

SAVE THE DATE

These not-quite-pornographic 2013 calendars manage to be full of nudity and utterly, head-scratchingly bizarre at the same time.

By Christine Colby

1. Barenaked Caving Calendar

British photographer Laura Brown shot naked spelunkers, including herself, to benefit charities that rescue people who get stuck in caves. The nude adventurers are pictured in such scenic United Kingdom locations as Slaughterhouse Stream Cave and Giant's Hole.

2. The Lady Farmers Calendar

In publication since 1999 and inspired by a beef ban, this one features real farmers—on bales of hay, near tractors, and feeding goats—from all over the United Kingdom. They say it's about "injecting a bit of fun into a very difficult and challenging lifestyle." You may or may not be interested to know that there is also a men's version.

3. The Tynedale Hunt Calendar

Actual members of a female fox-hunting club bared all to raise money for a local charity, the Great North Air Ambulance. Shot by foxhunter Verity Johnson, the foxy ladies are pictured on horses, posing with equestrian gear, with groups of hounds, and, weirdly, wielding a chain saw.

4. The Naked Archaeologist

England's Reading University's Archaeology Society has produced this coed calendar, described as "fairly tasteful (but cheeky)," for several years to benefit their excavations. The students are shot in the buff, in their archaeological digs, getting down and dirty with shovels in hand.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY (LEFT) VERITY JOHNSON, (TOP RIGHT) ALAN EIGEN

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San Dimas

5. Girls and Corpses

This is published by the purveyor of the magazine of the same name, which, along with horror-themed content, offers “pictures of beautiful, scantily clad young beauties posing with hideous, decaying, festering corpses.” Necro-tastic.

6. The Walking Dead Bikini Calendar

To promote the TV series, a South African ad agency put out a calendar of swimsuit-clad hotties on a beach, festooned with spots of decay and gory wounds. But the makeup is pretty low-budget, so rather than looking like alluring revenants, they just look a little scraped up. That’s not sexy.



7. The Eizo Pinup Calendar

Models vamping and posing in sexy high-heel shoes ... sounds all right. Except these models were shot with an X-ray machine, so they're showing a little more than most pinups—their skeletons. The pictures also show some more softly rounded body parts, in silhouette, so if you can get over the grinning skulls, you may actually want to jump their bones.

8. The Ladies of Manure

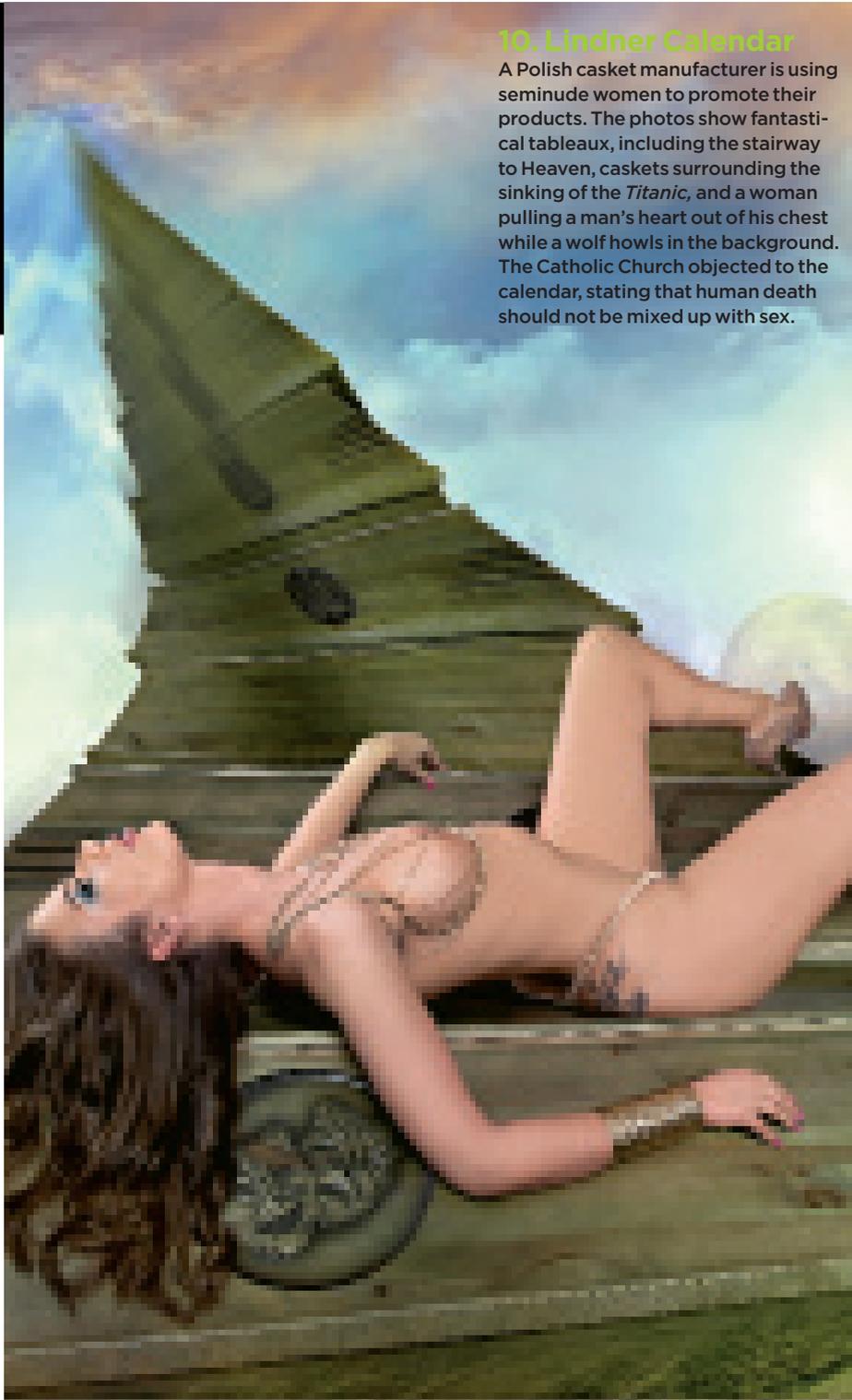
The Fertile Earth Foundation wants you to become more aware of organic waste fertilizer, including, um, “humanure”—composted human shit—so they covered beautiful women in poo to get your attention. On their (funded!) Kickstarter page, one of the incentives to donate was a date with one of the models. Unsurprisingly, no one coughed up the grand necessary to win that date.

9. Re:design Holiday Calendar

Graphic-design company re:design studio says their stock-photography searches always yield photos of scantily clad women, often in ridiculous situations. This tongue-in-cheek homage showcases, among other photos, a sultry woman licking a vacuum cleaner to commemorate Women's Day, and a sexy nurse representing World Hepatitis Day.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY (LEFT) BEN THACKER, (RIGHT) PHOTO & GRAPHICS BY PIOTR FALENCIK/SMARTFOTOS, (FARRIGHT) OLIVIER PORTRAT



10. Lindner Calendar

A Polish casket manufacturer is using seminude women to promote their products. The photos show fantastical tableaux, including the stairway to Heaven, caskets surrounding the sinking of the *Titanic*, and a woman pulling a man's heart out of his chest while a wolf howls in the background. The Catholic Church objected to the calendar, stating that human death should not be mixed up with sex.

Bonus: *Fisk & Fri Fish Girls*

For five years, this Danish fishing magazine has included a regular feature of somewhat artsy photographs of nude women posing with dead fish. Not a calendar, but we think it would make a great one, and based on the previous examples, there's no reason it couldn't be just as successful. And that's not a fish story! 

