



NewsLeather

Leather: It's who you are, not what you wear

NLA-Dallas is about Education * Activism * Community

LEATHER EDUCATION: Leather and Cigars

Cigar lounges the world over are filled with people of disparate backgrounds and opinions, but their passion for cigars transcends politics and other barriers that would otherwise separate them. Among these enthusiasts are a significant number of Leatherfolx who continue to add to the long history of cigar smoking within the Leather community. As an activity that simultaneously celebrates the individual and creates a kinship centered on this passion, cigars serve several functions for us. They are a hobby, a fetish, a tool for play, and confer status upon those who are knowledgeable about them and skilled in their uses. In this video which showcased at BV Online 2020, Fred gives us an introduction to the world of cigars; and Sir Badge, Alice, and Rebel show us some of the fun to be had with cigar service. Enjoy!



[Click here to watch the video](#)

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Order Pornaments Now for 2021

We can't stop laughing about these "Pornaments" offered by [DirtyOldSanta](#) on Etsy. Based out of Athens, Greece, these hand-drawn items require that you order no later than early November to be here in time for Christmas so order now for next year!



See what else is on our Holiday Shopping List on Page 2

NLA-Dallas helps #ProjectArchangel & Sunday Sandwich Services



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"We were blessed to be able to provide some support for our unhoused/displaced peers. As an ongoing weekly service, more volunteers are always welcome and needed. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the organizers who saw a need and have found a way to make a difference." - Sir TenderMistress

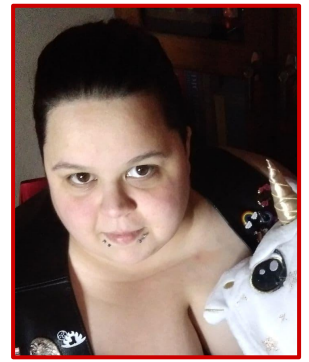


Mark Your Calendar

We are excited to announce that European Bootblack 2020 Alistair LeatherHiraeth will be teaching at our January General Meeting (1/4/21). He will be joining us live from the UK via Zoom!

NLA-DALLAS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: **Trix Wolf**

Trix Wolf is a QUEER! Leather artist, musician, sadomasochist, and sarcastic asshole. Even a hopeless romantic. When you meet them, you will find a person with a quiet intensity and strong vision. For Trix, Leather is acceptance, learning to accept yourself and others, and in Leather, they have found an opportunity to grow their chosen family. They see the beauty in such an opportunity, particularly for those whose bio-families turn them away. In NLA-Dallas, they have expanded that circle; following the lead of their Mentor and some friends, Trix joined the group and has come to embrace the fact that they always have family here in Dallas who welcome them with open arms, no matter what they are doing or when they need it.



Trix Wolf (they/them)

Trix's journey to the world of Leather and kink began with a boot on their face. At a young age, far too young to be on their own, Trix found themselves homeless, during which time they met their Master. He took them in as a house slave, prohibiting them to play or have sex until their birthday. When the day arrived, Master chained them to his floor and took his time working them over with floggers and canes until they were weeping uncontrollably. With a boot on their cheek, Master told them they would always be cared for in his home. The scent of that boot still lingers in Trix's memory, a reminder of the moment they knew this was the life for them.

Art inspires Trix Wolf, and it winds through many of their passions, both kink and vanilla. Seeing their art walking around on others after a sadistically satisfying cell popping session inspires a sense of pride; they hone their artistic skills with painting and photography. "I love making anything beautiful," they say when speaking of their photography. Other passions include gaming ("you can always use a break for your mind") and energy work ("it's an opportunity to truly take part in someone's soul"). Harkening back to their first Leather experience, bootblacking has become a passion that quiets their mind and offers the opportunity to become friend and confidante.

Last January, Trix organized a new Leather intensive called Vision, designed to bring all sorts of Leatherfolx together to learn from each other. Envisioned as an egalitarian learning space, Trix was pleased to see both better and less well-known community members rubbing elbows and learning in unison. This excitement of educating and holding space for all community members is reflected in their wishes for NLA-Dallas. They would like to see the group provide the membership with uncommon educational opportunities, as well as more involvement from young people.

Say hello to Trix next time you see them!

What Do YOU Recommend Santa To Bring?



