



HPEP Newsletter

May 2008!



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

Your HPEP Board for 2007-2008 is

Ryan – Chairman of the Board

Rose - Treasurer

Grace

vixen- secretary

Mean Mo (aka Red)

Master Ces (Communications)

Randy (Master Draconis)

HPEP Announcements

HPEP's monthly meeting will be a munch on Saturday

May 17th 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.

Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Los Tios restaurant centrally located in Houston at Westheimer and Gessner. **ALL** HPEP members are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to email me (Ryan) directly at dragonman3@comcast.net. The board minutes can now be read on the HPEP website!

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 WI S 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 WI S 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

May Calendar

Below

Date	Event	Time	Contact
May 2nd	Subversity	Combined meeting with Dominion 7:30 p.m.	haze_9@yahoo.com
May 2nd	Dominion	7:30 p.m.	sirjohn@scottishdom.net
May 3rd	Newcomer's Meeting	West Gray Cafe Bar & Grill 415 West Gray	Newcomers' Committee.
May 4th	Photo SIG	1 st Sunday of the month 3:30 p.m.	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PhotoSIG/
May 9th	Poly SIG	7:30 p.m. 2 nd Friday of the month	dragonman3@houston.rr.com
May 9th	HELL SIG	7:00 p.m. 2 nd Friday of the month	mwvixen@swbell.net
May 10th	HPEP Switch SIG-	2 nd Saturday	Switch SIG
	Age Play SIG	CANCELLED	painslut_mr@yahoo.com
May 17th	General Meeting	8-10 p.m. Munch at Fuddrucker's	
May 18th	The ToyMakers SIG	3 rd Sunday of the month 4:30 p.m. - Check with SIG leader	ToyMakers SIG
	Edge Play SIG		pleased_2b_me@yahoo.com
May 24th	D/S SIG	4 th Sat. of the month at 7:30 p.m.	ds@hpep.org

New Member (Newcomer) Meetings

Saturday, May 2nd, 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

May 2008

Courtesy of Mistress More

May	Masturbate-a-Thon, San Francisco, CA
May 1-4	Hawaiian Leather Getaway, Queen Kapiolani Hotel, Honolulu HI
May 1-4	International Ms Leather, Holiday Inn Golden Gate, San Francisco, CA
May 2	TG BDay and Fetish Weekend, London
May 2-3	Kinko De Mayo, Cleveland, OH
May 2-4	Tribal Fire/Great Plains Olympus Leather, Oklahoma City, OK
May 2-4	Pump Weekend, Canyon Club Hotel, Palm Springs, CA
May 2	Las Vegas Pride Parade
May 3	Fantasies Night, Cuirasses de Quebec, Drague's Base, Montreal CN
May 7-11	Dom Con: LA/California Olympus Leather, Los Angeles CA
May 9-10	Mayhem in May, Shreveport, LA
May 9-11	Rubber Retreat, CORE, Rainbow Mountain, Poconos, PA
May 9-11	Berlin Fetish Ball Weekend
May 16-18	Mayfit, Pawhuska, OK

May 16-18 Beat Me in St. Louis
May 16-18 Southern Cross: Vegas Takeover
May 22-26 International Mr. Leather XXX, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago IL
May 23-25 Fetish Factory Weekend, Fort Lauderdale, FL
May 23-26 Burning Flipside, Austin
May 23-26 Shibaricon, Chicago, IL
May30-June1 A-Kon, Dallas

May 30-June 1 Tournament XXX, Knights of Leather, Minneapolis, MN
May 30-June 1 BoundCon V, Munich, Germany

Mistress Morê's Scene News Report

Julie Simone Releases 5-Disc Bondage Box

"Director/dominatrix packages her greatest hits for fans"

Julie Simone Productions has released "The Julie Simone Bondage Collection," a 5-disc DVD box set featuring some of the performer/director's best work from 2000-2007.

"I wanted to do something special for my fans and a collector's edition box set seemed like just the trick," said the gorgeous dominatrix. "The problem with most box sets is they take up so much room on shelves. I asked my fans via my Live Journal and Myspace to see what kind of packaging they preferred."

The result is an eco-friendly package that holds all five DVDs in a single-disc case. The box includes a brochure with cover art and liner notes for each title.

