

# LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION



# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message



### Makin' Music

If you've ever drawn a bowstring across a violin, you know it takes more than just luck to make beautiful music. It takes practice, dedication and tenacity to improve technique by adapting to feedback from the instrument. (TALENT)

An instructor may suggest and give you direction about the proper way to initially hold the violin or the proper angle of your fingertips, but the only sure way you find the right technique is through sound. (SKILL)

When that bow is drawn across the strings, it is instantly apparent if you've got it right. If it's not, you may apply a little more pressure to the bow, pull it a little faster, or adjust the placement of your fingers on the strings a bit until the instrument sings. (SUCCESS)

Is our brash float being equated to a fine musical instrument here....? Well yes, and no.

The violin doesn't get torn down and rebuilt each year, save for some maint and tuning. But the violinist, well they do learn and constantly improve and ever advance and push their boundaries with the goal of being in a symphony where other violinists and instruments come together to make music in a way that mesmerizes and enchants and communicates all at once.

The float chassis is the same each year, save for some maint. and tuning. But the float pod, story and mechanics do constantly improve and advance and push boundaries with the goal of being in the greatest parade each year, in symphony of color, sound and motion that mesmerizes, enchants and communicates all at once.

In hopes that you get my point, I will save the redundancy of equating the TALENT, SKILL and SUCCESS of creating and bringing to life the Pod and Story that is our float each year. As previously mentioned, it's a Village that makes it, and it's the DREAMs mindset and symbiosis that bring it to life. To wit, this collective hive of Skills and Talent and Success, beget a Knowledge-base that is unique, and does not and -for the most part- cannot, be taught in a traditional setting. This unique community resource and priceless asset is available to those willing to accept the challenge of "the build", by being involved in a knowledge transfer you cannot buy anywhere.

Offering our community, and specifically our youth in the community, an exposure to this resource is yet another way that our float while getting built by-the-community... actually builds-community.

Where else exists such a wildly fun, and unique combination to let creativity, TALENT, SKILL ... SUCCEED!

Join us...! Tell your friends !!!

*Ernest Koeppen, President*  
[President@lcftra.org](mailto:President@lcftra.org)



## Thank you LCF!



Thank you to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for supporting us!

We proudly represent the City of LCF as we turn TV Corner each year as a part of America's celebration on New Year's Day and are grateful for your continued support - thank you!



# Fiesta Days Memories



Our Village once again comes together!

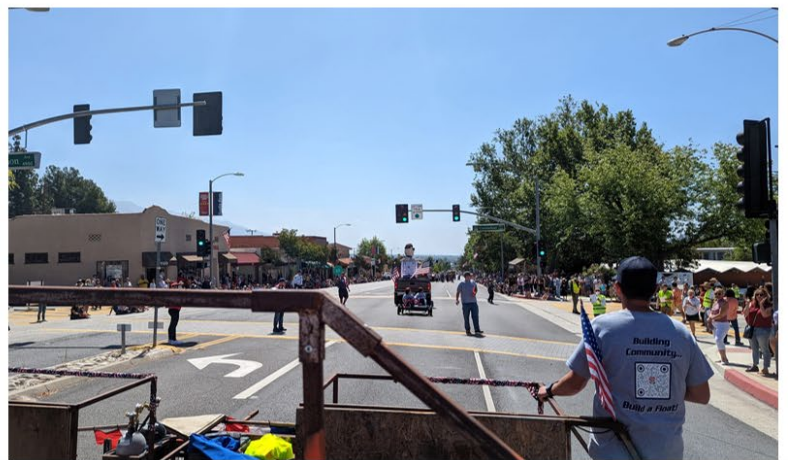
Did you know that the LCFTRA float is actually in two parades each year?

That's right, we proudly participate in the Memorial Day Parade in our hometown of La Cañada Flintridge.

The Memorial Day weekend of events in LCF was a huge success, with a terrific turnout of people.

Just being part of it was a privilege!

Relive some of the memories with us, of our cruise down Foothill Blvd!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fiesta Days Parade and helped make it a success!

I would like to thank our 2023 float operating crew: Grant Delgatty, Ernest Koeppen, Pam Gossoo, and Denise Koeppen.

A special thank you to James Herrington and Ryan Babroff, our Convoy Co-Chairs, for getting the float from site, up Foothill Blvd., down the parade route, and back home.

Once the groundwork is laid out, we will start the process of building an award-winning float.

*Please feel free to reach out to us about how you can help us reach our vision and build an award-winning float!*

Jeffrey M Helgager, V.P. Float Deployment



## News from Construction



The Fiesta Days were great. We had a nice turnout to our open house, 30+ people. The parade was also a success. We had riders on the main float waving and adding to the spirit. The very stripped-down satellite got many thumb-ups and smiles.

On to construction of the 2023 Float: The new hydraulic hoses for steering and braking have arrived and are installed.



