013

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**Attendees:** Angel, Judith, Marilyn, Ray, Rio, Sailor, Val

**Recognitions:** Rio recognized Lou for offering the Exiles a generous discount off her dungeon's regular rental fee, enabling us to raise more money for the club. Rio recognized Bennett and Samantha for handing out palm cards at Folsom. Rio recognized Loren Q, Cassandra, Skittles 88, Sailor, and Daddy Harry for their work helping teardown the Folsom booth and transporting everything to the car. Rio recognized Samantha for her excellent volunteer work this month. Marilyn recognized Angel for setting up and staffing the booth at Folsom. Val recognized Marilyn and everybody else who helped get the Exiles advertisement into the Ms SF Leather Program Book. Several people recognized Matt for her hard work at several events this month.

### Core Business:

**October Program Plans (*Takin' It – tomo*):** Officer and volunteer duties assigned.

**Postmortem of September Program (*Perfecting Your Slave and Slavery Using Behavioral Techniques – Liza and Jody*):** People liked it. Presenters were not as prepared as in the past and it showed; the presentation was a bit scattered. People especially liked the different specific examples. The program was oriented to an audience that would be familiar with the M/s dynamic. There was discussion that in general it might be good to ask presenters to give a bit of info if they are teaching a more advanced subject. Also there was concern expressed about the small attendance, but the location was back at the Women's Building, so that was confusing.

**Future Programs:** Maggie Mayhem has confirmed interest in doing a program for us in January on the Science of Orgasms. Rio has written her for details. Karen/Estrella has confirmed doing a program for us in February. Val will talk to her to settle on a topic. Lou was going to approach Mistress Affinity about a cell popping class, and Sybil Holiday and others about being on a history panel. Ray has still not heard back from Minax and will try again to contact her.

### Old Business:

**Review of action items list.**

**Review of online decisions – none.**

**Leather Alliance Progressive Dinner Report:** We had more food than we needed, because the setup of the space made it very hard for the crowd to access the table. In the past the setup was different, and much more food was eaten. If we do the Mr. S portion of this event again, we should confirm ahead of time what the setup for the space will be. The leftover chips and dip went to the Exiles Meet and Greet. Our portion of the food cost was \$70.

# The Lunatic Fringe

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**Folsom Meet & Greet Report:** We took in \$250 through Brown Paper Tickets, for 22 member and 25 nonmember tickets. We also sold 2 member and 1 nonmember tickets at the program, for \$10, and 3 nonmember admissions at the door, for a total of 53 tickets, income of \$290. It went well, with a nice mix of people. People mostly arrived later than the scheduled start time.

**Folsom Play Party Report:** We took in \$1,172.67 through Brown Paper Tickets, for 21 members, 23 nonmembers attending the M&G, and 13 nonmembers. We sold 2 member and 1 non-member tickets at our program for \$60, and 2 member and 3 nonmember tickets at the door \$100. Total gross income (after BPT's cut) was \$1,332.67. Gross income from both events = \$1,622.67. Minus rent (\$250) and food (\$150), our net income was \$1,222.67. There was concern expressed at the meeting that money was taken at the door for tickets when it had been agreed ahead of time that we would not do that. It was agreed that this would not be done in the future. The entire event ran behind because people did not start arriving until late for the Meet and Greet. People seemed to have a great time. Since the space was never too crowded, there was discussion of raising the number of tickets that could be sold at future events. There was also discussion about gender self-identification: if there's a question in the future, we need to have the person answer whether or not they identify as male, even if the protocol of a couple's dynamic is that the slave does not speak.

**Folsom Booth Report:** DESIRE paid \$120 toward the cost of the booth. They did not have a physical presence there, but we handed out their cards and hung their banner. The booth was next to Venus Playground, since there were last minute location swaps. At first the booth was set up to face the VP site; later it was switched to face the Citadel site. This didn't seem to work as well, since large crowds were gathering at the Citadel space. Note for next year: facing VP was better. VP moved its space out a little, and the Citadel space seemed to creep toward us during the course of the day, so we were a little reduced in size. Samantha was a great help, as were Loren Q, Cassandra, Skittles 88, Sailor, and Daddy Harry.

