

pleased with the effect her store has on those who enter. "I love watching people walk through the door and their smiles and stress slough off their bodies," she said. "The energy of this place is very soothing. People will often laugh out loud at the funny art pieces."

While this unique shop is a bit off the beaten path, it definitely stands out. "There's nothing else like it around here," Kubon said, "and our neighbors seem so grateful to have a place like this."

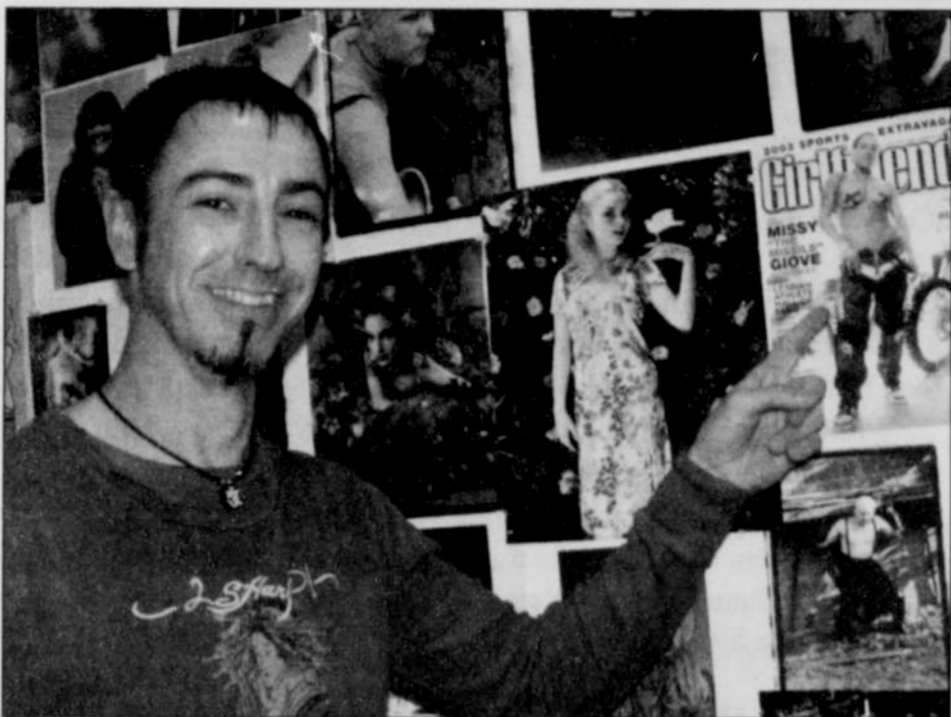
Visit Yesterday and Tomorrow at 7506 N. Albina Ave., or call 503-286-0306 for more information.

### Making Us Look Good

When he was young, Horace Long wanted to be an actor. Soon after Dino De Laurentiis moved his film studio to Long's hometown of Wilmington, N.C., the film *Firestarter* was shot, and Long made his film debut as an extra.

"Once I saw how a movie was made, I hated it," said Long. "I got my first camera for Christmas that year and have wanted to be a photographer ever since."

After a stint at Pacific Northwest College of Art, Long participated in the New York Studio Program and then graduated from the Pratt Institute in 1997. In New York and Los Angeles, Long did mostly editorial work, shooting for the fashion and music industry. His portfolio from that time boasts beautiful renderings of George Clinton, Kiki and Herb, Mink Stole and a variety of lesbians



Gay photographer Horace Long brings his talents to Portland faces.

from five years of shooting for *Girlfriends* magazine.

Lucky for Portland, Long is now focusing his business on portraits. He opened Horace Long Photography in October and has since been photographing individuals, couples, pets, children and business portraits on location and in the studio. "I like working with people and making someone look the best they can," said Long, who specializes in unique lighting and specialty retouching and offers free consultations.

Long is happy to be an active member of the Portland Area Business Association, the Rose City's queer chamber of commerce. He also volunteers with the Alberta Street Fair, producing the first Lady Miss Alberta pageant in September. "I want to make the street fair more gay," he said, "though the drag pageant is open to everyone."

