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Leather, Lights, and a Little Mystery: The Leather Wick Opens at the Velvet Lantern

TANSY HOLLOW — For months, the boarded-up second-floor space inside the Velvet Lantern complex has been the subject of rampant speculation.

Was it another cocktail bar? A performance venue? A secret society headquarters?

Well, the walls are finally coming down—and the answer involves a lot more leather.

The Leather Wick, a brand-new leather club, will officially open Friday, March 13 at 8 p.m., promising Tansy Hollow an upscale take on one of queer culture's most iconic

scenes.

Operating partner Ricky Goldfarb says the club hopes to challenge a few assumptions.

“People sometimes think leather culture is sleazy or grungy,” Goldfarb told the Tattler. “And while there are certainly places where that vibe is part of the fun, it’s not the whole story. Leather culture can be stylish, welcoming, and surprisingly sophisticated.”

The Leather Wick is stepping into the space formerly occupied by The Vault, a mixed bar that quietly closed a few months ago. Within a day of the closure, construction walls appeared—

and workers inside kept the project so tightly under wraps that even the Lantern’s most dedicated regulars couldn’t crack the mystery.

Until now.

The new club boasts more than 5,000 square feet of guest space, complete with three bars, a large dance floor, and six specialty rooms for events and private gatherings.

And the design? Think glamour—with a little bite.

“We went with an art deco style, but with a modern twist,” Goldfarb explained.

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“Art deco combines crisp lines with elegant curves. The straight lines remind us of the structure of leather gear, while the curves reflect the human body.”

Then he offered an impromptu demonstration.

“Look at your thumb,” he said. “Straight segments, curved tip. That contrast between strong lines and soft shapes—that’s the feeling we wanted throughout the space.”

While leather culture is often associated with BDSM, Goldfarb says the Wick will welcome a wide spectrum of guests.

“Some people enjoy the deeper power-play side of leather culture,” he said. “Others simply love the look and the confidence that comes with wearing leather. Honestly, a lot of the guys in the leather scene are some of the nicest, most open people you’ll meet.”

The club is designed to welcome both seasoned leathermen and curious newcomers alike.

“If you’ve been in the leather community for years, fantastic,” Goldfarb said. “If you’re just leather-curious, that’s great too. Everyone starts somewhere.”

The Wick will also extend a friendly invitation to neighboring fetish communities.

“There are already a few places in the Hollow that cater specifically to rubber enthusiasts,” Goldfarb said. “But we absolutely want rubber fans to feel welcome here as well.”

Of course, a Velvet Lantern venue wouldn’t be complete without a serious cocktail program.

The Leather Wick’s drink menu is the creation of executive mixologist Sammy Clark, known in nightlife circles for launching successful bar programs across the country.

“Sammy has an incredible gift for translating the spirit of a place into a drink,” Goldfarb said. “Most of the time he gets a bar going and then moves on to the next challenge. We’re hoping we can convince him to stick around.”

Then, with a grin, Goldfarb reached for a musical reference.

“As Tina Turner would say—Sammy is Simply the Best.”

Dress the Part, Drink on the House

To celebrate opening week, The Leather Wick is offering a little incentive for guests who show up ready to play the part.

Anyone arriving in leather gear will receive a coupon for a complimentary specialty cocktail, complete with a \$5 tip for the bartender already included. The offer runs through next Friday, with a limit of one free

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cocktail per person per night.

For now, there's no cover charge, though Goldfarb hinted that a modest one may be introduced later.

"We want people to come in, explore, and experience the space," he said. "Right now we're just excited to open the doors."

The Leather Wick opens Friday, March 13 at 8 p.m. on the

second floor of the Velvet Lantern complex.

And if the buzz around town is any indication, the Hollow may soon have one more reason to break out the harnesses.

Look Up, Darlings: The Chandelier Contest Returns Friday Night

TANSY HOLLOW — If you happen to wander into The Filthy Monkey this Friday night and notice someone dangling from a chandelier while sipping absinthe, don't panic. It's not an emergency.

It's tradition.

The 13th Annual Chandelier Contest returns to the Monkey this Friday, March 13—yes, that's Friday the 13th, which somehow feels perfectly on brand for the establishment.

The contest, inspired by the decadent absinthe scene from *Moulin Rouge*, began years ago as a cheeky publicity stunt. Like many things in Tansy Hollow, it quickly grew into a beloved local spectacle. Each spring, brave (or perhaps overly confident) patrons test their upper-body strength, their cocktail discipline, and their ability to remain dignified while suspended over a dance floor.

The rules are deceptively simple. Contestants must hang from the Monkey's famous crystal chandelier with one arm while holding a drink—preferably absinthe—in the other. Every thirty seconds, they must take a sip, keep the chandelier moving, and avoid spilling even a drop. The last swinger standing—or hanging—wins.



Over the years, the contest has produced legends, near misses, and at least one competitor who reportedly sang an entire Broadway show tune while dangling overhead. This year's prizes remain generous: Grand Prize: \$2,000 cash

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Second Prize: One free drink per week for a year (which, at the Monkey, counts as a respectable lifestyle subsidy)

Third Prize: \$100 Filthy Monkey gift card

Fourth Runner-Up: Honorable mention and eternal glory on the club's leaderboard

Entry costs \$50, with

proceeds supporting a Tansy Hollow charity. This year's beneficiary is the Tansy Hollow Playhouse, the city's beloved community theater troupe—fitting, since they once staged their own spirited production of *Moulin Rouge*.

