

**Sleater-Kinney returns home for two rocking shows Jan. 31 and Feb. 1**



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**Vivian's Keeper** plays the Alberta Street Pub. (7 pm. 1036 NE Alberta St. Call 503-284-7665 for cover.)

**28 TUESDAY**

The **Washington County Parents and Kids Group** meets for dinner and socializing at Community Church of Cedar Hills. (6 pm. 11695 SW Parkway Ave. 503-228-3892.)

In Other Words invites women and their friends to read/perform their own work at **The Last Word** open mike night. (7-9 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 503-232-6003.)

**30 THURSDAY**

Singer/songwriter **Kim Townsend** brings her blues, country and humor to Astoria's Café Uniontown. (8:30-10:30 pm. 218 W Marine Drive. \$3.)

**31 FRIDAY**

**Sleater-Kinney** performs through Feb. 1 at Crystal Ballroom. All ages. (9 pm. 1332 W Burnside St. \$10 from box office or Ticketmaster.)

It's **Last Friday Music Night** at In Other Words with **Lisa Greene** and other special surprise guests! (7 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 503-232-6003.)

**26 SUNDAY**

Start your Sunday with a nice **Bear Brunch** at Village Inn. (11 am-1 pm. 1621 NE 10th Ave. www.oregonbears.org.)

Learn how to create your own secret hide-away at the Lesbian Garden Club's **Open Garden**. Visit a member's fabulous Irvington-area garden just in time for the Edgeworthia in bloom. (2-4 pm. 503-909-2002. lgcoregon@aol.com.)

**Church of the Poison Mind** at Silverado. Free pizza, dollar shots, a \$5 beer bust, hostess Poison Waters and those infamous Silverado dancers. (4-9 pm. 1217 SW Stark St.)

Grammy-winning African American female a cappella ensemble **Sweet Honey in the Rock** bring their 30th Anniversary Tour to Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall for one night only. (8 pm. 1111 SW Broadway. \$37.50 from box office or Fasttix.)

**Conduit Dance** presents the second installment of the three-part **30 Days Notice** performance series through Feb. 1. Features artists in media, dance and music. (8:30 pm. 918 SW Yamhill St. #401. \$8-\$10 from 503-221-5857 or econduit@earthlink.net.)



Four musicians leave steady paychecks to become Leap of Faith. Will it pan out? Attend **Synergy of Song** Feb. 1 and 2 to let them know whether they should have kept their day jobs.

Moonwalk into the **'80s Night Pleather Party** at C.C. Slaughters. Prize for best Pleather! (Pull out those Loverboy albums for a reminder.) (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St. Call 503-248-9135 for cover.)

10-11 pm, then Zanne, Puppet, Krzta and Ali spin punk, buttrock, hip-hop and international. (10 pm-2 am. 2216 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. www.dejanvier.org/skervy.)

**8 SATURDAY**

**Movie Night** with the women of the Forest Group. Bring a snack and a favorite girlie movie. (6:30 pm. 503-636-1855.)

Gay spiritual leader and author **Andrew Harvey** performs selections from the poetry of Rumi at Beaverton High School. See Feb. 9 for another Harvey event. (7 pm. 13000 SW Second St. \$15 from Crystal Heart or Unity of Beaverton.)

Bella Casa Realty shouts, "Come to our **Rockin' Sox Hop!**" at Fez Ballroom. Yes, it's a good old-fashioned '50s party, so put on your dancin' shoes for this Rose City Softball Association benefit. (8 pm-1 am. 316 SW 11th Ave.)

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**1 SATURDAY**

CityWalk with the **Adventure Group** and follow it up with brunch. (9 am. 503-452-5680. www.adventuregroup.org.)

It's an **Asian New Year Celebration** with Dinner at My House for Our House, a fund-raiser series for Our House of Portland. Ring in the Year of the Sheep in Mimi Maduro and Lynn Youngbar's cozy Irvington bungalow while they serve dishes from Thailand, Vietnam, India and China. (7 pm. \$60. For a brochure listing all the dinners or to make reservations, call 503-736-9276.)