**Steering Committee Meeting:** Location and date discussed. Possible online discussion about an agenda before the meeting. We do need to talk about money and volunteers.

**Possible Business Group Retreat:** Rhonda and tomo have reiterated their offer that we could use their ranch house for a weekend retreat. It sounds like a very cool space with a variety of amenities including a play space. Discussion tabled until after the Steering Committee meeting.

**Purchase of Exiles-Branded Merchandise to Sell:** Michelle submitted a report on cap and bandana prices from a couple of different vendors. There was concern about the money available to do this. Discussion was tabled.

## **New Business:**

**Possible New Officers:** Rachele Sullivan has indicated she will become an officer in the future when her schedule clears. Ray has spoken with her about becoming our Volunteer Coordinator. Rosalinda (Little Bad Daddy) has indicated an interest in becoming our Sgt.-at-Arms but will not be available until at least November. MadPink has indicated an interest in becoming our Doorkeeper but will not be available until at least November. Daddy Hatter on FetLife has

expressed an interest for herself and her partner in the PR and/or Volunteer Coordinator positions. She was a member long ago, recently renewed, and hasn't been a member for one year yet. Rio will ask her to come to a business meeting.

**Ongoing Play Parties:** There is enthusiasm for going ahead with this. We need to discuss with Lou the door split. Rio raised the possibility of a Halloween Party, but no one was interested in taking the lead on this. We want to do a New Year Eve Party. Marilyn will contact Lou about scheduling and cost and arrange a written agreement. Other ideas Rio raised were a hankie party, a no limits party, and an International Women's Day party. Ray has serious concerns about a no-limits party. Ray also pointed out that long-term plans are only tentative, since it is not certain whether Lou will get a long-term lease. There was discussion that members who volunteer for programs or other events could get a coupon for a play party or program. Angel will administer it.

**Officer Reports:** These reports were noted but not discussed.

**Membership (Marilyn):** Current counts: 106 members (86 this time last year). Eight additional members joined at the October 11 orientation.

#### **Website Manager (Countess):**

1. We continue to suffer from attempted hack attacks. Although the installed software has protected from any actual hacks, the hack attempt traffic is slowing our site down.
2. Countess has recovered ~95%+ of the database from the recent problems; there are a few recent items/features that will have to be redone.
3. The Twitter link has been broken again. Did someone change the Twitter password on or after about June of this year?

**Addendum regarding online decisions made since the September meeting:** It was incorrectly noted that no decisions were made.

#### **ALCHEMY**

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1: a power or process of transforming something common into something special

2: an inexplicable or mysterious transmuting

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**Attendees:** Angel, Marilyn, Misha, Ray, Rio, Val

**Recognitions:** Val recognized Marilyn, Allison, and Judith for helping with Orientation, which went really well.

### Core Business:

**November Program Plans (*Mapping Shadow Play* – Dossie):** Officer and volunteer duties assigned.

**Postmortem of October Program (*Takin' It* – tomo):** Good program. Would like to see it with a demo. Very hot. Liked that she was speaking to both experienced people and novices, and respectfully. Handout could have been more detailed, but she did not know coming in what her audience was going to be. Seemed like more longer-term members than usual, probably because tomo is so well known. Attendance: 16 nonmembers, 1 supporting member, 6 paying members, 1 member with a free pass, and 6 volunteers.

**Future Programs:** *January:* Maggie Mayhem said she would do a program for us in January on the Science of Orgasms. Rio wrote her for details but hasn't heard back. Rio will attempt to contact her again, but we need a backup plan. *February:* Karen will be doing the program, but the topic still needs to be settled. She will be sending Val a list shortly. *March:* Elections and Social. There is a filmmaker Rio will contact about showing a film. *April:* Val proposed that she do a program on British Discipline, possibly with her friend Josephine from England. *May or June:* Angel will contact Maggie Mayhem about a program. We will change the date of our May program to avoid conflict with the Northwest Leather Celebration.

**Possible Future Programs:** Lou was going to approach Mistress Affinity about a cell popping class, and Sybil Holiday and others about being on a history panel. Ray was going to contact Minax but has not heard back from her. Rio agreed to try and contact her. Mollena has expressed an interest in doing a program; we need to pin her down to a date and topic. No one attended the program meeting Rio had called in October. Rio will reschedule the meeting. Ray suggested that maybe she could see who was interested and perhaps begin a discussion online which might be easier to get folks involved with.