Tournament of Roses (TOR) requires a brake inspection every few years. They are requiring a visual inspection with the tires off the float to check the brake pads. This is in the works.

Accumulators are back from Maintenance, and we are working on reinstalling them.

We are prepping for the July Mechanical Inspection (MI).

We are anxious to start building the float, waiting on the 3-dimensional drawings.

*Also we would like to thank everyone that participated in Shenanigans fundraiser at the Wolhaupter's. It was a fun and delicious event. And a huge thank you to John and Nancy Wolhaupter for their gracious hospitality.*

We are at Float Site every Saturday starting at 9am, to at least noon and later once construction starts.

Drop by to say "Hi!" and check-out the site and float chassis.

Pam Gossoo, James Herrington, John Wolhaupter  
Co- Construction Chairs

# Deco



Save the date!

We'll be doing the initial "Call-Out" of the float on July 23rd at 9am.

That means **we'll start deciding which materials go in which places and naming every single part of the float.**

If you are interested in joining us, we'll start with calling out the raccoons, and would love to have deco newbies join us.

Location is still to be determined, so if you are interested and available send an email to [deco@lcftra.org](mailto:deco@lcftra.org) so we can send you the final details. Looking forward to creatively working together with the deco team.

Hope everyone has a lovely summer.

Can't wait to see you all!

*Sara Wickersham, Jennifer Lazo, Deco Co-Chairs*

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# Floatique



It's Official! Summer is here and who would have thought it would come in on a good old fashion mid-western thunder and lightning storm! Thank goodness it also brought some much-needed rain to the foothills.

We hope the kids are enjoying their summer break and the entire family is at Memorial Park listening to great music on Sunday evenings.

For those of you that attended the recent LCFTRA fundraiser, Shenanigans at the Wolhaupters on June 18<sup>th</sup>, thank you for your support . For those unable to attend this amazing event, we would love to have your support as well. Just stop by our LCFTRA website to see how you can help.

The design work for the 2023 Secondhand Shenanigans float is full steam ahead and we are looking forward to getting images from our Designer to spotlight our 2023 merchandise.

Wishing you all a wonderful, safe, and fun filled summer.

Thanks to one and all for your amazing support!

*Michele Bottrell (818-248-5440), Chuck Hughes (818-790-9597), Floatique Co-Chairs*





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## Rewards for Members!



LCFTRA Members: Invite friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to join us in keeping the tradition alive. Earn a \$5.00 gift certificate for referring a new member. We'll reward you for the first 10 referrals! The gift certificate is good for purchases at the Floatique. Contact Sarah Marshall at [Membership@lcftra.org](mailto:Membership@lcftra.org) or 818-790-2732 to make sure you get credit for your referrals.

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## Membership Renewals

May 2022

**Rose Circle (\$800+)**

Tony Chahine

**Parader (\$300)**

Bob Van Valer

**Patron (\$150)**

Walter Bakly

LuRetta Haire

Anne Hills

Karen Neilson

Sara Wickersham

**Sustainer (\$75)**

Daryl Baker

Mary Ellen Knowles

Lorie MacKenzie

Mary and Jim Ohms

Dana Runge

**Floater (\$35)**

Greg Casarella

Jim Neilson

**Donations**

Ted Davis

### Membership Renewals:

We will keep track of your renewal schedule for you. All members will receive email reminders of their membership renewal 30 days before their current membership expires. The email will contain a direct link for the renewal process online and allows payment by all major credit cards, PayPal, or by printing a form and mailing in a check.

Questions? Contact Sarah Marshall: Email [Membership@lcftra.org](mailto:Membership@lcftra.org) or call @818-790-2732.

### New Memberships:

Join online by clicking on this [New Member Signup](#) button. Using the online signup process is the easiest way to go and allows you to pay online (or by check).

**No email or internet access?** If you prefer to not use the online options for new memberships or renewals, then print [this Mail-In Membership Form](#) and follow the instructions for mailing your information and check.

*Sarah Marshall, Membership Chair*

[Membership@lcftra.org](mailto:Membership@lcftra.org)

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### Technical Support

If you have technical issues signing in, you can contact our website provider's support folks toll free at 1-866-HLP-CLUB (457-2582) from 4:30 AM to 7:00 PM, Mon-Fri, Pacific time (they are located in Chicago). Or you can email them at [Support@clubexpress.com](mailto:Support@clubexpress.com). For all other LCFTRA questions or help, feel free to contact Rich Boccia at [VPAdmin@lcftra.org](mailto:VPAdmin@lcftra.org).

Thank you so much for your support. We are 100% donation supported, and your membership dues/donations make the float possible. Hopefully the new website will make that continued support easy for you!

See you next month!

*Rich Boccia, VP - Administration*

[VPAdmin@lcftra.org](mailto:VPAdmin@lcftra.org)

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