They quit their day jobs, so this had better work: New musical quartet **Leap of Faith** presents **Synergy of Song**—a fun and eclectic blend of work about freedom, peace, gratitude, prayer and protest—through Feb. 2 at the Community Music Center. (8 pm Saturday, 2 pm Sunday. 3350 SE Francis St. \$10-\$20 sliding scale from 503-234-1140.)

Mr. and Ms. Oregon State Leather play host to a **Raffle and Slave Auction** at the Eagle PDX. Fun for the secret taskmaster in all of us. Proceeds go to local charities. (9 pm. 1300 W Burnside St.)

The Rosetown Ramblers and DJ Crystal invite you to a **country western dance** with full-service bar at Portland Metro Club. (9:30 pm-1 am. 618 SE Alder St. \$5. www.rosetownramblers.com.)



**Andrew Harvey**, author of *The Essential Gay Mystics*, spends Feb. 8 and 9 in Beaverton

**3 MONDAY**

The **Lesbian Community Project** sponsors Coffee Conversation at Touchstone Coffee House. (6:30-8:30 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St. 503-227-0605.)

**Slam poetry party** at Mother Kali's Books in Eugene. Bring three poems to read and compete, or just come to listen. (7:30 pm. 720 E 13th Ave. 541-343-4864. www.motherkalis.com.)

**7 FRIDAY**

Find out what to do with all that stuff at It's My Pleasure's free **Sex Toys 101** class. (7 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. Register at 503-280-8080.)

**Skervy—Queer to the Bone** presents WERD! at Billy Ray's. Queer open mike

**9 SUNDAY**

Gay spiritual leader **Andrew Harvey** speaks on **Activism and Spirituality** at Unity of Beaverton. Workshop on the same topic follows. (8:30 and 10 am talks, 2 pm workshop. 12650 SW Fifth St. 503-646-3364.)

**Looking Ahead**

Time for the fifth annual **Fetish Masquerade Ball** Feb. 14 at Roseland Theatre: 1,500 people celebrating love and sex their own way on Valentine's Day with entertainment by Impotent Sea Snakes, Shift, Mistress Vega, Fire and Pope Worm. Plus two floor of go-go dancers and DJs.

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Check out more listings at [www.justout.com](http://www.justout.com)!



It's the Oregon Bears' annual **Snow Bears!** Meet at Gail's Dirty Duck to carpool to Mount Hood for tubing action. (9:30 am. 429 NW Third Ave.)

**Lesbians Enjoying Nature and Science** go bird watching near Forest Grove. (10 am. Terri 503-626-4623.)

Eugene lesbian group **Women to Women** gets together every Saturday at Neighbors. (6 pm. 1417 Villard St.)

Talk about aromatherapy and herbs at SisterSpirit's **Women's Healing Circle**. (7 pm. 3430 SE Belmont St. #102. \$3-\$5. 503-736-3297.)

Out Dancing's monthly **Dance Social** at Ankeny Street Studio includes a lesson and refreshments. (7-10 pm. Corner of Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$8. 503-236-5129. out\_dancing@yahoo.com.)

**Northwest Gender Alliance** invites you to its annual **awards dinner** at Greenwood Inn in Beaverton. Honors those who work for gender justice. (7 pm. 10700 SW Allen Blvd. \$27 from 503-646-2802 or nwga@nwgapdx.org.)

**Third Angle New Music Ensemble** says "Beat it!" with *Rhythm Methods*, a jovial and upbeat concert of chamber music for percussion (and friends of percussion) at Reed College's Kaul Auditorium. (7:15 pm talk, 8 pm concert. 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd. \$15-\$20 from Fasttix.)

**Tamara Brown** brings her guitar girl antics to Haven. (8:30 pm. 3551 SE Division St.)

The **Noah Peterson Quartet**, featuring gay jazz bassist **Rick Crittenden**, plays Monteaux's Public House. (9 pm. 16165 SW Regatta Lane.)



**Sweet Honey in the Rock** celebrates 30 years of songs in the key of liberation Jan. 31 at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall