



HPEP Newsletter

June 2008! Election Month!



Houston's largest pan-sexual BDSM/Fetish organization. We are a social club support group open to anyone interested in BDSM and fetish-related and activities. <http://www.hpep.org/>

The HPEP Newsletter welcomes the contributions of all individuals and organizations within the Texas BDSM Community!

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Be an HPEP Volunteer!

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Official_HPEP_Volunteers/

Your HPEP Board for 2007- June 21st 2008 is

Ryan – Chairman of the Board

Rose - Treasurer

Grace

vixen- secretary

Mean Mo (aka Red)

Master Ces (Communications)

Randy (Master Draconis)

BUT...

HPEP's monthly meeting will be ***THE YEARLY *ELECTIONS!!!!***

June 21st 8:00pm to 10.00pm.

It will be held at:

Fuddruckers

2475 Kirkwood 77077

281-496-4490

They have a private meeting room.

I would suggest getting there a little early so you can order your food.

Remember this is a family orientated restaurant, so please dress appropriately.

*** HPEP election procedures:** Meeting will begin with announcements and a statement from the outgoing board, then control of the floor will be turned over to an independent election judge. All seven Board positions are to be filled during this election cycle. Nominations will be taken from the floor for Board candidates.

Candidates must be present at the meeting and, as a matter of general policy, should have been active HPEP members for at least one year. After the close of the nomination process a short recess will be granted to the membership. The election judge will reconvene the meeting and the election will begin. Proxy or absentee balloting is not allowed. Each member may cast one vote for each of the seven positions to be filled. Ballots will be tallied during a second recess. The meeting will again be reconvened by the election judge and the results will be announced. The new board will be confirmed and seated by the membership.

Personal Announcements

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MISS KITTY...
KATHLEEN M. CHRISTENSEN
OCT 1,1960.....MAY 12,2008
MY BELOVED GODDESS FOR 30 YEARS
WAKE SERVICES....OEHLERS FUNERAL HOME
SATURDAY 2-6PM....DES PLAINS
DEMPSTER-RAND RD
ALL INFO WWW.PAULCLEATHER.COM
THANK YOU, LUV, PAUL

HPEP Announcements List!!!

As a side note, in response to requests from some of our members there a strictly announcements list has been created at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hpep-announcements/> . The only items to be posted on this group will come from Board members and SIG leaders and the information we post to be strictly about the events and SIGs that are coming up for HPEP, and events from around the Houston BDSM community.

Sir Ryan,
the Dragon
Chairman, HPEP Board of Director

Invitation to Attend the Certified DM Training Program

Greetings All,

I would like to invite all people interested in expanding their safety skills to attend the upcoming Certified DM Training program being held in Houston. This program is being brought to Houston by the cooperation of the Austin Mentors group, the Dallas Mentors Group, HPEP, & NLA-Houston.

This program is open to all interested parties regardless of club or group affiliation.

If you are interested in serving your community as a qualified Dungeon Monitor or in expanding your knowledge of BDSM First Aid - this two day training session is for you.

Here are the details.

Date: July 12 & 13, 2008

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Directions Sent Upon Registration.

Trainers: Master David Walker, Sir Craig Awesome, & Master BEAR

Cost:

(a) DM and BDSM First Aid Training sessions – free

(b) American Heart Association CPR Training Fee - \$10.00 - Note: The discounted rate is for this program only, other AHA training is significantly higher). Also, if you are already CPR Certified you may skip the CPR training session.

Detailed information is included below.

Interested parties are registered on a first come, first serve bases. Seating is limited to 20. Early registration is recommended.

To register for this program contact

Master BEAR at WeisseKnecht@aol.com

Learn More about Certification

Detailed Program Outline:

Course Description:

The Dungeon Monitor's position goes well beyond simply watching players. The Dungeon Monitor must possess a wide range of skills that include interpersonal and group communication, knowledge of conflict resolution, an understanding of playroom etiquette and equipment safety, the ability to work with security issues and have the ability to be the first contact with EMS and law enforcement officials.

The DM Certification program is designed for those who volunteer to be our line of defense and provides them with these core skills.

Certification is awarded upon successful completion of all course modules.

This program is a two (2) days training program.

Day 1:

Morning Session: - Core Basics and Intervention Skills

DM Organization and Core Responsibilities - This course provides the foundation skills for handling DM situations. Topics include the DM mindset, floor management, communication strategies between the DMs, and team work in crisis situation. Also includes suggested policies for handling security issues, protecting member safety, solutions for inordinate members and working with surprise visits from law enforcement agencies.

Crisis Intervention in the Dungeon - Often interpersonal tension surface in the dungeon and the DM is called upon to intervene before a situation erupts into disruption or violent conflict. This course introduces the concepts of nonviolent crisis management, how to recognize the points of departure as an individuals move from phase to phase and positive intervention techniques to deescalate personal tension and come to positive resolution

The WIS System - DMs are required to make judgment calls on other people's play styles and are then often called into question when doing so. This course introduces the WIS system. This system provides the DM with the tools needed to make objective calls and prescribe prudent action. The course observes a wide range of play styles and identifies crisis situations to be aware. Safety equipment usage is also covered.

Afternoon Session: BDSM / Dungeon First Aid (First Responders Strategies and Techniques

Common Accidents - This course teaches first aid skill needed to address common accidents that occur in the dungeon. Topics include: care for deep tissue bruises, sprains, abrasions, friction burns, split skin wounds, cuts, and imbedded objects. Allergic reactions are covered and the burn types are categorized and addressed. Topic includes how to, extinguishing fires with both wet towels and fire extinguisher, care for natural burns (cinnamon, ginger, etc) open flame burns and electric burns

Distress, Fainting and Extraction Techniques - Occasionally a player becomes distressed, collapses and become entangles in the play equipment. This course addresses this situation. Topics include: identifying subs in distress vs. sub space, extraction techniques and body handling and transport methods. Also includes hands on extractions from rope, chain and handcuff exercises.

Day 2:

Morning Session: Beyond First Aid

Beyond First Aid - On rare occasion equipment collapses and a player sustains a serious injury. This course addresses working to stabilize back and neck injury, fractures and concussions. Topics cover making the 911 call, working with the arrival of EMS and law enforcement personnel.

Afternoon Session: CPR Training

Respectfully yours in Leather

Master BEAR

June Calendar

Below

Happy Father's Day!

Date	Event	Time	Contact
June 1st	Photo SIG	1 st Sunday of the month 3:30 p.m.	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PhotoSIG/
June 6th	Subversity	7:30 p.m.	haze_9@yahoo.com
June 6th	Dominion	7:30 p.m.	sirjohn@scottishdom.net
June 7th	Newcomer's Meeting	West Gray Cafe Bar & Grill 415 West Gray	Newcomers' Committee.
June 13th	Poly SIG	7:30 p.m. 2 nd Friday of the month	dragonman3@houston.rr.com
June 13th	HELL SIG	7:00 p.m. 2 nd Friday of the month	mwvixen@swbell.net
June 14th	HPEP Switch SIG-	2 nd Saturday	Switch SIG
	Age Play SIG	CANCELLED	painslut_mr@yahoo.com
June 15th	The ToyMakers SIG	3 rd Sunday of the month 4:30 p.m. - Check with SIG leader	ToyMakers SIG
June 20th	The Connection and Transcendence SIG	3 rd Fridays 8:00-10:00 p.m. NEW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	suddenstormtexas@yahoo.com
June 21st	General Meeting	HPEP Board ELECTIONS!!! 8-10 p.m. Fuddrucker's	
June 27th	Edge Play SIG	Last Friday of the month	pleased_2b_me@yahoo.com
June 28th	D/S SIG	4 th Sat. of the month at 7:30 p.m.	ds@hpep.org

SIG Leaders

Switch SIG	Kathy
D/s SIG	John (sirjohn@scottishdom.net)
Dominion	John (sirjohn@scottishdom.net)
Subversity	Dixie (haze_9@yahoo.com)
HELL	MWvixen (mwvixen@swbell.net)
Age Play SIG	Scottie (painslut_mr@yahoo.com)
Toymakers SIG	Patrick
PolySIG	Ryan (dragonman3@houston.rr.com)
Photo SIG	Neil(si_gentleman@yahoo.com)
Edge Play SIG	Randy (Master Draconis) (see below)

NEW!!!

Connection & Transcendence SIG

Momma Storm Weaver

suddenstormtexas@yahoo.com

SIG NEWS

New SIG Forming!!!

