

THE LUCKY WINNERS!

Visitors to Xtra's Gay Life & Style Show had the chance to fill out ballots for thousands of dollars in prizes. Here are some of the lucky winners:

Kuda Furniture & Homewares • Teak Javanese Ming-style sleigh bed (value \$3,000) – Brian Martin

Ridpath's • \$500 gift certificate – Chris DiNova

Cambridge Suites Hotel's Resto Portico • Dinner for two – Anne Perera

GoodLife Fitness Clubs • Two Fitness Gold Memberships – John Rooney

The Wine Establishment • Spiegelau Establishment Series wine glasses – Mark Singh

Susan Stern • Lunch & Learn Seminar on Stress Management – Max MacDonald

Body Body Wear • \$275 gift bag – Ramsey Majid

Bear Claw Tours • ATV adventure for two – Jon Maxfield

The Animal Clinic • Six-month supply of cat and dog food – Donna Morris

Kawartha Kayaking • Soft Adventure package for two – Mark Smith

Space Furniture • Retro TV Mirror – Richard St-Aubin

Pelee Island Winery • Wine gift pack – Brian Thomas

Boots Adventure Tours • Gourmet Get-away Weekend for two – Michelle Threndyle

Art Gallery of Ontario • Stanley

XTRA'S
Gay Life
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show

Bubble-Rap



GAY MART. Xtra's Gay Life & Style show featured more than 220 exhibits ranging from community groups to fine cars, erotic fashions to homemade fudge.

Lovin' life and style

Entertainment and festive atmosphere draws a crowd

David Wall
eling job in an ID Lube ad campaign and, if he's ready for the exposure, the chance to audition for porn director LaRue.

Saturday night at the Brothel circuit party at Kool Haus, club management was freaked at LaRue's antics on stage. At one point she was licking the ass of both Falcon porn stars Tyler Rush and Addison Scott, who made appearances at both the party and the Tour de Pride Stud Search and signed autographs for visitors. But this was nothing compared to the outrageously raunchy set of risqué jokes that Lady Bunny performed Sunday at the convention centre. Many hands were going up towards people's mouths as they couldn't believe some of the things that spewed from Lady Bunny's mouth as she shocked and certainly entertained show attendees.

Visitors to the show made donations at the door to five community groups, collecting \$800 for Supporting Our Youth, Inside Out, Fifte House, Lesbian Gay B.Y.O.B.

was won this year by lesbian-owned Wiklém Design, which has been widely featured on Home And Garden Television, Life Network, and in numerous magazines and books.

Owner Anita Wiklém is one of the few female designers in the gay community. Raised on a rambling 100-acre farm in Orland, Norway, the lesbian interior designer says she would often chose to spend her time building intricate miniature houses, furnishing them with distinctive Lego, cardboard, wood, clay and papier maché custom creations.

Others companies that participated included Kuda Furniture & Homewares, Urban Mode and Peridale Inc.

Overall the festive show environment this year seemed more like an indoor Pride Day, as thousands of lesbians and gay men reconnected with dozens of queer community groups, new gay-owned businesses and established corporations that in turned

Michelle Threndyle

Art Gallery of Ontario • Stanley Spencer and Canvas of War tickets – Rod Lowe, Robert Powell, Polinas Privis, Jim Rawson, Jim Webster, Kevin White, Brian Wilkins, Peter Wilson, Paul Winsor, Cliff Barton, L Blainey, Mario Canarino, Danella Durante, Edward Huang, Laurel Gelnas, Tracey Gibson, David Gilmore, Nicholas Graham, Aaron Crasto, Mark Dawidowicz, M Jones, David Klausner, Benoit LaFleche, Brad Landry, David Linton, Ian Adams, Kevin Alexander, Ron Atkinson, Ian Baitz & Danny Smith

Royal Ontario Museum Bal à Versailles tickets – John Arnold, Dan Bart, Robert Bouchard, Jeff Cowley, David Dingwall, Shawn Elliot, Colin Giffin

Aldo • \$50 gift certificates
Brian Sutherland – Lynn Taylor

A & P Food Stores • \$100 gift certificates – Gloria Manz, Ana Oliveira, Gordon Price, Adam Tanner-Hill

The Shoe Company • \$50 gift certificates – Louis Terrier, Bonnie Smith, Don Strong, David Tanguay, Ralph Hamelmann, Marc Hill, Jerry Jarosinski, Tina Johnston

CNC Aquarium • Hagen aquarium starter kit – Anna Colley

Peel & Play Productions
• "Strip For Your Partner" lessons – Sheri Hebdon

EroScience • Better Than Chocolate crème orgasmique – Judith Love, Tanya Draver, Joy Elder, Rhonda Grigsby, Lori Newman, Julie Noye, Michelle Smith, Audrey Wong

CDs from Centaur Entertainment – Ryan Cook, Daniel Baker, Geoff Johnson, Marc Miltenburg, Robyn Hall, Jonathan Warren

*Some prizes and/or winners are not listed because the winners chose not to have their name published.

