

**LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE  
TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION**



# NEWSLETTER

## President's Message:

I was waiting for June Gloom, but it might have skipped us this year. It has gotten hot early and now that summer has officially arrived, we are in for a long hot summer. This time of year, I catch myself talking and thinking about the heat; current temperatures compared to last year, how long it will last, and will it cool down at night are some of the topics that fill my thoughts. It seems we also talk with friends and family about the weather as well so hopefully that means I am not alone. Someone once said to me, “why do people talk about the summer heat each year? It should not be a surprise. It is summer. It is hot every year. The pattern is almost the same. It is hot until October, then it starts to cool down.”

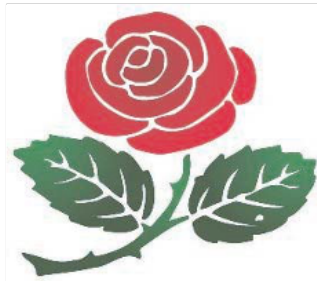
I think that person is probably correct. It should not be a surprise to anyone. However, just so you know, when it starts to cool down, I talk about that as well!

As we do enter the “dog days” of summer, I am amazed at how much our executive board and team leads are thinking and talking about the Float. The float site is getting busier each weekend, the deco team is rolling into full strategy and implementation and our Wine and Roses Committee is planning for our event in the fall (which by then, by the way, should be cooler). Building the float is a year-long process and the heat cannot slow us down. Did you know that our float is the only float built entirely outdoors?

The work does not stop, and our leadership helps keep it going and on track. The float is really starting to take shape. Our administration team is hard at work with the new website and attracting new members. It is a great time to become a member. Please visit the website and renew your membership or encourage a friend or family member to become one. Membership is the key to our success.

I hope everyone enjoys the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and has a great summer. And try not to talk about the weather. Instead, let's talk more about the FLOAT!

*Michael Davitt, President*  
[President@lcftra.org](mailto:President@lcftra.org)



## Construction:

# WE HAVE A (La Cañada) HOMETOWN PARADE-READY FLOAT !



### Float:

Chassis: It's been a very busy number of weeks since our last report. We pushed hard to hit a major milestone: getting our floats ready for the La Cañada Flintridge Hometown Parade on Monday, July 5th. Everyone pulled together to make this important target date. A great deal of soap, detergent and loads of laundry have certainly been kept flowing as oil, grease, dirt and weld-spatter covered and exhausted volunteers made it home to be greeted by loving (and tolerant) family members!

The Construction chairs send a huge 'Thanks!' out to: Jeff Helgager, Pam Gossoo, Randy Bartos, James Herrington, Chuck Hughes and Andrew Richmond.

The rear end and hitch and radiator "cage" are all complete. Nearly all hydraulic lines have been replaced – those few hoses that are still en-route to us have been temporarily re-installed using the old hoses. Additionally a full new modular driver pod frame has also been fabricated and installed.

This means that officially **all of our deferred maintenance and required upgrades are complete**; we are ready to now get on with building: "Who Says We Can't?"

### Next steps:

- Decorate and display our chassis and upcoming design in the July 5<sup>th</sup> La Canada Hometown Parade!

Track-Trolley: Pam Gossoo is preparing to be the new Henry Ford and getting ready for an assembly line approach to trolley cart manufacturing.

Trees and Mechanicals (Mechs): Now as part of the actual build we will be looking at designing and building the surface characters that will be on the float landscape. We have swaying trees, a balancing dog on a slackline, a dog on a teetering skatepark rail, and also a dog on the satellite all to create.



### Characters:

Grant Delgatty has initiated foam carving classes, and foam characters are emerging like statues out of fine Italian marble. Well, it's something like that at least. So, carvers, we love you and we need you . . . keep coming out and bring your character to life. (Reminder to our foam carvers: this activity **REQUIRES** a respirator to insure you do not inhale foam dust. We do have some if you forget yours or do not have one of your own. For any specifications or questions, please reach out to any one of the Construction Crew.)

