



Torrance Rose Float Association Newsletter

January 2024

President's Message

As we start 2024, I would like to THANK each and every member for your support. We truly could not have accomplished so much without your continued support. I would also like to thank and congratulate all of our decorators who worked so hard last month on the City of Torrance float for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Our hundreds of decorators worked thousands of hours to produce this remarkable labor of love.

Once again, Fiesta Parade Floats did an outstanding job of taking our contest winner, Jodie Cheng's concept and turning it into a beautiful float. Our decorators did a superb job of decorating "The Lyrical Call of Nature". This beautiful float won the **Princess Award** for most outstanding floral presentation among entries 35 feet and under. Please check out our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TorranceRoseFloatAssociation>) and website (www.torrancerosefloat.org) to see pictures of the float being decorated.

I would like to invite all of you to attend our Celebration Dinner on Saturday, February 3, 2024. Members of the Tournament of Roses Royal Court, as well as our float builder have been invited. It will be held at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Toyota Meeting Hall and will feature dinner catered by Lomeli's Restaurant. I hope to see you there.

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TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION

INVITES DECORATORS, MEMBERS, AND SUPPORTERS
TO OUR

CELEBRATION DINNER

ANNUAL MEETING *and* INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, TOYOTA MEETING HALL
3330 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, TORRANCE

APPETIZERS BY LISA'S BON APPETIT

DINNER CATERED BY LOMELI'S

Buffet Includes:

Chicken Parmigiana, Vegetarian Lasagna, Meatballs with Pasta, Vegetable and Antipasto Salads, Garlic Bread
Coffee, Lemonade, and Iced Tea

\$30.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE R.S.V.P by MAIL

INCLUDE PAYMENT, must be received by **JANUARY 19, 2023**, mail to: **TRFA, ATTN: CELEBRATION DINNER**
4733 TORRANCE BLVD., # 234, TORRANCE, CA 90503 make checks payable to: **TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION**

~No tickets will be sold at the door~

Reservations may also be made online at www.TorranceRoseFloat.org

TICKETS HELD AT THE DOOR - no tickets will be mailed.

OPEN SEATING ONLY

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

NUMBER OF GUESTS: _____ x \$30.00 = \$_____

Jodie Cheng, 2024 Torrance Rose Float Rider Float Concept Design Contest Winner

"Riding the float that I designed was a dream come true, but would not be possible without many volunteers sacrificing their time, energy, and money. Thank you to those who built the float, everyone in the TRFA, and the wonderful people who made this magical experience happen. It still moves me to tears how beautiful this experience was for me." - Jodie Cheng





Torrance Rose Float Association 2024 Celebration Dinner

We're offering several ways for you to purchase your tickets for the February 3rd Celebration Dinner.

Aim the camera on your phone on the QR Code below. It will take you to our dedicated Celebration Dinner RSVP page.



Debra Falese, 2024 Torrance Rose Float Rider

I was lucky enough to start the new year of 2024 out in the most amazing way - I rode on the City of Torrance Rose Parade Float. It was hands down, one of the most amazing and fantastic experiences I have ever had. It started with actually working on the float - we spent hours gluing bark onto trees - alongside many others who added flowers, glued seeds and created the cutest hummingbird family ever!

On parade day, we arrived in Pasadena - it was early and dark, however, the energy and excitement of the parade was already in full swing as we walked around looking at the other floats and the horses and marching bands. At 8am - the parade started, we were having so much fun, we started waving even before the float moved. As we actually made the turn onto Colorado Boulevard and saw the faces of the people that were there to watch and cheer the parade, my heart swelled with joy. For the next 2 and a half hours, we waved, smiled, wished everyone a happy new year and were rewarded with the most beautiful smiles, cheers and pure happiness I have ever seen. With all that you hear about on a day to day basis, this experience was one where everyone was there to enjoy the same thing - people came from many different walks of life, different countries, different life experiences, different ages, etc and everyone was there for the same reason - celebrating a new year at the beautiful and historic Rose Parade. To be a part of this experience was an honor I will always be grateful for, thank you City of Torrance!





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Enjoy Photos from 2024 Float Decorating



FROM DESIGN CONCEPT



TO THE FINISHED 2024 TORRANCE ROSE PARADE FLOAT



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