The Connection and Transcendence SIG

Throughout human history, there has been a recognition that intensity in sensation and behavior can bring about a state of being that seems to separate us from our physical form and pull us into a place where we become connected with the Universe on a whole new level. Many spiritual paths have explored this tendency through sensory deprivation, flagellation, denial, fasting, sweatlodge, and self-inflicted pain, and others have encountered these "flights of spirit" through intense sensation or deprivation inflicted by another (or others) through torture and isolation.

The Lifestyle Connection and Transcendence SIG is an exploration of that connection with the greater Universe and with one another through the protocols and intense interactions in BDSM relationships (both short- and long-term). If you need a phrase to try to grasp what this group might be searching for, the phrase that came to my mind is "Tantric BDSM". Some meetings may be discussion-based, and in others, I hope that we will have the opportunity to learn new tools for bringing about both connection and transcendence through actual hands-on

exploration and demonstrations.

The Connection and Transcendence SIG will be held on the 3rd Friday of the Month. To maintain the intimacy and intensity of the group, sessions will be limited to 12-15 people. Topics will be provided on the SIG list, and discussions of subjects covered at meetings will (hopefully) continue on the group list. The first meeting will be held on Friday, June 20, from 8:00pm - ~10:00pm.

In order to facilitate the kinds of intense discussions that may take place with this SIG, I've set up a moderated Yahoo Group for the SIG email group. I am including a [link](#) here.

I look forward to sharing many interesting concepts!

Firestorm Bladewing

Photo SIG

Meets 3:30 1st Sunday of the month.

General info:

PhotoSIG is a great way for photographers to learn more about fetish photography and how to more fully use their cameras.

It's also a great place for models, aspiring models, or scene people who just like dressing up (or down) to meet some of Houston's great photographers and get great shots of their shiny outfits.

The meetings consist of a photography topic discussion, a quick computer editing topic how-to/demo, and then time to apply what you've learned with varied (generally fetish-themed) shooting locations.

All photography will be agreed upon between models and photographers prior to any pictures being taken, except for occasions where the SIG provides a model. In those cases, it is understood that everyone at the SIG is welcome to participate and take pictures.

A map to Ward's house is provided in the files section of the PhotoSIG Yahoo group, or directions can be acquired by emailing the group leader at si_gentleman@yahoo.com

The yahoo group is here:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PhotoSIG/>

The HPEP Poly SIG

Dragon's lady, Poly SIG Leader:

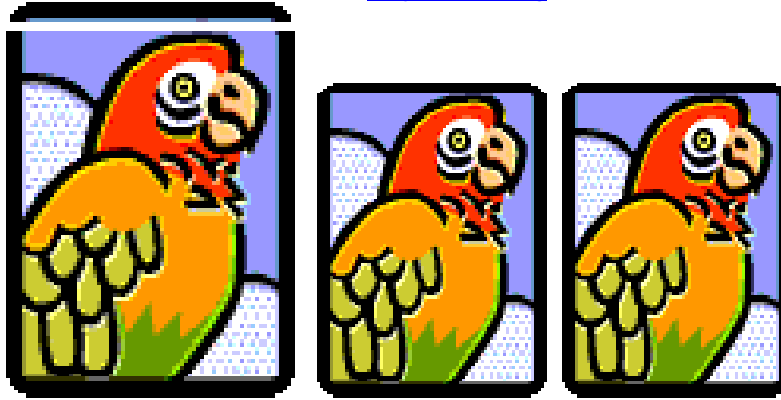
The HPEP Poly SIG is a wonderful discussion group for those who are in poly relationships, or are interested in the subject of Poly. It's usually an open topic forum where things have been discussed from coming out to family/children/parents, to what is your ideal poly family structure. You do not have to be

poly yourself, or be in a Poly relationship to attend a meeting; just an interest in the topic of being Poly. As a side note we are not a swingers group, nor an orgy. You can visit us on our Yahoo Group at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HPEP_PolySIG
For any questions you can contact the SIG Leader at Poly@hpep.org

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(Poly Sig, get it? Hee hee)

The HPEP Age-Play SIG

The Age-play Sig usually held on the THIRD SATURDAY of the month, will meet at the Zoo this month for a picnic. Contact Scottie (painslut_mr@yahoo.com) .

The group has been very active with its meetings and discussions. In the up coming months there will be a pool party night, theme nights, movie nights, discussions and weekend outings. The meetings are being kept non-age specific so that everyone of age-play can come, enjoy themselves, and learn.

Age-play does not and will not involve real children/minors of any kind. But what it does do is involve us adults that act like and pretend to be children! Even if you're not into age-play but would like to find out what it is about, you are welcome to attend. So if you're a 'lil boy or girl, toddlers, teenagers, Mommies or Daddies, Aunties or Uncles, or just a bratty young one, you're all welcome to attend.

Hope to see you there and join in the fun and activities! ~ Scottie

DOMinion

Houston and surrounding area Doms and Dommes have a meeting on the Friday before the Newcomers' meeting, at (7:30 pm) .

The purpose of the Dom/Domme meeting is several fold. The meetings serve as a time of social interaction and a good time of exchanging ideas. There are also scheduled educational presentations by members of the group. Frequently, Doms from around the state come and lead our discussions, so we get views a bit different than those of our local friends that we meet with all the time. So, find a comfortable chair, prop up your feet, and talk the talk of beautiful submissive females, doting slavish men, and the pleasures they bring us. Need directions or information: e-mail the [DOMinion](#)

Subversity

7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Sub-Versity Meetings are held on the first Friday of the month @ 7:30PM. A wide variety of topics are discussed, including guest speakers and demonstrations. The group is a safe haven if one wishes to discuss private personal issues receiving non judgmental, confidential feed back.

Everyone is asked to bring a small snack or dish to the meetings.

FYI ...HPEP's Dominion is near by and many of the Dom's drop off their Subs and comeback for them later.

NO Doms/Tops/Masters or Toppo Behavior is allowed.

ALL Submissives/Slaves/Bottoms/Switches in bottom mode that are...
collared or un-collared, attached or not, (Single, Married, involved, etc., etc.) male, female, undecided, or however you choose to identify yourself. Any Sexual orientation, New to the life style, Seasoned in the life style are Allowed, Welcome and Encouraged to come join our meetings and group.

If you have not been to a HPEP Newcomers meeting, I encourage you to please check it out. I am usually there myself, and would love to meet you. For information please go to www.HPEP.org

What happens at Subversity stays at Subversity. For an online discussion join our egroup at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HPEP_sub_versity/

Please write me if you need directions to our meetings!

Hope to see you there!!

Brad's Brat...Dixie

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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HPEP_sub_ersity

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(Houston Erotic Literature Lovers) Book & Movie SIG

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HELLbooksandmovies/>

HELL meets at 7:00 p.m. every 2nd Friday night !

Please contact me at mwvixen@swbell.net for directions. Please remember, these meetings are held in a private home so I will need to know who you are and we prefer you to have attended an HPEP Newcomer's Meeting prior to coming to the HELL meeting. Newcomer's meetings are held the first Saturday of the month and you can find the details at www.hpep.org .

We enthusiastically!!! welcome suggestions for books and movies related to ANY aspect of BDSM, alternative sexuality, erotica, erotic thrillers, D/s relationships, fetish, or alternative lifestyles, etc. Feel free to e-mail me with **YOUR** recommendations!

HELL is a group where those interested in reading about and watching books and movies dealing with all aspects of BDSM, Erotica and alternative Lifestyles can meet in a casual, non-academic environment. A typical HELL evening involves a bit of book discussion (anything anyone is reading or the selected HELL book) and general conversation and socializing. We usually have snacks and beverages on hand, provided by the host and the attendees, to enhance the "movie experience" which starts about 8:00, so the meetings usually go from about 7:00 - 10:00 or 11:00, depending on how much discussion ensues after the movie. You are encouraged to come to HELL if you have an interest in reading more about BDSM, both fiction and non-fiction, and/or viewing a variety of sexually-oriented movies: you do not have to read a book to enjoy HELL , (although the Mistress of HELL would strongly encourage you to do so. i and other members can be usually persuaded to lend out books for those who purchasing them is a problem...) Join the HELL mailing list by going to the HELL Yahoo group (address above) and keep up with the books and movies currently happening. We have a lot of fun and it is a good forum for getting to know other folks in the Community and engage in spirited conversation with your fellow perverts. So now, when someone tells you to "Go to HELL", it does not have to be a bad thing! :)

HPEP's HELL: BDSM/Erotica books and movies SIG - this is the address for the Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HELLbooksandmovies/>

The H*E*L*L Reading/Movie group, a special interest group with Houston PEP, now offers an Yahoo List option for those interested in keeping up-to-date and discussing alternative-lifestyle, Erotic, Fetish & D/s-related books and movies. I am also occasionally including some information/links on Erotic artwork. Even if you cannot attend our meetings, we want your input and opinions, and would like to share our explorations of literary and cinematic Erotica with you. The range of discussion, and the nature of our club, however, leaves plenty of room for off-topic & humor posts. Movie and book recommendations are always welcome

Coming June 13th: "The Fashionistas" Pt.II

Edge Play SIG - NEW!!!!

