

LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION



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President's Message



The Village... the DREAMs

I have previously written about our “Village” and of our “DREAMs”, I want to take step back to look at ourselves and marvel and appreciate what we all have here and how strong and deep rooted we are. It’s a humble 1,000 foot view of the good fortune we all share, and a bit of a departure for this newsletter.

I thank you in advance for allowing me this indulgence.

We have Artists, Entertainers, Executives, Athletes, Olympic Stars, Writers, Directors, Engineers, Lawyers, Doctors, Educators, Scholars, Technologists, Designers, Sports Champions as but the tip of the proverbial iceberg of talent, tenacity, creativity and inventiveness. When this much good concentrates in one place – great things happen. Our Village is on the World stage all the time! Academy Awards, Emmy Awards, Deep Space flight, Rovers on Mars, political figures, and yes our Float. We are an astounding collective.

That’s “today”. Let me take you on a very brief (and hardly comprehensive) list of achievements that are local to us and essentially within walking distance; to demonstrate how long our little Foothill corridor has been placing its mark on the world.

1886 Pasadena Incorporated as a City

1890 First Rose Parade – *that didn’t take long for a new City to flaunt itself!*

1891 Caltech (Throop) over 32 Nobel Prizes –*not too shabby!*

1908 Largest Telescope (60”) – *Mt. Wilson, what an amazing jewel in our National Forest (and we have a forest too!)*

1917 Largest Telescope again (100” Hooker Telescope) – *Mt. Wilson again (if you are not aware of it and its’ history ... trust me, it is an epic tale of symbiotic achievements.)*

1922 Rose Bowl opens – *Pasadena going for the world stage.*

1928 Huntington Gardens opened to public – *Breathless beauty and proud resource to the area.*

1934 Santa Anita – *Time to have some fun, and build a world class venue.*

1936 Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) – *Let’s think outside the box called Earth*

1939 “The Greatest Gift” (Philip Van Doren Stern) – *a book.....*

1946 “It’s a Wonderful Life” – *We all know the classic film*

1976 ArtCenter College of Design moves to Pasadena – *there is creativity in them hills!*

1976 La Canada Flintridge incorporated – *Here we come !*

1978 La Canada Flintridge Tournament of Roses formed – *Following the Pasadena footsteps!*

Look at what Pasadena did in short order for the area and for the world. Those are not islands of achievements, those were done as a Village. La Canada Flintridge has definitely set its’ feet firmly in the terra firma of this success template; and great things have and will continue to come. With great achievement comes inspiration that drives others to want to emulate, and that drives greatness forward.

You might be asking why I dropped two seemingly out of place items on the list: the book “The Greatest Gift” (*Philip Van Doren Stern*), and the classic Frank Capra movie “It’s a Wonderful Life”. The movie was an adaptation of the book so it is appropriate to credit both; plus both titles are so apropos to life here. The reason for the inclusion is that few know that part of the film was shot here in La Canada, on Viro Road right next to JPL. That’s right, we live in what the film called Bailey Park; a development of new homeowners filled with hope and DREAMs of aspirations of a Wonderful life. JPL builds interplanetary spacecraft to amaze the world, we, LCFTRA, build rose floats that amaze and thrill the world (down here on Earth to be sure, though many a float depict starry eyed youth and aliens alike.) We build our Float a couple blocks west of Viro, on Hampton Rd. behind the water company.

Small world, where a timeless classic film that depicts a Village with a DREAMER that wanted to lasso the moon, is actually shot in a Village with a place that can make that happen, and where DREAMrs make Wonderful things come to life.

La Canada and our Foothills, and our Neighboring Village - it really is The Greatest Gift.

Cherish what we have here and don’t ever let it stop giving to the world.

So I again, invite all DREAMrs to come and keep the flame alive.

Build Community... Build a Float.

The world will thank you, as will I

Ernest Koeppen, President

President@lcftra.org

Board of Directors Committee Opportunities

We're looking for a few enthusiastic individuals to become a part of our all-volunteer LCFTRA community!

Our organization has thrived for more than forty years and has [repeatedly produced award winning floats](#) that navigate Colorado Blvd. on New Year's Day as a part of America's celebration.

We are fresh off the honor of winning the prestigious Crown City Innovator Award that is usually given to professional builders. And now, the La Canada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association is already hard at work on the float that will be part of the 2023 Rose Parade.