Gay or straight, Long believes "people are people" and said he'll shoot anyone. "The lines of separation that people draw...I think it's too much of our problem in the world today," he explains.

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### Mr. Oregon Bear Goes International

Steve Strong, who holds the title of Mr. Oregon Bear, has brought another title to Oregon, for only the second time in history.

Strong was named Mr. International Grizzly Bear at the 13th annual International Bear Rendezvous held from Feb. 15 to 19 in San Francisco.

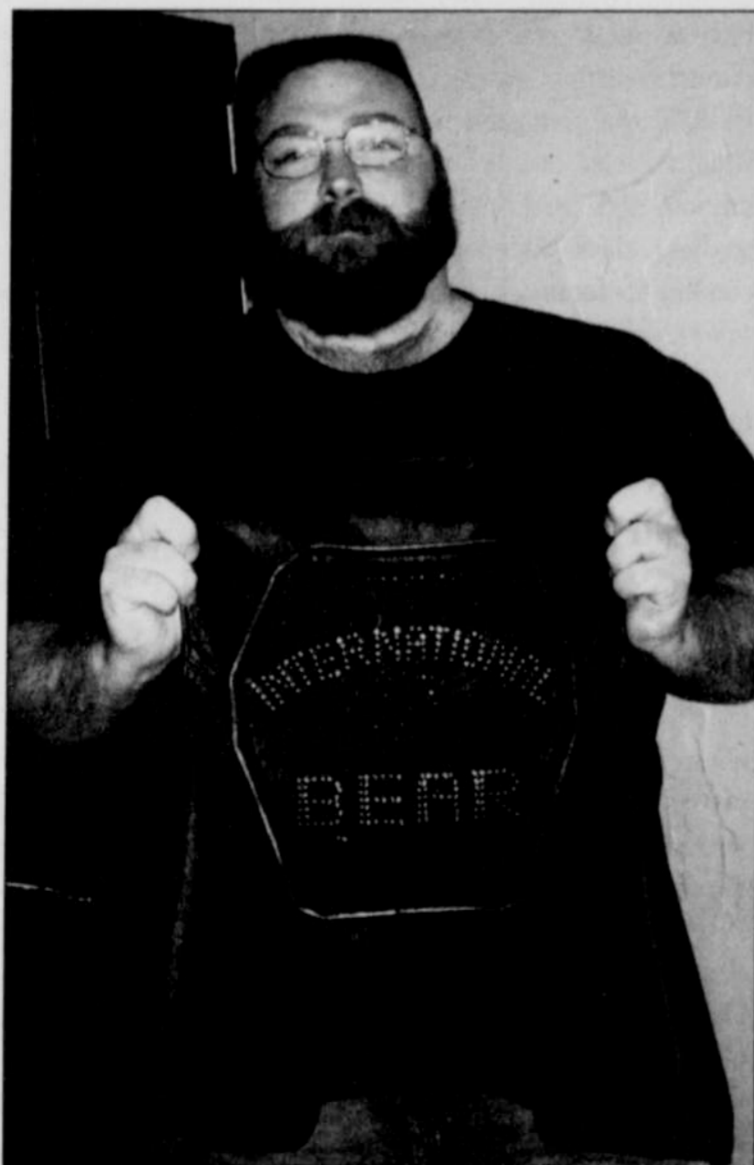
The last time an Oregonian held an international bear title was eight years ago.

Strong beat out 20 contestants to win the title, which he says comes with a responsibility to raise money for charity and exemplify the persona of being a bear.

"I've got a great deal of responsibility to get out there and show people outside of the bear community what it's like to be a bear," he said.

Strong joined the Oregon Bears seven years ago.

"When I went to my first bear event, I found my home," he said. "I found a place where I was no longer an outcast in gay society."



Mr. Oregon Bear Steve Strong takes pride in his Mr. International Grizzly Bear title.

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