

LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021

President's Message



After a long hot summer, it appears that Fall has arrived. Cooler days and nights. Not as much daylight. Professional baseball playoffs are here. As I write this note, the Dodgers are down 3-1 to the Braves in the NLCS. I am still hopeful for a 3-game comeback, but we will see.

Football is back. High School, College and Professional games can fill your weekends. Halloween is just around the corner. Before we know it, it will be time for Thanksgiving. It seems every year we wait a long time for Fall to arrive. Once it finally does, it seems to go by so quickly and push us right into winter.

During the long hot dog days of summer, the Rose Parade seemed so far away. We have plenty of time to get everything done. However, now that we are heading into November, the clock is ticking and the parade is just a little over 60 days away. We have not gotten into panic mode...yet. When I get updates, everyone tells me we are fine and in good shape to finish on time. A month ago I was told we might even finish early. That concept has quietly slipped into the silence. I am not saying folks don't tell me the truth, but... I know they do it so I won't worry. However sometimes I feel like former Cuba President Batista, when his troops kept telling him they had the rebellion under control. We all know what happened there.

All kidding aside, our team is doing a fantastic job getting the float built and ready for Deco week. It is coming together and taking shape. Deco leadership has the "call outs" for what they need. Site preparations are coming together and its starting to feel like we might just get this done. Of course, we will get this done. It has to get done. We will have our float ready to rumble down Colorado Blvd on January 1, 2022.

I end these notes with "Thank You's" to the team. There is quite a bit of effort to make this a success, and LCFTRA team is ready to get us over the finish line. So big thanks all around and everyone is appreciated.

Hope to see you at Wine and Roses!

Michael Davitt, President
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Floatique



Happy Fall Everyone!

This really is the best time of the year. The cooler weather, and wonderful scents of cinnamon, nutmeg, pine, rain, Santa Ana winds, pumpkin and hearty soups cooking on the stove.

There is a sense of anticipation for all things holiday and Rose Parade! It won't be long before we are busy under the bridge decorating a magnificent float and coming together as a local and distant community to achieve an amazing outcome.

As you sit back and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, tea or coffee and start marking events on your Fall Calendar, don't forget all the fun and fabulous happenings with the La Cañada Flintridge Float:

- * Wine & Roses - Saturday 11/6/2021 4:00pm - 6:30pm
- * Coming by the Float Site any Saturday morning to volunteer
- * Signing up to volunteer for Deco Week (opening soon!)
- * Visiting LCFTRA website to stay informed & order "float goodies"
- * Providing your financial support

Each contribution, whether a word of encouragement, a helping hand or financial support, are absolutely cherished and received with our many thanks. Like individual raindrops coming together to create a life-giving pond, your single raindrop or big bucket of support makes this achievement possible.

On the Floatique front, our "float goodies" are arriving a bit slower than we had hoped. But our vendors are simply amazing and doing their best to get our merchandise to us as soon as possible. We are hoping to have most items by the time good "Old Tom" starts clucking!

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**

2021 Wine and Roses



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Wine and Roses is our signature fundraising event, where we target to raise \$30,000 of the \$130,000 we annually budget for our float design, construction and decoration!

We invite you to join us under the trees of the historic Flintridge Riding Club. [Get your tickets online today!](#)

Our Wine and Roses online silent auction is open now, October 25 – November 8! <https://tinyurl.com/LCFTRA-Silent-Auction>

Auction items include a chance to name one of our beloved canine float characters; DoTERRA Spa Package, Napa Style in home wine tasting for 12; Mammoth Adventure package, Services from Party Host Helpers along with... tickets for the Huntington Library and

Gardens; Pasadena Playhouse; The Broad Contemporary Art Museum; Rose Parade and Rose Bowl football game!

Help us keep the tradition going. Join our growing list our growing list of sponsors:

<https://tinyurl.com/Sponsor-LCFTRA>

Construction



WE PASSED T1 and MI !

FLOAT:

Chassis:

Much has gone on since last time! The main highlight being that we passed and completed our T1 (Tech inspection #1 of 2), and MI (Mechanical Inspection) (yay!) The float was inspected and then driven out on Hampton Road. John drove while James navigated flawlessly – huge thanks go out to James for getting us to and through the microscope of Tournament Inspectors and guiding us on a successful test drive on a public road .

Additionally, this means we have the driver/observer pod completed -with a new canopy-style opening no less. We are doing final confirmation of all track mounting points for stability; and checking all karts for smooth motion. Mounted the teeter-totter dog mechanism and have also started the overall pod formation. Completed our hose project and completed final repair and service to the drive engine and propulsion system.

Radiator frames are done, and shrouds are done; cooling fans for drive engine and hydraulic fluid are done, leaving only the animation side to hook up.

The Construction and Design chairs send a continuing huge “Thanks!” out to: Jeff Helgager, Pam Gossoo, Bob Symons, Randy Bartos, James Herrington, Chuck Hughes, Chuck Terhune, Jim Neilson, Ann Neilson, Sue Beatty, Pam Wiedenbeck!