The Edge Play SIG is for anyone interested in learning or teaching techniques in specific forms of sadomasochistic play. This SIG will offer monthly gatherings where demonstrations of and instruction in these techniques and the safety measures needed in their use will be presented.

If you are interested in passing on your knowledge and expertise, learning new ways to inflict pain and pleasure, hone your own play techniques or you're just curious and want to watch something new and exciting then this is the SIG for you.

The Edge Play SIG will meet on the last Friday of each month. Meetings will take place in a private residence. The location will be disclosed to those that express an interest in attending prior to each gathering.

HPEP is a pansexual organization and so are our SIGs so no matter what your orientation or favorite kink, you are welcome here.

Hey folks. The SIG at Travis' house was pretty successful. It wasn't really Edge Play but it was EDGEducational. 🤪

Next we will be meeting at Lord Byrons home. He requested to give a Demo and class on blow darts and soft air BB guns as instruments of torture and pleasure. This will be on Friday, June 27th.

Randy - Master Draconis -pleased_2b_me@yahoo.com
832-244-1464

Houston-BondageSIG -

As of October 20, 2007, I have acquired ownership of the Houston-BondageSIG which was previously a Special Interest Group (SIG) of HPEP. It is now independent of HPEP, and will continue to be an active bondage group.

Since January 2005, we've had a successful format for the Houston-BondageSIG as a bondage tutorial/training group. The format has worked well, so, we won't change it. We will continue to meet on the second Sunday of the month, at 3:00 PM at Travis' house. We will continue to discuss and experiment with specific topics/themes at each meeting. From time to time, we will continue to have both local and out of town presenters lead a SIG meeting.

Houston-Shibari --

I set up Houston-Shibari as a possible replacement group for the Houston-BondageSIG. But, now that I have acquired ownership of Houston-BondageSIG, there is value in continuing with the Houston-BondageSIG group itself. And Houston-Shibari is not needed as its replacement as a training/tutorial group to explore basic and advanced bondage techniques.

However, many of us appreciate the art and beauty of bondage and photography. So, I've decided to use the Houston-Shibari group to explore those two combined interests.

In Houston, we are also fortunate to have a very good photography group, the Photo SIG, which explores basic and advanced photographic techniques with an emphasis on fetish photography. Its membership includes amateurs as well as professional photographers, and wonderful models. Neil, who runs the Photo SIG, also holds monthly meetings and brings his incredible expertise to the group. Anyone interested in photography can learn a lot by regularly attending the Photo SIG meetings.

The intent of Houston-Shibari is to combine and implement the knowledge and techniques learned in both of these other groups through discussions, exchanges of ideas, and photo shoots.

Members of Houston-Shibari are encouraged to share tips and techniques about bondage and/or photography on its egroup. We'll have a photo shoot every couple of months. I think regular monthly meetings/photo shoots would be too frequent considering all the other activities in Houston.

We've got enough expertise and equipment among our members to produce really nice photographs. In the past, when we had private photo shoots, we've also generated very nice portrait as well as bondage/fetish photographs. It's all good. We'll do it all again.

Houston Bondage SIG meets Sunday, June 8, at 3:00 PM

ShibariCon Recap! Five members of our group attended ShibariCon this year. It was a very impressive event – well organized in a nice setting with good instructors and talented attendees. I expected to learn from other presenters and I did. I was also impressed by the quality of the ropework displayed by the attendees, the questions people asked during classes and the conversations we had in hallways, etc. There are a lot of accomplished riggers who attend ShibariCon. And I learned things from them too. I was and am impressed.

Leon lead a very interesting class on Monday morning – his 2% class. The premise of his class was to share the one little tidbit that people got from attendance at different classes. As he calls it – “the Aha! moments where you discover that little trick that makes your rope work better.”

This month's SIG will be our version of Leon's 2% class. We'll look to the members of our group who attended ShibariCon to share their impressions, experiences, the ideas and techniques they learned.

And, no doubt – we'll also tie some people up, describing our techniques to each other. I'll also bring some slideshow examples of different "shibari" styles. BTW – does anybody know what shibari really is? I'll tell you about a very enlightening discussion about shibari I had with Mark of DV8 house.

Our Houston Bondage SIG is HANDS ON with members demonstrating their techniques, offering advice to each other and answering questions that may arise.

If you are a novice, this will be a great opportunity to learn how to construct basic ties. If you are more advanced, practice combining the basic ties into more complex positions.

If you are a bondage bottom, let us entertain you with pleasurable positions. If you are a bondage top, learn how to create these interesting ties.

All levels of expertise are welcome. Bring your questions and/or suggestions.

Make your plans and mark your calendars. The next meeting of the Houston Bondage SIG will be on Sunday, June 8, 2008, at 3:00 PM in Travis' house in Houston, Texas. Directions to Travis' house are in the File Section in the Houston Bondage SIG e-group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Houston-BondageSIG/>).

If you wish, bring something to munch on and share with others. We're going to learn something and have fun with each other.

See you there.

Gary
ClintEman77380@Yahoo.com
Houston, Texas

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARITY COMMITTEE

Ok, I don't intend to post about everything we do with this new Houston Charity group on each email group. I especially don't intend to do it on SAF's regular email list, as they have a forum on their website for this sort of thing. But I did, this one time, want to get this out to folks as widely as possible so that anyone with an interest will know where to contact the people they want to contact. And if this email does not make it to a list you want to send it to, then feel free to forward it.

First off, WOW, what a meeting. This whole thing started when Mistress Krista came back from Chicago. She saw what they were doing as far as charitable outreach, and she wanted to do something like that in Houston. So she started posting. I jumped in, but I jumped into her show. I am just thankful for that chance.

We had over 30 folks show up for a first meeting. Every one of them enthused about the concept of what

we wanted to do, and energetic and ready to work. Here is sort of the setup.

Mistress Krista, Safari Mike, and I will be Co-Chairs, and as the saying goes, we are all equal, but Krista is a little more equal, at least in my mind.

We set up some committees and that is the real reason I wanted to get this note out and about. If you want to contact one of the committees, please do it on the new list they have set up (info below) or contact the specific contact person for that committee. (info below)

1. Charity committee. Chairperson: Mistress Krista. Email address:
MistressKrista@mistresskrista.com

This committee is the one to contact if there is a charity you think we would all want to "adopt". The sense of the meeting last night seemed to be that we wanted a charity that was at least in some way touching on the alternative life communities. And small enough that what monies we raised would have an impact on them that mattered. We all love the National Heart Association, or National Cancer Association, but our money will not make or break those folks or make a huge impact in human terms.

Charities that were already discussed and that will already be investigated are;

1. Camp Hope (summer camp for children with Aids)
2. NCSF (National Coalition for Sexual Freedom)
3. Woodhull Freedom Foundation (similar to NCSF but at a different level, less "immediate response" more "long term legal")
4. Stone Soup in Houston

this will be a "working committee". It will be folks really talking to these charities, actually going out and investigating the charities that are close enough to Houston. We want to make sure that monies that are raised really do go for a good purpose and are things that we can all be very proud of.

2. Fund Raising committee. Wow did this one get folks enthusiastic with ideas out of this world. Co-chairs: Pebbles, Nancy, Jamie, and Carol. To send them email, contact Nancy at :
sirwingzbaby@yahoo.com

This may be "the fun" committee. Just listening to these women come up with ideas last night was fun. They want small events, medium size events, and large ones. Watch out folks, these ladies mean business.

3. Money. Co-Chairs: Mistress Krista and Marla. Email for Mistress Krista is : MistressKrista@mistresskrista.com

These are the folks that will help organize us and handle the money. We have already been contacted by representatives of leather clubs that are incorporated to help with this sort of thing and they have offered to help get us going. NEVER trust me with money, but the folks on this committee are professionally trained to deal with funds and keep us on the right and legal path.

4. Communications. Chairperson: Travis. Email is Travisw@pdq.net. It is my job to get the word out when we are doing things and when anyone of the committees needs help.

5. From now on, please join the yahoo group: Houstoncharitycommittee

you can find them at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/search?adult=1&query=Houstoncharitycommittee>

lets try and post committee work stuff as much as possible on that list. For things that we need to send out to the "world" lets use the SAF website forum and not their regular email list, or feel free to post to the Safari club yahoo list. Or give info to me and i will get it out on my list.

We had folks there that were from the SFA, Safari, NLA-Houston, HPEP, and offers of help from the Colt 45's. This was a GREAT start. Thanks to all of you that made last night so much fun and so exciting as a beginning for something special in the Houston community - Travis

New Member (Newcomer) Meetings

Saturday, June 7th, 2008

West Gray Cafe Bar & Grill

415 West Gray

713-528-2887

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Newcomer meetings are a great way to find out more about the group in a relaxed, no pressure atmosphere.

Come and meet a few of the HPEP members, ask some questions, and get some answers about the nature of the group and how it works.

Whether you are new to the scene or a seasoned vet, all are welcome. You must be over 18 (21 preferred) years of age to attend.

OTHER EVENTS

June 2008

Courtesy of Mistress More

June 6-8	Los Angeles Pride Festival and Parade, West Hollywood, CA
June 6-8	Desire Women's Weekend, Palm Springs, CA
June 6-8	Erotica LA, Los Angeles, CA
June 6-8	Exotic World, Vegas
June 8-15	Capital Pride, Washington, DC
June 12-15	Boot Camp XX, The 15 Association, San Francisco, CA
June 12-15	Rot Rally, Austin
June 12-15	Carnival de Cuir, New Orleans, LA
June 13-15	South East Leather Fest, SELF, Atlanta, GA
June 14	Naked Bike Ride, Austin
June 19-22	SPANK Festival, Black River Falls, WI
June 20-21	Erotic Arts Weekend, Maryland, MD
June 21	Mermaid Parade, New York
June 19-23	Leather Weekend I, Roseland Resort, Proctor, WV
June 20-22	Eye Candy Expo, Los Angeles, CA
June 22	Folsom Street East, GMS/MA, New York, NY
June 25-29	AASECT Conference. New Orleans, LA
June 28-29	LGBT Pride Parade and Festival, San Francisco, CA
June 27-29	ApolloCon, Houston
June 28	Houston Pride Parade
June 29	New York City Pride March

Laura Antoniou Seminar

Please feel free to cross-post and SPREAD THE WORD!!!

Registration is going on for the ALL (Alternative Lifestyle Learning) in DFW with nationally known Leatherwoman, BDSM educator and author Laura Antoniou and her Daddy, Kim Attica.

Registration discounts in person! Register with me, Coty, at DFW PowerExchange's monthly munch, NLA's monthly meeting, or any other events in the community that I will be attending.

Tickets are \$30 in person, \$35 online.

Tickets are \$40 at the door, but we can't guarantee there will be space available.

The cost includes three classes, plus lunch.

It's going to be HUGE!

WHEN: SATURDAY, June 14, 2008

TIME: 10:00am - 4:00pm (doors will open at 9:00)

WHERE: John Thomas Resource Center of Dallas

Please go to www.regonline.com/63336_185180J for more information and to register!

This event is open to the entire Kink Community in Texas and surrounding states.

But because of space limitations, we must cap registration at 110 people. So don't delay, go register today!

NLA-Dallas is hosting a play party that night. Tickets for the play party will be sold at registration the morning of the seminar for \$15 each, but you must be registered for the seminar or a member of NLA-Dallas to attend the play party, to be held at Sanctuary for the Lifestyle Arts in Dallas that night.

Laura and Kim will be presenting 3 classes for us, including: "Too Kinky for Words", "Unscheduled Maintenance", and "Anything and Everything you wanted to know about the Alternative Lifestyle". The latter is being written specifically for the Texas community, based upon questions from people in this area. Laura, author of the "Marketplace" series of BDSM erotica, also will have some of her books for sale at the event, and will be doing a book signing.

THE FLOATING WORLD '08:

Registration is Open!

EDISON, NJ: Registration for The Floating World '08, the Northeast's largest and most exciting BDSM/Fetish event, is now open at our website, www.thefloatingworld.org

A three-day event, August 15-17, 2008, The Floating World '08 includes 60,000SF+ of classes, workshops, shopping, parties, an art show, performances, playspaces and more!

The Floating World '08 is non-profit and completely community supported, 100% sex-positive and totally greed-free!

We recognize all ALT groups, gay, straight, M/s, S&M, D/s, TG and special interest groups.

Floating World '08 is the event you do not want to miss! Check it out at www.thefloatingworld.org

SINFEST 2008

SUMMER SINFEST 08: ROCK ~N~ ROLL PEEPSHOW - JULY 19TH - HOUSTON - TEXAS - MERIDIAN

For ticket purchases, please go to www.paypal.com and remit the required amount to narum4m@hotmail.com [n a r u m 4 m @ h o t m a i l .com].

-- print out your receipt and bring it to the door in lieu of tickets.

TICKET PRICES:

Until June 1st - VIP \$15, General Admission \$10

From June 1st to July 18th - VIP \$20, General Admission \$15

JULY 19TH AT THE EVENT: VIP - \$ 25, GA \$20

Tickets are also available via the venue: www.meridianhouston.com and should be up on Ticketmaster soon.

[But they have huge processing fees, which we do not impose on you while you buy them directly from us.]

This event is 18+

Also if two people want to represent ANY BDSM or Swingers club/organization in our 'community lounge' as a form of public relations/recruitment, just write me and let me know. We offer two free tickets to the supporting organizations. This year we have given tickets to representatives from: EROS, HPEP, Club Fem, WIPS, Safari Club, Violet Society and Scandal so far. Each representative must spend some time socializing in this area through out the night.

If you just want to send promotional material, FOR GROUPS AND OR BUSINESSES, please have it to me by July first -- no later before the event!! We do have swag bags for our first 100 VIP attendees to put them in. Thanks to Legacy we have safer sex packets to include as well!

PRESS PASSES ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY CAMERA AT THIS EVENT. WE HAVE A PRESS PACKAGE/AGREEMENT YOU MUST SIGN ONCE YOU HAVE PURCHASED YOUR TICKET. WE ONLY GIVE LIMITED FREE ENTRY TO CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS.

Find us online at www.summersinfest.com or www.myspace.com/summersinfest

PERFORMANCES:

*New 3 Act PERFORMANCE ART PIECE/Play by Lydya Whitney "THE WATCHER"

featuring the stars of:

The Serpentarium [Houston - www.myspace.com/summersinfest]

Temple of Flesh [San Antonio -- www.templeofflesh.com, www.myspace.com/templeofflesh],
Depravity Well [Houston -- www.myspace.com/jini16]

Cadaver Cabaret [DFW - www.myspace.com/cadavercabaret]

*Two special DRAG performers:

Fetish Diva Jennifer Long [DFW - www.myspace.com/gentv2000]

MISS G I A - Miss Gay I slander [Galveston - www.myspace.com/waywal30]

*Special performances by:

Dance Troupes: Cadaver Cabaret and Depravity Well

Special features:

Birthcake Hotties - Including AliceSin of the Dollyrockers - [Houston - www.myspace.com/knockoutgirl] and
Shannon [Hou - www.myspace.com/shanjax]

Life's a Beach girls in the outdoor smoking area

Sexy Sweetie Seniors within the event

ALSO A FASHI ON SHOW FEATURI NG CLOTHI NG FROM Melicious Corsets
[Houston - <http://www.myspace.com/meliciouscorsets>]

MUSIC BY:

VIP hours DJ - Mr.Scandal [SA and DFW - <http://www.myspace.com/djdisent>]

General Admission hours DJ - Vampire James [Numbers & Underworld,
Houston - http://www.myspace.com/dj_vampire_james]

LIVE BAND AT ONE AM - The Dollyrockers [Houston -<http://www.myspace.com/dollyrockershouston>]

Vending all day and night:

The Kink Shop [LA -- www.thekinkshop.com]

Destiny's Creations [Hou - www.myspace.com/destinyslair]

Dominitias [Conroe]

Toymaker Troy [Houston]

JAS the Mad Welder [DFW - <http://www.myspace.com/jasthemadwelder>]

FyreChylde [SA - <http://fyrechylde.com/>]

RenFaire Leather [Atx & SA - www.myspace.com/renn_faire_leatherworks]

Lord Entropy [Hou - www.myspace.com/lordentropy]

Riot 666 Clothing [DFW - www.myspace.com/designsbyriot]

Twisted Gryphon Leather and Metal works [DFW - <http://www.myspace.com/griffinleatherandmetal>]

GreenDragon Candles & More [DFW - www.myspace.com/308552293]

Robert Rubel [Atx - <http://www.myspace.com/photosbycorwin>]

SM Hurtz [Hou]

PLUS MORE TO BE CONFIRMED!!