### Satellite(s):

The satellite drive-pod is cleaned-up and restored. It's even gone to the local drive-thru for coffee! The Satellite body has been painted into a nifty checkerboard pattern by our artistic paint, character carving and deco team of Sue Beatty, Ann Neilson and Pam Wiedenbeck. So the Satellite is ready to go! (and also ready to start "showing up in town". . . here and there . . . There will be fun "LCFTRA Satellite Sightings" for swag and to raise awareness.)





### Construction Site:



A proverbial beehive of activity. We have welcomed numerous new volunteers, and hope that the lure of a BBQ lunch, new friendships, and conversations of wild ideas and invention that are met with intrigue - plus some shenanigans - will keep a vibrant group of out-of-the-box thinkers coming back for more.

So much to do, can't even list it all here! Hope to see everyone come by and amaze.. or at least be amazed!

*Ernest Koeppen, John Wolhaupter, Dwight Crumb, Construction Co-Chairs*  
[Construction@lcftra.org](mailto:Construction@lcftra.org)

The LCFTRA 2022 Rose Parade entry: “Who Says We Can’t?”





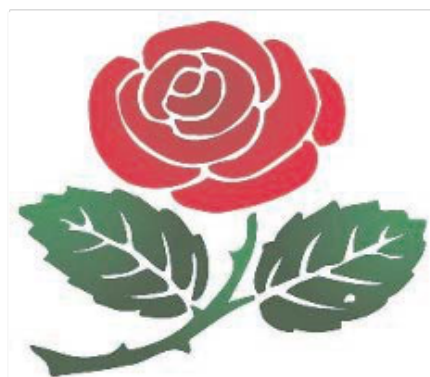


## Deco:

The first deco call out is complete! We got through quite a few characters (including the one that has already been carved- the dalmation!), and identified some questions for construction. Next up we'll finish the few remaining characters and start working on the base. There are lots of unusual neon colors on the base of this float, so we're looking forward to using some unusual materials to get those effects. Keep your eyes open for the next deco call out day, and join us if you can!

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

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



# Administration:

## INTRODUCING MORE NEW LCFTRA WEBSITE FEATURES!

Visit the website [Home](#) or go to: [www.lcftra.org](http://www.lcftra.org)

### Keep up with everything that's going on!

The LCFTRA website includes an up-to-date calendar that shows what's going on, where it's happening and other details. Get to the calendar by clicking on the "Events Calendar" item in the top menu. The items on the calendar are color-coded by type of activity. And you can add an activity to your own device's calendar with the click of a button. You can also click to open a Google map of the activity location. Never miss another LCFTRA activity!

Here is a sample of the current June calendar as a monthly grid:

Events - Grid View

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The event calendar shows upcoming club events. Select a view then use the navigation buttons to move between dates. Click on the event to view more information, including the event description, times, location, fees and any rules regarding attendance; you can also register for events from this screen. Click on the magnifying glass on the toolbar to see search and filter options.

Switch to List View

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Fiesta Days moved to July 5 Parade

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Fiesta Days moved to July 5 Parade

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Board of Directors Meeting - Monthly

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Deco Call Out Meeting

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Print Calendar

Or as a list:

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5	<b>Float Building</b> LCF Tournament of Roses Association - Located behind Valley Water Company 9:00 AM <a href="#">More Info</a>
9	<b>Board of Directors Meeting - Monthly</b> Online via Zoom 6:30 PM <a href="#">More Info</a>
12	<b>Float Building</b> LCF Tournament of Roses Association - Located behind Valley Water Company 9:00 AM <a href="#">More Info</a>
19	<b>Deco Call Out Meeting</b> Valley Water Company Board Room 9:00 AM <a href="#">More Info</a>
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## **Technical Support**

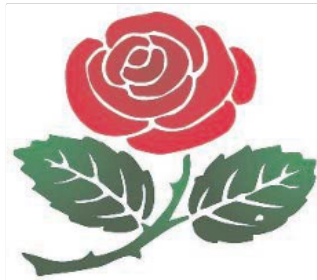
If you have technical issues signing in, you can contact our website provider's support folks toll free at 1-866-HLP-CLUB (457-2582) from 4:30 AM to 7:00 PM, Mon-Fri, Pacific time (they are located in Chicago). Or you can email them at [Support@clubexpress.com](mailto:Support@clubexpress.com). For all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

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

See you next month!