[Carbon Fiber Rod for Misery Sticks](#) - Absolem

[Don't Torture Yourself - That's My Job tshirt](#) - Todd



[Portable Toolbox for Bootblack Kit](#) - KinkyIrishCowboy



[Steampunk Triskele Leather Bracelet](#) - patience



[Sexy S'mores Romper for holiday spankings!](#) - Rebel



[Tentacle dildo from Bad Dragon](#) - Thumper

[Straight Razor Set](#) - Miss Velvet Steele



[Liberator sheets](#) - Alice



[Wruff Stuff Pup Hood](#) - Sox



[Black Leather Buckle Halter Corset](#) - Sir_Tender



[Sharp's Container With Always-Open Lid](#) - Trix Wolf



CLUBS/CHARITIES: L.O.T.U.S. and Vision

In a small corner in Louisiana, in the 3rd largest city in the state, you can find the group called L.O.T.U.S., a group that builds its agenda on education. In fact, L.O.T.U.S. is an acronym for Lagniappe (a french creole term for a little something extra) Of Teaching and Understanding Sadomasochism/S&M. They often bring in local teachers not only for an opportunity to expose new teachers to the group but also in hopes that group members will step forward and share their own skills. They accept everyone from the new tots with their shiny new look to grizzled old Leathernan with as many patches on their vest as greys in their head. The group has dedicated time to volunteering in the community with the "Pride in the Park" Trans Awareness team and put some of the money they raise in fundraisers towards "Blessing Bags" of essentials and food for the homeless. Additionally, they have involved themselves with the Advocacy program in Shreveport to help battered and abused people and are working around the clock on other ways to grow and improve the group and positively impact the community.



Family run since its inception, the group was founded just under 10 years ago in memory of their dear lost LunaEsclava. Current leaders include founding member Sir_K-Wolf, mate Trix Wolf, and long time member BuniDoom. Each being a key part of the group's development, they have bonded together to try and create something unique for the area.

Vision, a one day intensive, is the most recent education initiative taken on by L.O.T.U.S. Vision was born out of a need for Leather and community in the Northwestern corner of Louisiana. It was planned so that it would give the team an opportunity to both recharge the area and focus on acceptance among all people. In its first year, the Vision intensive brought out 60 people to attend. Though this would be a modest number in more populated areas, it represents a tremendous reception in its area, particularly in its inaugural year. The presenters said things such as, "They treat us like family," and, "This has been one of the better events I've taught at because I could tell that the people in this group were hungry for it." The event was the start of a fire among the people in the area and they are ecstatic for Vision 2021: A Second Look at Leather! You can find out more information and how to be a part of this event on their website: <https://visionlotus.org/>

This hasn't been a great year for fundraising at NLA-Dallas, so this season, please consider donating your time or money to any of the organizations listed in this issue



Toy & Food Drive - December 4th

DFW Dungeon is holding a Toy drive for the local DFW Toys for Tots (new, unwrapped toys can be dropped off anytime they are open) and a food drive for the North Texas Food Pantry (food items can be any unopened (and not expired) canned or packaged shelf-stable food) also can be dropped off anytime they are open. Each \$5+ toy will earn 10 tickets & every food item is good for 1 ticket (10 food items = 15 tickets) towards entries in a raffle for prizes from DFW merchandise up to a membership. For every toy you bring \$5+ get 10 raffle tickets. 1 can/non-perishable = 1 ticket; 10 can/non perishable = 15 tickets. **You can drop off food/toys anytime up until the Dec 4th charity event. You do not have to be present to win! We will do curbside pickup for your convenience. Let's do some good together.**

Link to RSVP for the play party: <https://fetlife.com/events/939917>

FemDom Mixer/Deck the balls - December 11th 8-9pm

(Female Dominants/male submissives ONLY) Free pay at 9 to stay!

Come join us for a FemDom Mixer at Infliction Hall to start the holiday season off. We will also be doing a Deck the Balls event. Please consider bringing a SMALL stuffed animal (new) to be donated to 1st responders who keep them on hand for children. If you've never heard of this Police, Fire and EMT responders carry a few with them when they've been called to a serious event involving children. This helps give that child something comfortable to hold on to, sometimes even calming them down. Let's pull together and help out someone this holiday season.