HUGE DUNGEON with equipment provided by JAS the Mad Welder, Twisted Interiors AND The Houston Bondage Special Interest group.

FREE BONDAGE EXPERIENCE TO VOLUNTEERS thanks to The Houston Bondage SIG.

Miss Kayla [Atx and SA - www.myspace.com/1188203] will also be accepting willing victims for free on the cross!

NEWEST ADDITION! Art Gallery! Featuring the works of:

Grammy and Gold Record winner - Bill Narum [Atx - <http://www.myspace.com/narumstudios>]

David Okherling [Atx - <http://www.myspace.com/davido2>]

Troy Winscott [Tx - www.myspace.com/monkking]

Vince Crowley [Houston - www.vincecrowely.com]

Michelle Narum [Houston - www.myspace.com/michellefromhell]

The Stitch Witch [Houston - www.myspace.com/thestitchwitch]

Robert Rubel [Atx - <http://www.myspace.com/photosbycorwin>]

Sarah [Houston - <http://www.myspace.com/valkerieofodin>]

Lanell [Houston - www.myspace.com/destinyslair]

PLUS MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED WHEN CONFIRMED!!

TWO RAFFLES! Compiled of items donated by the vendors - one ticket takes the whole package!! ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF MONEY RAISED FROM THESE RAFFLES IS DONATED TO LEGACY COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES - www.legacycommunityhealth.org - OUR LOCAL TESTING AND TREATMENT FACILITY!! [Tickets are one dollar each and purchased at the event -- must be present to win!]

Dear Community Participants and Friends of the Serpentarium,

As you all know our annual event - Summer Sinfest - is only two months away. We have put out requests for people to be able to attend the event for free as staff in various capacities. After reviewing our lists, we realize we still have many positions to still be filled.

The jobs have a maximum of a two hour commitment, with many requiring even less. In exchange for your efforts, we give you a laminated keepsake STAFF badge on a lanyard for yourself and your guest instead of tickets. When you have fulfilled your time obligation to the event, you are free to enjoy the rest of the evening. [Basically you have two better than VIP tickets for your "labors" Value: \$50]

We do ask that you fill out our volunteer paperwork. We want to be able to give your efforts recognition in the printed program for the event. We will only release the information you allow and will keep the information on file for future event opportunities.

One of the ways we like to highlight the diversity of the Houston Communities is by having our events staffed by folks from all the various groups. Because of this, you will notice some of the positions listed have to do with certain clubs in particular as we already have people committed from the other groups for the jobs.

We want everyone attending the event to have FUN - including the folks who are "working". If you ask former volunteers of mine, it is VERY important to me that you enjoy yourself. It's why The Serpentarium hosts events to begin with! We like to party!

Here is a list of the jobs and a brief description of the jobs obligations. If any of them interest you, please go fill out a volunteer form with the correct information at www.summersinfest.com under volunteers!

JOB: SET UP CREWS 1, 2 & 3

Two hours of physical labor setting up the venue. We start set up at eleven am and have a full overhaul of the whole venue to be finished before 5 pm. We want five people for each shift. We have maps of where every single item is to be placed and my pet, Will, will be the lead contact the day of the event. He knows where everything is going, understands the lighting and electrical needs of the space and can handle any last minute questions to me when I am super stressed out. THIS IS OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN! The first shift handles the VIP and BLUE rooms. Shift two handles the red room and starts the dungeon. Shift three handles the dungeon and art gallery.

JOB: SUNNY BEACHES

An hour and a half of performing/playing in the cage out in the smoking area. Must be willing to be dressed in swim suit/beach ware. Must agree to be tied to cage to be tickled and or shot with water-guns. Playful willing to be naughty attitude MOST important. Age not as important as ability to radiate cute. Size not as important as sexiness. THIS IS OPEN TO MALES AND FEMALES - submissive preferred! We will need 4 people per shift for this gig with three shifts available and doesn't start till 9 pm. Your badge will read PERFORMER. You must check in at 7 pm, no matter what shift you are, with the assigned Serpentarium representative!

JOB: COMMUNITY CLUB LOUNGE REPRESENTATIVES:

This commitment is on and off all night. We are giving each group two COMMUNITY badges for two members to represent the club at the event in the community lounge in the main/blue room. Basically we are setting up a couch filled lounge area for the general public attending the event to come to as a resource for the different clubs to meet possible new members. We need the community volunteers to be there to talk about the community. This is totally a social thing, but YOU MUST CHECK IN AT SEVEN PM IN THE LOUNGE with the assigned Serpentarium representative.

So far we have:

WIPPS - Eva and Elizabeth Ann

SAFARI CLUB - Mark and his girl

CLUB FEM - Shawna and pet

SCANDAL - Yes! They are reforming!

ELITE SUITE - Jason and Cynthia

We need reps from:

The Pansexual Community:

HVFP -

HPEP -

EROS -

CLUB CAVE -

VIOLET SOCIETY -

THE SIGS:

Hell -

Bondage -

Photo -

Poly -

Age Play -

Toy Makers -

D/S

Switch

The Leather Community

HCC:

NLA

The Bears

ICOH

COLT 45s

NOMADS

AND ANY OTHER GROUP OF ANY ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES/RELIGIONS THAT WANT TO BE REPRESENTED!

Remember this offer is ONLY for two people from each group! Last year we gave these to the board members but this year we want to see a variety of people.

JOB DESCRIPTION: DUNGEON MONITORING

This job has a two hour commitment. BEAR is head DM with backing from our security team. GARY is the Bondage Den's organizer. Miss Kayla of Austin will have a corner piece and will be topping people for free on the Dark Den end of the Dungeon in half of the grey room. THIS JOB IS OPEN TO EXPERIENCED COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS AND YOU WILL BE SELECTED BECAUSE OF WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT YOU. We need discreet people with tact. This dungeon will be set up with VERY LITTLE seating for people associated with players who are not participating in the play. All other viewing MUST be directed to the other side of the security wall we are installing. I need folks who can also mentor the players if needed. You will also have to enforce the NO CAMERAS in the grey room rule. We are a RACK group, so please know the difference between that and SSC. And of course, you must not allow any penetration or nudity!! TABC rules strictly enforced! WE WILL NEED FOUR - SIX PEOPLE PER SHIFT.

JOB DESCRIPTION: MODELS

This one does have a size requirement. Mel [of Mel and Travis] has been kind enough to offer to provide corsettes from her shop and Two Possums will loan us the other pieces for a fashion show! We need people who are slim to normal build to do the stage for TEN MINUTES. You will get badges that say MODEL on them and must check in at seven pm with the Serpentarium member in charge of models and Sbs. This is open to Males, Females AND cross dressers! We will need ten people for this.

JOB DESCRIPTION: TEAR DOWN

All we have to do is haul our shit out and take down the signs. This doesn't happen until 2 am, so you go to the whole event for free on your staff badge. The lead person on this gig is WILL. See a pattern for him? We need five people for this shift, aside from the Snakes still at the venue.

JOB DESCRIPTION: PEEPSHOW

We need people who play as couples to perform in a very tight space at the end of the stage. We are only asking for 40 minutes. This space would work well for tickling, foot worship, bondage, spanking and other close up acts. You will have a window between you and your audience. We are offering select positions to certain invited couples but will still have some slots left open. Of course Serpentarium cousins, family and siblings get first dibs!

Each person will get an email with the full job description and event schedule. I am trying to keep all lines of communication open by informing you of the expectations up front. Don't let this stop you from asking me anything you may be wondering about.

To apply for any of these positions, please go to the site -- www.summersinfest.com and fill out the volunteer forms! Don't forget to tell us what job you are interested in.

PLEASE HAVE ALL REQUESTS IN TO US BEFORE JUNE 1ST. THE EVENT IS JULY 19TH

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN SINFEST!

Lv, M and The Serpentarium

GWNN's 15th Year Anniversary Birthday Bash

Austin, Texas

August 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 2008

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board@gwnn.net <<mailto:board@gwnn.net>> <[40gwnn.net](http://www.gwnn.net/)>

Wow, GWNN is 15 years old this year and we're ready to celebrate. We're working hard at planning and organizing one of the best BASH's GWNN has ever seen, and hope you all will be able to attend.

