

Elks Lodge planning pin-up contest

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There will be victory rolls, pompadours and other symbols of the pin-up aesthetic at Crescent City Elks Lodge 1689 for its pin-up contest Jan. 18.

“I wanted to create a fun event to get people dressing up, going out and having a good time. I was inspired by all the folks who were dressing up for the Sea Cruise and thought, ‘Why not make it an occasion?’” said event coordinator Jermaine Brubaker.

The contest is open to all genders. Attendees can enter either the “fem” or “butch” pin-up categories.

The event costs \$15 and is open to the public, ages 21 and older. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8:00.

“I wanted the event to be as inclusive as possible, rock some heels and a wiggle dress, or a pompadour and leather jacket, or even a zoot suit or military uniform,” Brubaker said.

The show will feature two drag performers from Humboldt County - Davinya and Fuscia Rae. Fuscia Rae will serve as the event’s emcee.

Khrysalis Photography will have a booth set up downstairs where guests can have their photos taken. Contest winners in each category will receive a mini-photo session with Khrysalis.

There is no additional cost to enter the contest. Organizers said they encourage people to step outside their comfort zone and have some fun. “Play with the style,” said Bre Ellis. “Bring out the weirdos and monsters!”

Ellis, a local makeup artist and hair stylist, is one of three judges for the event. Brubaker, Ellis and Dawn Anderson O’Hagan will be surveying the entrees for the best costumes of the evening.

“I wanted to pull together some local people who have experience doing pin-up to help with this event,” said Ellis. “We even were able to get the talented Karen Martinez to be our stage manager for the night.”

Brubaker felt a partnership with the Elks Lodge was a perfect fit and has been working closely with Sommer Livingstone, the Elks event planner. The lodge will be offering themed drink specials straight from the ‘40s.

The pin-up contest is a fundraiser for the Elks general fund. Contestants can enter by contacting Brubaker at 707-957-0599 or going to the Pin Up Del Norte Facebook Page.