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Our Cover Girls

Meet Lisa Newman (the gift) and Theresa Reed (the recipient), two really good sports who didn't hesitate when asked to help us out with this year's Gift Guide cover.

Besides posing scantily clad, Newman is the co-founder of 2 Gyrz Performative Arts, a nonprofit that represents artists who, she says, "challenge existing cultural, personal, political and social canons and taboos." (She also leads "a double life as a financial aid director," she notes.)

2 Gyrz just finished up its second annual Enteractive Language Festival, a

monthlong whirlwind of avant-garde local and international performance acts, art shows and musical events. Included in the two dozen programs were visits from queer Belgian performance artist Jean-Louis Costes, gender warrior Kate Bornstein and a Transgender Remembrance Day event.

What does Newman want to see under her tree this year? She smiles weakly, "a nap."

Reed, otherwise known as Portland sex writer extraordinaire Darklady, clearly is in a different space. When asked what she wanted for the holidays if she couldn't get that girl in a box, she squeaked, "two girls."

Reed is a full-time writer and reviewer of mostly sexually oriented film and books, as well as a sex educator. She hosts the occasional play party that culminates every year in the infamous Masturbate-a-thon.

Last year, Reed ran for House District 42 on the Libertarian ticket, inspiring the Republican Party to do a little online investigating and providing "at least one right-wing fundie stalker that lives in Texas," she shares, and "an endless assortment of highly amusing hate mail."

Reed is also a member of the Portland Leather Alliance, Portland Pink Pistols, American Civil Liberties Union, Portland Area Business Association and polyamorous community.

Just Out gives a warm, wet holiday kiss to both of these fabulous chicks and a special thanks to the brave gay men who let them prance around their living room naked.

—Lisa Bradshaw



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