

# THE LUNATIC FRINGE

Newsletter of the EXILES  
SAN FRANCISCO

## October Program:

### *Staying Sharp ~ Knife Play for Everyone*



Friday, October 17, 2014 •

Center for Sex & Culture

1349 Mission St (between 9th & 10<sup>th</sup>), San Francisco

Doors open: 7:30 pm, Program: 8-10:30 pm

\$4 for members, \$10 for non-members

Sharp, shiny, and dangerous, knives evoke a primal fear in many of us. Some of us are drawn towards that danger. Knives can be used to draw blood, certainly, but they can also create sensual ripples on a bottom's delicate flesh. For some, even the sight of a knife introduces a complicated element into a scene. Whether you already love the weight of a knife in your hand, or the sensation of one being drawn across your skin, or you are new to the idea of playing with these threatening objects, you should find something to enjoy in this presentation. We will cover basic safety and care of both the bottom and the equipment. In addition, using several demos, we'll look at a variety of techniques for incorporating knives into your play.

**About our presenter:** Karen, aka Estrella, is a fierce and empathic genderqueer Femme Top who's lived and breathed BDSM for twenty-five years. She's presented widely for both local and national organizations, and enjoys showing class participants new and exciting twists on whatever topic is being addressed. She is happily poly, and enjoys strong, vibrant relationships with a number of wonderful people, including a brilliant artist as a primary partner. When it comes to kink, Karen is happiest when she has a willing, masochistic bottom firmly in hand. She enjoys wielding a wide variety of implements, but her favorite toy is her mind.

## Program Meeting Information:

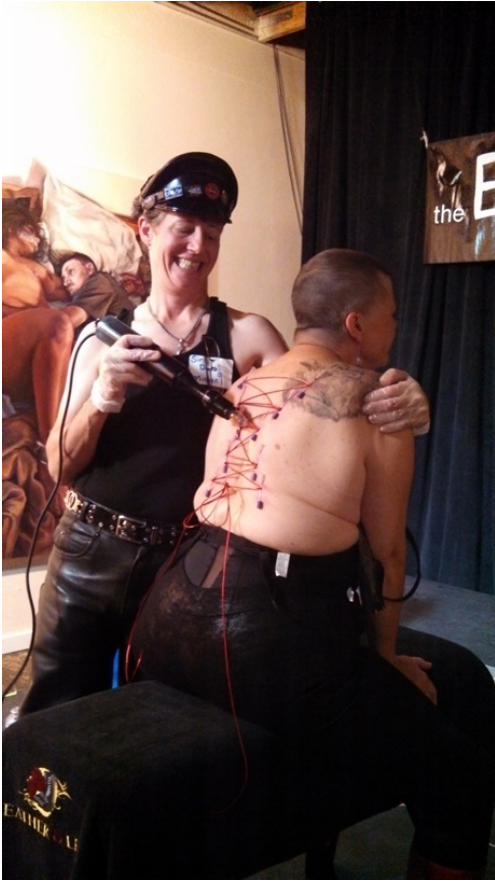
- All women (and those whose gender self-identification is other than male) over 18 are welcome.
- Members \$4; non-members \$10. Please have membership card or ID ready to speed entry.
- ASL interpretation is available on request. Please contact Lou at [mzconductor@gmail.com](mailto:mzconductor@gmail.com)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

## Folsom Fresh Meet (& Greet) – September’s Program Review

If you missed the Exiles’ Folsom Street Fair kickoff then you were among *the few* who truly missed out! The Center for Sex and Culture played host to Leatherwomen and their friends (of all genders), who started off the Leather High Holy Days in style. Exiles members and guests, new faces, and those we haven’t seen for a while, all showed up in force, dressed to impress and titillate. Attendees came from not only the entire Bay Area and state, but also from around the country AND from ***around the world***.



The entertainment, food (thanks Mel!), rewards and individual participation made the occasion the kind of memorable event that was saturated with sensual movements and erotic glances over several hours. To keep the juices flowing there were several sizzling scenes presented. They were of such focused intensity they were hardly the typical “demos” of many leather events. Michael and Raven, Karen and Val, and Marilyn and Rio provided delicious exchanges of erotic energy, and yes, there was blood.



