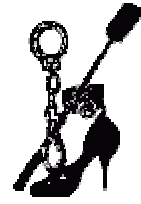


Burghermunch



<http://www.burghermunch.org>

Summer 2003: Changing Restaurants

About Burghermunch

Burghermunch is a pansexual (all-inclusive) social group for adults 18 years or older in the Pittsburgh area. If you are interested in SM, dominance, submission, bondage, fetishes or any other aspects of leathersex, then the munch will be of interest to you. We gather together to share our knowledge of these areas, as an outreach organization, and for those who wish to find a social outlet with like-minded individuals.

Burghermunch Events

Burghermunch is held at New York New York, 5801 Ellsworth Avenue in Shadyside, starting at 7:00 PM on the 1st Tuesday of every month. There is usually enough privacy to have frank discussions but not demos or play. Some people wear fetish attire but others come in casual or work clothing. There are no dues or fees associated with the munch, although dinner is on your own; tax and tip are automatically added to the bill. Billing is per-person. **Note: This is different restaurant from previously.**

Workshops are held at the GLCC (Gay and Lesbian Community Center), 5808 Forward Avenue in Squirrel Hill. These

begin with a social time at 7:30 PM, followed by announcements and the workshop itself at about 7:45. There is a \$2.00 to \$5.00 (suggested \$3.00) donation per person. \$1.00 goes directly to the GLCC for giving us space. The rest covers light refreshments, this newsletter, and miscellaneous expenses.

June

3rd Munch
21st Workshop: What is Subspace?
(Discussion)

July

1st Munch at New York New York
No workshop, due to vacations

August

5th Munch at New York New York
16th Workshop: Objectification with Alan

September

2nd Munch at New York New York
20th Workshop: Bondagefest
The Hungry Tiger and others

October

7th Munch at New York New York
18th Workshop: Sensual Play by Michael

November

4th Munch at New York New York
15th 3rd annual Vendor Artisan Swap Night
A selection of fetish items will be offered

December

2nd Munch at New York New York
No workshop due to holidays

BDSM resources: regional mailing lists or online groups

- Burghermunch operates a largely announcement list. Go to <http://www.burghermunch.org> to sign up.
- Leathergrrrls is an anarchistic network which welcomes women who are interested in pursuing SM, dominance and submission, leathersex, fetishes or other kinky sexual behavior with women. To join, send a note with the word “subscribe” in the message (no quotes) to Leathergrrrls-request@charcoal.com
- <http://groups.msn.com/BDSMPittsburgh> operates as a site where you can find everything that's going on in the Pittsburgh BDSM scene – a place with information for serious players and beginners.
- <http://groups.msn.com/BDSMPennsylvania> is a place for lifestylers, and those who want to learn the lifestyle, to share ideas on a BDSM relationship in every day life. Information is posted here on a special interest group, “The Next Generation,” for 18-35 year-olds who are interested in this alternative sexual lifestyle. The monthly online newsletter, *The Kink Zine*, is posted here.
- http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Primal_Pittsburgh (short for Pittsburgh Regional Information Management for Alternative Lifestyles) was formed to facilitate a better flow of information regarding the D&S scene locally, regionally and nationally.
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BDSM-WV> is an adults-only list for people living in West Virginia and surrounding areas including Pennsylvania. Emphasis is on bondage and discipline as a sexual fetish and as a lifestyle.
- Invictus Domain (<http://invictusdomain.com/>), located near Pittsburgh, shares information, experience and technique.

Fetish shops and artisans participate in Burghermunch’s annual Vendor Artisan Swap Night in November or help by presenting informational workshops:

- DeTails Toys (<http://www.detailstoys.com>) is known for floggers made by people in the lifestyle for people in the lifestyle. Their floggers are handmade, functional, and individually finished.
- DommeKnowsDezine creates fetish jewelry and crafts including beaded collars. Email her at DommeKnowsDezine@aol.com.
- Harris Sales & Service/the ER Room on Butler Street in Pittsburgh custom makes rubber & leather whips, floggers, slappers, restraints and anything weird or kinky. erroom01@aol.com
- Master Yar’s personal collection of original, custom orders is well respected. MasterYar@aol.com
- Regal feather, at <http://www.regalfeather.netfirms.com/>, sells hand-crafted items including canes, rods and other toys
- Sweet Baby Octane in Bloomfield features industrial, Goth and punk tattooing and piercing, and fetish & leather bdsm gear (<http://www.sweetbabyoctane.com/>)
- The Torture Artist builds specialty toys and equipment and can be reached at thetortureartist@hotmail.com.