RSVP link: <https://fetlife.com/events/953763>



Miss Velvet Steele
(she/her)

“Discipline begins with oneself. Self-discipline is the key to being who you want to see in the mirror. If you want to be a Master, master yourself first.”

-- Miss Velvet Steele

Dear Miss Velvet

NLA-Dallas NewsLeather’s advice maven, Miss Velvet (she/her/Ma’am), is a cis-het woman who puts the agony in “agony aunt.” She has gathered a lifetime of experiences and insights she will gladly share with all and sundry. Miss Velvet is always gracious and welcomes your questions and concerns. When she dispenses advice, she promises to be gentle, but not *too* gentle, and offers a firm touch when it is needed. Whatever advice you are seeking, she will make sure that you love it even when you don’t like it.

On New Year’s Resolutions:

When the clock chimes midnight on January 1, a new year will be born, offering hope for new beginnings and the impetus to make changes. So often our New Year’s resolutions center around our perceived shortcomings - losing weight, quitting smoking, etc. - that we begin the year already unhappy with where we are. What if instead we looked to our passions to bring more soul food into our lives? Let’s resolve to celebrate where we are and dive deeper into what we love.

Those of us who are Leather and those of us who embrace BDSM and kink are fortunate. These passions offer a smorgasbord of choices and a lifetime of learning. Whether one is looking inward to strengthen one’s self-mastery or outward to expand one’s library of skills, there is always something more to reach for and explore.

Keep these things in mind when making resolutions:

- **Specific:** Vague resolutions are vaguely met or easily forgotten; be specific in what you want to achieve. Example: “I want to learn 5 new ways to suspend my girl by June.”
- **Measurable:** Find a way to measure your progress and be aware that you have met it. Example: The resolution “I want to learn to set a table for a luncheon, a tea, and a formal dinner before the end of the year” could be measured with a research/feedback journal, photos of each attempt, and butler book notes.
- **Achievable:** Unrealistic goals quickly become frustrating and self-defeating.
- **Relevant:** Make sure your resolutions reflect your own passions rather than those of partners, the community, fads, or society at large.
- **Time-bound:** Open-ended goals are rarely effective. Set a realistic timeline as well as intermediate goals along the way. Example: “I want to have my first cutting scene in 6 months. Each month prior, I will do one of the following: find an experienced top to guide me, read a book, take a class, order my supplies, and practice on myself.”

Miss Velvet encourages you to reflect on your journey thus far and consider what further explorations might enhance it as we step into a new year of possibilities.

If you have a question or would like to share your resolution, please contact Miss Velvet at DearMissVelvet@gmail.com.

Congratulations to those voted into the NLA-Dallas Executive Committee at our last General Membership Meeting!

Membership Chair - [Charles](#)
Communications Chair - [Absolem](#)
Secretary - [Samantha](#)



Please take a moment and send them a note of welcome!

BOOTBLACK STAND: Zahir

When did you realize you were a Bootblack?

Zahir I worked the stands side by side with Brooklyn on the first day of SPLF, before the arrival of the other Bootblacks. We worked together for about 8 hours that day, and I got to put my hands on my first pair of Chippewa boots.

What does being a Bootblack mean to you?

Zahir For me, bootblacking has always been about community; service; and above all else, love. Not just the love of working on leather, but also of our community, and our leather families. Also, I can honestly say it is one of the first ways that I ever found that someone can actually scene themselves. I have never stepped away from a stand without being highly aroused and feeling as though I just finished a rough body scene.

Please tell us about your title.

Zahir I am the current Route 66 Bootblack. Being a titleholder has been wonderful, and in some ways intimidating. The amount of talent and strength of character shown by previous titleholders - not only at the national level but also at the international and regional levels - is a lot to live up to. All the titleholders share the feeling of a supportive family, and I have learned a mindblowing amount about myself.

Please tell us about your Bootblack journey.