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Daniel Paquette

THE SECOND ANNUAL Xtra's Gay Life & Style Show at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre Nov 9–11 attracted 10,263 people, making it one of the top three queer-attended events of the year, next to Pride and Inside Out's film festival.

This year's show saw an outstanding 25 percent increase over last year in attendance, more than 220 exhibits and dozens of high profile lesbian and gay entertainers from across North America.

Xtra is partnered with Meteor Show Productions (MSP) to produce the event. MSP has extensive experience in large-scale consumer shows, producing such annual events as Performance World with 50,000 attendance and The Toronto Wine And Cheese Show with more than 30,000 admissions.

MSP's Richard Swayze, the show manager, says that he has never seen such a large year-to-year increase in admissions in all his years in the business.

"We had a much better hall space this year at the convention centre, incredible décor created by Jetset Design and artist Edward Huang and a terrific entertainment line-up put together by Prova Group's Murray Thunberg — all of which gave the show a great energy that had visitors greatly enjoying themselves," says Swayze.

Major corporate exhibitors seemed to have been impressed as well, including Downtown Subaru who thought the show was well organized; Camel Cigarettes

which does dozens of special events in a year, said that this was their best show of the year.

Highlights included the sensual Priape Fashion show, made up of sexy leather-clad models. Celebrity chef Ken Kostick attracted crowds to the demo kitchen. Designer Guys Steven Sabados and Chris Hyndman were a popular draw and the cast of Queer As Folk drew close to 500 people, some of which were in hysterics trying to shove their way closer to the cast of the world's most popular queer-themed show.

The opening night gala sponsored by Absolut Vodka drew rave reviews for the casino, which included 15 gaming locations made up of such classics as craps and blackjack, as well as a full night of entertainment. Voice impressionist Jimmy James from New York wowed the crowd, Drag King Dréd was fabulous, as was DJ Keri who sang live over her DJ-set. The B-Girlz seemed to bring out the most fag hags and local stars Jackae Baker and Bitch Diva showed us that the American queens had nothing on them.

Chi Chi LaRue a terrorist? The world's biggest gay porn director was detained for hours at Pearson Airport. It seems that because of a driving while impaired charge, LaRue was questioned for several hours before finally being released to appear with Wigstock founder Lady Bunny who was hosting the Tour de Pride Stud Search. A popular Fashion Cares model for years, Peter Rex won the Sunday final hands down because of his to-die-for butt. His prize includes \$1,000 cash, an audition for mod-

community groups, collecting \$800 for Supporting Our Youth, Inside Out, Fife House, Lesbian Gay Bi Youth Line and the Canadian Lesbian And Gay Archives.

Nineteen community groups participated in this year's show. Ones that mentioned they had a particularly good show included: the PWA Foundation, which signed up many people for its bike rally; Forté performed a popular set on the stage and successfully promoted their upcoming Christmas concert; and the archives exhibited 16 portraits from its collection, which proved to be a popular feature with the crowd again this year.

The exhibit area also featured a photo contest that drew entries from across Canada when photographers were asked "What does gay style mean to you?" Visitors voted for their favourite photo and the winner was Rob Cluff.

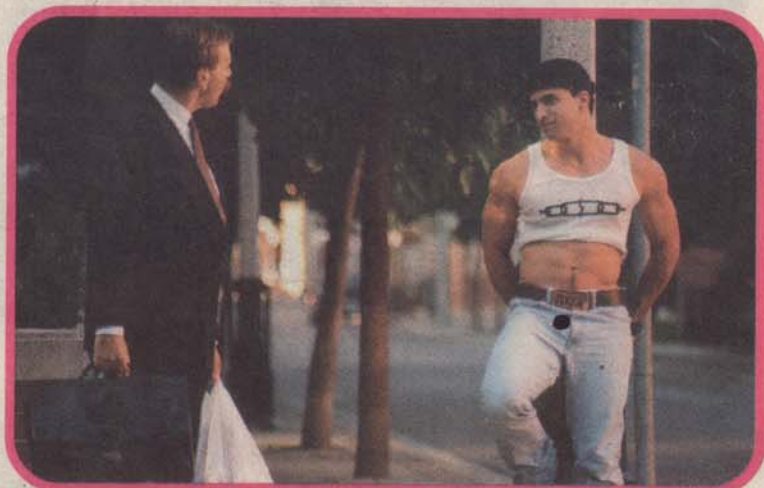
The Love Shack competition among décor/design companies for "the ultimate queer fantasy space that inspires love-making"

owned businesses and established corporations that in turned showed their support and acknowledgement of our large and diverse community.



DAVID WALL

WHERE FRIENDS MEET. Decorator Anita Wiklém's sensual and relaxing design won top honours in the Love Shack design competition and quickly became a popular meeting place for friends to gather to relax and watch the show pass by.



SEXY SNAR Photographers were asked "What does gay style mean to you?" and visitors at the show voted Rob Cluff's photo as their favourite.