Other Local Leather Meetings: What's a munch?

A munch is an informal gathering of people interested in bdsm and similar topics. They're called munches because generally food is served. At munches, people with interests in bdsm socialize in a friendly, low-key atmosphere. Some are held in public places and discourage kinky dress or behavior, while others are held in private rooms and allow fetishwear, play and demos. The first munch was organized in San Francisco in the early 1990's. Munches now occur independently all over the world.

Pittsburgh area

- Burgh Munch meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at King's Motel in Monroeville. Cost is \$8.00, which includes a light buffet. Reservations can be made to rsvplease2@aol.com.
- Burghermunch information is at <http://www.burghermunch.org> and elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Three Rivers Munch ([http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Three Rivers Munch](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Three_Rivers_Munch)) meets on the second Monday of each month at the King's Motel in Monroeville. There is a discussion topic. RSVP at Persefonee@aol.com
- West Hills Munch (<http://groups.msn.com/BDSMPittsburgh>) meets on the 2nd Thursday at King's in Moon Township. Casual dress is suggested; a fetish look is welcome. RSVP's are not necessary. This group has an informal closeness that provides great conversation.
- Wild-O, a munch group in the South Hills, now holds dinner meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at Ambrogi's Restaurant in Donaldson's Crossroads and supports group play. Information is at <http://www.wild-o.com>
- A casual, scene-related group for women only is meeting occasionally in the South Hills. Email justldl@hotmail.com.

Other munches: West Virginia and nearby Ohio

- Wheeling (WV) Meet and Greet is where people make lasting friendships, enjoy great food, and engage in stimulating conversations on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Email bbw4urcmd@aol.com.
- WELTS (<http://www.grimesgrafix.com/welts/>) meets the 3rd Monday in Bridgeport, WV. They are a pansexual group where people in the bdsm lifestyle can share experiences, insights, and opinions.
- HECK meets on the 4th Saturday in Charleston, WV, for socialization, education and fun. They're at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/heckwv>
- SEO (Marietta, OH), meeting the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Saturday, is where people relax with friends in the lifestyle – and a safe way for newcomers to enter the lifestyle. <http://groups.msn.com/SoutheasternOhioBDSM>

At the time this went to press, the information contained was accurate. Please use the email contacts and websites to insure that you are kept informed of any changes.

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EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

- First Saturday of each month: Club DaVedo in North Versailles hosts a fetish party. The parties are from 9:30 pm to 2:00 am and have a \$5 cover charge. Come to socialize or play.
- Third Saturday of each month: Burghermunch workshops <http://www.burghermunch.org>
- Third Sunday of each month is projected Fetish Night at Club Laga by the manager, who is visiting munches in regards to this. Launch date is to be announced.
- July 10-13: Woodstocks is a bdsm camping event in a country setting right in the Pittsburgh area. It features seminars, a dungeon, vendors, and eight meals along with snacks and soft drinks throughout the day. <http://hometown.aol.com/rsvplease2/WS.html>
- August 1-3: Three Rivers Munch annual weekend picnic and play party will be an inexpensive weekend of fun. Contact persefonee@aol.com
- August 15-17: Ohio Leather Fest in Columbus features workshops, speakers, vendors and play. <http://www.ohioleatherfest.com>

Effective with the Tuesday, July 1, 2003 meeting, Burghermunch will meet at New York New York, 5801 Ellsworth Avenue, in the Shadyside section of Pittsburgh. The new location is across the street from the former meeting place. New York New York is a gay and alternative lifestyle restaurant and bar. Seating arrangements and the nature of the facility will allow a measure of privacy and discretion. Burghermunch remains an 18+ munch group.

Burghermunch thanks The Elbow Room for hosting Burghermunch for many years. The Elbow Room will be substantially remodeled, during which the room where Burghermunch met will disappear. Burghermunch wishes success to the new restaurant that will be birthed in that location.

Burghermunch first met in February, 1996. Workshops began in 1999. More than 40 workshops have been held. Recent topics include knifeplay, caning, flogging, erotic bdsm fiction, and bdsm 101. Workshops are educational in nature; safe play is included.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to add their scene-related events. Email information or corrections to GnosticTwilight@Hotmail.com. Put "Newsletter" in the heading.