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Letterfrom the Chair

Happy New Year!

Welcome everyone, to the New England Leather Alliance's 26th Fetish Fair Fleamarket TM. This is our first time in the lovely town of Mansfield, the setting very reminiscent of our days in Andover: Interestingly enough, we are not too far from the site of the now famous Paddleboro incident. Do y'all remember that? Almost five years ago an arrest for a consensual spanking with a wooden paddle!

This week, I had a wonderful conversation with a Mansfield Lieutenant about our event. He did not want there to be any trouble and his people will not look for any. Both hotel and law enforcement are happy to have us, assuming our attendees obey the law and enjoy themselves. "Oh, we will," I promised. If only it could be that easy...for every group, every time and everywhere.

So come in, be a part of the magic. Browse, shop, revel in the atmosphere, learn something new, see an old friend, relax and ENJOY!

The FFF would not happen without the incredible work and commitment of the NELA Board. All are outstanding individuals and NELA is lucky to have them (in no particular order): Cecilia Tan - FFF Director and Programming Director, Danny - Board Member at Large, Sabrina Santiago - Director of External Relations, Rae - Director of Community Relations, JB - Secretary and Nikita and Emily, our fabulous co-Production Directors. A special thanks to Tim S., who has agreed to handle our Associate-ships and be the Volunteer Coordinator for this event.

Bottom line though is that none of this would be possible without the letter V: Volunteers,Volunteers,Volunteers. If you see one around, in those nice orange vests, please give them a smile and a "thank you" for their donation of time, energy and good will.

When we are not busy running the Fetish Fair Fleamarket [™], NELA is hard at work on other projects and tasks:monthly programming supporting other leather groups, organizing discussion groups and giving presentations to other organizations on safe S/m sex. Check out <u>www.NELAonline.org</u>; we look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Cheers. 4

Vivienne Chair, NELA

PS. Please consider joining NELA, the bigger we are, the louder our collective voice becomes. Make a tax deductible donation. NELA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and does not keep "membership lists." All personal information is strictly confidential; it will not and cannot be revealed or shared with any other organization or agency.

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The New England Leather Alliance would like you to be aware of the following Rules of Conduct for this event.

1. No smoking inside. When smoking outside, please be courteous to others.

2. No nudity. It's against the law!

3. No photographic or recording devices of any kind. Film will be confiscated and you will be asked to leave. Authorized photographers will be displaying badges.

4. You may briefly try out paddles and floggers on yourself if you have permission from the vendor. There will be no engaging in public scenes or any sexual activity in public. Restrooms are considered public areas.

5. No food or drinks in vending areas.

Anyone breaking Massachusetts law or disrupting the event will be asked to leave the premises. Please observe these rules and have fun!

About photography at the Flea...

Please note that there will be authorized photographers present at this event. You should be aware of them if you do not want to appear in any picture. All authorized photographers will have a badge that they will display at all times. Please notify Flea personnel if you see any unauthorized people taking photographs. Camera phones and video phones are prohibted. Unauthorized people with photographic or recording devices of any kind will be asked to leave, and the devices will be confiscated. If an authorized photographer asks you to pose for a photo and you agree, be sure to sign a photo release form. NELA will try to prevent all unauthorized photography and recordings, but remember that you are at a public event and you are your own best protection. NELA will not be liable in the event that your picture is taken.

All hail the mighty volunteers...

The New England Leather Alliance would like to extend its most heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers. Without the hundreds (if not thousands) of dedicated hours, the Fetish Fair Fleamarket tm would not happen. Thank you!



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What is NELA?

The New England Leather Alliance, or NELA, is an organization dedicated to making a safe place in the world for all SM/leather/fetish people, through education, advocacy, and charitable giving.

We are a diverse, pansexual group of adults who share a common interest in leather, SM, or similar fetishes, and who want to be active in building our community. We are women, men, and transgendered folk; heterosexual, bisexual, homosexual and queer; married, single and poly; young, old and timeless. NELA is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax exempt under the appropriate rules and regulations of IRS code.

What is NLA: !?

NELA is a regional chapter of the overarching international association now known as the National Leather Association: International (NLA:1). The statement of purpose of NLA:1 is, in short, to support the leather community, provide education and public awareness, and fight for the rights of consenting adults to express their sexuality in safe, sane, and consensual manners.

Among other things, NLA: I provides resources to chapters like ours including educational videos, contact with national speakers, and networking opportunities with activists around the US and Canada.

Whendoes NELA meet?

We sponsor different events each month, sometimes a workshop or class, sometimes an outing or social event. We often bring guest speakers in from around the country; past meeting topics have included Japanese rope bondage, bullwhip use and making your own kinky toys. Our events are held in a number of locations in the Boston area, including the Boston Living Center. We strive for safe, community-inclusive venues. We try to be Taccessible and easy to get to by car, as well. The event calendar is published here in the Scarlet Leather, is available on our website (www.nelaonline.org) and can be checked at our hotline message number (617) 876-NELA (6352).

The NELA board of directors meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the greater Boston area. Every other board meeting is open to all NELA associates, for 2004, our open meetings will be held in January, March, May, July, September, & November. If you would like to attend a meeting, please email <u>board@nelaonline.org</u> to RSVP & to receive information on the meeting location and time.

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Frequently asked questions about the New England Leather Alliance

Whatdoes NELA do?

We produce the Fetish Fair FleamarketTM, the largest leather/fetish event in New England, which happens in December and August and brings together a hundred top vendors and craftspeople from our local area and around the country. Over the last decade, tens of thousands of people have attended the last FFFs to enjoy the unmatched opportunity to shop, attend workshops and meet people.

We sponsor and organize a Leather Contingent for Boston Pride, whereby we invite other groups of leather folk to march in the annual Pride parade in one loud section.

We host other events, including educational workshops, special parties, demo nights, discussion groups and more. We teach a presentation on the difference between SM and abuse to law enforcement, medical professionals and officers of the court.

NELA firmly believes in giving back to both its own community and to progressive allies. Our charitable fund supports the efforts of groups like the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom, GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates & Defenders), the Boston Living Center (a community center for people with HIV and AIDS). The Network/La Red, the ACLU, many local Leather-oriented groups as well as individuals in our community fighting for the legal right to express their sexuality. Over the past six years we have given over \$50,000 in charitable donations. We continue our efforts to educate the public and to fight for laws that protect our rights to love in the manner that we choose as consenting adults.

How do I contact NELA?

Send mail to: NELA PO Box 35728 Brighton, MA 021 35-0075 Call our hotline: 617-876-NELA (6352) Email us at: board@nelaonline.org Check our website: www.nelaonline.org

NELA Board of Directors

VIVIENNE KRAMER - CHAIR vivienne@NELAonline.org

Vivienne has been Chair of the New England Leather Alliance since 2001 and served as Treasurer from 1996 through 2003. She also holds the position of Chair of the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom and was one of the Co-Chairs of Leather Leadership Conference - Seven held in April 2003. In addition to her leather activism, she squeezes time out to be the Treasurer of the Greater Boston chapter of NOW - something she's enjoyed doing since 1989. Vivienne identifies as a bisexual Jewish feminist and would like to be mistaken for Cher. Barring that, she'll settle for being known as a dedicated sexual freedom activist.

DANNY - BOARD MEMBERAT LARGE danny@NELAonline.org

Danny joined the NELA board as vendor liaison back in 1999. In addition to continuing to act as vendor liaison for NELA's Fetish Fair Fleamarket[™], he is currently NELA's Board Member at Large and he remains a member of the PDL Steering Committee. Danny entered the public scene in 1989. His passion for bondage inspired him to make his own bondage equipment. It was the popularity of his unique Grip-cuff[™] design that inspired him to start his own business, Leather By Danny, which now carries a wide range of bondage equipment and can be found in shops around the country. Danny enjoys traveling around the country vending as well as teaching classes on bondage.

SABRINA SANTIAGO, MSW - DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS Sabrina Santiago@NELAonline.org

Sabrina Santiago, MSW, has been active in the BDSM community for over 5 years. She has been a NELA associate for over 3 years and is currently the Director of External Relations. She is also the office manager for *Leather By Danny*. Sabrina has recently completed her masters in social work with an emphasis on community organizing and program planning. Sabrina currently works at The Network/La Red, one of the few domestic violence programs in the COLBT, S/M, traditional, straight, monogamous, and polyamorous communities.

