



Bustin' out

More June queer events than you can shake a stick at

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Rodgers and Hammerstein couldn't have said it better—June is bustin' out all over! Queer folk from all directions are just bursting with Pride, and not just in Portland, either. If you're out cruising on the highways this month, you have family in all directions.

Who will be voted Mr. Oregon Bear and Mr. Oregon Cub for 2002? Beards & Roses is June 7 to 9

downtown Sylvester Park at 1 p.m. This year's theme is "Pride Around the World: Equal Rights Now." www.rainbowcenteroly.org.

Saturday in the Park, a Vancouver, Wash., Pride celebration, is 1 to 8 p.m. July 13 at Esther Short Park. But festivities begin even earlier at a benefit dance 8 p.m. to midnight June 8 at Northbank Tavern, 106 W. Sixth St. Suggested donation is \$2. www.saturdayinthepark.net/index2.ivnu.

Later this year, look for Capitol Pride in Salem. Revelry begins with a kickoff dinner Sept. 13 followed by a festival day Sept. 14. A queer visibility picnic with public commitment ceremony is scheduled for Sept. 15. 503-831-3278.

Statewide Pride

Beginning at 11 a.m. June 9, check out the Coos County Gay Pride get-together at the orange shelter of Bastendorff County Park near Charleston. A \$5 donation serves up good food and good company. 541-267-6508.

The annual Eugene Pride Day Festival celebrating Lane County's queer community converges June 22 at Alton Baker Park, with live entertainment from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. www.eugenepride.org.

Olympia, Wash., also shows its Pride June 22, with a parade from the Capitol grounds at noon, heading toward a festival in

Before, after and during

Pride celebrations aren't the only places you'll find like-minded folk kicking up some summer fun this month. Jot these events in your calendar, and your dance card is full.

June 7 to 9 is the annual Oregon Bears Beards & Roses weekend, which includes an Underbear Party June 7 at Gail's Dirty Duck, 439 N.W. Third Ave. On June 8, bears and cubs opt for either a touristy outing such as the Oregon

Zoo or join the clan at the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. A new Mr. Oregon Bear and Mr. Oregon Cub will be crowned later that evening, while June 9 activities include brunch followed by a visit to Saturday Market. Join the fun—and receive a yearlong membership—for \$80. Bear in mind, this cub club's activities support the charitable work of the Friends of People with AIDS Foundation. 503-240-2813 or beardsandroses@oregonbears.org.

Eat, drink and dance for a good cause at the first-ever Q-Ball, a fund-raiser June 8 at Arnegards Ballroom, 1510 S.E. Ninth Ave. Carousing begins at 7 p.m., including food and drink by Dingos and dancing to music by DJ Gregarious. Proceeds from a silent auction benefit Basic Rights Oregon, as do a portion of the \$40 tickets, which you get from Dingos, 4612 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., or www.dingosonline.com.

If you appreciate a girl who speaks her mind, hold court with Misha Rockefeller during her 13th annual Grand Floral Parade party June 8 at the corner of Southwest 10th Avenue and Stark Street. The Brig opens a bloody mary bar at 9 a.m., followed by a full Imperial Sovereign Rose Court show

on the Panorama ledge beginning at 11. At noon, Misha opines on the parade.

More dark comedy and brutal reality await June 9 when Theatre Vertigo presents a free staged reading of *Ripen Our Darkness*, a play by Sarah Daniels that promises to examine families, religion, alcoholism and lesbianism from an uncompromising female point of view. Begins 7:30 p.m. at Russell Street Theatre, 116 N.E. Russell St. 503-306-0870 or reservation@theatrevertigo.org.

Also onstage June 9 is Portland's annual Pride Pageant, in which Scott Weimer and Amy Tyrell, Mr. and Miss Pride 2001, crown new royalty. Doors open at 6 p.m. Your \$5 (to benefit Pride Northwest) gets you into the Brig, 1035 S.W. Stark St., to watch contestants strut their stuff in categories such as formal wear, creative club attire and swim wear.

Heck, which pageant to choose? Darcelle XV, 208 N.W. Third Ave., presents the Portland Regional Miss Gay Latino Pageant 8 p.m. June 9 with contestants from all areas of South and Latin American backgrounds. \$10 at the door.

Corporate-owned chain bookstores get into the Pride act, too: Borders, 708 S.W. Third

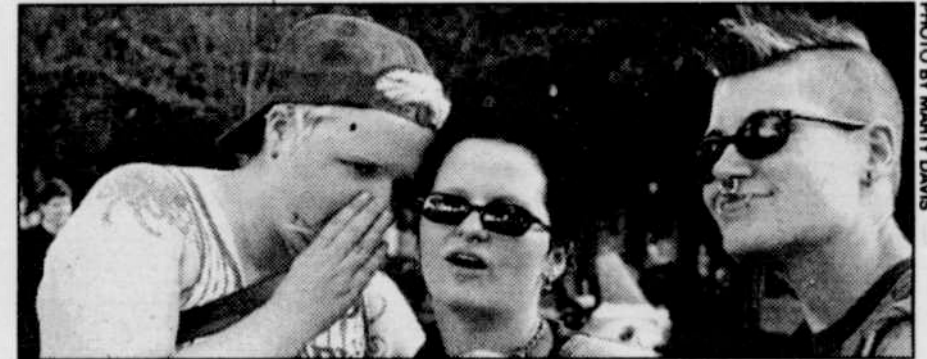
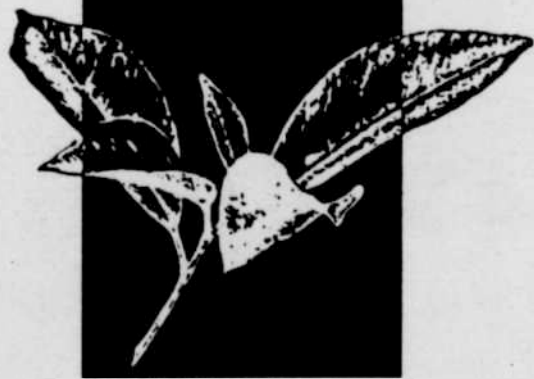


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