

THE LUNATIC FRINGE

Newsletter of the EXILES
SAN FRANCISCO

July Program: Novice Night!!!



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Center for Sex & Culture

**1349 Mission St (between 9th & 10th)
San Francisco
Doors open: 7:30 pm, Program: 8-10 pm
\$4 for members, \$10 for non-members**

Whether you are brand new, relatively curious, or have been around the BDSM scene for a while, you are invited to come and explore with The Exiles on our annual Novice Night. We are now post Pride and met some wonderful women through our Exiles Booth in Leather Alley, inviting one and all to come see what we are all about. We will have a panel of representative women, who have been around a while, to share their stories and experiences with us. And after, take a stroll through our widely varied stations to experience the top and bottom sides of various BDSM techniques. We will have a sampler of stations ranging from flogging, paddles, play piercing, caning, riding crops, rope bondage, and much more to delight your desires and whet your appetites.

About our Presenters:

The cream of the crop (literally) from our women's BDSM community will be available to share their technique and expertise, guide us with their wisdom, and welcome one and all through a hot evening of possibilities.

Program Meeting Information:

- All women (and those whose gender self-identification is other than male) over 18 are welcome.
- Members \$4; non-members \$10. Please have membership card or ID ready to speed entry.
- ASL interpretation is available on request. Please contact Lou at mzconductor@gmail.com at least three days in advance if you need an ASL interpreter, and one will be provided.
- Visit our website for more information.



The Exiles at SF Pride!

Every year the Exiles has a booth at Leather Alley, the separate section for the various leather clubs at Pride (Sunday, June 29). The pride booth went really well this year! Kudos to Raven who did setup and tear down and was there all day, often being “service top” to a bunch of people who wanted to try things. Jessica and Shadow were tying people up for several hours, and Jak also stepped in a couple of times with a spanking. Extra thanks to Jessica and Josephine who helped with setup, and Chris and Amba who helped with teardown. And to our additional volunteers who worked the booth: Saphyre, Kim, Bondy (who was also there for hours and did a wonderful scene as a service top that got us a \$25 donation!), and Misha. We gave out about 750 palm cards and sincerely hope to see them show up in the hands of new Exiles members!! Thanks to all for a wonderful day. Oh, one thing that really helped was that we had a big space, and the use of the large wooden pagoda for playing! Yay



Traditional British Discipline & Punishment

June's Program Presented by j and Val (Karen as guest Top)

June's program sizzled with excitement with one of the best turnouts in recent history. Josephine gave us an excellent primer on the history of traditional British discipline and moved right into four hot demos that left most, if not all of us, wiggling in our seats. Karen was the demo Top for all four scenes and typified the power (and not a little terror) of what it means to be the recipient of this formal type of punishment at the hands, whip, blade and cane of the one meting out such discipline. Val added great humor (each time requiring stern discipline) to the scenes and Josephine, in her elegant way showed us how we can use these powerful tips and tools in our own scenes. Once the program ended, inspired guests grabbed their bags eager to engage in practice of what we had just learned. The dungeon at Alchemy literally smoked with hot play and not a few bottoms screams were echoing with the sounds of cane strokes. A wonderful thank you again to Josephine, Val and Karen as well as all of those who helped with the program and party for a most memorable night!



It's Membership Renewal Time

All Exiles memberships expired at the end June, so it's now a bit past time to renew your membership for 2014-2015. But it's **NOT TOO LATE!!!** It's easy to do, all online:

1. Click on the [Renewals Page](#) on our web site.
2. Click on "Fill out the online form" *
3. Fill out the form and click Next.

If you don't know your member number, just leave it blank.

- All members in your household can renew at once here.
 - **Check out the new "Supporting Member" addition**
4. Select your renewal type from the drop list and click Pay Now, which takes you to PayPal to pay. **
 5. Pay as directed.

As a reminder, as an Exiles member you get the following benefits:

- Reduced entrance fee for Exiles programs (\$4 versus \$10).
- Reduced cost on safer sex supplies sold at programs.
- The Exiles newsletter, *The Lunatic Fringe*.
- The right to attend and vote at business meetings, and to run for an office.
- Reciprocity with some other BDSM clubs (Society of Janus, Lesbian Sex Mafia (New York), Black Rose (DC area), Bound By Desire (Austin), and our most recent addition, the Bad Girls of Portland), giving you entry into their events at their member price.

Notes:

* You can select "Print out the membership form" to renew by postal mail; just include a check made out to The Exiles.

** The membership types are described on this page. Note the addition of the "Supporting Member". By paying an additional \$24 per person on top of an Individual or Household membership, that person gets free entry into all programs throughout the year. If you have a Comp membership (officer, international titleholder, etc) then just don't click the Pay Now button. If you don't have PayPal, contact Marilyn to make other arrangements.

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The Exiles are starting a Monthly Women's Munch in the East Bay!

The first (1st) Wednesday of each month, starting August 6th, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Rudy's Can't Fail Café, 1805 Telegraph Ave. in Oakland, next to the Fox Theatre.

They serve appetizers and dinner and have a full bar. Look for us at the tables on the right when you first walk in. We welcome all women and anyone whose gender self-identification is other than male. Come spend some quality time with us!



The Exiles and Ms. SF Leather Beer Bust Scheduled at the SF Eagle

Plan Now for August 23rd – More details to follow!!!

We will have food, fun, entertainment and an opportunity to schmooze and cruise! Mark your calendars now for this awesome Saturday afternoon event!



The Exiles is Growing, Changing and Moving Forward!!!

Editorial by Raven, Fringe Editor

One of the most exciting things about being part of this dynamic organization called The Exiles is that as time moves forward, we have always striven to change with it.

One of the most important challenges we have always had is our communication within our community. We strive always to find the best way to reach out, connect and most importantly listen to you, our Exiles members! Throughout the years we have utilized various ways to stay in touch, through our monthly educational programs, our six times a year orientation programs, The Fringe, monthly business meetings and posting in social media forums.

But we want MORE! More cross talk, more two-way communication. This club is so much more than what goes on during the two hours a month at the business meetings. This is an organization of many powerful, beautiful, smart and talented women... The Exiles is YOU!

We have vacancies to fill. We have work to be done. We have hot fun to be had. And this is not a recruitment advertisement. This is a snapshot of what the Exiles looks like right now.

In yesterday's business meeting some amazing ideas were met with enthusiasm... but we were only a few voices in a sea of possibilities. However, some of those ideas are coming to bear on the direction The Exiles is headed.

We are no longer going to be publishing the business meeting minutes in The Fringe. We desire instead to use this space to hear more of what you have to say, to publish cool new happenings, and to connect ideas to results. We will have a link on the website to the most current minutes available within the context of a member's only page. Just bear with the construction as we move along.

We are going to be asking bigger questions directly to you via online surveys.

We are going to invite you to participate in forums that involve food and fun in someone's back yard rather than around a table in a meeting forum.

We are going to ask you what you want and create an easy tool to give us your answers!

And we are going to ask you to be involved in whatever way you can to help with the renovation construction!

Currently, we have vacancies in our board. We have a small handful of women who are doing everything and we have seen what happens when one or two of them get hit with unexpected life happenings that take them away from us for a bit. It becomes literally life threatening to the wellbeing of The Exiles and what we continue to strive to do.

And while our focus has always been and will always be education, we want to play too! We want to create play parties, be more involved in community events. We are already planning our first Exiles Munch!

The times they are a changing... we are changing... come change with us!

The first steps are showing up and speaking up!