Sir Daddy Michael and Lady Raven (who says two Dominants can't have a little fun?)



Even after the pain, best friends again!

Everyone got a raffle ticket at the door, and some purchased more tickets once they saw the array of fine prizes, including bondage rope, floggers, whips, sex toys, and even an autographed video from Cleo Dubois.

Greeters at the door made everyone feel welcome, flirtations with the ticket sellers were numerous, and in general, much fun was had by all. Hopefully this was a great start to some hot and sexy Folsom fun!



There was smooching... and ...



smiles everywhere!

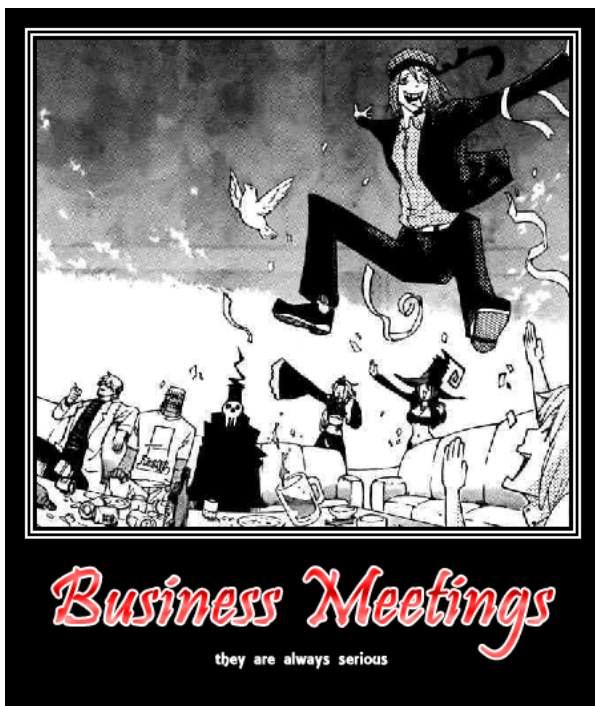


And there was cake!

## **The Exiles is Continuing Our Monthly Women's Munch in the East Bay!**

Come join us on the first Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., each month at Rudy's Can't Fail Café at 1805 Telegraph Ave. in Oakland, next to the Fox Theatre. Rudy's serves 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 over 18 whose gender self-identification is other than male. Come spend some quality time with us!

The next munch will be Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. – We hope to see you there!!



## **The Exiles Business Meeting and Minutes**

Stay tuned to this space for the September and October biz meeting minutes, which will be published next month.

One of the items you won't see in the minutes is when Val mentioned to Rio that Big Patrick admired Rio's slapper. This was her immediate reaction...



If you want show your support and have a say in how your club is run, *please come to the business meetings!* These are held on the first Sunday of each month from 5-7 p.m., alternating between the East Bay and SF. All members are welcome to participate.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Alchemy, 1060 Folsom in SF.

Hope to see you there.

## **Policy changes to be voted on at the next business meeting**

How the Exiles is run is described in two documents: the Articles, which define the basics of our organization, and the Policies, which describe the nitty-gritty of how we do things. Changes to the Articles require a vote of the membership – look for that in March. Changes to the Policies can be done at business meetings. First, the change is proposed and seconded, then it is published in the Fringe, then it is discussed and voted on at the next business meeting.

The following Policy changes will be discussed at the next business meeting:

- #7: Change program entry for members from \$4 to \$5.
- #10: Allow free business ads for members. (Free personal ads are already allowed.)
- #11: Remove the need for the proposal form for proposals. [Proposals](#) still need to be in writing, but do not need to use the proposal form.
- #13: Allow us to request advance notice for providing ASL interpretation at meetings.
- #18: Remove the need for the Steering Committee to meet in September; only that it needs to meet once every calendar year.

If you are interested in participating in the discussion about these Policy changes, please plan on attending the next business meeting.

The full Articles and Policies can be found [on the Exiles website](#).