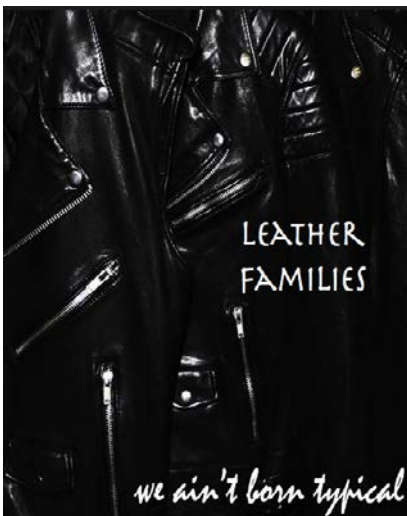


## *May Program: Leather Families: Putting the Fun in Functional*

**Friday, May 15, 2015 - Center for Sex & Culture**

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

8:00-10:30 pm (doors open at 7:30): \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members



As many of us can attest, the very structure of how nature forms families can be pretty dysfunctional. Two people who often don't know each other very well produce offspring and everyone spends the next 20 years in therapy.

Those of us who have chosen to be a part of a larger chosen community called leather have watched as families have formed. They can be a place where awesome things can and do happen. But like any family, sometimes it's like herding cats on crack.

Come and discover some of the various reasons why one may want to be part of a leather family, the various ways they can form or be formed, and responsibilities and benefits of being in such a family. We will also discuss some of the pitfalls to be aware of along with problem-solving tools to keep the fun in this functional dynamic. This will be a tripartite program with a short time of instructive and entertaining "lecture," a chance to hear from some or all (hopefully all – see herding cats above), of one such leather family and a time for Q&A.

### **About our presenter**

Lady Raven Bren has been an active member of the Bay Area leather community for the past eleven years. She has been active for many of those years in Exiles, Dykes on Bikes, attending Leather Conferences and learning more day by day how to live this thing called The Leather Life. The Master/slave dynamic and the Spirituality of Leather is at the heart of her practice. Lady Raven identifies as a feminine dominant and benevolent sadist. She is kinky, poly, witchy, and queer and continually in a process of expansion and discovery. Her leather family includes two slaves, one former slave, three other dominants and apparently everyone switches now and again... yeah, it's complicated sometimes.

### Program Meeting Information:

- All women (and those whose gender self-identification is other than male) over 18 are welcome.
- Members \$5; non-members \$10. Please have membership card or ID ready to speed entry.
- Visit our website at [www.theexiles.org](http://www.theexiles.org) for more information.
- 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

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## **April Program Report: (Role) Playing on the Edge by Pat**

The April program was very interesting and a little intense at times. Using demonstrations and discussion, Estrella and J explored the boundaries of BDSM with role playing when creating scenes in order to add new edges to your play. They thoroughly covered the practicalities, and possible pitfalls of edge role playing. They also covered the potential of several archetypes of role playing such as resistance, humiliation, taboos, 24/7 roles, cruelty, and more.

There were several demos, all with an emphasis on risk-aware-consensual kink (RACK) principles and how to set the scene, form dynamics, playing with the edge and finally how to come out of the role (or not) and provide aftercare.

One demo focused on interrogation and the creative use of an object, a stun gun, instead of a verbalized safe word in this type of scene. (In this case, the safeword was for the top!)

The next demo was a medical scene that included a death edge scene. After the demo, the discussion was around how the audience had been involved in the scene and offered no assistance to the patient who was being suffocated. The audience participation was interesting in that aspect, discussing how to do these scenes safely when it involves a group.

The last demo involved an abandonment scene between a mother and daughter. This scene was very intense and did trigger some members of the audience. The follow-up discussion was about how to handle those situations when a scene triggers others who are just observers.

Thanks to Estrella and J and the demo bottom for making this program possible. Thanks to the audience for participating and offering their own experiences as examples.



## **Seven Woodies Go Home With Exiles Members**

Members of the Exiles together took home seven Golden Dildeaux Awards this year, accounting for about a third of the Woodies and two of the top four fundraising categories.

Our Website Manager Marilyn picked up three of the most salacious ones: the "Arrow" Award (top of them all), the "Feast" Award (gets fucked by everyone), and the "Everything is Awesome" Award (best overall slut of the year).

Our former officer, Ms. SF Leather 2013 and IMsL 2015 contestant, Val, got the "Maleficent" Award (best butch woman); Co-Coordinator Rio won the "Blue Bloods" Award (our favorite silver fox); and our Newsletter Editor, Jackie won the "Wild Tales" Award (wildest playspace screamer).

Several other Exiles members received nominations this year. The awards sponsored by the Golden Gate Guards raise money for the AIDS Emergency Fund.

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## **Monthly Munch in the East Bay!**

Come join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., 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 has 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 to join us. You do not have to be an Exiles member to attend. Come spend some quality time with us!

The next munch will be Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to see you there!!



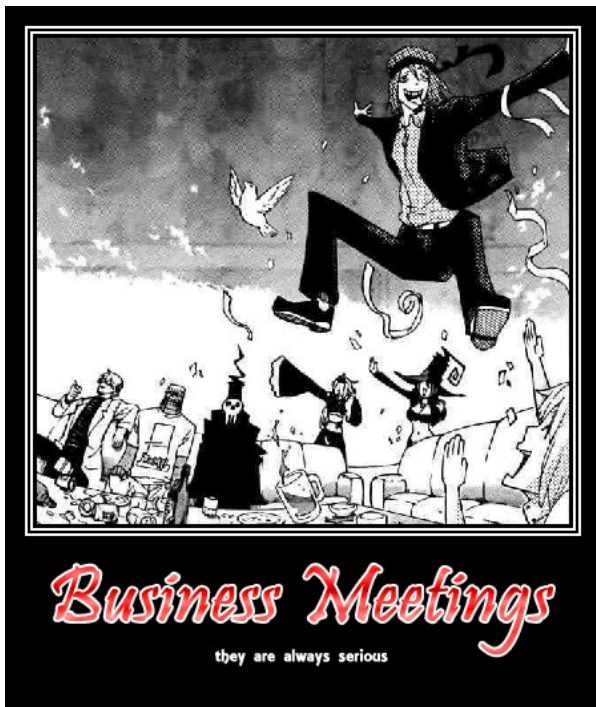
## **Orientation**

All those wishing to join The Exiles must attend an orientation so we can ensure that all of our members are introduced to basic BDSM safety and concepts like RACK (Risk Aware Consensual Kink). Safety, confidentiality and consensually are required from and offered to all members.

Our next regular orientation is on **Friday June 5, 2015 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Women's Building in San Francisco.**

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.

## **Business Meetings**



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 5:00 pm to 7:00 p.m., alternating between the East Bay and SF. All members are welcome to participate.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, June 14, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please check the [website](#) for the exact location. Hope to see you there!

**Minutes from the last few business meetings:**

- [January](#)
- [February](#)
- [March](#)



### **Beverage Bust!**

**Sunday May 31, 2015**

Join us in an all-genders event from 3 to 6 pm, as we host a beverage bust at the SF Eagle, 398 12th St. San Francisco.

\$12 gets you all the beer or soda you like, and for an additional \$5 you get a plate of delicious food cooked by us.

Come join us and see your old friends and make new ones. There will be plenty of socializing, flirting and fun!

### **June Program**

**Friday June 19, 2015 7:30 pm - 10:15 pm**

Industrial Staples by Little Bad Daddy & Erin  
Center for Sex & Culture

### **Beverage Bust!**

**Sunday June 20, 2015**

Join us in an all-genders event from 3 to 6 pm, as we host a beverage bust at the SF Eagle, 398 12th St. San Francisco.

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### **More Events of Interest to Women**

<http://theexiles.org/find-events-interest-women/>



## **Mission Control/Velvet Parties**

**May 22, 2015.**

Velvet is offering Exiles members \$5.00 off the door price for 2015 when you present your Exiles membership card! Velvet parties will be happening bimonthly at Alchemy on the fourth Friday of the month.

Ever been to a hot, heavy, kinky queer dance party, found a sweaty little cutie, and wished you had some place to sneak away and get it on? VELVET is a sensuous, intimate, private party for fierce femmes, badass butches, bois, transmen, transwomen, genderqueer and intersex queers. Whether you are shy, exhibitionist, experienced or have never been to a party like this before, we want YOU! Bring your toys, bring your friends!



# **The Organization**

THE LUNATIC FRINGE is the official voice of The Exiles. We are an educational group for women and those whose gender self-identification is other than male and who are over 18, who have a positive personal interest in BDSM. WE WELCOME ARTICLES, REVIEWS, LETTERS, CALENDAR LISTINGS, AND NEWS. Please submit electronic copies to [fringe\\_editor@theExiles.org](mailto:fringe_editor@theExiles.org) by the 20th of the month.

The Exiles may be contacted by mail (PO Box 14338, San Francisco, CA 94114), by voicemail at 415-835-4739, or by email at [<info@TheExiles.org>](mailto:info@TheExiles.org). Our web address is <http://www.TheExiles.org>

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Orientation Officer	Jak	
PR/Outreach	Saphyre	
Volunteer Coordinator	open	

**The Exiles** is a non-profit women's education group based in San Francisco. We are open to all women, and anyone whose gender self-identification is other than male. We offer educational programs on the 3rd Friday of every month.

**Become a Member**

<http://theexiles.org/membership/>

**Attend an Orientation**

<http://theexiles.org/membership/orient/>

**Renew Your Membership**

<http://theexiles.org/membership/renewal/>

Voicemail: 415-938-7376

Fetlife: <https://fetlife.com/groups/10335>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/108593359362/>

More contact information: <http://theexiles.org/contact/>