*Greg Brown, VP - Administration*

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



## **Membership Renewals:**

**May    2021**

### **Patron (\$150)**

Liz Argue  
Barbie and Dennis Eland  
Sara Wickersham

### **Sustainer (\$75)**

Lorie MacKenzie  
Dorothy Potter  
Dana Runge

### **Floater (\$35)**

Grant Delgatty

### **Supplemental Donations**

Liz Argue



## Membership Renewals:

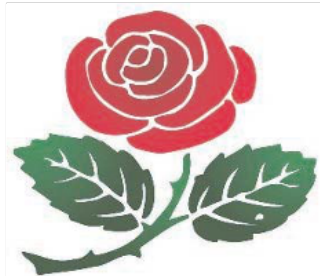
We will keep track of your renewal schedule for you. All members will receive email reminders of their membership renewal beginning 30 days before their current membership expires. The email will contain a direct link for the renewal process online and allows payment by all major credit cards, PayPal,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



# Remember When: A Past President Looks Back

## *Rain Forest Fiesta: Concept to Post Parade*

The first LCFTRA float that I worked on from Concept Contest Review to Post Parade was 'Rain Forest Fiesta'. I was no longer 'Float Liaison' and was finishing my six-year run as a new tournament member with my first year on the Formation Area Committee, a Pasadena Tournament of Roses committee which required very little but showing up on the evening of December 31.

I spent my first year really working on a float as Bob Neilson's go-fer. I cut steel for Bob's shaping; I hauled stuff for everyone; I screened; I painted and just when I thought I was home free and could relax on December 31, the day started with a partially decorated Xylophone key which had to be stripped down to steel, rescreened with cocooned screen, painted to match some flower that we actually had, installed so that the decorators could complete it before the judges showed up. Like most things LCFTRA, the result of so many people contributing to solving the problem was invisible to the judges – and even if it was

not perfect, the judges were so mesmerized by the xylophone Gecko striking the keys in time to the music, the keys themselves ceased to matter.



Concept Line Drawing and two views at T2

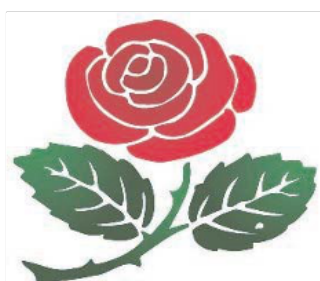


Moving Out for 2<sup>nd</sup> Judging; Dustin Crumb, Danelle Jacobs, Jacob Maitless, Sue Beatty after 2<sup>nd</sup> Judging



One of LCFTRA's Post-Parade Heroes, Dustin Crumb, giving a personal tour to a blind guest on January 2.

*Pam Wiedenbeck*, **Past President (2010 & 2011)**



# Floatique

*Hip Hip Hurray! Schools out for Summer! In the good old summertime! Surfs up! Shrimps on the Barbie! Last one in the pool is a rotten egg! Marco - Polo! Triple digits have arrived! Take me out to ball game! I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!*

Summer has finally arrived. We hope you have fabulous vacations and family gatherings planned. Enjoy your outdoor fun, with trips to the beach, picnics in the park and drinking a cold glass of fresh made lemonade. And don't forget about watching some good old classic movies.

Mark you calendar to be on the boulevard for the Fiesta Parade for your first look at the amazing structural work accomplished on the float. The team has been hard at work and it's a shame this craftsmanship will be covered up with flowers! Also be on the lookout for the Dogs that will be on the loose. We are going to the dogs during these dog days of summer.

*Take care, stay healthy and keep that 2022 Rose Parade spirit and enthusiasm going strong.*

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

