

**LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION**



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



Time really does fly by. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving has passed, and we are rolling into December. Some people have said, that as we get older, we tend to talk more about two things. First, how time flies! The second is the weather. Looking back over the past couple years, I seem to be falling into this pattern.

Being consistent with my advancing age and topic of conversations, I must talk about time and weather and how it affects the float. We know the time factor. We have a deadline, and everyone is working hard to hit those milestones and we will have it completed by December 31st. It will be ready to go.

Weather is a little different story. Being in Southern California gives us a unique advantage to dodge weather problems. As you have heard before, we are the only float constructed and decorated completely outside. Some years have been more challenging than others with weather. Bad weather is the “uninvited guest” that shows up at your party. It can cause delays and can-do damage. This is something that I constantly worry about. However, it is out of our control, so we need to focus on the float and adjust to situations as needed. The LCFTRA team is ready to do whatever the weather might throw at them.

So, as we come out of Thanksgiving week, I remain thankful for all the leadership and efforts that our Board of Directors have demonstrated over this last year. It truly takes many hands to make the float a success and our team generously offered many hands to make this year float a huge success.

Look forward to seeing you in the next month!

Michael Davitt, President
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Remember When: A Past President Looks Back



"They call me a troll." Old Norse Legends

When I first started float building with LCFTRA, for the 2006 parade, I felt like I had to learn a new language. I already understood 'float' to be the thing being built for the Tournament of Roses Parade. Yet in my first minutes with "The Great Howldini," I was introduced to additional and obscure language. I came to understand that the "chassis" was the automotive component of a float, "animation" referred to the entire hydraulic system that created the special effects, and the "tow bar" was that hidden piece of metal that should never become exposed during the parade. I had an interesting introduction to the "tow bar" during "T2", the second float inspection which of course followed "T1", the first inspection, and "MI", the Mechanical Integrity test. Construction Chair, Dustin Crumb, devised a challenge for me--the poor, 'float aid.' To extract that "tow bar" required removing the title sign, throwing it up onto the deck (about nose level on me), then removing the bar before ever trying to attach it to the "tow ball".

I had quickly learned the terms, "Driver," "Observer" and "Animator" and was able to identify those trusted with more than 30,000 pounds of steel and flowers. However, my first time decorating for LCFTRA, I was always being asked to get a "troll" for some tasks related to plumbing, electrical, moving and sweeping. Careful observation identified the "trolls" as those dressed for physical labor, in very warm clothing that looked as if it was a part of them.

However, I was unprepared for the larger than life "King Troll": Clyde Hemphill. We developed a long and respectful relationship that started with a broom "Under the Bridge".

In old Norse sources, trolls are said "to dwell in isolated mountains, rocks, caves, and under stone bridges". To be a Troll was a trusted role required for the smooth operation of Decoration. Well, the 210 Bridge over the Flintridge Prep Parking lot is the 21st century equivalent of a cave or bridge; cold, damp, windy, and sometimes dark and shadowy. As a newcomer, I quickly learned who the trolls were, but always took my direction from the "King Troll" himself.

As I moved from role to role on the Board, I quickly learned that the "King Troll" knew about everything related to the logistical process of getting the float on the road. I will greatly miss Clyde Hemphill's presence during the all-too short December devoted to completing the float. I am also sure that the spirit of Clyde, which left this earth early in November, will be overseeing the success of the new Trolls. I am sure that LCFTRA will have many "Chief Trolls" as part of their future. But, there will only be one "King Troll". So, to Clyde, "rest in peace" and be sure to organize the afterlife as effectively as you did the "Under the Bridge" operation for LCFTRA.



Clyde – Appearing on
"Who Says We Can't"


Pam Wiedenbeck, Past President (2010 & 2011)

Under the Bridge

Calling ALL Trolls!

We are dedicating this year's Troll Squad to our dear friend Clyde Hemphill, who recently passed away at the marvelous age of 93 years young. He was the "GOD" of the Trolls. We all loved him dearly as he had his special way of convincing you that being a member of his Troll Squad was an honor that would guarantee you entry into heaven when you grew your angel wings.

So, Clyde once again is calling you to support the Under the Bridge Project. Our goal is to prepare the site to accept the float as we plan for Deco Week. His ask is very easy, please go to our website, lcftra.org, click on "UTB Volunteering" and then you see several opportunities to join the Troll Squad! Sounds easy, right? If not, you can email me at bocciarich@gmail.com or call me at 760.709.6616.




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Upcoming Opportunities

Starts: **December 22, 2021** Finishes: **December 23, 2021**




Under the Bridge - Set Up (Dec 22-23)

view more Our work over the first two days is fast and fun putting up the facilities. A small group will prep the site under the bridge on December 22 and the bulk of the work will be done on the 23rd starting at 8:00 AM. No special skills required.




