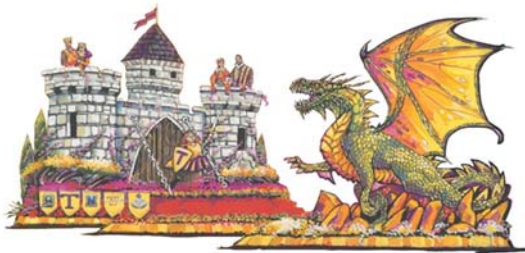




TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016

2017 Rose Parade Float Souvenirs NOW AVAILABLE



"Be Your Own Knight"

City of Torrance
2017
Rose Parade

**T-Shirt:
\$18.00**



**Pin:
\$6.00**

Souvenirs will be available at the November 17th General Meeting and in Irwindale during float decorating days.

Save the Date:

December 11: Winter Boutique, Wilson Park

January 26: California Pizza Kitchen. Our first Restaurants for Roses in 2017

February 25: Celebration Dinner, Toyota Meeting Hall

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President's Message

New Year's will be here before we know it. In the coming weeks, we'll start decorating our float which will come alive with all the hard work of our volunteers. As a reminder, we will be decorating on New Year's Eve this year since the parade will be on January 2nd. This year we are pleased that once again there is no charge to ride the bus. We encourage everyone to take the bus and not drive their own cars to the float decorating barn

Remember we always have Rose Vials as unique gifts or as a special way to honor or remember someone.

Look for the tree designed by TRFA board members for Torrance Memorial's Holiday Festival Nov. 29 - Dec 4, 2016. The tree will feature ornaments depicting our floats through the years.

We are excited to kick this year's float design contest. The contest will run from Dec 1st through Jan 31st and is open to all high school students in Torrance. The design contest winner will ride the 2018 float. See our website for contest details.

Our celebration dinner will be on Feb 25, 2017 which is later than usually scheduled.

Have a very happy holiday season!

-Bev

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Torrance Rose Float Association 2017 Rose Vial Order Form

It takes over 10,000.00 roses to decorate the City of Torrance Rose Float every year. Each rose is placed in an individual vial and is hand placed on the float. We invite you to purchase a rose vial which will adorn the 2017 Torrance Rose Float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on January 2, 2017. Each rose vial will carry a message or name of someone special as designated by the donor or you can just donate a rose vial. Simply fill out the form below and we'll do the rest for you. All donations help support the City of Torrance Rose Float.

(Please print clearly)

First Name : _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name or message on the Rose Vial (up to 30 words): (Please Print)

Dedication #1: _____

Dedication #2: _____

Please use a blank sheet of paper to submit more than two rose dedications.

_____ One Rose Vials: \$10.00 _____ Two Rose Vials: \$20.00

For purchases of more than two, enter total number you are purchasing: _____

Total Amount enclosed (\$10.00 per Rose Vial): _____

Please make checks payable to Torrance Rose Float Association and mail to:
Torrance Rose Float Association, Attn: 2017 Rose Vials, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503

You may also visit our website to pay by PayPal at www.torrancerosefloat.com/form-rosevials.html.

Photo Day at Tournament House

On Saturday, October 29, board members Bev Findley, Lynn Robinson, Roseanne Villalobos and Karen Zukle participated in Float Participants Photo Day at the Tournament House in Pasadena.

The morning started with a delicious brunch and was highlighted with an official Photo Day picture of your TRFA board members with Tournament of Roses President, Brad Ratliff, Fiesta Parade Floats Vice President and Floral Director, Jim Hynd and Rose Queen Victoria Cecilia Castellanos and her Rose Court Princesses; Audrey Mariam Cameron, Maya Kawaguchi Khan, Shannon Tracy Larsuel, Autumn Marie Lundy, Natalie Rose Petrosian, and Lauren "Emi" Emiko Powers.



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The group toured the Tournament House. The House, an elegant Italian Renaissance-style mansion, was presented to the city of Pasadena in 1958 by the William Wrigley family with the understanding that it would become the permanent headquarters for the Tournament of Roses. The history of the house is grand and decorated in the period of 1906; with many wonderful donated pieces, from the Royal Courts, Grand Marshals, Tournament Presidents and Rose Bowl game memorabilia. Upstairs in the hallway, there is a glass case with various crowns from the past queens and if you stand just right, you can have your picture taken so it looks like you are wearing the crown.

The day concluded with a walk through the gardens that include more than 1,500 varieties of roses, camellias and annuals.

Float Decorating Shifts Available

There are still open spots for all decorating shifts. We are especially asking for your help on our final dry decorating day December 3rd. Please consider signing up for this important preparation day. Use the form that in this month's newsletter to sign up. The link for the sign up form is also on our website in the Decorating section.

TRFA Halloween at Wilson Park

The Torrance Rose Float Association participated in the Annual City of Torrance Halloween Carnival on Oct. 31 at Wilson Park.

We ran the "Ring-A-Sucker" game. Everyone was a winner and selected from a variety of candy prizes even if they didn't "Ring-A-Sucker"!



Thanks to TRFA board members Diane, Lynn, Bev, Jan and Carol for supporting the City of Torrance with this event and representing TRFA.

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Pick up a print copy of the Newsletter at the following locations:

- ◆ City Hall
- ◆ City Hall Annex
- ◆ 6 Torrance Libraries
- ◆ Bartlett Senior Citizens Center
- ◆ Tillman Senior Center

How can you find out about TRFA events?

- ⇒ TRFA Facebook Group
- ⇒ Newsletter (available on TRFA website)
- ⇒ Torrance Events Calendar
- ⇒ City of Torrance eNewsletter
- ⇒ Daily Breeze Events Calendar

TRFA Needs Your Help

Supporting our float is a year-round endeavor. Here are some of the ways you can help.

- Community Outreach
- Fundraising
- Help with decorating week tasks
- Obtaining Donations
- Preserving Association History
- Computer entry
- Helping at events
- Newsletter
- Publicity
- Other

Email us your Name and Phone number and what you want to help out with to: info@torrancerosefloat.org. Call us at 310.618.6825.



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