The box set contains *The Jagger* (with Julie in a rare submissive role), *Babes in Bondage*, *Diary of a Submissive*, *Sex Addicts*, and *Bondage Lovers*.

"The set gives a wide range," said Simone. "Solo struggling, male dom, female domme, a twisted love story, an psychological journey into submission, and fun comedy."

The Julie Simone Bondage Collection retails for \$49. To order, contact Sherri@getgf.com or call (818) 676-0007. The set is also available directly from Simone at Miss@JulieSimone.com or (323) 924-5503.

ShibariCon V

May 23 - 26, 2008

<http://www.shibaricon.com>

The 5th Annual ShibariCon is being held in Chicago, IL over Memorial Day weekend (May 23rd - 26th) and draws an international crowd. ShibariCon is the world's premier annual exhibition and conference that focuses on education and information exchange among lovers of Japanese rope bondage. Many of the world's well-known rope riggers, teachers, authors, models and web site hosts are there. I would highly encourage everyone to head over to the ShibariCon site, (<http://www.shibaricon.com>), as the discounted registration for ShibariCon ends on Friday April 25th, 2008.

We have some amazing presenters this year, including old favorites like Mark Yu, Tatu, Jim Duvall, Lochai, SxySadist, and Mark of DV8 House. We are also excited to welcome Lee Harrington, Jay Wiseman, Mick & Dee Luvbight, Scott Smith and Max of bondagelessons.com, who were not on the teaching roster last year. These presenters are a small sample of the over 40 presenters that will be teaching a myriad of classes for everyone from the greenest beginner to the seasoned bondage rigger. One of ShibariCon's hallmark is its cooperative nature. It's chock-full of good workshops on multiple tracks, and all those presenters go out of their way to be accessible during the breaks and in the dungeon for questions and consultations.

In addition to learning opportunities, there will be special events hosted by Graydancer, 3 magnificent nights of play, a fabulous pre-con trip on Thursday, May 22nd to the Anderson Japanese Gardens hosted by Shevah & Tatu, a traditional tea hosted by Tatu, and lots of fabulous vendors selling everything from rope & toys to corsets & shoes. We even have a Japanese wedding taking place at the event this year. 2008 will be a very special year for ShibariCon 5.

This is definitely going to be an amazing year that you do not want to miss. Until April 25, Registration is only \$185 for 4 days of fun, learning and, of course, plenty of rope. Day Passes are available for Friday 5/23, Saturday 5/24, and Sunday 5/25. **REGISTRATIONS WILL CLOSE AFTER 5/18/08, So don't delay!**

ShibariCon 5 is being held at the beautiful Hyatt Regency O'Hare, which is easily accessible by both public transportation and car, along with a free shuttle running from O'Hare International Airport right to their front door. They have also graciously offered ShibariCon attendees a discounted room rate, so get yours before they are gone!

As a side note - IML (International Mr. Leather) is held a few miles away on the same weekend. IML is probably the largest BDSM "Title" event in the country, drawing thousands of contestants and attendees each year, and this is IML's 30th anniversary. It's another great reason to go to Chicago - the IML vendor fair is an easy train ride away. <http://www.imrl.com/>

Over 90 Great Classes, 2 great events in one city, great hotel, 3 nights of great dungeon play, great people - What more could you want out of a great weekend of great kink?

I hope to see you in Chicago!
<http://www.shibaricon.com/>

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

Sinfest is in Houston the third weekend in July at the Meridian. The venue is big enough to host 1000 people and last year we had about 600..we hope to pack it this year...

We are more than your normal fetish/kink event: We have 25 vendors this year - toys, clothing, voodoo dolls, books, art, photography and more

We have a three act play with performers from The Serpentarium [you may have seen us at Beyond Vanilla last year], Temple of Flesh [from San Antonio] and Cadaver Cabaret [DFW] CC will have special performances aside from the play Jennifer Long "Fetish Drag Diva" will perform as well during VIP This year Houston's hottest Rock-a-billy band, The Dollyrockers, will play the last hour of the event.

We have a huge dungeon w/ equipment on loan from JAS the Mad Welder and Gary of the Houston Bondage SIG. We have strong community support from groups all around Houston and the state, including hosting the Saturday afternoon meeting of EROS. Our staff is completely made up of community players and the event has a designated "community lounge" to help draw attendees into our world. [There is NO photography in the dungeon]

We do two big raffles with the prize package built from donations given by our vendors with ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE MONEY RAISED going to Legacy Community Health Services. So far we have

raised over a thousand dollars for this cost aware safer sex educational, treatment and testing facility.

For the first time ever we are going to have a complete art gallery featuring the works of folks from within and without the community -- including Grammy winner Bill Narum. Focusing on more than traditional two dimensional art, this is going to be a chance to pick up art for your home that reflects the person you are! There will be photography, fine paintings, sculpture and more to entice and delight you!!

That should pretty much cover it for now....the website is under construction as we speak, but will have ALLLLLLL kinds of details soon -- www.summersinfest.com ...You may also find out about it on myspace -- www.myspace.com/summersinfest

The tickets are extremely affordable because we are community too! Don't be fooled by other fetish events in town - this is THE Houston event to attend in JULY.

This is an event for those of you who appreciate the art the rest of the world knows as BDSM...Lv M

Here's the deal-i-o:

I am selling tickets advanced through paypal. com

To purchase a ticket you need to go to paypal and remit payment to narum4m@hotmail.com

When the transaction is complete - PRINT IT AND BRING IT TO THE FRONT DOOR as your ticket

GENERAL ADMISSION IS:
Ten dollars before JUNE 1ST

VIP IS:
Fifteen dollars before JUNE 1ST

All pre-sale prices will go up five dollars on JUNE 1ST and will remain that price until JULY 18TH

AT THE DOOR THE PRICES WILL BE
GENERAL ADMISSION \$20
VIP\$25

This event is 18+

You will also be able to purchase tickets through TICKETMASTER or AT THE MERIDIAN BOX OFFICE.

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)

pleased_2b_me@yahoo.com

SIG NEWS

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:

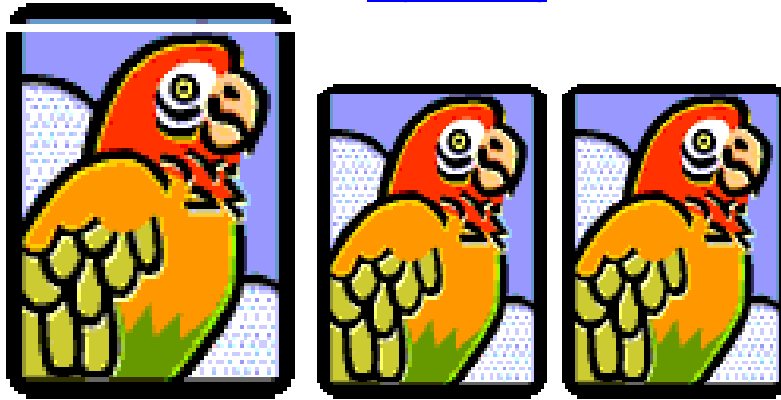
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HPEP_PolySIG

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 Dommies 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

Friday March 7th 2008

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 Topy 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_iversity

.HPEP H.E.L.L.

(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 May 9th: "The Fashionistas"

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.

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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.

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, April 13, 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 egroup (<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

Because of the conflict with Mother's day, we will not hold a meeting on our normal meeting date, May 11.

There has been no expression of interest for rescheduling our meeting to May 18.

So, I am canceling the Houston-BondageSIG meeting for May 2008.

Thanks,
Gary

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

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.



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@yahoogroups.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 lets 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

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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@yahoogroups.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@yahoogroups.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@yahoogroups.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@yahogroups.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.

Fetish/Swingers Club: Club Cave

Club Cave has RE-OPENED!!!!!!!. Please see the Website for more details, new location

And photos of the new club!!!! <http://www.ClubCave.com> To visit the group on the web, go to:

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

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Misc. Websites

www.castlerealm.com
<http://www.steel-door.com/Chamber.html>
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http://t_h_o_j.tripod.com/joshua/id18.html
<http://www.leathernroses.com/>
<http://www.wizdomme.com/>
<http://www.subnation.org/>

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 June 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, Master Ces 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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