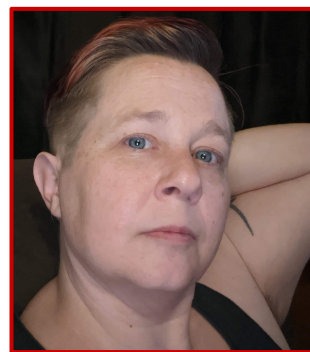
Zahir My Mommy literally handed me to my mentor Brooklyn, saying, "I have someone for you to meet; she is going to teach you how to be a Bootblack. Do everything she says." This journey, marked by times I've had to step away and come back, has not been smooth. I cried for fear I would never be good enough until I began to ignore all of the self doubt and really believe those who were proud of my work and my accomplishments. Being counted and included among the brotherhood of Bootblacks has become its own amazing achievement that has given me heart, joy, and a singular sense of belonging.

What's been a memorable experience you've had as a Bootblack?

Zahir One of my absolute favorite memories occurred after working on an elder Leatherman's boots in KC. As we swapped stories, he reminisced about how Leather has changed through the years. He laughed about the idea of "Old Guard Leather" and the veneration of his generation, while he just saw himself as a dirty old man. When we were done, this venerated older gentleman stepped off my stand, dancing and giggling at how shiny his boots were. Just thinking about his giggles always brings a smile to my face.

What advice would you give to someone who wants to be a Bootblack?

Zahir DO IT!! Don't wait for someone to say you can! If being a bootblack is what you want to do, then do it. Even if all you want to do is your own leathers, then do it!



Zahir (he/him)

COMMUNITY FLAGS: ACE/Asexual



Asexuality is an orientation included in the LGBTQIA+ community and is often under-discussed. It is described by the Asexual Visibility and Education Network (AVEN) as, "When a person does not experience sexual attraction – they are not drawn to people sexually and do not desire to act upon attraction to others in a sexual way. Unlike celibacy, which is a choice to abstain from sexual activity, asexuality is an intrinsic part of who we are, just like other sexual orientations." Asexuality often operates on a spectrum, and there are various types of

experience. Some of this spectrum of Asexuality to Allosexuality is reflected in the colors of the flag: Black for Asexuality, Gray for Graysexual and Demisexual, White for Sexuality/Allosexuals, and Purple for Community. The Asexual flag that we know and use most commonly became popularized after a general vote on the AVEN forums in August of 2010, designed by a user named standup just over a decade ago. It has since become recognized as the official flag of Asexuality. To learn more about asexuality, please visit asexuality.org.

VENDOR'S CORNER: **Bear Essentials**



Sir Bear (he/him)

I (Sir_Tender) recently had the pleasure of sharing a personal discussion with Sir Bear of [Bear Essentials](#) about his passion for cigars and service to the community. Occurring just before a weekend camping trip with other Leatherfolx, the timing allowed for his responses to “marinate” in my mind and offer context for self-reflection centered on my own values and awe of our community. Sir Bear kicked off his online cigar business on May 14, 2020, the culmination of intertwined passions for Leather and cigars, which, for him, exist hand-in-hand. When I asked how cigars became twisted and twined together with his Leather journey, Sir Bear began by sharing fond memories of his Leather Father, Sir Strange (RIP), who continues to be his most compelling influence still to this day. Sir Strange was the one who taught him about Leather and helped him follow his path. He continued by describing the significant influence of his mentor, Master Seykou, who shared his passion for cigars and cigar service.

Sir Bear's most beloved cigar scene will leave witnesses hungry to experience it for themselves: “Having a long-ash,” he says, “a willing bottom to receive it in her mouth, and hearing her thank me kindly.” To him it's about the energy exchange and watching the happiness and joy on her face. Although Sir Bear has no specific rituals surrounding his cigar enjoyment, he savors a *well seasoned* cigar with a glass of Bourbon or Scotch. Sharing his future aspirations, he hopes to develop his own signature cigar of organically grown tobacco that will represent the community, pay tribute to all those who have helped him in his Leather journey, and showcase his sense of power in giving ash.

Until then, Sir Bear offers guidance and sources our well-loved cigars. For those just starting their exploration of cigars, he offers this advice: start small and inexpensive until you find sticks that you enjoy. His top 3 favorites include: 1. 770 CAO Flathead (a bit of cocoa and dark chocolate notes with a little bit of coffee and a bit of white pepper) , 2. Ave Maria Divinia (some brown sugar molasses sweetness on the retro hail, then strong black pepper jumps right on top of the sweetness and covers it up with a longer finish in the pepper build up), and 3. Drew Estates Undercrown Shade (peppery shot at the beginning with cedar and dark cherry flavor leading to a citrus lemon peel, more into the cigar a creaminess and nutty flavor with the peppery or spice along with just a hint of citrus & described as velvety and smooth). See below for online reviews of these particular cigars.

