

January Program:

Flagging Workshop & Mixer with Shilo McCabe

Friday, January 17, 2014, 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)

How do you let fellow kinksters know what you are into without getting up on a soap box and making a declaration? How do you flirt from across the room just by flashing a bit of color? Flagging, that's how!

Join us for an evening of all things flagging. Learn to show your interest without words and always have a conversation starter in your back pocket. Plus, you will get to try out your new flagging skills at the mixer after the class.

Shilo is going to get us all up-to-date and onboard with our flagging skills in this fun and interactive workshop. We are going to cover the history of flagging the hanky code and the ways the code has evolved and changed throughout the years. Why do you flag what you flag? Learn about flagging for identity vs. interest and practical ways to flag for flirting and fun. Use flagging as a gateway to play negotiations, and consider ways to personalize *your* flagging to suit your individuality.

Mark your calendar for January 17th, bring your favorite flags, and maybe meet someone new who shares your interest!

About Our Presenter

Shilo is the perfect presenter on the topic of flagging. She has been photographing the sex-positive and BDSM community from the inside for over a decade. A fierce advocate for visibility and community, Shilo believes in honoring leather traditions while creating bridges toward inclusiveness. She generously gives back to the local BDSM community through volunteering and is the co-hostess with the mostest of the infamous Alameda Island Munch, every second Thursday in Alameda, CA. Proprietress of KinkyCraft, Shilo combines the spirit of a DIY aesthetic with a kinky functionality and has spent years designing and selling creative flagging solutions online and in person.

Program Meeting Information:

- All women (and those whose gender self-identity is other than male) 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](#) for more information.**
- Directions to the Center for Sex & Culture: The Center for Sex & Culture is located at 1349 Mission Street, between 9th and 10th 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.

December Program Report

By Marilyn

Carnal Carnival 2013 was a blast! It was our first time holding this event at the Center for Sex and Culture, and the warmth and coziness of the venue was delightful. There were four BDSM play booths: Flogging, Piercing, Electrical Play, and Impact Play. For more lighthearted fun, there were four more booths, including Tarot Reading, Bean Bag Toss, Photos, and the ever-popular Vibrator Races in the middle of the room.

One of the highlights of the evening was the raffle. Everyone got a ticket upon entry, and some people bought more chances to win. Over twenty raffle prizes were given away, including toys, books, a custom-made kilt, and the biggie: a weekend pass to NWLC (thanks, Ms. Margaret!). There were tasty snacks and festive music. Afterward, many attendees headed over to the SF Citadel for the Eclipse party. A fun and sexy way to get into the holiday spirit!

Special thanks to the volunteers who made Carnal Carnival 2013 happen: Lady Raven, Gayathri, Daddy Vick, Loren Q, Sam, Jill, Lou, Kim, Miriam, Deb, Ash (and her crew), Sabrena, Terra, Judith, Mairead, Lauren (who made some fabulous decorations), Sailor, MadPink, Angel, Rio, Cherry.



Club News

- **Our February business meeting is Sunday, February 2**, at the Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library, 6501 Telegraph in Oakland, 5-7 p.m. Please join us and help shape the future of the Exiles! All members are urged to join us and welcomed when you do!
- There are still 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 at this month's business meeting.

- **Speaking of officer positions...** Our annual officer elections will be held at our March program, Friday, March 21. If you're interested in running for one of the four elected positions (co-coordinator, treasurer, membership officer, and recorder), please contact cocos@theexiles.org or speak to one of the current officers (see list below) at the January or February programs.
- **Meet lots of kinky women** in a casual environment as a volunteer at an Exiles event! We need extra help at our monthly programs, the bimonthly orientations, and special events. Events like these require hands, presence, and energy to produce. If you can pitch in at any events, please contact cocos@theexiles.org.
- The next **New Member Orientation** will be held on **Friday, February 7**, 7:30 p.m., at the Women's Building, 3543 18th Street (at Valencia), San Francisco. Tell your kinky friends!

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