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CORNEL HARDIMAN,
AKA KARRESS ANN
SLAUGHTER

QUEENS SEEK NEW KINGDOM

Glamazons lost their Friday night digs with the closing of The Wayward Lamb

A Eugene drag troupe is searching for a new home after local LGBTQ bar The Wayward Lamb closed almost three weeks ago.

Members of The Glamazons say bar owners, managers and event producers have reached out to them since the downtown gay bar closed Feb. 2. With The Wayward Lamb gone, the five-person group now finds itself without a weekly venue.

“It’s sad to not have a place where we can perform on a weekly basis and connect to our people,” says Curtis Wixey, also known as Monique La Faye. “Drag queens have always kind of been the gay clowns of the community and have always been there to glue it together.”

The group, which formed in 2010, performed at Luckey’s Club, at the now-defunct John Henry’s and at Diablo’s Downtown Lounge. At these venues the Glamazons headlined monthly GLAM parties — LGBTQ dances that ended in 2015.

Last year, Wixey says, the troupe was contacted by The Wayward Lamb’s former marketing manager, John O’Malley. He offered them a weekly hour-long show.

Every Friday night, the troupe lip-synced songs, and one of the performers, Diva Simone Slaughter, would perform a comedy monologue.

“Diva really went out of her way, at the beginning of the show and the intermission, to recognize people in the community, bring people up for birthdays. I’ve never seen that at a drag show,” says Ben Williams, a Northwest Christian University graduate student. “Their show was so people-oriented, not just towards drag and the art, but towards the audience and everyone having a good time.”

Williams says he has attended every show by The Glamazons for the past year and a half — unless he has been out of town.

The troupe has yet to perform since The Wayward Lamb closed. In the two weeks since, Cornél Hardiman, aka Karress Ann Slaughter, has been the only member performing in drag, hosting a bingo night every Tuesday at The Drake Bar.

Wixey says the group is in discussions with six venues. The Glamazons, he says, would prefer a place to perform every Friday again. In addition, Wixey says, the troupe hopes to put on an all-night dance party — much like they were doing before The Wayward Lamb, which was more of a cabaret style. ■

The Glamazons will perform at the University of Oregon’s Living Learning Center at 7:45 pm Thursday, Feb. 22. They will also be featured at the 19th annual Damsels, Divas & Dames drag show April 7 at the Hult Center.

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• **Oxbow Timber 1**, 541-679-3311, plans to aerially spray 49.5 acres near Siuslaw River Road with clopyralid, glyphosate, hexazinone, imazapyr, sulfometuron methyl, indaziflam, Activator 90, Alligare 90 (non-ionic surfactant), Insist 90 and/or R-11. See ODF notification 2018-781-02926, call Dan Menk at 541-935-2283 with questions.

• **Weyerhaeuser Company**, 541-744-4600, plans to aerially spray 412.7 acres southeast and west of Lorane with 2,4-D, atrazine, clopyralid, glyphosate, hexazinone, sulfometuron methyl, metsulfuron methyl, CLIMB alkalinity agent, Crosshair, Foam Buster, Grounded, Induce, Insist 90, MSO Concentrate, No Foam and/or Odor Mask. See

ODF notification 2018-781-02866, call Dan Menk at 541-935-2283 with questions.

• **Weyerhaeuser** also plans to hand spray 161.8 acres near Dorena Lake and Cottage Grove Lake with chemicals similar to above. See ODF notification 2018-771-02729, call Tim Meehan at 541-726-3588 with questions.

• **Weyerhaeuser** plans to hand spray 321.3 acres near Lorane and the Siuslaw River with chemicals similar to above. See ODF notification 2018-781-02722, call Brian Peterson at 541-935-2283 with questions.

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