To achieve our strategic priorities, we are recruiting new board committee members. Looking for a challenge? Find out which one is the best fit for you and jump in with us!

1. **FUNDRAISING:** It takes fund development to build another award-winning float, and we would love to have new members join our fund development team, including event coordination.
2. **MARKETING:** Do you, or someone you know, have the time to take the lead with promoting our organization on our social media platforms?
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** We need to build membership as we create the next generation of float builders. We're looking for a volunteer or two who can assist us with creating a membership campaign and an even larger membership strategy!
4. **CONSTRUCTION:** We have a rockin' team of unique talent and also need people throughout the year to be on the construction site assisting the construction team. If the design of our 2023 float "Secondhand Shenanigans" sparks your inner tinkerer and you want to learn a new skill(s), please come by or call and let's get you dirty!

We realize that all of these elements are connected, and it does take this LCFTRA village to create this magic year after year - and now more than ever we need you!

So, are you in and if so, where? Please email me!

Rich Boccia, VP - Administration
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Upcoming Events



May 22	Flower Vial Popping Party
May 27	Fiesta Days - Poker Tournament
May 28	Fiesta Days - LCFTRA Annual Open House
May 29	Fiesta Days - Fireworks at Memorial Park
May 30	Fiesta Days - Memorial Day Parade
June 18	Fundraiser: Shenanigans at the Wolhaupters

Fiesta Days



Happy Spring!

Can you believe that it is already that time again for our annual Fiesta Days? I can't believe it either. We cannot wait to start off our float calendar year and come out of our hiatus with a big celebration. Mark your Calendars for these following dates: May 28th for our annual open house, May 29th for our goodies booth at the fireworks in the park, and May 30th for the Parade. Come and celebrate your 3-day weekend with us and support your favorite local community organization! We really would love some help for setting up and giving tours for the open house on the 28th from 11-2pm, and help setting up and working the goodies booth on the 29th from 5:30-9:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above events, please reach out to Chrissy Herrington (818) 339-3879 and/or Rich Boccia (760) 709-6616.

We will be selling our float swag/gear and lots of fun beverages including coffee and hot chocolate during the Fireworks at the Park. We will also be giving out some goodies and selling our float gear during the open house. Celebrating your 3-day weekend with us is a great way to support LCFTRA! We will be sharing information about our organization, have conceptual designs of the 2023 Float and will be meeting and greeting our visitors with an assortment of swag that will tickle their fancy. We cannot wait to see you all there!

Best regards,

Chrissy Herrington, Fiesta Days Open House Chair
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Fundraiser



June 18, 2022: Dinner, Dancing, and Shenanigans at the Wolhaupters
Meet the designer, Grant Delgatty

John and Nancy Wolaupter are hosting a fundraiser at their home with all proceeds going to LCFTRA.

Special guest for the evening is LCFTRA float designer, Grant Delgatty. Join him for a hands-on opportunity to learn the artistry of float design.

The fun evening under the stars includes dinner and dancing, with food (and margaritas) from Los Gringos Locos and music by Misplaced Priorities. Bring your friends and support our float.

“Shenanigans at the Wolhaupters” is on Saturday, June 18th at 6pm. Consider joining us as an early Father’s Days treat without the work. Donation is \$100 per person. Space is limited so purchase your tickets early at LCFTRA.org.

Let’s get together again!



Construction Shenanigans



Here's what's happening at the Construction Site.

Last newsletter we reported that the 3 propane tanks were removed for sanding and painting. This month they are all done, looking good and re-installed on the chassis.

The hydraulic hose project is also moving forward. Bright red metal tubes have been installed to protect the hoses and eliminate tripping hazards. We are setting up the connections and ordering six new hoses.

The paint inventory is complete, and the paint shed is looking good. We are ready to paint in the fall.

We are making strides at site. The foam carving table is finished and in place. The old workbench is in its new home next to the paint/Floatique shed. The welding table in front of the main storage container is straight and level...thank you, Dwight and Mike.

We still have more spring cleaning to do and could use your help. The sockets need to be put in their proper place and the metal rack could use some organizing. There are still plenty of carriages to disassemble. Sounds like a fun Saturday morning!

We await the float drawing so we can get scaled drawings made and then the real fun starts.

To keep everyone safe, we will be putting the plywood panels and handrails on the chassis in May for the Fiesta Days Parade.

Hope to see you soon.