RAE - DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL RELATIONS rae@NELAonline.org

Rae began volunteering for NELA events after a few years away from the public scene as a way of reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones. As a way to get more involved with NELA in building a more inclusive BDSM community, helping start and continuing to co-host the <u>Kaleidoscope Munch</u> is an important milestone. She is committed to having Kaleidoscope become a successful munch/social outlet for leather People of Color in the New England area. She identifies as a multi-ethnic, bisexual, poly switch with an overwhelming addiction to books.

CECILIA TAN - DIR. OF PROGRAMMING ctan@NELAonline.org

Cecilia Tan has been a member of NELA since its earliest days as NLA:New England and has

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served on the board for over ten of those years. She is the recipient of the NLA's Woman of the Year Award (2001) and the NLA:I Lifetime Achievement Award. She is also an internationally recognized writer of erotica and SM fiction, as well as the founder and publisher of Circlet Press, an independent publisher of erotica. She is the creator and founder of the Fetish Fair Fleamarket™ and continues to serve as the event's director.

EMILY & NIKITA - PRODUCTION production@NELAonline.org

Nikita and Emily are the Wonder Twins of production for NELA (Nikita is the organized one, while Emily has the 'people skills'). Together, they're responsible for all of the printed material (newsletters, program books, safe-sex booklets, etc.) and the website (never fear! revamp coming soon!). Emily thought "fixing the website" would be a good way to give back to her fellow fetish folks (and she needed an excuse to learn PageMaker), and Nikita is still trying to figure out how her focus on service submission got extended to the BDSM community at large.

JB SEGAL - SECRETARY jb@NELAonline.org

JB has been involved in the leather community - at least on the fringes - for approximately 17 years. While very little of that involvement has been as anything other than a player and as a generally helpful person, he finally decided to put his time and energy where his flogger is and joined the board of NELA.

AnothermessagefromVivienne:

I would like to applaud each of you for coming this weekend. By taking this seemingly fun and simple step, attending the Fetish Fair Fleamarket, you make the choice to stand up and be counted in the fight towards sexual freedom.

"But I don't want to stand up and be counted. I am not an activist. I just want to learn and play."

I know.And I applaud you BECAUSE you want to learn and play. Unfortunately, in this climate, just coming here is considered an act of radical politics. In the minds of the extremists who oppose our right to act as consensual adults, we are ALL perverts who do not deserve the right to assemble freely, without risk of persecution and shame.

Regardless of your personal beliefs, interests and energies, be they playing in private, forming a political action committee or educating law enforcement officers on the difference between SM and abuse, we must all be willing to support each other in our efforts, be them political or personal.

No matter what role you "play" (literally or figuratively), **you** need to control your own sexual freedom. Otherwise, make no mistake; others will control it for you.

Vivienne Kramer Chair, Nat'l Coalition for Sexual Freedom www.ncsfreedom.org

TransgenderEtiquette*

There are many Transgender people (Transgender, Transexual, Gender Queer, Cross dresser, Gender Variant and more) that attend the Fetish Fair Fleamarket and/or Masquerade Ball.

People who are transgender and/or whose gender identity or expression does not conform to stereotypes of male or female often face discrimination and harassment, particularly when accessing public spaces, events, and restrooms. To be inclusive and improve the quality of life for Transgender people here, please read and act upon the following:

Restrooms

One way of acknowledging Transgender people's needs is to both designate restrooms that are gender-neutral and also to allow people to use the genderdesignated restroom that they identify with. In public restrooms, many Transgender people face harassment that can lead to anything from deep discomfort to arrest or murder. Regardless of what restroom you are in, please let everyone use the restroom in peace. Each of us can decide for ourselves in which restroom we belong.

