



# *Torrance Rose Float Association*

## *September 2019*



**The fish are coming to life! Some exciting progress!**

### ***President's Message***

Now the countdown is about to begin. Have you ever thought about how you can help? Spread the word we are on the move towards 2020 and we are looking for more members and volunteers. Perhaps you have an idea as well. Contact our hotline and share, we'd love to hear it. Be sure to mark your calendars for our first decorators' meeting on October 17th at 7pm.

Perhaps you would like to see our beautiful float in person on New Year's Day. Everyone has a chance to enjoy the beauty and pageantry of the Parade in person! Get your ticket(s) for just \$120.00. What a way to ring in the New Year and support your City of Torrance Float.

It's not too early to purchase your Rose Vials. Order online now or watch for the insert that will be coming in your water bill soon.

We have several fun activities coming up allowing you to support our beautiful float. So be sure to check out our save the date for a listing of all the opportunities to support TRFA. See inside this issue for our wish list for decorating week. I look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.

*Bex*



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## Torrance Rose Float Association

Wednesday, Date (09/25), 4:00pm - 9:00pm

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## Calendar of Events

09-19-19 Trip to PALA

09-21-19 "Afternoon in the Garden"

10-16-19 Comedy & Magic Club

## RESTAURANTS FOR ROSES

09-25-19 The Habit

10-02-19 Stone Fire Grill

11-14-19 California Pizza Kitchen

## Decorator Meetings

10-17-19 Decorator's Meeting

11-21-19 Decorator / General Meeting

## CONTACT INFO

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**Email:** [info@torranceroselfloat.org](mailto:info@torranceroselfloat.org)

**Website:** [www.torranceroselfloat.org](http://www.torranceroselfloat.org)

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**Twitter:** @RoseFloat

## 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

**THE TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO**

**CELEBRATE THE CITY OF TORRANCE'S**

**65<sup>TH</sup> FLOAT**

**IN THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE**

**"Our Garden of Hope and Dreams"**

**Join us in the garden that is the inspiration for our float!**

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

**1:00 to 4:00 pm**

**Pine Wind Garden at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center**

**3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, California, 90503**

**Japanese Tea Ceremony**

**Koto Performance by Yuki Yasuda 1:00 to 3:00 pm**

**Refreshments and displays of our student float design entries in Garden Rooms A and B**

**We are contacting the families of some of the people who were involved with creating the garden and hope to have representatives at the event.**

**TRFA is very grateful to the Torrance Sister Cities Association for their help with this event.**



**AmazonSmile and TRFA!**

**Shopping on Amazon? You can support TRFA. Bookmark this link and all your eligible shopping will benefit Torrance Rose Float Association. It's that easy! <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1647454>**

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

- City Hall
- City Hall Annex
- All 6 Torrance Libraries
- Bartlett Senior Center
- Tillman Senior Center



**JOIN THE TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION ON A BUS**

**TRIP TO**



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*Thursday, September 19, 2019*

*Leave from Wilson Park in Torrance at 8:15 am*

*Return to Wilson Park at 6:00 (depending on traffic)*

*For \$25.00 you get:*

*Round trip bus transportation from Wilson Park*

*PALA players card with \$5.00 credit*

*Lunch on your own at one of the casino's restaurants*

*A day of fun!*



**The following information is needed by the casino to have your players card ready.**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (mm/dd/year) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Pala Card # (if you have one) \_\_\_\_\_

**(Torrance Rose Float Association will not keep or give out your information except to PALA Casino)**

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ (for our use only to send conformation and updates)

Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(The above information is needed for each guest. Please list on reverse or attach a page.)**

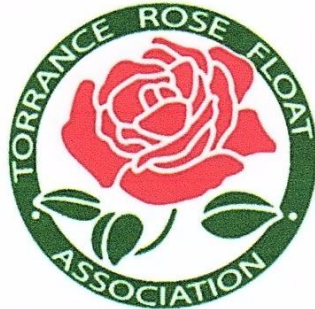
**Reservations are due by Friday, September 6, 2019**

Please make your check out to **Torrance Rose Float Association** and mail to:

**Torrance Rose Float Association, 4733 Torrance Blvd. #234, Torrance, CA, 90503**

Questions? Contact TRFA at 310-618-2425 or [info@torrancerosefloat.org](mailto:info@torrancerosefloat.org)

# A Fundraising Night of Laughter



Spend an evening laughing and raising money for the  
Torrance Rose Float Association's City of Torrance 2018 Rose Parade Float!

