



Greater Palm Springs Pride

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Carter / Johnson Leather Library Exhibit to be Featured at Pride Festival

(Palm Springs, CA – September 22, 2012) Greater Palm Springs Pride will host a portion of the Carter-Johnson Leather Library at the November 3 & 4 Pride Festival. The collection will be on display daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. as part of the Fetish in the Outfield leather area within the festival. The Carter-Johnson Leather Library, a huge traveling exhibit containing more than 10,000 items, includes artwork, books, DVDs, magazines, newsletters, newspapers, pamphlets, photographs, club and event pins, posters and other materials that explore the world of alternative sexuality going all the way back to the 1700s. The collection covers everything from 18th century writings on the intersection of pain and pleasure to pulp erotica from the 1930s and 1940s, on up to complete series runs of LGBTQ and kinky pansexual magazines like Bizarre, Drummer, Cuir Underground, and Black Leather in Color.

"We are thrilled to bring this phenomenal leather history resource to Palm Springs," said Ron deHarte, president of Greater Palm Springs Pride. "Festival attendees will have a chance to see this priceless exhibit and make a connection to the history of the LGBT and heterosexual Leather community."

Founded by Viola Johnson, the leather library started as a personal collection in the early 1970s and over the years grew into the vast array of items it holds today. Inspired by incidents of book-burning by those who thought the materials were questionable, Johnson decided to save all that she could, and the library was born. It began traveling to various events in 2003.

The Carter-Johnson Leather Library traveling exhibit will be a part of Fetish in the Outfield, the leather focused area, at the Pride Festival with admission included with purchase of a Festival ticket. Exhibit hours are 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. November 3-4. The Pride Festival is located at Sunrise Park, 1901 E. Baristo Rd.

About the Pride Festival:

Pride Park is only a rainbow mile from downtown! The Pride Festival is held at Palm Springs Stadium. Festival highlights include: US Bank, Desert Radio Group & Rainbow Pride stages, Big Top Cabaret Tent, Country Dance and PNN.fm HiNrg Dance Tents, featuring live entertainment and over ninety performances. New features include Fetish in the Outfield the Leather Realm, Karaoke Tent, Children's Cabana, Youth Xone and gourmet food trucks. Vons Farmer's Market, 150 exhibitors and non-profit organizations, food and beverage vendors, Bud Light 2nd base bar with

multiple beer stations, Authors' Village, and HIV/AIDS testing by Desert Aids Project. The Palm Springs Stadium/Sunrise Park is located at 1901 E. Baristo Rd. Admission is \$15 daily; \$25 for a Weekend Pass; \$10 daily for Seniors (60+), Youth 12-18, and Students (19-24 w/current student ID); \$65 Premier Two-day Admission with hosted Bud Light and wine. Tickets at festival gates or online at www.pspride.org.

For information regarding Palm Springs Pride and Pride Week 2012 events, please visit our website at www.pspride.org. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PalmSprings.Pride.

About Greater Palm Springs Pride:

The Greater Palm Springs Pride organization (pspride.org) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community enhancement organization founded to promote the public education and public awareness of individual rights and civil liberties of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and to promote the history, diversity and future prosperity of the Greater Palm Springs LGBT community.

For twenty-six years, Palm Springs Pride has been a tireless advocate for equality and diversity. This year's Pride celebration theme is: "Long May it Wave!" For information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities visit the web site at: PSPride.org. The 2012 Palm Springs Pride Celebration is November 1 - 4.

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