Volunteer Yourself
Volunteer Others

Starts: **December 26, 2021** Finishes: **December 31, 2021**




Deco Week - UTB Maintenance (Dec 26-31)

view more Maintain the site during Deco Week - sweep, empty trash, handle any simple facilities issues with water, electrical, etc.




Volunteer Yourself
Volunteer Others

Starts: **January 2, 2022** Finishes: **January 3, 2022**



Under the Bridge - Take Down

view more Take down and clean up the Under the Bridge site post parade.



Volunteer Yourself
Volunteer Others

Our first full day is scheduled for Thursday, December 23rd with morning java and donuts at 8am. Later in the day, as we enjoy a great lunch, we will share stories about how Clyde challenged us with his humor. With a thank you for a job well done, we'll wrap up by 4pm.

Who's in? Clyde / God is watching so let's make him proud - Amen!

Rich Boccia, Head Troll
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Floatique



Watch out everyone! If you blink, the 2022 La Canada Flintridge Rose Float will be "Under the Bridge" and decorating will be in full force. It's hard to believe after two long years, we will be sending a new float down Colorado Boulevard very soon!

Hoping everyone had a fabulous Veterans Day celebration. We salute our amazing men and women in the US Forces and appreciate their dedication, service and support they give this country every day.

Hoping you and your family enjoyed a very special Thanksgiving Day. After everything we have been through these past two years, we still have so much to be thankful for and hoping you and family will relax and have those moments when memories are made.

On the Floatique front, our "float goodies" have all been ordered and we are expecting things will be trickling in over the next 2 - 3 weeks. Once we have items on hand the "Build Site Floatique Store" will be open for cash and check purchases. We will keep everyone posted.

Take care, stay healthy and keep that 2022 Rose Parade spirit and enthusiasm going strong. Thanks to one and all for your amazing support!!

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

2021 Wine and Roses



Back in 1917, St. Nicholas noted with great enthusiasm that "Everybody loves a party". And, you know what? This past November 6th, our friends and neighbors from our great community gathered at The Flintridge Riding Club to celebrate our work at our annual signature fundraising event, Wine & Roses 2021.

The goal of the event was to build community, tell our story, inspire people to join the team, to raise some funds and to have fun with each other. Our [online photo album](#) highlights the fun we all had!

Our event coordinator, Lynne Graves was masterful of thinking through all of the moving parts of this fun celebration. The committee includes Greg Brown, Brenda Pieroni, Caroline Craven, Liz Craven, Lorriane Riewe, Betty Bredeman, and Tanya Miller; along with Stephanie and Jeremiah Arnold - a truly powerful group of dedicated people!

John Cervenka and Lisa Donahey took the lead throughout the ceremonies introducing the LCF Royal Court, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Court, and emceeing the live auction as our guests sampled fine wines and a variety of palate pleasures throughout the late afternoon event. Warm hugs to The Flintridge Riding Club for hosting and underwriting the celebration.

Our list of sponsors goes on for miles and we will continue to celebrate them in all of our marketing materials. We will also invite them to attend our Donor Reception scheduled for Wednesday, December 29th at 4pm at our "Deco Site" otherwise known as "Under the Bridge" - the Flintridge Preparatory School Parking Lot.

And you know what, after a year of being dark, we are ready to light up Colorado Blvd. on New Year's Day. In the immortal words of some wise man, "Everybody loves a parade!"

Rich Boccia

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Construction

We made it through the high winds!

One challenge of building our float 100% outside is that our intermediary work often has to stand up to the elements, including the gusty Santa Ana winds that recently swept across Southern California. Well, we made it through the high winds with no damage to the float or the characters!

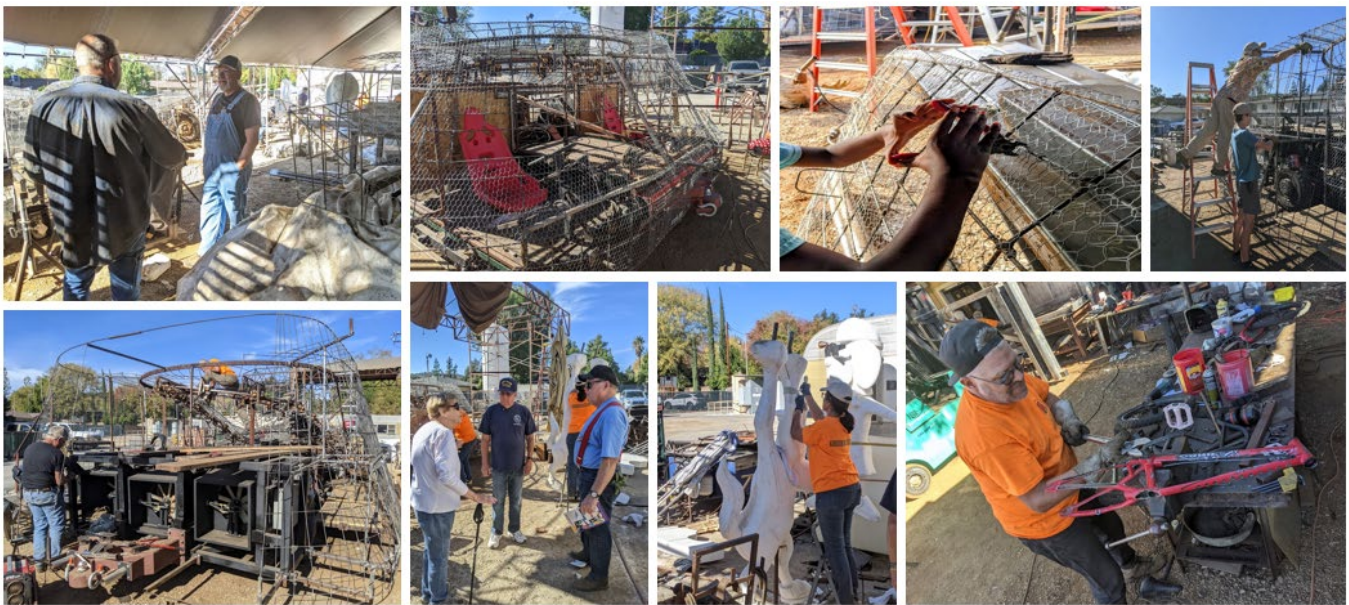
FLOAT:

Chassis: One backend frame and support brackets are fabricated; just waiting for certified welders to come in and do their thing. We've got the bugs worked out of the track, for all the characters to go around smoothly. We're also about 90% complete with pencil rod work!

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!

Thanks to everyone who came out to assist with character refinement, assembly of the sign, and chicken wiring: Rich Boccia, Nancy Kiang, Cameron Lay, Rachel Akeson, Oliver Lay, Amar Miller, Tanya Miller, and Nancy Wolhaupter.

How do people feel about chicken wiring? "It's very repetitive," says teen-aged Cameron Lay. "But it's very satisfying once you've done it...to see it completed." Oliver Lay and Rachel Akeson, parents to Cameron expressed disappointment that there is no interim judging that would result in a recognition for "Best Chicken Wiring"!



Next steps:

Chassis: Complete pencil-rod and chicken wire. Target to get the sheeting completed the first weekend in December, ahead of foaming on the 7th of December.

Characters: Continue refining detailed features on the characters. Feel free to come out and join Chuck Terhune, Sue Beatty, Pam Wiedenbeck in this effort!

Trees and Mechanicals (Mechs): We've begun the tree tilt structure. 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!

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!



It's time to decorate again! We can't wait to welcome everyone back under the bridge to cover every bit of "Who Say's We Can't" with floral materials. There are still plenty of decorating spots open- go to the "Calendar" section at www.lcftra.org to sign up for your shift. If you will be joining us here are a few reminders for having a great time, since it has been a while for us all!

- Please arrive at your shift a little early and bring lots of patience. At the beginning of each shift, we need to get people checked in, COVID-cleared, and assigned their jobs, which may take a little more time than normal.
- Wear layers, not headphones! We can never predict what the weather will be like, so make sure to dress in layers, and make sure that you don't mind if those outer layers get glue/paint on them- it will not wash out! Plus, don't forget that we don't allow headphones while decorating- we need to be able to communicate with you quickly to keep you safe, and get the float finished.
- Every job counts. In order to build the float, we need many people working together to make it happen. Some jobs may include vialing roses, making a seed mixture, applying beans (so many beans!), or taking supplies back and forth from people on scaffolding. We need every single one of these jobs to be successful and appreciate your willingness to do them all.
- Have fun! It's incredible watching the float come together over the course of a week. If you ever have any questions or don't understand what you need to be doing, check in with your crew chief. We are here to help you succeed.

We can't wait to see you all under the bridge!

Sara Wickersham, Jennifer Lazo, Deco Co-Chairs
Deco@lcftra.org



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



Oct 2021

Rose Circle (\$800+)

Ted and Betsy Merchant
Patricia Traviss

Parader (\$300)

Kevin Baines
Sue Beatty
Alex Black & Loretta Savery
Linda Goldin
Nancy and Julie Thurston

Patron (\$150)

Ted and Judy Davis
Ed Gould
Lynne and Rick Graves
Tim and Carrie Grochow
Tanya Miller
Nancy Rappard
Victoria Schwartz

Sustainer (\$75)

Rachel Akeson
Robert Asher
Keith Eich
Rod Guerra
Gail Jagels
Art Jonson
William and Gloria Schubert

Floater (\$35)

Diane Adamson
Morris Feaster
Craig and Anne Frazen
Kia McCormick
Graydon Shih
Aleta Warren

Donations

Robert Asher
Kevin Baines
Dwight and Janet Crumb
Ted and Judy Davis
Morris Feaster
Ed Gould
Gail Jagels
Ted and Betsy Merchant

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

Technical Support

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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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