Doors open at 5 p.m., and the chandelier swinging begins at 8 p.m. Prospective contestants are encouraged to arrive early to

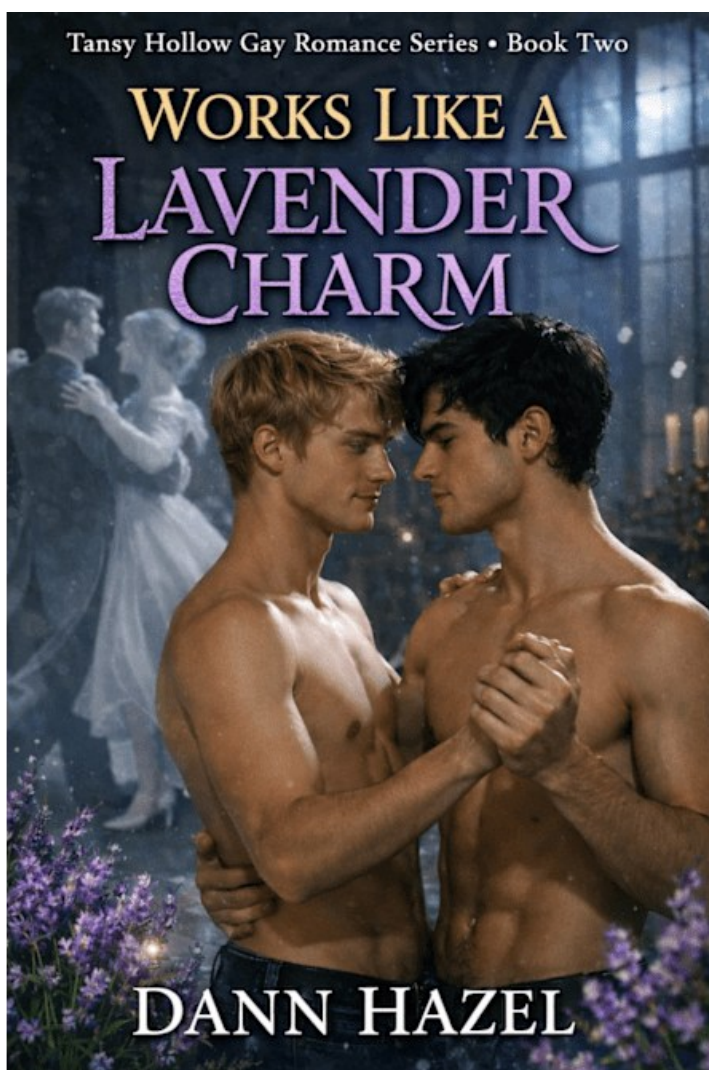
claim a spot, as entry slots tend to disappear faster than a well-made martini.

Spectators are welcome—and strongly encouraged—to watch from below.

Just remember: if something drips from the chandelier, it's probably absinthe.

Probably.

A New Romance Is Coming to Tansy Hollow



Works Like a Lavender Charm Arrives April 13

By Lila Davenport

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Residents of Tansy Hollow may soon find themselves reading about places—and people—that feel remarkably familiar.

That's because April 13 marks the official online release of *Works Like a Lavender Charm*, the newest novel by author Dann Hazel, and the second book set in our very own fictionalized hometown.

Yes, dear readers. Tansy Hollow is once again headed for literary fame.

The upcoming romance centers on Charles Towne-Landon, a young attorney who leaves behind his high-pressure career in Austin, Texas, after unexpectedly inheriting the historic Chadwick House, one of the most talked-about properties in town.

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And if you think moving into a mysterious old house is dramatic enough, just wait.

Shortly after arriving in town, Charles attends a performance at the Tansy Hollow Opera House—and during intermission meets Dr. Guy Archambeau, a charming French-American physician whose smile may be even more captivating than the wine served in the lobby.

Sources (meaning the author himself) say sparks fly almost immediately.

the attic in the middle of the night

- mysterious scents lingering in empty rooms
- and unsettling glimpses of a past tied to one of Tansy Hollow's oldest families

The story traces the legacy of Angus Chadwick, whose tragic death more than a century ago played a powerful role in shaping the town's modern reputation as a place that embraces diversity and individuality.

And yes, rumor has it a ghost may be involved.

Local readers will likely rec-

Even a few well-known personalities may feel suspiciously recognizable—though we are far too polite here at the Tattler to speculate.

What we can confirm is that *Works Like a Lavender Charm* continues the growing Tansy Hollow Gay Romance Series, which celebrates the town's reputation as "America's Gay Mecca."

Romance readers around the country have already begun discovering the fictional city, and the April release is expected to introduce many more readers

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But as any longtime resident knows, Chadwick House has a reputation—and not just for its antique furniture.

According to the novel, Charles soon encounters:

- strange music drifting from

ognize many familiar landmarks sprinkled throughout the story. The author clearly enjoys wandering around town, because locations like the Daisy Chain Diner, Sunflower Peak, Tansy Square and our beloved Opera House all appear in the pages of the novel.

to the place we all call home.

Of course, the biggest question on everyone's mind is whether Charles and Guy will find happiness together—or whether the secrets of Chadwick House will complicate matters first.

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Knowing Tansy Hollow?

Probably both.

Readers can purchase *Works Like a Lavender Charm* beginning April 13 through major bookseller websites. Or, you can reserve your copy via pre-order. For Amazon readers, the link is <https://a.co/>

d/0dVIwufn. For Barnes & Noble readers, the link is <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/works-like-a-lavender-charm-dann-hazel/1149637432?ean=2940196366611>.

To keep up with news from the ever-expanding Tansy Hollow universe, visit: www.tansyhollow.com

From there, readers can

also subscribe to the Tansy Hollow Tattler mailing list—which, as regular readers know, is the best place to discover what’s really happening in America’s Gay Mecca.

And if the rumors about Chadwick House are true...

Some residents may soon discover that even ghosts enjoy a good love story.



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