Our 15th Anniversary Birthday Bash will be held on August 22, 23, and 24, 2008 at the beautiful Austin Airport Hilton Hotel. This Bash promises to be one of our best events ever. We have a fantastic line-up of speakers including Jay Wiseman, Travis Wilson, Lady Shivers, Sebastian, Philip the Foole, Harvey, Dr. Stran, Terrel Brown, Elizabeth, Lillith, etc.

As you can see, for this Bash, we will have a great array of some of the best speakers in our lifestyle from all over the U.S., covering a wide array of topics sure to be of interest to nearly everyone in our community. We will have four tracks geared toward different aspects of the lifestyle, or different audiences within our community. One track of presentation topics will be geared specifically to appeal to the more experienced members of our community.

We are still in the process of finalizing our last two or three speakers, our complete presentation line-up and some other details such as the title of the keynote address, etc. There will be a follow-up email when those details get firmed up.

Friday Evening Movie Screening

Friday evening we will have a Reception with the presenters at the Hotel and during that reception, we also very excited to be holding the Texas Premier Screening of a new documentary film about aspects of the BDSM community entitled: BDSM: It's Not What You Think. For more information on the film visit:

<http://www.erinpalmquist.com/BDSMdocumentary/>

Saturday

Events on Saturday at the Hotel start early with coffee and snacks served from 8:30 to 9:30 am during morning registration.

There will be a total of sixteen, 75 minute presentations during the day Saturday. Presentations will run in four different tracks, across four different times slots - two Presentation time slots before lunch and two after. We will also have a Vendors' area with ten of the area's best vendors selling their unique wares. Breaks between presentations will offer ample time to visit the Vendors' area to shop.

>From 12:30 to 2:00 we will have our keynote luncheon. Our keynote speaker will deliver the keynote address after lunch. Lunch for all attendees is included in the event ticket price.

After the final presentations in the afternoon, there will be one final chance to visit the Venders' area for those final purchases of the day.

Saturday Evening Play Party

The GWNN Bash Play Party will be held at our usual play location (The Secret Rural Location, or SRL). 7000 square feet of space with over a dozen play stations. The SRL is rural, secluded, very safe and secure, and GWNN has been partying there for more than 10 years.

Sunday Picnic

This BASH weekend will include a fun filled Sunday picnic. Very late Sunday morning (or early afternoon) we will all meet out at our rural, secluded, clothing optional campground (Eden Cove), for another day of swimming in the pool; hot, outdoor S&M play; some Pony and Puppy play events; and some delicious Texas BBQ and picnic food.

At the Picnic, we'll have some local experts in Pony and Puppy play giving some presentations and there will be several Pony and Puppy events held at the picnic (including Pony cart rides). So if you are a Pony or Puppy (or maybe even a Kitty cat), own one, or if you've been interested in Pony or Puppy play but never tried it, or just like watching the show, then this is your chance. Come on out to the BASH Picnic.

Hotel Information

For Hotel reservations call 1-800-Hiltons (1-800-445-8667) and ask for a room in the block for The Group with No Name

Rooms in our block are \$99 for a single and \$109 for a double (These prices are only good until August 1, 2008).

[http://www1.](http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/AUSAHHF-Hilton-Austin-Airport-Texas/index.do)

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Website

The BASH website shell is up and running, but there's no information in it yet. It'll start getting some info loaded into it later this week. We hope to have it up-to-date with on-line reservation shopping available in a week or two. Other information like the final presenters, presentation schedule, links for on-line Hotel room reservations, etc. will be added as they become available.

If the registration form below is formatted badly, please use the registration form in the attached PDF file.

Please feel free to forward this email to any appropriate lifestyle friendly lists.

GWNN 15 Year Anniversary BASH Pre-Registration Form

Austin Airport Hilton Hotel August 22, 23 & 24, 2008

Price Quant. Subtotals

A. Full Pass for all weekend events

(Including Sat night play party) \$75 _____

B. All weekend events

(without Friday Reception) \$70 _____

C. Saturday events Only

(without Friday Reception or Sunday Picnic) \$65 _____

D. Sunday Picnic Only

(included in A. and B. above) \$15 _____

E. Friday Reception and Movie Screening Only

(included in A. above) \$20 _____

T-shirt Total

Total payment

T-Shirt Pre-Order Form

\$10 \$10 \$10 \$10 \$10 \$12 \$13 \$15

XS S M L XL 2X 3X 4X

Quantity _____

Sub Totals _____

T-shirt Total _____

Registration Information

Name or Scene Name to hold registration materials under

Four digit PI N number (of your choosing)

Email Address (for order verification) (print clearly)

Phone Number (if no email address
available) _____

Prices listed above only good until 6/21/08

Pre-Registration by Mail

Print out this page, fill it out and send the completed form and check (or money order) for the full payment amount to the address below. When the check clears you will receive an order confirmation by email or phone. Remember to bring your four digit PI N number with you to the registration area.

Your registration package will be waiting for you at the registration area of the Hotel. You can claim your registration package in the registration area on Friday night during the reception or any time Saturday.

Mail registration form and check or money order to:

GWNN

P.O. Box 302323

Austin, Texas 78703

LISTS!!!GROUPS!!!CLUBS!!! OH,MY!!!

(BDSM Community Resources and Happenings)



Come Visit **EROS** (**Erotic Rose Society**) and find out about one of the most fun and welcoming BDSM groups in town!! (They meet every Saturday At Rudyard's Pub on Waugh at 12 :30- 2:00 and then usually "do Lunch" (Rudyard's is now open at 11 and serving food) and have two Play Parties a month...) many Saturdays we have spent with EROS in the morning and lunch and attended an EROS party(when there was one - usually 2nd and 4th Saturdays) or another group or private function later, Jean and Clay, of course. Brett and Artena, SOB/Bob, Serial Killer James, boyNick, leslie and Stephen are the Board members for Eros.

<http://houston-eros.com>

EROS Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Houston-EROS>

Discussion of whatever from the EROS group folks - lighthearted fun! At **EROS**, we meet locally every Saturday for group discussions on some aspect of D/s or perhaps a demonstration on Japanese bondage, fire play, electric toys...but whatever we're doing, you can bet we're having a good time. EROS holds play parties twice each month for its members and sponsored guests. We welcome people who are new to the lifestyle as well as experienced players. If you're looking for a great group of friendly people, you've come to the right place!!



<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SCANDAL/>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SCANDAL/join>

NEW FOR 08: EROTIC ART GALLERY

SCANDAL will have their own space at the Sinfest event and I think it would be great if we showed off our awesome talent in a 2008 Scandal Journal. I will take care of the printing but I need everyone to get to work on short stories, poetry, photos, paintings, etc. Also, let me know as soon as possible if you would like to show your work at the event. Framed Photos and works of art, sculpture of an erotic and/or bdsm nature will be accepted. Let me know if you need help with framing, etc. Please email me at poetprincessa@yahoo.com.

with your submission ideas as soon as possible so I can let the shows coordinator know.

[Upcoming Scandal Book - Printing information - Submission guidelines](#)

Posted by: "Karen Wagner" karenawagner@comcast.net [poetprincessa](#)

Mon May 5, 2008 12:51 am (PDT)

As of right now, I have chosen the most cost affective printing we can get without losing quality. The size will be 5-1/2 x 8-1/2 at least and will include a book cover in Full Color one side with gloss film lamination, the inside text will be printed black and white and will be printed on at least 50# or 60# white offset/ matte paper. PDF format would be best as that is what I'll be using to send to the printer I've currently chosen, but I'll accept any document file. For pictures, art, etc. , please let me know what type of file format you use most so I can make sure it will work with the PDF program I use. Unless there's a problem with the file type (and I'll let you know when you send it), I would choose the format that makes the most of your work when printed. Write me if you're not sure what I mean as I don't want to get too long winded. The books will be perfect bound (paperback style binding) and trimmed to industry standards. If possible,

we might go a bit bigger and have the option for some color pages if need presents itself. Our budget is set around \$300 to \$500 dollars for this project which can get us at least 100 copies to start off with if we have no more than 80 to 100 pages and since we will probably have less than that, we can get more copies, add more color, etc. When submissions are complete,

I'd like to hold a meeting to go over the final layout and choose the submissions to include in printing. I have a laptop, so I'm portable.

As suggested, we are still accepting submissions so please let all the Houston and surrounding area Ds related groups you belong to know about this special Anthology of local talent. Interested individuals may choose to join here <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SCANDAL/join> and submit through the group or submit to poetprincessa@yahoo.com or another moderator without joining. Either way is fine.