**Tickets: \$25 each**

**When:** Wednesday, October 16, 2019

**Where:** The Comedy and Magic Club, 1018 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

**Time:** 7pm

Ticket order and payment must be received by October 5, 2019.

*All proceeds benefit the Torrance Rose Float Association.*

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Torrance Rose Float Association

## A Fundraising Night of Laughter Ticket Order Form

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please write all names on back of order form)

Address (where tickets should be mailed): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 each = Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Torrance Rose Float Association and mail with this order form to:  
TRFA, Attn: Comedy Fundraiser, 4744 Torrance Blvd. #234, Torrance, CA 90503.

\*Must be 18 year & older (Bring ID) \*Two Drink Minimum  
We can't wait to laugh with you October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Comedy and Magic Club!



## 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Experience – in person – the 131<sup>st</sup> Rose Parade themed, “*The Power of Hope*,” with the magic of New Year’s Day in an unrivaled celebration, exclusive to the streets of Pasadena! The parade will feature majestic floral floats, high stepping equestrian units and spirited marching bands from throughout the world.

For the cost of \$120.00 per person you can watch the City of Torrance Rose Float, “*Our Garden of Hope and Dreams*” from your reserved, premium, mid-route grandstand seat.

Your ticket includes roundtrip transportation from Wilson Park, parade program, water, and your premium grandstand seat. The bus will depart at 5:00am and returns at approximately 12:00 noon. There are 50 tickets available. Order your tickets now as to ensure your place on the parade route. Ticket sales end November 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets may be ordered on our website [Torrancerosefloat.org](http://Torrancerosefloat.org).

### TICKET ORDER FORM

Number of Seats: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation will be mailed to you. Tickets will be distributed on Parade morning at check in.

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## JAPANESE GARDEN ELEMENTS AND THEIR CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Hundreds of years ago in Japan, the garden was a place for nobility to find respite and tranquility during times of turbulence and stress. Though purposefully simple in design, understanding the garden is very complex, following specific rules which are rooted in aspects of Shinto (indigenous religion), Zen and Buddhist philosophies. The most important element is respect for and focus on nature, suggesting a harmonious link between people and nature. Besides the natural element, sound and space are essential to the garden. Unlike Western gardens, one won't find plants and flowers everywhere. Open space is fundamental. Pruning pine trees, for example, leaves space within the greenery and branches. Though flowers and plants could fill many empty places, they don't. Japanese gardens throughout the world are each different, depending on the environment and space and the focus of the architect and garden planner. Sometimes, gardens are primarily green, without a lot of color. It was once thought that color and flowers were a frivolous distraction, taking away from the splendor of green plants and the other natural elements. If flowers are planted in the Japanese garden, they are typically (but not limited to) azaleas, cherry trees, or plum trees, or other seasonal foliage, such as maple leaves, to be enjoyed throughout the year.

**TURTLE:** In Japan (as in many other cultures), the turtle represents good fortune and longevity. There is a saying in Japanese that turtles live for 10,000 years. The turtle has been portrayed as patient, wise and easy-going.

### CONTEST! CONTEST! CONTEST!

Join the contest and name the turtle lying on the rock in the pond on our 2020 float. All suggestions will be considered.

The winner will win two tickets to the Celebration dinner in February 2020. Submit your suggestions to [info@torrancerofloat.org](mailto:info@torrancerofloat.org).





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