

**LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION**



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2021

President's Message:



Could summer be coming to an end? As I sit down to write this note, it is 72 degrees on a partly cloudy Saturday afternoon. I almost put on a sweater this morning but did not want to trick my body at this time of year. The cool days are welcome; however, the forecast predicts hot weather later in the week. So my hope for cooler days will have to wait until another month or so.

This weekend the site crew building the float seemed a bit happier, as they enjoyed the more favorable temperatures. They have been sweating it out, under the hot dog days of summer.

Speaking of the weather, last month Alison and I took our youngest to Texas to start his college career. During our four days there, we experienced severe heat, high humidity, and massive rainstorms with thunder and lightning. All in one day. Someone told me that if you don't like the weather in Texas, just wait 30 minutes, as it will change.

During move in, we met a lot of folks who were doing the same thing we were doing. Getting our kids situated for hopefully going to classes. First question when meeting folks, where are you from? My standard answer is "La Cañada, it's a small city located next to Pasadena, home of the Rose Bowl and Parade". One nice gentleman, who is from outside of Dallas, responded, "I love to watch that parade each year. It is so spectacular, with the floats and bands." I went on to share that our small City creates a float each year, all through volunteers and fundraising. He was so impressed, that I think we recruited a new member.

The story is a great example of how powerful and impactful the parade is on so many people across the Country and all over the world. Our dedicated leadership group and volunteers are hard at work creating something that will be seen all over the world. So as we continue the efforts in our small community, the impact will be huge. Please help us continue to grow and visit our **website** to become a member.

Thanks,

Michael Davitt, President

President@lcftra.org

Ticket Window is NOW OPEN!:

2022 Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game



Did you know your ticket purchases help LCFTRA raise needed funds to finish our hometown float?

In addition to locking in seats to great events, your purchases here help us finish constructing and decorating another award winning float!

133rd ROSE PARADE PRESENTED BY HONDA

Price per Seat: \$150.00 Includes donation plus face value ticket

108th ROSE BOWL GAME PRESENTED BY NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

End Zone Tickets: \$225.00 Includes donation plus face value ticket

Parade ticket sales close in October. Rose Bowl Sale ends September 27th.

Purchase now from our secure [online Floatique store](#), before we sell out!

Questions? Email GameTickers@lcftra.org or ParadeTickets@lcftra.org

Construction:

Float:

Chassis:

It's been a very busy number of weeks (again!) since our last report. As soon as the 2021 La Cañada Hometown Parade was over, we went right back to work building, no rest for the weary.

We have completed the track for the characters. It will be mounted onto the chassis Saturday, September 4, 2021, if anyone wants to watch or help in this sizeable activity!

Additionally, we have employed assembly-line style building of the many track carts/trolleys (Henry Ford would be marveling at us !) Hose replacement project is essentially complete; any remaining cleanup is not going to hamper progress. Radiator frames are done, and shrouds are in the home stretch.



The Construction and Design chairs send a huge 'Thanks!' out to: Jeff Helgager, Pam Gossoo, Randy Bartos, James Herrington, Chuck Hughes, Chuck Terhune, Jim Nieslen, Anne Neilsen, Sue Beatty, Pam Wiedenbeck! Plus a growing number of new weekly students and regulars that are 'getting the bug'.

Next steps:

Construction and Deco continue to refine the colors and materials for each item so we are all pointed in the same direction.

Track-Trolley:

Pam Gossoo is performing heroic Yeoman's efforts to get our trollies built! She is preparing to be the new Henry Ford and getting ready for an assembly line approach to trolley cart manufacturing.

**Characters:**

Welcome back Chuck Terhune! Who knew he was such a master sculptor! Come see our characters quickly coming to life.

Trees and Mechanicals (Mechs): Immediate focus will now be on the final design and approach to affecting this animation, as well as 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... Come one, come all!

Satellite:

The Satellite body will be re-foamed and re-carved. Currently this is awaiting overall foaming schedule. The drive pod and the Satellite chassis are essentially done otherwise. So, Satellite is taking a break while we work the main float. (Though it could still be ready to start “showing up in town” .. here and there.... So some fun “LCFTRA Satellite Sightings” for swag and to raise awareness are still possible!)





Construction Site:

A continued beehive of activity. We have welcomed numerous new volunteers and hope that the lure of our famed BBQ lunch, new friendships, and conversations of wild ideas and inventions 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

The LCFTRA 2022 Rose Parade entry: "Who Says We Can't?"



Deco:



The beans are back!! Beans have often made appearances on La Cañada Floats- they are easy to see from far away, and can be really helpful for separating different colors with lines.

The biggest challenge with beans? They have to be put on one at a time. Our most extensive bean project to date was the Dog Catcher's truck from "Dog Gone!" in 2014 (see pictures of decorators hard at work).

This year, we are bringing back the beans for another dog themed float. This time, we will use a combination of different white and red beans to create the polka dot border at the very base of the float. One of the coolest parts of this project is that people of all ages will be able to participate, since it can be decorated with both feet firmly on the pavement, and doesn't require any climbing.

So, do you like jigsaw puzzles? Then join us under the bridge to complete a bean-based one that will ring the entire float! ***By the way, Deco sign-ups will start on October 1st- keep an eye on the website for more details!***

Sara Wickersham, Jennifer Lazo, Deco Co-Chairs

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Administration:



Get ready for our big annual fundraiser!



LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Wine and Roses

"Seeds, our flowers of tomorrow."

11•06•2021

4:00PM - 6:30PM
Flintridge Riding Club
Tickets \$85

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Membership Renewals:



June/July 2021

Rose Circle (\$800+)

Noon Kiwanis Club

Benefactor (\$425)

Jeremiah and Stephanie Arnold
Michael and Karen Freed
Mark Hershman
Joanne Kalb
Terry and Woody Walker

Parader (\$300)

Neal and Molly Brockmeyer
Sommer and Jesse Cripps
Michael and Alison Davitt
James and Chrissy Herrington
Jennifer Lazo
Insook Park
Charlie Plowman
Denise Springer
Gary Stiball

Patron (\$150)

Cindy Crane
Laverne Hensch
Jennifer and Steve Hronek
Adrienne Kirkeby
Kiwanis Club of La Cañada La Crescenta
Karen Neilson
Mike and Kris O'Connor
Karen Rice
Rob and Joanne Smith

Floater

Vaishali Bhosale
Diane DellaValle
Barbara Hannegan
Cory and Akiko Hill
Warren Lam
Jim Neilson
Rohan Schellenbach
Brandon Torres
Haochen Yang

Donations

City of La Cañada Flintridge
JoAnn McCoy
Pasadena Tournament of Roses

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 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

Remember When: A Past President Looks Back



Dog Gone: Concept to Post Parade

The last time that LCFTRA went to the dogs was the 2014 float, 'Dog Gone!' Maybe dogs inspire float designers and challenge engineers. For the longest time, even after Ann Neilson got a donation for the naming rights from individuals on the board of the Pasadena Humane Society for \$5,000 to name the dog catcher, Steve, the question of how to animate the pants seemed far away in August with time to finish passing almost impossibly fast.

"Time flees;" or, as in the English proverbial saying: "Time flies." German clock makers inscribed this Roman saying on clock faces. Cicero meant it as a swipe at the lawmakers of his time who could diddle around in the detail without ever coming to a decision. Animators struggle with ever more complex ways to awe crowds from the free-form pants for Steve to this year's first roller coaster and telescoping trees.

I am not sure that our current float testers remember an unwritten 'rule of thumb' that at T1, floats should be approximately 60% complete. With float tests now set for October, the challenge becomes daunting.

Homework and weekday work become the norm rather than the exception. The float builders show up at multiple times during the week (morning and evening), and even work at home. The float designer and chief engineer are turning out the final drawings. The deco chairs are finalizing material decisions and getting a preliminary order ready. The chief troll and his crew are starting to send letters and line up food for the 700 plus volunteers that arrive the last week in December.

As a child, the clock seemed to slow down between September and December. Now, it seems that time is indeed fleeing as we aim for our final milestone of January 1, 2022.

Join us to help slow down the clock on Saturday from now until deco week at the float site. There is more than enough work for willing hands.



Pam Wiedenbeck, Past President (2010 & 2011)

Floatique



It's hard to believe summer is coming to a close. Kids are starting school, the Sunday Music in the Park will be wrapping up and Labor Day weekend will "officially" be our last "Summertime" celebration. Before we know it the community will be knee deep in fall festivities!

Great progress is being made with building the float and soon Deco Week will be here! Be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities every Saturday morning into the early afternoon. Watch for additional upcoming LCFTRA activities by checking out the website.



Floatique orders are taking place! The 2022 La Canada Flintridge themed Pin and Patch have been ordered and additional goodies are being reviewed for funding approval. We hope to have items available for purchase in late September.

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**

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 For all other LCFTRA questions or help, feel free to contact Greg Brown at 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
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