Next steps:

Chassis: Continue attaching and forming pencil-rod to form the pod and get ready for chicken wire and foaming.

Track propulsion: This design is largely completed, and we are beginning to collect the parts and materials to get this fairly intricate component built. Thanks, Randy, for the design work !

Characters: Continue to evolve and break out of their lifeless foam blocks into very detailed and amazing dogs. Come see them come to life! Thanks to Chuck Terhune, Sue Beatty, Pam Wiedenbeck

Trees and Mechanicals (Mechs): First draft of the swaying trees and slack-line dog are in - thanks, Tomas!! We are refining and starting to get this project built. This will be a very tall component of the float and require a substantial stow mechanism and deco process. This one will require muscle and special attention. All help is welcome!

Satellite: The drive pod passed T1 and MI along with the main float. Satellite chassis is being sculpted and will hopefully be making a guest appearance at “Wine and Roses” event.

Site: A continued beehive of activity. We can use all the help we can get, so don’t let the crowd of crazy elves working all over scare you off!

Come out and see what’s up - so much to do, can’t even list it all here!

Inviting all to come by, come see and get hooked!

Ernest Koeppen, John Wolhaupter, Dwight Crumb, Construction Co-Chairs

Grant Delgatty, Design Chair

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



Sign-Ups Open for Decorating!



Good news- it's time to sign up for decorating the 2022 La Canada Rose Parade Float, “Who Says We Can’t?”. We've enjoyed having your group in the past and would love to have you join us again. In order to sign you up for a shift, [please complete the webform available here](#).

Decorators under age 13 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at a 2 child to 1 adult ratio and cannot go onto the float but can still decorate off the float. If your group is unable to stay for a complete shift, we recommend requesting a tour as opposed to a decorating shift. The tour fulfills most requirements of Rose Parade scouting badges. Email Jennifer (jdlazo86@gmail.com) to request a tour.

Our COVID-19 policies will be changing constantly based on the latest guidance. We decorate in the open air (under a highway overpass), which greatly increases safety of all participants. [You can see the latest COVID-19 protocol here](#).

Sara Wickersham, Jennifer Lazo, Deco 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 or 818-790-2732 to make sure you get credit for your referrals.

Membership Renewals



Sep 2021

Rose Circle

Barbara Dawson
Chuck and Marjorie Everson
Len and Brenda Pieroni

Sustainer

Rebecca Dupont
Gary and Linda Kaplan

Donations

City of La Cañada Flintridge
Barbara Dawson
Spiro and JoAnne Psaltis
Aleta Warren

Benefactor

Barbara Marshall

Floater

Meagan Heirwegh
Lee Johnson
Steve Verma
Teresa Wilde

Parader (\$300)

Roger and Loraine McCarthy

Patron (\$150)

JoAnn McCoy
Spiro and JoAnne Psaltis

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 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



"I want to work like a dog, doing what I was born to do with joy and purpose. I want to play like a dog, with total, jolly abandon." Oprah Winfrey

When I first started float building with LCFTRA in 2006, I was amazed at the number of names that the characters on the float had around the construction site – not all of them printable. The names would evolve over the year as time became short and patience with steel, screen, cocooning wore very thin.

It was with great foresight that President Ann Neilson with her experience in a float-building family suggested that we should really start to get a little bit of mileage out of naming the characters. So, the five dogs and dog catcher on “Dog Gone!” had sponsored names which added a bit of cash to the construction budget. Since 2014 the Association has always tried to add some cash to the construction budget with sponsorships.

The 2022 float, “Who Says We Can’t” will be the 8th float with sponsored characters. I have found it gratifying that so many of our supporters want to honor past and current pets, new nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.



Local insurance agent, Barbara Marshall, continues her long tradition of sponsoring her dog, Morgan, on the float. Morgan made his first appearance on ‘Dog Gone!’

The Neilson and Hemphill families decided that Bob Neilson and Clyde Hemphill should have a trip down the parade route together honoring the many times both stayed behind to clean up under the bridge and make sure the float had a safe and cozy home after Post Parade. Their sponsorship donations named the Surfin’ Hound (Bob) and the big brown Hound (Clyde). Meet Bob & Clyde for their 2022 Parade Appearance.



Bob (left) and Clyde (right)



Cleo (left) and Kenzie (right)

My first experience with float dogs was the 84-inch-long Jack Russell terrier hanging off the back of the dog catcher’s truck. Winston, my sister’s dog, had many unprintable names before appearing in public. This year I chose to go back in time with my sister’s first dog after she got married – a standard poodle called Cleo for one of my sponsorships. My niece’s large ancient hound was my second choice as I named the only other female dog on the float Kenzie. In keeping with my tradition, I am working with Chuck Terhune and Grant Delgatty to fashion these characters out of foam.

My challenge to you is to come to Wine & Roses and sponsor one of our remaining three dogs at the Silent Auction. Here are the adorable creatures that you can sponsor and name.



I hope to see your beloved dogs, young or old, riding the float down Colorado Blvd. on New Year's Day.

Pam Wiedenbeck, Past President (2010 & 2011)

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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