

February Program:

Tie One On, Tie One In: Do-It-Yourself Strap-On and Strap-In Harnesses for Butt Plugs and Dildos!

Presented by Mistress Tatiana Belodyne

Friday, February 21, 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)

Ever wanted to strap on your dildo and fuck, but don't have a harness handy? Want to learn how to make a harness that will securely hold a butt plug or a dildo *inside* the wearer? Or learn how to tie a breast bondage dildo harness? Join us Friday, Feb. 21, for a tantalizing evening with Mistress Tatiana!

Mistress Tatiana loves both bondage and strap-ons and has a number of entertaining ways to combine them. In this hands-on presentation she will teach you to tie harnesses that are sturdy enough to use for vigorous fucking, infinitely adjustable, and machine washable. You will get to practice tying breast bondage and chest harnesses with added dildos as well as pelvic harnesses to hold toys on or in – or both! You'll leave with some experience in tying quick, simple, functional harnesses. Whatever experience level and genital configuration you and your play partners have, you will find something useful this evening! Audience practice is encouraged, but plan to do the bondage over underwear, please.

Materials: If you have your own EMT shears, please bring them. Mistress Tatiana will have webbing available to loan, but if you have your own rope or webbing, please bring several pieces. While ideal lengths will vary based on your body dimensions and preferences, four 12.5'–15' lengths will work for most folks. **Bring your own harness-compatible dildo and a cock ring to fit it if you have one!** Mistress Tatiana will have some EMT shears available to sell.

About Our Presenter:

Mistress Tatiana Belodyne is a lifestyle dominant with nearly twenty years' experience as a professional Domme (<http://www.MssTatiana.com>). She teaches as a member of a self-defense collective of trans folks and cis women, as an American Red Cross CPR/First Aid Instructor, and as a firearms instructor. She is a popular educator, presenting locally and across the country on subjects as diverse as Genitorture, Infantilism, Anatomy for BDSM, and Strap-on Play. She is renowned for her accessible, entertaining style in presenting technically accurate, safety-conscious material and for her hot demos. She is a compulsive collector of pretty rope and webbing, has six or eight grey bandanna handkerchiefs, and owns more bondage material than any human being needs. For more info, email MssTatiana@gmail.com.

Program Meeting Information:

- All women (and those whose gender self-identity is other than male) over 18 are welcome.
- ASL interpretation available on request. Please contact Lou at cocos@theexiles.org at least 3 days in advance if you need an ASL interpreter, and one will be provided.
- Members \$4; non-members \$10. Please have membership card or ID ready to speed entry.
- **Visit our [website](http://www.theexiles.org) 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.

March 2014 Program: Elections and Game Night

- **The March program will take place on Friday, March 21, 7:30-10:30 p.m., at the Center for Sex and Culture, 1349 Mission in SF, between 9th and 10th.** As in years past, for the March program we will hold our annual officer elections and discuss miscellaneous club business. Please join us to make your vote count and your voice heard!
- There will also be a raffle with great prizes, and after that, it's a game night! Feel free to bring your favorite games!
- **Proposed Change to the Exiles' Articles:** At the March program/elections evening, the membership will be voting on an addition to the section in the Articles about Reciprocal memberships. The proposed new wording is in boldface type below.
*Reciprocal membership: Marilyn and Lou had both submitted proposed articles change wording for admitting members of reciprocal organizations without being required to attend an Exiles orientation. Marilyn's wording had included the requirement that people requesting such an exemption show proof of membership in the other organization. Val moved Marilyn's proposal. **Any eligible person wishing to join the Exiles may provide proof of membership in a reciprocal organization in lieu of attending the Exiles Orientation.** Countess seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*
- **Officer Elections:** If you're interested in running for one of the four elected positions (co-coordinator, treasurer, membership officer, recorder), email cocos@theexiles.org or speak to a current officer (see last page) at the Feb. 21 program or the March 2 business meeting. Full descriptions of the officer positions can be found in the [Articles and Policies](#).
- **Appointed Officers:** In addition to the elected officers, there are a number of appointed officers who are chosen at our April business meeting. If you are interested in any of these, please contact cocos@theexiles.org to discuss. Descriptions of all appointed officer positions, listed below, can be found in the [Articles and Policies](#).
 - Orientation Officer
 - Website Manager
 - Sergeant-At-Arms
 - Doorkeeper
 - Newsletter Editor
 - Outreach/PR Officer
 - Volunteer Coordinator

January Program Report: Flagging, with Shilo

By Marilyn

Shilo arrived this evening flagging in all kinds of ways (in her hair, on her boot, etc.), ready with her flip charts and stories. She kept us entertained for just under an hour and a half. After that we had snacks, which she graciously supplied, and socialized until about 10:30. We used the “What do you flag?” question as an icebreaker, and it seemed to spark many conversations. Lots of new people were in attendance, so it’s possible the next orientation will be well-attended. Some highlights:

Why do we flag?

- Sex / to get laid
- Identification / a visual shortcut
- To flirt
- Visibility
- A conversation starter

Types of Flagging

- Bandanas
- Nail polish (currently you paint your ring finger)
- Rings
- Shoelaces (how you lace can show top/bottom)
- Keys
- Wrist cuffs
- Left/right shows top/bottom
- (used to be opposite on the east coast, but that’s changed now)
- Colored piping on clothing
- Other jewelry (earrings, bracelets)
- (in the past) blue star tattoo = not straight

History

Throughout the evening Shilo referred to history in various ways. In this section she talked specifically about history of the published hanky code. Apparently Alan Selby was involved in the original code, which was for gay men. Samois later published the hanky code for women. More recently, a group called Opinioncus Rampant has “queered” the hanky code, removing anatomical references. (<http://flaggingopinicusrampant.wordpress.com/hanky-code/>)

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Flagging 101

We had a quiz next, to see who knew the more common flags, then some of the less common flags. Next we shared some of our own favorites, and there was show-and-tell with some custom flags from people in the audience.

General Flagging Rules

- Flagging does not mean you consent to anything.
- Flagging is a conversation-starter only; people still need to talk!
- If you're flagging, you're generally saying it's okay to be approached. (You can reject people gently if not interested.)

Other Comments

- Some new flags address genderqueer people and transpeople (transmasculine, transfeminine).
 - There is a movement towards removing ethnicity in flagging, so as not to fetishize ethnic groups.
 - Femmes sometimes have a hard time flagging, having no back pockets.
 - Some new hankies have pictures on the hankies with what they represent. Check out the "hankycode" store on etsy.com.
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Club News

- The next **Exiles Business Meeting** will be on **Sunday, March 2**, 5-7 p.m., at Alchemy on Folsom. If you want to learn more about the officer positions for the upcoming elections, or planning ahead for events, please join us! For the address, write to cocos@theexiles.org.
- The next **New Member Orientation** will be held on **Sunday, April 6**, 2-4:30 p.m., at the Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library, 6501 Telegraph in Oakland. Tell your kinky friends!
- **Exiles Ephemera!** At our programs you've undoubtedly seen the Exiles T-shirts, patches, and pins, but now we have a large variety of Exiles treats available for you online. Just check out the [Exiles Café Press store](#) for your viewing and shopping pleasure. You'll find a variety of styles of T-shirts, caps, and other apparel, as well as non-clothing items. Enjoy the bounty!
- **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.

Exiles Officers

Co-Coordinator:	Rio and Lou
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Membership Officer:	Marilyn
Recorder:	Ray
Orientation Officer:	Val
Website Manager:	Countess
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Outreach/PR Officer:	Sam
Volunteer Coordinator:	(open)

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