

2009 SMRFA FLOAT NOTES

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 5:00PM - FLOAT BARN**

President's Message:

Yes it is this wonderful time of the year for everyone to show up daily and work on creating our float. Really, just kidding though we are open 7 days a week for help, of all types.

Yes it is also this time of the year at our next general meeting for the election of our new 2010/2011 float, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and one Board member. This year continues to be exciting with Jeff Throop, a Sierra Madre Resident, the acting President now of the Tournament of Roses, though will be for this upcoming year President of the Tournament of Roses. For information, those who possibly may not be aware, this years President of the T of R, passed away. Our hearts are extended to him.

The City of Sierra Madre had an "Appreciation" dinner which was catered at Alverno, for individuals and volunteer groups for their contribution to the City. We were the recipients of the "Wistaria Award" for our positive contributions to the City.

When introduced at the October 13 Sierra Madre City Council Meeting Jeff Throop was in attendance and presented our 2009 award winning, "Lathrop K. Leishman" float trophy, the detailed framed picture to the City. I also displayed the rendering of our 2010 T of R rendering.

October 24th we were honored with three out-of-city judges, the team, interviewing potential princesses to be involved all year and represent the city on our 2010 float entry. Though less than 10 ladies submitted responses to our princes applications, the four selected, I am impressed. Look forward to seeing all at the coronation dinner and formal announcement of our 2010 princesses this coming Sunday November 8th.

Remember this is the time of the year when membership dues are to be received and also increasing volunteer hours assisting in creating our masterpiece.

Vice President's Message:

A couple of quick notes:

1. The preliminary 2010 Rose Parade line up has been announced. Sierra Madre California Girls will be entry #64 of 92 total parade units or float #30 of 42 floats.

2. The key to any great float starts with a great design. And though we have a long way to go with California Girls, the 2011 preliminary theme has been provided for those who would like to get a head start on our January Design Contest. Though not for release or publication, prospective designers should consider the 2011 theme as "Building Dreams, Friendships & Memories." