

Day of Species Parade Soggy Success!!!

Boy did we have fun!!! -- Boy did we get WET!!!!

On April 28, 2001, the Columbia Association of Puppeteers proudly played, participated, volunteered and celebrated the third annual National Day of Puppetry in Portland, Oregon's Procession of the Species Parade and Festival. As a guild, we always push, pull and stretch the limits of puppetry education, love and affection, but this almost went too far.

Prior to the event, both CAP President, Steve Overton and Vice President Kris Bluett-Woolen lead giant puppet-building workshops for anyone who was interested in making a puppet for participation in the Parade. Together we had over 50 volunteers helping create

CAP Meeting Thursday May 24th - 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be at **Tears of Joy's** space at **321 NE Wygant, in NE Portland**, upstairs in Suite 201 - the first one on the right at the top of the stairs. (503) 284-7562. Please bring some kind of healthy dessert- type baked goods, fruit or fruit juice to share at the meeting.

The topic: A Performance in Progress by Susan Prindle.

Directions: From I-5 North from downtown take the Killingsworth/Swan Island exit and turn right or east at the stop sign. Proceed to MLK Jr Blvd and turn right go one block to Wygant and turn right again. Shop is on right side of street.

OR: From MLK going out of downtown, left on Alberta (by St. Vincent de Paul), left on Garfield, left on Wygant. Shop is on left side of street.

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all sorts of different kinds of puppets that marched, were carried, or soared high above the parade.

April weather (some would also say May and June weather) in Portland is always a roll of the dice. Last year's parade was held on a warm fluffy April day with temperatures in the upper 60's.

This year, the parade was held on a not-so-fluffy April day that featured hail, pelting rain, temperatures in the low to mid-50's and winds gusting to 30+ mph.

Yes, some of the puppets got blown apart (and some even got blown away and were last seen heading over Southeast Portland). Some of the parade participants turned back and decided that enough was enough, but the intrepid (foolish?) members of CAP pushed ever onward, getting wetter--and wetter--and wetter. Two miles in the rain and wind, and just as we reached the finish line, the rain let up and the skies began to clear. Just another typical spring day in Portland.

To see more pictures of the parade, visit our website at www.cappuppets.org. There you will find several pages of photos taken by your thoroughly drenched newsletter editor Marty Richmond. The Summer issue of the P of A Journal will have coverage of all the National Day of Puppetry events, and we've been told we're first up in the story!!!

The slogan of this year's procession was: *You've Never Seen the Streets of Portland So Wild!* Truer words were never coined for an event!!!!

