Coming Up Roses

As we approach our stepdown, plans are already in the works. But we're not done yet…

The next few months will be all about our community–the people, organizations, and causes that have supported us throughout this incredible journey. We still have more events to attend, more funds to raise, more memories to make, and more love to share.

Thank you for walking this path with us. We can't wait to spend these final months celebrating our community together. The best is still to come.

QUEEN MOTHER'S QUILL

As summer winds down, we are all filled with wonderful memories of our fabulous Pride celebrations. And as the ISRC looks toward our Coronation season, I hope we can all remember and hold pride in our hearts all year long.

The Gay Portland Pageant is fast approaching and even though we don't have title holders to step down, I certainly hope folks will rally the cause and step up to run for these wonderful titles. Also, this month I celebrate my 26th year supporting the HIV affected children's summer camp community. When I first started with Camp Starlight in 2001, the ISRC was (and continues to be) my biggest supporter, raising funds, donating supplies and eventually sending volunteers to help us build the amazing community for these children and their families. I can't believe it's been so long and I know I could never have done it without the support of my Rose Court family. Thank you all very much.

I need to take a moment and give a special shout out to my Princess, the Peruvian Rose Princess 32 Meesha Peru on her 25th anniversary of volunteering with these HIV affected children's summer camps. Your tireless efforts and generosity of time and spirit have not gone unnoticed. You are loved and appreciated. Thank you so much!
Passionately yours,
Mother, (aka QM2, RE44, Dr. PMW)

THE BUSINESS

COURT MEETINGS

Next Court meeting is September 14, 2026 and the 1st Monday of the month thereafter at Darcelle XV Showplace @ 7pm. All are welcome.

FUNDRAISING

CHARITY TOTALS

We are thrilled to report our running total of charity monies raised since November 2025 is **$30,235.80** Great job everyone!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

DARCELLE XV PLAZA FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS

Join members of the ISRC and Peacock Productions, Inc. as we co-sponsor Darcelle XV Plaza Friday Night Flicks, August 14 and September 18, 2026 at 9pm. Next up, The Devil Wears Prada, starring Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway!

CORONATION EVENTS

Eugene

Announcements - August 2nd 6pm
Coronation - August 23rd 5pm

Portland

Announcement of Candidates - September 20th 5pm, Darcelle XV

ROSE EMPEROR, ROSE EMPRESS & ROSE EMPREX APPLICATIONS

Applications are now available for the titles of Rose Emperor and Rose Empress. Visit Rosecourt.org to download a copy of the application which are due with postmark by August 28th. Interviews will be held on September 14th following the regular Court Meeting at 7pm, at the Darcelle XV Showplace.

CORONATION ADVERTISING

Ads are now for sale to off-set the cost of program printing. Here is your chance to "literally" have a page in one of our history books. Please consider advertising your business, upcoming event or send a congratulatory message to the outgoing monarchs or the candidates. Full-color, full-page ads are just $175, 7.5" x 10" and half-page ads are $135, 7.5" x 4.875". Ads should be sent to advertising@rosecourt.org no later than September 18th for publication.

4TH OF JULY PARTY

A lovely time was had by all at Scot & Erik's Annual Fourth Of July Party. Delicious No-Ho's Hawaiian food, as well as treats from attendees made for good eats. A wonderful array of raffle prizes and plants made for an exciting raffle, raising $1,400 to benefit the Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund. Practically everyone left with something! Thank you to Scot and Erik for this annual tradition and for raising even more money for The Pride Of The Rose Scholarship Fund!

OREGON GAY PRIDE PAGEANT

Congratulations to The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Willamette Empire on a successful Oregon Gay Pride Pageant. This year, Mx. Oregon Gay Pride – Ina Sapphire Doll, and Miss Oregon Gay Pride – Jezzabelle VonTramp, set a precedent in fundraising – collecting well over $5,000 in their "Fill The Purse" campaign bringing their total for the year to $6,890 for charity. The evening was hosted by Rose Empresses Monica Boulevard and Adrienne Alexander and ended with Jonny Doone and Stephanie Foxx being crowned the new Gay Oregon Pride titleholders. We wish you a fun and productive year! Kudos to all!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Christmas in July was a wonderful success raising $700 to support the upcoming Gay Portland Pageant. Produced by Rose Empress XXXVI Maria and Imperial Princess Royale LIV Bella Pepper Phoénixx, the evening included a gingerbread house contest, raffles, Father Christmas and a quick show. Maria and Bella are also producing the Gay Portland Pageant along with Imperial Prince Royale L Daddy Robert on August 30th at Darcelle XV Showplace. $15 donation at the door.

EUGENE CORONATION

Join the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Emerald Empire and His Most Imperial Sovereign Majesty Emerald Emperor 52 James B. Goode Hollywood Ohana St. James for Coronation 53… Game of Thrones. Out-of-Town Show August 21st, Coronation August 22nd and Victory Brunch August 23rd at the Graduate in downtown Eugene, Oregon. Email Protocol@rosecourt.org to walk. We are dressing in floral for the court walk.

EMPRESS' BINGO

The Empress Bingo…HIV Day Center Edition was AMAZING! There was not an empty seat in the house. Not only did we raise $1,070 in BINGO card sales, but the HIV Day Center had a raffle of their own raising another $665 with some amazing prizes like overnight stays at a resort. Their supporters most definitely showed up and showed out! Thank you to the Darcelle XV staff who showed up in numbers to make the evening flow great. Brandie Mae and Adrienne even performed for the crowd, which was a big hit.

COURT MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Shane hails from San Jose and has been community-minded from a young age. Inspired by the service and dedication of his grandfather, a firefighter, Shane developed an early passion for making a positive difference in the lives of others.

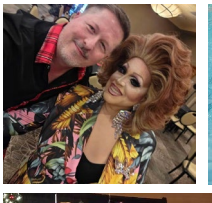
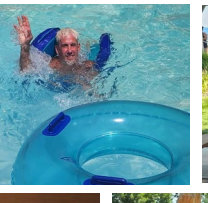
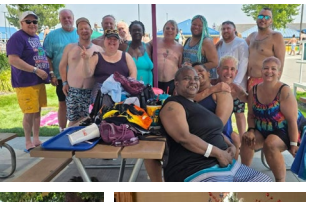
As Knight of Portland XXIX, he spearheaded a successful online fundraiser benefiting The Trevor Project and visited numerous courts and communities to raise awareness about the importance of protecting youth and providing access to lifesaving support services. Shane is especially grateful to acknowledge his partner, Cameron (Rose Empress XLV Chloe Stone), whose unwavering support, encouragement, and care have made this exciting year even more meaningful. Congratulations Shane on being named Court Member of the Month for July 2026.

"I DO" AT DARCELLE XV PLAZA

Rose Empress XLIV Dr. Poison Waters officiated the nuptials for dozens of couples on July 18, 2026. Rose Emperor XLVII Hollywood and his new husband Marx Phillips were amongst those who tied the knot at this community-wide celebration of love. Complete with performances by Angela Nelson and City Councilor Clark, the evening concluded with a sing-along and dancing. The happy couples signed official marriage certificates and each received their own wedding cake courtesy of the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Congratulations Hollywood and Marx!

BOISE CORONATION

It was so great to see all of our wonderful friends and make new ones in Boise, Idaho as we attended our potentially last out of state walk! Despite the heat (106), we made it through! Congratulations to Maria Peters Lake on being given the Empress To Past Empress Award from Serenitee Manhattan! Congrats to Emperors 49 of The Gem Court of Idaho - Jase & Mikea! We cannot wait to see you on the circuit soon!

EXPERIENCE DEB JOHNSTON

Join Peacock Productions, Inc. for Experience Deb Johnston, Sunday, August 16th. Deb Johnston is a beloved member of the community, and we are excited to hear her story. She is a lesbian, was an English teacher in Gladstone, OR for over 30 years, and has been married to the same woman for forty-two years. She is a huge fan of drag in Portland, and didn't miss one minute of the 48-hour Dragathon at Darcelle XV Showplace. Don't miss your chance to hear what Deb has on her mind in this one-woman show. Tickets are available at Eventbrite.com.

Friday Night Flicks
Darcelle XV Plaza
August 14th @ 9pm
FREE
ALL-AGES

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA

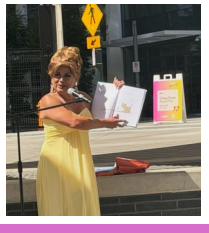
Sponsored by:
Peacock Productions, Inc.
& The Imperial Sovereign Rose Court

Coming Soon…
Tootsie
September 18

MALARKEY'S HONORS DARCELLE XV

Famed chef Brian Malarkey has opened his newest restaurant in the Pearl District's old Oba space at NW 12th & NW Hoyt. In an effort to capture the kitschy Portland vibe, the Malarkey, a steakhouse and seafood grill, features velvet booths, bathroom stripper poles, and an original painting of Darcelle XV. We can't wait to visit.

ROSE COURT MEMBERS ABOUT TOWN



PORTLAND CORONATION COMMAND PERFORMERS

We are absolutely thrilled to announce the command performers for this year's Portland Coronation. These three promise to bring the house down with their incredible talent. Get your tickets today to Portland's Coronation!

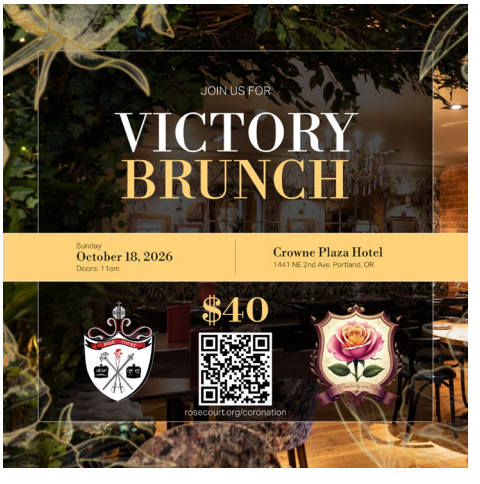
PORTLAND CORONATION HOST HOTEL

Host hotel rooms are limited. Book yours today to ensure you are in the middle of all the action. To reserve your room, click on the QR code on the hotel ad on page 5 of this newsletter or call 503-233-2401 and provide group code SRQ.

PORTLAND CORONATION OCTOBER 16-18, 2026!

Tickets are now available online for all Coronation 2026 events. Coronation season kicks-off with announcement of candidates, September 20, 2026 at Darcelle XV Showplace and is hosted by Rose Empress LX Kimberly Michelle Westwood and Rose Empress LXII Shima Manila Foxx. Announcement of Candidates traditionally features performances from Rose Monarchs, so we hope you will join us. MP3 Music should be submitted to Rosecourtmusic@gmail.com no later than September 16, 2026. No YouTube videos, please.

Everyone is welcome to attend. We hope to see you all there!



OREGON STATE LEATHER CONTEST

Let's show our support for the Oregon Leather Community by attending the Oregon State Leather Contest, August 7th & 8th. Tickets are $20 and the event is being held at CC Slaughter's both nights. Friday night is a Contestant Meet & Greet, and Saturday is the contest. Rose Court titleholders will be selling raffle tickets on Friday night, and Rose Empress Adrienne is a judge for the weekend.

PORTLAND PRIDE PARADE

The Portland Pride Parade was the highlight of the Rose Court's month. We sparkled like diamonds in our regalia. Thank you to Princess Royale LV, Ms. Gay Oregon XXVI Saydie B Goode, Knight of Portland XXIX - Shane Irish Knight Jones, Rosebud XLIX Angelica B. Dvein and Thorn XLIX Sir Maria Clara for joining Their Majesties. The Creativity Of The Rose also thanks Emerald Emperor LII James B Goode O'Hana of Eugene as well as Wayne and Troy for all of their help that day! We are also proud of Rose Empress LX Kimberly Michelle Westwood who hosted the South stage at the Pride Festival. Way to represent the ISRC!

MOTHER'S SERVES UP COMMUNITY

July Support Local Business Night at Mother's Bistro was amazing as always. Thank you all who RSVP and attend to make it successful. We only have a few left, so if you have not been, please be sure to add the 2nd Tuesday of the month to your calendar and join us in August and September. We meet at 6 pm. Please send Adrienne a direct message to get added to the list, as a reservation has to be made.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

8/3 Court Meeting
Darcelle XV Showplace, 7pm, all are welcome

8/7 Oregon State Leather Contest
Meet & Greet CC Slaughters, 7pm, Free

8/8 Oregon State Leather Contest
CC Slaughters, 6pm, $15 in advance, $20 at door

8/9 A Royale Engagement
Darcelle XV, doors 5pm, show 6pm, $10

8/11 Support Local Business Night
Mother's Bistro, NW 3rd, 6pm

8/14 Friday Night Flicks
Darcelle XV Plaza, Devil Wears Prada, 9pm, free

8/15 Vancouver Monarch's Week Show
Our Third Space, doors 6pm, show 7pm, $15

8/16 Experience Deb Johnston
Darcelle XV, doors 5pm, show 6pm, $25 on Eventbrite

8/19 The Empress' Bingo Hospitality Edition
Darcelle XV, Doors 6pm, Bingo 7pm, $10

8/22 Eugene Coronation
The Graduate, doors 5pm, coronation 6pm, $77.50

8/23 Progressive Dinner
Venmo:@PoisonWaters or CashApp:$poisonwaters $30

8/29 Scholarship Show
Southside Speakeasy, 5pm

8/30 Gay Portland Pageant
Darcelle XV, doors 5pm, pageant 6pm, $15