Areas of Submission (bdsM - erotic in nature)

Short Stories (1 to 5 pages)

Excerpts from novels (8 to 10 pages)

Poetry and Music Lyrics (no more than 2 pages)

Art of all types and media

Photography - Black and White or Color (please have a model release or permission to use agreement in writing when necessary)

True Stories, biographies, excerpts from diaries, experiences (1 to 5 pages)

short plays/screen plays (each page would equal 1 minute, so stick to a 10-15 minute/page excerpt)

These are just guidelines, email if you have questions about submitting something different. Be sure to keep character names anonymous (including your own).

You may add a website or email address to give readers a way to get more information, read more, etc. if you like. And please let us know what signature you'd like us to include.

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Creative and original Books, Music, Art, Coffee, Teas, and more.

***What is Summer Sinfest?**

Summer Sinfest is a unique adult oriented, explorative and interactive, collaborative installation art experience focusing on the beauties and joys of the assorted Alternative lifestyles....

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What does that mean?

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The event is UNI QUE because it is so different from all the other

similarly categorized events, due to the contributions of the staff and their support network.

It is not a dance party, although we do provide two of Texas' best DJ's for the event AND Houston's premiere Rock-a-billy band, The Dollyrockers! Summer Sinfest is not just about stage performances, as we have vendors from over 3 states, an Art gallery and an interactive Dungeon to entice our audience too. It is supported by the various Pansexual and Leather BDSM community groups AND the Swinger's crowd through their participation in our Community Lounge. Rarely do the three of these come together in harmony, but in the Serpentarium we encourage "Unity in Diversity" by providing them with space for social networking.

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ADULT ORIENTED covers the fact that everyone welcome must be over 18 to enter. There are many sexually related topics and taboos being explored and exploited through out the event in forms of entertainment, artistic endeavors, shopping opportunities and self-exploration within the venue.

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EXPLORATIVE natures will enjoy the many sights, sounds and scents of Sinfest. With a venue large enough to support over a thousand attendees - The Meridian - Sinfest has room to present a show in one room, vendors within another and then space for the wonderful works of art with an entire section dedicated to the full Dungeon provided by J.A.S. The Mad Welder, Twisted Interiors AND the Houston Bondage Special Interest Group.

This equipment is open to the general public with a security staff created of experienced Community member volunteers.

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INTERACTIVE really comes to play within the Dungeon. The Community Volunteers include people who are willing to advise or mentor a player with questions. On staff to play with by attendees request is a fabulous professional Dominatrix and Educator, Miss Kayla of Austin and San Antonio. For those curious about bondage, the Bondage SIG leaders are providing a crew just for tying you up! All of this is INCLUDED in your ticket to Sinfest.

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None of Summer Sinfest would happen without the COLLABORATION of everyone involved. Lead by the two ladies who also head up The

Serpentarium - Whitney Lydya and Michelle Narum/From Hell - volunteers assist with everything from the initial flyer/promotional designs to tear down at the end of the event with lots more between. Each performance troupe or solo performer is on stage because they volunteered. The vendors each contribute two items to the raffle benefiting Legacy Community Health Services instead of paying a vendors registration fee. All staff is built from folks who just really want to bring something special to Texas one night a year.

Together we make it unforgettable!

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As for the INSTALLATION ART EXPERIENCE aspect, well, we feel that phrase is self-explanatory.

But for those of you who thrive on information, Wickapedia defines it as

"Installation art uses sculptural materials and other media to modify the way a particular space is experienced. Installation art is not necessarily confined to gallery spaces and can be any material intervention in everyday public or private spaces.

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Installation art incorporates almost any media to create an experience in a particular environment.

Materials used in contemporary installation art range from everyday and natural materials to new media such as video, sound, performance, computers and the internet.

Some installations are site-specific in that they are designed to only exist in the space for which they were created.

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Summer Sinfest 08: Rock-N-Roll Peepshow's tickets are for sale now through [www. ticketmaster. com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), [www. meridianhouston. com](http://www.meridianhouston.com), and [www. summersinfest. com](http://www.summersinfest.com).

For more details, please visit our homepage today! SATURDAY - JULY 19TH - VIP FROM 8-10, GENERAL ADMISSI ON AFTER 10 - HOUSTON TEXAS....



An alternative lifestyle group for people of all colors exploring the many flavors of BD/SM, D/s and M/s.

Formed in November 2004, **Violet Society** was established to allow individuals in Houston and the surrounding area, a forum for discussion, fellowship, friendship and risk aware consensual experiences. We invite members of all ethnicities, nationalities and cultures to join us in exploring the many varied flavors of lifestyle, including BD/SM, D/s, M/s, leather, fetishism and kink. The name **Violet Society** represents our belief that people of all colors and cultures deserve a place where their alternative expressions of lifestyle can be respected and celebrated.

Violet Society Mission:

- To provide a safe, discreet inclusive environment for people of all colors and cultures to participate in mature and healthy educational, social, and sensory experiences within the context of alternative lifestyle.
- To reach out to members of minority cultures providing a gateway into the BD/SM, D/s and M/s communities for education and support.
- To help raise the level of consciousness of the greater alternative communities regarding special concerns of minorities involved in alternative lifestyle expressions.
- To support other lifestyle groups and individuals which encourage the expression of alternative sexual orientation, lifestyle choice, belief and practices.

Join us.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/violet_society/join

Subscribe: violet_society-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Post message: violet_society@yahoogroups.com

List owner: violet_society-owner@yahoogroups.com

The Violet Society list is owned by michael's.

The group was co-founded by michael's and DaddyJ. 11/04



The Safari Club

For information I, (Safari42s), will be the contact. Safari42S@aol.com
thesafariclub-subscribe@yahogroups.com

The Safari Club is an alternative lifestyle group dedicated to playing and having fun with as little politics as possible. We believe in enjoying ourselves to the fullest extent possible while maintaining respect for everyone's personal protocols and preferences. The Safari Club welcomes people who are new to the lifestyle as well as the experienced. We put principles before personalities. Members must be 21 years of age or older and have an active yahoo profile listing their age.

Regular play parties are held the first Saturday of the month at a members home. Parties are by invitation only or by a member of the Safari Club.

Gulf Coast

Power Exchange Group (PEG)

In the light of the demise of the TNC Group, I decided to start another group, independent of everyone else. This is strictly an online E-group that is designed to be an outlet for all things related to BDSM in the Houston area and all over this Southeastern section of the state of Texas.

I am fondly (or sadistically) referred to as Ironass because I've been in the Lifestyle for many years and like to be played very heavy, as many can attest. I belong to Pink Dragon Lady (Trellen Russey), who is also a veteran of the Lifestyle. Herself and the late Art Russey (the Toy Maker) used to have the Gulf Coast Power Exchange Group, the original PEG, in Pasadena, Texas for several years until his death.

If you have a BDSM group you are invited to post your activities here. However, this is not a place for SPAM. We are not here to sell anything – there are other groups for that – but to share our experiences with one another as it relates to the BDSM lifestyle.

This group will be moderated by me and will not answer to the demands of any other group. We will honor everyone and are here to pass judgment upon no one. However, there are a few rules:

1. First and foremost, NO SPAMMING! Anyone who tries to spam on this list will be blocked as soon as I discover it, no questions asked and no appeals. By SPAMMING, I mean commercials of any kind for any product or service and asking for money.

If someone is in need or in the hospital, please feel free to post a request. If you wish to announce a play party or an event of your BDSM group, please feel free to do so. If you have a website you wish to share with us relating to the Lifestyle, please feel free to post.

2. I will not tolerate any flaming on this list. Arguing about things is one thing and can be done civilly, but we are not here to pass judgment on anyone or to run anyone down. If I see that on this list I will deal with it in whatever manner seems fair. It is OK, however, to talk about Travis (LOL).

I have found the BDSM community to be one of the most caring and giving communities in the city, but we can be quite vicious at times. I simply ask that we all show some respect for one another and remember that we do not know what anyone is going through at any given moment. It is better to err on the side of humanness than to rip one another's throat out!

3. As to the posting of pictures, please be discreet. We have to be careful of showing private body parts on a public forum such as this. As a member, the pictures you put in a post for this group are at your discretion, but let's try not to make Yahoo nervous – well, more nervous – than it already is.

At the moment, that's the rules, other than to honor the Yahoo guidelines for groups. Post, talk, announce, have fun.

Your Moderator,
Ironass

When you join this group please remember that Yahoo requires you to have your age posted in your profile or they can bump the whole group. They want to know that everyone is over the age of 18. PLEASE REMEMBER THIS!