Pam Gosso, James Herrington, John Wolhaupter

Co- Construction Chairs

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Deco



We've got a float design! That's exciting news for deco, who has started daydreaming of different ways to make fluffy gray racoons. But before we can determine what materials we use this year, we need to clean up from last year. Join us Sunday, May 22nd, from 9am-12pm as we pop tops off vials, cut static, and reorganize the deco trailer. We'll bring the music and doughnuts if you'll bring the enthusiasm! No special training needed- this is an activity for everyone! Just let us know you are coming by emailing deco@lcftra.org. We can't wait to see you there.

If you would like to pick up some vials or static to work on at home, Jennifer will be at site on May 7th from 10am-12pm and can help facilitate pick-up of the materials.

Sara Wickersham, Jennifer Lazo, Deco Co-Chairs

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Remember When:

A Past President Looks Back



The Float Year & Float Manual in a Single Sentence

Recently, I spent 4 days in a writing workshop where we had some writing exercises. One was called 'The Art of the Long, Long Sentence'. So, play along; read it out loud from start to finish only breathing at the punctuation marks. Please no stopping until you get to the period at the end. If you want, record your best try, post it on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram referencing LCFTRA in your post.

"Every 13 months, December to the second January, all floats in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade begin as a concept (December – January); are drawn in monochrome and color (January – February), are selected and approved (February – March); are designed, presented, approved (April-June); are engineered, approved, tested mechanically (June); built in steel, aluminum screen, foam and tested (June-September); are animated, foamed, painted, tested (September-December); are decorated (December 15-29); are judged, decorated and judged again (December 30-31); are convoyed, unstowed, parked, bunched (December 31), enter the chute, start the parade, turn TV Corner, turn Sierra Madre corner; enter Float Fest; are checked, parked, unstowed, animated (January 1); are animated, stowed, bunched, convoyed home, and parked (January 2); are rested, moved to Memorial Park (around January 7); are parked, shown off to the hometown crowd, convoyed home; parked for deconstruction (January); now, take deep breaths; and start again."

As you can see from articles in this Newsletter, LCFTRA has a float for the 2023 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade: "Secondhand Shenanigans". The float is a celebration of turning the corners in our lives as we achieve great milestones. If you go back to the piece that you just read, the Association has just achieved every milestone in the sentence up to and including 'April'.

Melanie Feliciano, a friend and accountability partner, got fascinated by the sentence and actually did a reading. I have attached [her link](#) for you to hear her blast through the float year and the float manual in a single sentence. She had an earlier version which helped me edit.

Pam Wiedenbeck, Past President (2010 & 2011)



Floatique



April is such a wonderful month of birthday celebrations, blooms galore, birds singing and the blessings of Passover, Easter and Holy Week.

And if this wasn't magnificent enough, the 2023 float concept has been created. We are looking forward to all those available stopping by during the LCFTRA Open House on Memorial Day weekend to discover firsthand what it's all about.

We also have a gift waiting for your arrival. Based on a wonderful donation by Botanical Interests, we have vegetable, flowering and herb seeds of all kinds. You can start planting your gardens, as LCFTRA is germinating the creative seeds of another classic Rose Parade Float.

Wishing you all a lovely Spring month and some of nature's rain to start new garden projects and to focus on your creative side.

Thanks again to one and all for your amazing support!

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



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

March 2022

Rose Circle (\$800+)

Janice and Duane Paul

Benefactor (\$425)

Jeff Helgager

Martin and Donna Melone

Parader (\$300)

Bob and Judy Laven

Lawrence Oliver

Rich and Ellyn Semler

Patron (\$150)

Caroline and Marcotte
Anderson

Larry and Nancy Bergman

Bob and Liz Craven

Fraser and Dee Draper

Jack and Nancy Gunther

Arnie and Myrna Hershman

Charles and Kathryn

Hofgaarden

James and Stephanie Kambe

Stewart and Gloria Lee

Mike and Nancy Leininger

Jennifer and Frank Mester

William and Karen Purdy

Joy and Wayne Smith

Charles and Octavia Thuss

Sustainer (\$75)

Bart and Susette Campbell

Carole Dyck

Ron Escue

Dorothy Juett

Floater (\$35)

Clara Abedian

Sheree Butts

Brenda Gant

Tim and Kiki Ito

Don and Rose Manning

Lucy Shih

Roger Stephens

Donations

Carole Dyck

William and Karen Purdy

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

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 Rich Boccia at 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!

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