



On a queer day...



Good weather and a whole lot of stuff to do drew thousands to Portland Pride 2002

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Well, a queer day it was at Portland Pride 2002 June 15 and 16. The annual event included a two-day festival at Waterfront Park with a variety of organizational and retail vendors, plus two stages of entertainment; the Sunday parade; and the Saturday Dyke March coordinated by the Lesbian Avengers. Pride Northwest estimates 20,000 people entered the festival, while about 50,000 enjoyed the parade. (Portland police estimate a more modest 25,000 at the parade.)

But who the heck is counting when an event comes off this well? Carmella Ettinger, Pride Northwest board president, notes her delight in the weekend. "People seemed to

have a really good time. They were wonderfully generous with their donations, and there were lots of great volunteers who were incredibly giving of their time."

Although not sure yet of the exact amount of revenue brought in, the organization seems pleased overall with the entrance donations. Other than a few items forgotten or lost during the weekend, no problems were reported at the festival sight.

Especially memorable on the stages were blues singer Margo Tufo, a fire dance show by the Gary Talbot troupe and, of course, Portland Taiko, an Asian American drum performance

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