Links

PEG
Yahoo Group

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To Subscribe:

GulfCoastPowerExchange-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Gulf Coast-Touch of Leather

A new group is forming on the south east side of town and is having a munch this evening at 7 PM at Noahs Ark Grill in Baycliff. I am forwarding the following with their permission since we have a number of folks who may be interested:

Forwarded Message:

Gulf Coast-Touch of Leather is happy to invite you to our inaugural munch. We'll be getting together at Noah's Ark (located on the water at 4438 Boulevard St, Bacliff). Look for a white stuffed dog on the table and you will know you have found us. Noah's Ark is famous for their burgers and friendly staff. They are really looking forward to having us for our first munch, and hoping we'll become regulars. If you need directions or more information visit www.noahsarkgrill.com

Meeting time is 7:00. Weather permitting, we've asked to be grouped on the side porch, outside. If it's rainy just keep an eye out for the white plush pup on the table. We encourage you to dress comfy. Jeans and T's are fine. The bar has pub food for us to munch on and drink to help beat the heat. (Anytime we can beat something, it's bound to be a good time.) At this munch we just plan to get to know each other and try to find out what some of the folks from the Coastal region of TX would like to see happening in our Community.

Gulf Coast Touch of Leather is an Alternative Choice gateway organization. The club is hoping to meet some of the needs of the south Houston-to-Galveston corridor residents (though anyone is welcome to attend). As things get rolling we're planning on regular munches, educational forums and demos, and local parties and a yearly weekend retreat. We welcome folks who walk the different paths of our diverse lifestyle, and hope that by being given the chance to share in our diversity we'll become a stronger and more aware Community. The e-list for Gulf Coast Touch of Leather can be found at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Gulf_Coast_TOL/ And information for our annual camping retreat can be found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WyldFyre> We hope that you'll surf by and stay a while.

Gulf Coast TOL very happy to be holding this munch and taking these first steps of growth. We hope that you'll join us at the munch and give us your input so that we can get the club charted on a steady course for education, awareness, and fun, among the like-minded of our Gulf Coast Community.

See you there,

Stan

Gulf_Coast_TOL@comcast.net

BDSM Women's Group: Just Us/WIK

Max Rulz has started a new group for ALL females in the community regardless of orientation, that will meet once a month on Sunday afternoons for a demo, or presentation, discussion and potluck meal.

JustUsWIK (women in kink) Women's group is going to be an informal meet, greet and eat so to speak. It will be a relaxed gathering of the women in the Houston BDSM community. There will be No play just discussion and support. There will be no Top or bottom hats worn though we will discuss issues relating to both. **JustUs WIK** will be an environment where we can share our experiences and educate in hopes to keep our minds stimulated and our asses safe! There will be workshops. In addition to tapping into the wealth of experience many of the Women have here, I plan on bringing in women I have had the opportunity to meet and learn from over the years. For information please contact; memistress@themistressrulz.com

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/justuswik/?yguid=10279865>

More Yahoo Groups, Websites, Etc.

Greetings All, just a note to let everyone know that there is a **new kitty group**.....did some looking around and could find no groups for human kitty play for my sister subbie so i started one LOL so please come and check it out if you are into this type of play :-) hope to see you there. (susan)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KittyPlayKorner/>

*BD_SM_how2 -

Subscribe: BD_SM_how2-subscribe@yahogroups.com Ever wondered how to make that certain toy? How hot a certain colored candle is? How to tie that special knot? How to remove blood from a cane? Or any one of a million other little things that come with a lifetime of experience? Then this is the group for you.

*bd_sm_meetsmagick · BD/SM Meets Magick bd_sm_meetsmagick-subscribe@yahogroups.com

Is there a connection between BD/SM and Magick? This is a group for pansexual adults to discuss this unique lifestyle, including the emotional, spiritual and metaphysical aspects encountered through altered states of consciousness.

FemaleSubmissiveSupport

FemaleSubmissiveSupport-subscribe@yahogroups.com Female only group. Open to switches (only while in bottom mode), bottoms and of course submissives. All interested in being submissive on any level. No

experts here, just other caring women. Focus on positive aspects and ways to enhance the experience of submission in a D/s relationship ,and let us help you through the more difficult aspects.

SE_Texas_Ds_Lifestyle

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MAST

Masters And slaves Together - Houston (MAST - H) is a MAsT chapter based in Houston, Texas for people wishing to explore consensual and responsible Master/slave relationships. The goal of MAsT Houston is to provide a social and support group for individuals involved in, or interested in, the Master/slave lifestyle. It is an opportunity and forum for like-minded individuals to come together for discussion of issues that concern Masters and slaves, to share ideas and gain knowledge of the Master/slave lifestyle.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MAST-H/?yguid=141312483>

Travis's Houston BDSM & Fetish Page * New URL!

www.houstonbdsm.net

It is the purpose of this Web Site to document this growth, and to be a simple page for Houston fans of fetish to find out what's happening in and around the Houston area in the world of BDSM/FETISH. Check here often to find out about your favorite organization, and to check on upcoming events. So I threw together a website that I will be trying to keep updated as regular as time allows. If you have any details on any events, parties, and groups around Texas please feel free to add them to the site. Travis

Abilene Kinksters

Hi Guys, due to the fact that i get many people asking me questions about the **Abilene area** and if there are any BDSM groups up there (which there are none) I decided to start one for them.

I hope at some point in the future they will be able to start having munches and hopefully even play parties. So if you travel to the area or know anyone in the area and would like to join yourself go to

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AbileneKinksters/>

Texas Fetish and Swing

I just started a group for fetish and swing people in San Antonio, Austin and surrounding areas. This is a MODERATED group, with spammers getting banned immediately. If you're as tired of spam as I am, I invite you to join!!!

TexasFetishAndSwing-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

DFW_powerexchange.

The link is http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dfw_powerexchange/

Our mission statement:

DFW_powerexchange is for A/anyone in the Dallas-Fort Worth area who is into the D/s lifestyle, or interested in learning more about it.

Our purpose is to be:

- 1) A place to grow and learn in our Dominance and submission.
- 2) A connecting point for Masters, Mistresses, Dominants, switches, slaves and submissives to meet and make friends with others who share our interests through social events, both vanilla and lifestyle oriented.
- 3) A forum for the exchange of information, thoughts, ideas and experiences on the dynamics involved in D/s or M/s relationships and play--not only through dialog on the message board, but also through real-life personal interaction among members via discussion groups, parties, group outings to other organizations' events and more.
- 4) A link to other organizations, events, craftsmen, merchants, artists and others who cater to those in the D/s lifestyle. Thank you for your consideration, cravin

Huntsville Area D/s

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Huntsville_Area_D-S

here is there blurb: Huntsville TX and surrounding areas newest group for the continued growth of the D/S community. All lifestyles welcome respect all and all shall respect you. Parties coming soon as things start to build. servicing mostly Trinity, Livingston, Huntsville, OnAlaska, Nacogdoches, Lufkin, Crockett, Bryan, etc.

The Houston Portal

Plus Michael and Rachael have an egroup for new people in the community.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/THPBDSM/> Here is the blurb:

This group has been set up to help new people, or people curious about B.D.S.M. It is geared mainly for Houston area people, however anyone can join. The bridge from Vanilla can be a difficult one to travel alone, we offer support, advice, and a hand to hold on the way. Feel free to ask any questions, no question will be stupid, this is to help get you ready for the more advanced boards, as well as real life play and or parties.

Closing Remarks

The HPEP Newsletter can only be as good as what you put in it - so send in your stuff!!!! It is now on line so whether you write Erotic/BDSM poetry or prose, have some humor you'd like to share, would like to report on an event, want to sell that old whip, need a job or are looking for help, or would like to announce your club's special events, you will reach a larger audience. Please send in your "submissions" ASAP for inclusion in the July 2008 Newsletter. I really want those Birthdays now, so everybody gets their fair share of spankings!!!!

Send to mwvixen@swbell.net

Suggestions on how to improve the Newsletter or what you would like to see in it are welcome. I will do my best to fulfill any reasonable requests. i am new to this format, the Newsletter previously being available in hard-copy only, so please bear with me (or bare with me?) as i learn and improve and enhance this publication my education is an ongoing process!

Thanks to all the contributors (and to those from whose emails I "borrowed") (esp. Mistress More, Gary, Michelle, and many more) and other folks (i.e. Masterwhip) who assisted in getting out yet another issue of the HPEP Newsletter!!! (And thanks to Mr. Rich for posting the Newsletter to the HPEP website)

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