### Old Business:

**Review of action items list.**

**Review of online decisions:** Agreed to send \$100 deposit to Alchemy to reserve for NYE.

**Policy Change for Ads in the Fringe:** Rio drafted a proposal for a change in the policies regarding members placing small personal ads in the Fringe. The current sentence "Members and associates may run free personal ads no larger than 2 x 1 ½, not more than one per month." would change to "Members and Associates may run free personal or business ads (no

larger than 2 x 1 ½ ), not more than one per month. Business ads must be for the member's own business." Since it is a policy change, we will vote at the meeting after the minutes of this meeting are printed in the Fringe.

**Purchase of Exiles-Branded Merchandise to Sell:** Discussion was tabled.

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**Carnal Carnival:** Marilyn agreed to coordinate with the understanding she needs help and that she is rather directive in her style. We have space for ten booths, one of which needs to be for food. Deborah Isadora has volunteered to read Tarot cards again. Allison will be doing a make-up consulting booth. It was suggested that Lady Raven might do a booth. Lauren might do electrical play. Gayathri, tomo, and Ms. Rhonda have also volunteered to assist. Someone will need to coordinate raffle items. Decorations were discussed. There is an Eclipse Party the same night; we will ask Ms. Cat if she would be willing to discount Carnal Carnival attendees.

**Dark Odyssey:** We have agreed to participate in the Dark Odyssey Convention at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway on November 15. Rio is point person. She is in contact with Greg, one of the Dark Odyssey coordinators. We will have a demo booth at a Friday event. We will be doing a needle demo: Marilyn, Lou, and Rio will participate. In exchange we are getting two free weekend passes to the event. It was decided that we would offer them to the membership email list on a first-come basis. Rio will take care of this.

**New Year's Eve Party:** We need a coordinator. Randi and Ms. Rhonda were names suggested. Lou said the event can go until 2:00 a.m. It was agreed that was better for a New Year's Eve party. The website currently says 1:00 a.m., so that needs to be changed. The idea was a formal event with nice treats. We will sell 60 total tickets at a price of \$25 for members, \$40 for non-members. Twelve tickets would be sold to volunteers at a \$10 discount. The food budget was discussed. There will be no alcohol; we will serve a good sparkling juice for a midnight toast.

**Officer Attendance at Business Meetings:** A waiver was agreed upon for the October meeting, and there was discussion about an officer who has not been attending business meetings. She will be contacted and asked if she wishes to continue as an officer.

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**Officer Reports:** These reports were noted but not discussed.

**Co-coordinator (Lou):** Lou talked to Sybil and a member of Samoisi; they would like to do a panel. Gail Rubin also wants to talk more about the panel when she returns to SF in the spring/summer. Alchemy can be rented for NYE and March 8.

**Membership (Marilyn):** 128 members (10 supporting). Last year at this time we had 94 members. Breakdown of current members:

- Associate: 4 (2 this month!)
- Officer Comp: 8,
- Comp-other: 3
- Comp-Intl Titleholder: 4
- Hardship: 20
- Household: 38
- Individual: 51

**Orientation (Val):** October orientation was moved by a week to accommodate Ms. SF Leather. One person tried to attend and returned the following week. Total attendees 13; 8 joined, and 1 household member renewal. Two more left with paperwork and are possible follow-ups.

**Outreach/PR (open):** Marilyn posted biz meeting, although not on Twitter. ups.

**Website Manager (Countess):** Website visitors are down to 565 this month from 619 last month. Getting better abstracts earlier would help. Countess created a document that explains how to craft an abstract that search engines and will love. It's in Biz Docs>>Programs>>Program Abstract Guidelines. Hacking attempts are still a problem. They are slowing down the website and consuming too much of Countess's time. Prototype for new website is awaiting some input from the group. Countess will send an email about what she still needs from the group.

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## Exiles Officers

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>MadPink</b>
Newsletter Editor:	<b>Suzanne</b>
Outreach/PR Officer:	<b>(open)</b>
Volunteer Coordinator:	<b>(open)</b>

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