Pronouns

A person's external appearance may not match their internal gender identity. You cannot always know the gender or sex of someone by their physical body, voice, appearance or mannerisms. It is best to ask, "What pronoun do you prefer?" or "How do you identify?" before using pronouns or gendered words. In group situations where you don't have an opportunity to ask someone what words they prefer, try using gender-neutral phrases like "the person in the red shirt," instead of "that woman or man."

Privacy and respect for all participants

Please respect transgender people's privacy and boundaries and do not ask unnecessary questions. If someone discloses they are transgender please do not "out" that person to other people. The transgender person may feel comfortable coming out to you, but may not wish to be out to other people.

Not all who attend the Fetish Fair Fleamarket[™] are out about their interest in SM. Please respect people's privacy and do not out people you may meet or see here at the Fetish Fair Fleamarket and/or Masquerade Ball.

*Adapted from The Taskforce - 2002 Portland Creating Change TM Host Committee Guidelines

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The Network/La Red and NELA present **Fetish Masquerade:** Creatures of the Night

Featuring performances by Bridgett Harrington, Big Moves' very own Phat Fly Girls, Empress Corvette, and many more!

> Saturday 9pm - 1am

\$25 at the door Cash bar/light refreshments Creative fetish attire encouraged

We would like to thank our sponsors: Mr. Boston Leather 2006 aka Thomas "Keckler" Lewis, Leather By Danny, Big Moves, NELA

This event is part of NELA's 26th Fetish Fair Fleamarket

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Weekend Class Schedule

Saturday, 12 noon - 1pm

Whips 101, presented by Sebastian (Amphitheater)

A comprehensive discussion of the three major classes of single tail whips including whip construction, materials and terminology with an overview of whip makers and on-line resources. Everything you didn't know you needed to know about whips. (printed material provided) Few implements capture the essence of BDSM as well as the bullwhip. The attention-grabbing power of the crack and the sinuous curves snaking out to inflict pain at a distance speaks to our inner fantasies like nothing else. From a light caress to a cut, the whip can offer a wide range of applications in a skilled hand. So too does an implement of this power deserve respect for the skills that wield it and the heavy responsibility it bears. Few other tools have a higher propensity for unintentional damage, or move at super-sonic speeds.

Bootblacking: You Gotta Have Sole, presented by Alex Bettencourt (Wedgewood)

To some of us, boots are the personification of things we desire-sex, power, masculinity and/or femininity-and we like them to look hot. To others, boots are practical pieces that help us through our day and we need them to last us as long as possible. We'll talk about how to practically care for boots and leather and how we can make them look how we like to see $them. We {\it `II } cover \ basic \ bootblacking \ history, basic \ cleaning, polishing \ and/or \ greasing, maintaining$ the shine/finish, basic repair and non-boot leathercare, and the basics of boot scenes and boot worship. Audience participation is encouraged, handouts will be provided, and attendees are encouraged to bring boots and shine kits of their own.

Saturday, 1:15 - 2:45pm

Military Interrogation Scenes, presented by Midori (Ampitheater)

Crisp uniforms. Commanding women and dashing men. Relentless discipline. Cruel interrogators. Physically demanding training. If these images make your heart beat faster, then march-don't walk-to this class! Your military play might involve only two people or a large cast with complicated coordination. Midori will discuss the different types of scenes, how to prepare for them, how to maintain your roles, and how to do it all safely. Expect intense scenes demonstrated right before your eyes.

Outing & Privacy, presented by Gina Whittington (Wedgewood Room)

Let's face it. Not everyone thinks leather/BDSM are okay. Your sex life is your private business and you want to keep it that way. But what happens when someone finds out about your "lifestyle?"What steps can you/should you take to protect yourself or prepare yourself for the inevitable? Did you run into a co-worker or neighbor here at the FFF? At an event like this one which draws thousands of people from the Boston area, someone who knows you might recognize you without you even realizing it.Whether the repercussions are small (ruffled 12

feathers) or large (threats to job security, child custody, etc.) what should you know, and what are the steps you should take to help protect the privacy of others?

Saturday 3:15 - 4:45 pm

The Simplest Toybag: Creative Uses for Rope, presented by Bridgett Harrington (Ampitheater) Ever tire of hauling around tons of toys? Why not just grab 2 pieces of rope (and maybe a scarf?) and call that your toybag? Now you can. From leashes to improvised whips, nooses and garrotes to gags to blindfolds, instant vibrator to genital torture device, speed bondage tool and fashion item, rope has so many possibilities to be used in a scene. Learn some new tricks for an old friend, your favorite piece of rope.

Hitting the Spot: Female Ejaculation and G-spot Play, presented by Andrea Furness (Wedgewood Room)

Are you a woman looking to understand how to use your G-spot to better advantage? Maybe you'd like to learn about your partner's body, and how to make her writhe in new ways? Perhaps you just want to learn more about the subject in general - whatever your orientation or motivation, we'd love to have you! In this class we will focus on: basic female anatomy, different aspects of female ejaculation (technique, physiological and



Mob New England is a social group for women who play with other women within BDSM and/or kink sexuality. We welcome all women, including transsexual/transgender/ intersex women who live their daily lives as women, and all female-born transaender/aenderaueer persons who choose to participate as members of a women's community, aged 21 and over. We sponsor events and educational demonstrations, and otherwise socialize and seek to build a sense of community.

web: www.mobnewengland.org email: info@mobnewengland.org phone: 800 699 2466 ext. 5088562047

> Tag Sale * Get Wet Kits * Hanky Pins Meet and Greet * Birds of a Feather Session

psychological response), along with personal stories and suggestions for safe G-spot play. Not only will we excite your inner sex-geek with the medical facts and shared experiences, but we'll give you all the information you will need to walk away and make that G-spot work wonders! Come let your creative juices flow.

Saturday 5pm - 6pm

Feminism & BDSM Panel, Allen, Benjamin (moderator), Julia, Vivienne Kramer, additional panelists to be announced(Ampitheater.)

Is feminism compatible with BDSM? Can a woman be empowered as well as submissive? Female dominance appears to place women in a position of power, but is really just forcing them into yet another stereotyped role? Come to the Feminism & BDSM panel to hear our panelists discuss these another issues.

The Scandalous Switch, presented by Blackkat (Wedgewood Room)

People normally refer to roles in the leather/BDSM/fetish world as Dom/sub, Master/slave, or other terminology that implies a hierarchal relationship between two individuals. While in any given scene this may be appropriate, many people are also only given a lens that expresses you must exist in the same role all the time. Unfortunately, a lot of players are not allowed the opportunity to experience the pleasure of life from both the Dom and sub perspectives, and many who do appreciate both worlds are not given the space to own (and live) their dualities. And when people transition from sub to Dom (or vice versa) they often feel like they have to make a decision to be either/or, as opposed to enjoying a life that includes both in harmony. "The Scandalous Switch" is an opportunity for versatile players to come together to discuss the balancing your versatility in the leather/BDSM/fetish community.We will discuss the needs, pleasures, and challenges of versatility on the scene, as well as share our histories and what we think makes our experiences unique. This class is specifically for people who are versatile (or interested), in order to provide a supportive and nurturing space.

Sunday 12 noon - Ipm

Scene Etiquette Panel, Benjamin (moderator), laurel, Mistress Sly, additional panelists to be announced. . (Ampitheater.)

This panel will examine BDSM etiquette from both a historical and practical perspective. Following a look at the "Old guard" leather culture and its influence on modern scene etiquette the discussion will look at what behavior is expected and appropriate when attending an events or gathering. Time has been allocated for audience questions during the second half of the panel.

Caning 101, presented by Gina Whittington (Wedgewood)

This class is designed to teach you all you might want to know about caning, from basic technique to different styles of canes themselves.We'll talk about where and how to strike,



and we'll demonstrate on a few bottoms with varying degrees of experience. Caning can be a scary activity for many people - come find out what its all about.

Sunday 1:15 - 2:45pm

Beyond Twisted: When You Don't Fit the Standard Kink Roles, presented by Midori (Ampitheater)

Ever feel like you don't quite fit the roles and terms commonly used in SM? When are you a "real" top or bottom? Have you had scenes that leave you vaguely unfulfilled? Do you question how your desires fit your partners? How do you make a scene work when your desires don't seem totally compatible? In this unique class, Midori will show you a new way to look at your desires and to question leather conservatism. She will help you to investigate how to meet your and your partner's needs and to find new ways to reach a satisfying scene.

Who Needs a Top? Self-Bondage and Auto-Erotic Play, presented by Bridgett Harrington (Wedgewood)

Some of us don't have partners. Some of us are in relationships with folks who can't tie their shoes, or are bottoms themselves. Some of us just like tying ourselves up. Some of us like to masturbate bound. Whatever your reason, you are NOT alone. Let's explore our desires, safety techniques for self-bondage, discuss tools of the trade, tricks for self-bondage with rope, chain, pantyhose, obi, latex, and so much more... plus touch on other forms of auto-erotic play. Please bring some of your favorite equipment for self-bondage.

Sunday 3pm - 4pm

Getting Active, presented by Blackkat and Vivienne Kramer (Ampitheater)

Do you consider yourself part of the "leather community?" Do you want to do more? Do you want to "get involved" or want to know why you should? Let's untangle the mystery of how you can help make things more inclusive and responsive to your needs. Let's discuss the very real threats to our lifestyle and how you can help not only participate but actually build the community you are a part of. There are truly lots of ways to help and we'll show you how!

Whip Cracking 101, presented by Sebastian (Wedgewood)

A hands-on seminar stressing safety and responsibility, demonstrating the fundamental techniques used in whip cracking and an exploration of whip styles commonly used in lifestyle scenes. Personal whips are recommended but space constraints may impose some limitations.

Throughout the weekend ...

The Bondage Lounge, hosted by Thomas Keckler and Q. (Boxwood Room, Saturday only.)

Bullwhip University, hosted by Domino and the "BU Faculty" Greenwood Room, Saturday and Sunday, hours TBA.

Last year's Whip Lounge was such a success that we are kicking it up a notch with a full Bullwhip course load at Bullwhip University. NELA is bringing in one of the best whip crackers in the country, Sebastian, to teach his Whips 101 course and with a bit of arm twisting 1 am sure we'll be able to get him to spend some time at Bullwhip U.At Bullwhip U there will be plenty of space to crack short whips (5 feet or less), an area for socializing and comparing notes with other whip lovers, and the opportunity to test your whip handling skills against some of the best New England has to offer. The target stands will be back and you can see how much you've improved in the past year. We will hold some demos and do some hands on activities that will teach you how to care for your whip, tie on a new popper and replace a fall. If you have never thrown a whip but have always wanted to learn we offer our "Guaranteed Crack" program, where we'll show you the basics and have you cracking a 4 or 5 foot whip.It'll take a lifetime to master the skill but only a few minutes to get the basics so be sure to stop by. Your support of the Bullwhip Lounge last year was phenomenal.With your participation this year will be even better. See you at Bullwhip U!

BirdsofaFeatherGroups

BIRDS OF A FEATHER SESSIONS: Saturday 6pm -7pm, with limited slots at other times as well - please check signage or ask a volunteer for more info. Among the BOFs that have met in past years: gay men, kinky jews, disabled people in the scene, ravishment, "married with children," spirituality, polyamorous and into BDSM, erotica writers, bloggers, trans, age play, and others.



Presenters'Bios

Alex Bettencourt's journey into bootblacking began in December 2004 when she walked into the Ramrod in Boston and asked if she could work. Since then, Alex has risen to become the Ramrod's regular bootblack and, in August 2005, earned the title of Great Lakes Bootblack at Great Lakes Leather Alliance Weekend in Indianapolis. She has been privileged to ply her craft at local and national events such as American Brotherhood Weekend, Leather Pride Night, Folsom Street Fair East, and the Fetish Fair Fleamarket. In addition to being a bootblack, Alex is a queer switch who has been out and active in the leather community for six years. She is a member of Fits Like A Glove and MOB New England for whom she has past served as committee member and educational program director; and is an associate of the New England Leather Alliance.

Blackkat first became involved in the Leather lifestyle in 1989, but made history in April 2005 made history by winning the title American Leatherman 2005, the first Black man to receive that honor in the contest's sixteen year history. His work in the leather community includes being one of the Co-chairs for Leather Leadership Conference X; founder of SAFER + SANER, a safer sex outreach project (which he independentlyfunds) targeting the leather community; host of Safer Saner Sundays, a monthly outreach party at the Eagle NYC; an invited guest presenter and speaker at national and international leather events (including this LLC;BlackBEAT (the first keynote speaker for this event); Mr. Leatherman Toronto; and Southwest Leather Conference). Blackkat has been featured in several publications including the NewYork Times and PULSE, as well as being the cover profile for this August's POZ. In addition to managing his own e-zine, Blackkat's Alley, he has recently become a contributing writer for the Leatherpage. When Blackkat is not busy prowling the Leatherworld, he spends his time with his Leather family which includes his Daddy; three sons; "Shawy"; and his boi and life partner; the pitbull

Domino: From tying up his high school cheerleader girlfriend, to having his Dominant spirit awakened by a spankophile in the early 90's, Domino has pursed his interests in the BDSM lifestyle for almost 30 years. After attending a class, taught by Robert Dante, Dominos interest in the single tail was heightened with a particular interest in longer whips for both scene and more particle.

sport cracking. Currently his whip bag holds 20 odd examples of whip craftsmanship from all over the world and he enjoys cracking them on a regular basis in the backyard or at a local dungeon. He is a true "crack addict." Domino is a member of ALUR events team and is actively



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involved in the planning and marketing of ALUR's Erotic Haven and Wicked Weekend events. He is also a member of NELA, NCSF, BFP and CUFS Maine.

Andrea Furness is a femme-fabulous, queer leather girl currently residing in Southern New Hampshire. A service submissive with a five year history in the BDSM/leather community, she can be found bopping around at a host of Boston-local events and groups. She is an active participant of MOB New England and NELA, often raising her hand to volunteer her time and energy to support the community she has grown to love. With a passion for knowledge and a love of people, she can often be found taking the time to learn more about the world around her; and the people she comes across. Through demos and mentoring, she has shared her knowledge on a wide range of topics, including Polyamory, Kitty Play,Little Play,Boot Blacking/BootWorship.and Female Ejaculation. Andrea's enthusiasm towards G-spot play,and sexual education in general, have led her to counsel and educate women from all walks of life on the beauties of their bodies and how they work. It is an honored privilege to aid in the self-discovery process, and she is proud to make a difference in what little way she can.

Bridgett Harrington is a fetishist, erotic educator, Dominatrix, bondage model and artist, and tech geek, and in general is far too busy for her own good. Her two websites, RopeLover.com and BlackBookArt.com, are her most active projects, and being a pervert who has been part of the SM community for 10 years everywhere from Seattle to London, England, keeps her hands full as well. Founder of BodyBound in Portland, Oregon, Bridgett is dedicated to helping bondage people find one another and the resources they need to be their kinky best. She has had the opportunity to work as a bondage rigger and model for a wide variety of artists, websites, and videos, and in doing so has met more people than she can count who love bondage- and wouldn't have it any other way. She has taught at many events, including Leather Retreat, Shibaricon, the Austin Ropecraft Symposium, and others.

Vivienne Kramer's activism has been brought to you by the letter N: NOW (the National Organization for Women), NCSF (the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom) and NELA, the New England Leather Alliance. Her cumulative time on the Boards of these organizations has officially surpassed more than a quarter of a century. She's been treasurer and chair and any number of combinations and is a little tired. Thankfully she has a cool bitch wife wielding a hot whip to keep her spirits energized. To Vivienne, a day without activism is like a day without sunshine. And since she can't be Cher, being a dedicated, sexual freedom fighter is good enough.

Midori is an educator and writer on SM, fetish and human sexuality. She has traveled the world presenting to universities, the SM community, media, and the greater society. Born in Japan and raised in a feminist intellectual Tokyo household, she enlisted and was subsequently commissioned as a USArmy Reserves Intelligence officer while earning her psychology degree from University of California, Berkeley. She is the author of The SensualArt of Japanese Bondage, The Toybag Guide to Foot and Shoe Worship, and Wild Side Sex: The Book of Kink.



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