Hit Sir Bear up for your cigar inquiries on his Facebook [Bear Essentials](#) page! He's always happy to share stories and loves the fellowship of enjoying a good stick with friends and family.

“No one should go broke, trying to get a Great Smoke.” -- Sir Bear

Cigar Reviews (Videos)

[770 CAO Flathead](#) by C Gars Ltd Cigar Review

[Ave Maria Divinia](#) by Leemack912 from Cigars International

[Drew Estates Undercrown Shade](#) by Cigar Advisor Magazine

Disclaimer: We seek to introduce our members to the wide variety of kink merchants, with no explicit or implicit endorsement by NLA-Dallas.

Ms GPOL hosts a \$5 cigar social - December 5th 8-9pm

Join me from 8-9pm on December 5th for a cigar social at Infliction Hall to benefit the #ProjectArchangel - Sunday “Service” as an on-going endeavor of community outreach directed at one of the most vulnerable populations, our unhoused/displaced peers. Donations will gladly be accepted: cash, nonperishable food items (cans with pop tabs), toiletries, cold, flu & pain medicine (please be sure it's not known to impact relapse), face masks, mini hand sanitizers, warm clothing, blankets, scarves, individually wrapped snacks to share. You can find more information about the initiative on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/dallassandwichsundays>.

RSVP link: <https://fetlife.com/events/953763>

“Friends, Romans, Cunt-rymen, Lend Me a Hand “

It occurred to me that while many sorts of play have a seemingly boundless level for more/harder, some types of play have more limits. I found that unfortunate. Take for example fisting (that’s it, take it you filthy little pig. You like it, don’t you?).

Where was I? Oh right, fisting.

For almost all of us, the limits of fisting are two hands and ten fingers. This is really a shame if you think about it. Imagine, you’re in the moment, all is going well, every zig is met with a perfect zag, all of your fingers, palms, and wrists are occupied, and THEN your person is encouraging, nay DEMANDING, more.



Santa, the man with all the ho’s

What is one to do in such a moment to keep the spirit of the fisting going? Sure, we could call a friend, but that’s hardly creative. Anyone can call in a second set of hands. As a top, I want solutions that are more innovative. Things that will keep the bottom guessing as it were. I want my person to always wonder (and worry) what’s next. With that spirit in mind, I created a list of pervertible finger substitutes that can pinch hit when you need to take your fisting scene to the next level. Please note that I accept no responsibility for any outcomes using these suggestions causes be they good or bad. Your mileage on these items may vary.

With no further ado, here is my list of ten fisting pervertibles to keep your fisting party going:

1. Finger hooks. If you’re not familiar with these, they are the hooks for robes, keys, and so for that are made in the shape of a human finger. In my book anything that checks off the insertable, hardware, and home décor boxes is always a winner. Note to tops, the ends of these are usually screws so be careful not to stab yourself as you put them in.
2. Chicken fingers. Not only do they take up that space for your extra fingers, they make for a tasty mid-scene snack. I’d avoid using sauces; the spicy sauces may make your fingers go numb and the sweet ones may cause post-scene unpleasantness.
3. Lady finger firecrackers. These are pretty tiny so you should be able to find space for lots of them. If you want to give your scene an added punch add fire play to your scene – it’s sure to end with a bang!
4. Finger sandwiches. Like chicken fingers but fancier. Be sure to wear your fancy lady hat.
5. Finger monkeys. Believe it or not, I do have a, very low, level of decorum. Nuff said.
6. Finger brushes. Adds a whole new meaning to the phrase “clean as you go.”
7. Finger cymbals. Add some mirth to your scene with an impromptu game of “Name that Tune.”
8. Wendy’s chili finger. A few years ago, someone claimed they found a finger in their bowl of Wendy’s chili. Time to put that finger to good use.
9. Fingernail clippers. Don’t listen to the naysayers object to sharp edges and pointy moving parts, good grooming is essential.
10. We’re #1 Foam Fingers. Is there a better way to show the person you’re fisting that they’re number 1 in your heart? I think no.

There you have it, kids. Next time you are planning that mood that will bring out your sexy, delicious, raunchy best keep these things close at hand (pardon the pun.) You may not need extra digits to make the most of your party, but you’ll be relieved to know they are there if you need them.

You’re welcome, now go have fun!

-Todd Lawrence



Learn About the Lifestyle in the D/FW Area

Over the past few months we've been compiling input about what works about the format and what might work better. The feedback was refreshing and confirming about the direction the NLA-Dallas NewsLeather is headed. Beginning with our calendar section, we will now provide a sort of Directory for those new to the area and new to the lifestyle. If you have any questions about the resources listed below, please reach out to your friendly NewsLeather Staff at newsleather@googlegroups.com.

December 2020

NLA-Dallas General Meeting 12/7/20

NLA-Dallas hosts a general meeting for current and prospective members. The brief business portion is followed by a presentation on a relevant topic. Leather Wisdom is a brief discussion early in the meeting on a mini topic or brief introduction to a larger subject matter.

NLA-Dallas Bar Night 12/12/20

This is for both members and non-members to come out and enjoy time together! We'll gather over Zoom (during COVID) to have a few drinks, smoke a few cigars, and just enjoy the company of Leatherfolx and other good people. As conditions permit, we sometimes hold socially distanced get togethers. Whatever your plans, add NLA-Dallas Bar Night to them every second Saturday of the month!

Lifestyle Calendars

- [Make A Difference](#)
- [Fetlife Events](#)
- [Facebook Events](#)
- [UCLSE Calendar](#)
- [NLA-Dallas Calendar](#)
- [The Dallas Eagle](#)
- [The Dallas Bears](#)
- [Discipline Corps](#)

Lifestyle Munch Opportunities

- [Collin County Kinksters \(CCK\) Munch](#)
- [ClubFEM Munch](#)
- [DFW Lunch Munch](#)
- [Fourth Friday DFW](#)
- [Leather, Lace & Kink Munch](#)

Local Play Spaces

- [DFW Dungeon](#)
- [Infliction Hall](#)
- [The Hidden Door](#)
- [The Dallas Eagle](#)

Lifestyle Groups In the Area

There are a gazillion lifestyle groups in the DFW area. We are working on an extensive list and below are just a handful of the fantastic active groups.

- [AMOK Play Party](#)
- [Bottoms Up](#)
- [ClubFEM DFW](#)
- [Collin County Kinksters](#)
- [Dallas Bears](#)
- [Dallas Enforced Feminization Training \(DEFT\)](#)
- [DFW Dominants Academy](#)
- [DFW Littles](#)
- [DFW Texas Rope Group](#)
- [DFW-Link](#)
- [Discipline Corps](#)
- [Edge To Ecstasy](#)
- [Erotic Rope Dojo \(ERD\)](#)
- [Ft. Worth Leather Corps](#)
- [Kink Friendly Professionals](#)
- [Kink or Bust](#)
- [Lone Star boys of Leather](#)
- [NLA-Dallas](#)
- [NTX Littles and Friends](#)
- [Onyx Lone Star](#)
- [Onyx: Central SW Chapter](#)
- [Parker County Kinksters \(PCK\)](#)
- [Southern Ladies Under Tremendous Stress \(S.L.U.T.S.\)](#)
- [Sensual Invitations to Lifestyle Kink \(SILK\)](#)
- [Submissive's corner](#)
- [Texas Gay Rodeo Association \(TGRA\)](#)
- [Temple of Pain \(TOP\)](#)
- [TNG DFW](#)
- [United Court of the Lone Star Empire \(UCLSE\)](#)
- [Women in Control of Kink & Dominance \(WICK'D\)](#)



[Available on Etsy](#)

Upcoming Lifestyle Conferences/Contests

- [Vision](#) (January 2021)
- [TXPE](#) (February 2021)
- [FLAME](#) (February 2021)
- [THRIVE](#) (April 2021)

With great thanks from your friendly, sadistic, neighborhood

NewsLeather Staff

*Katrine, KinkyIrishCowboy, Miss Velvet Steele,
Patience, Sir TenderMistress and Trix Wolf*

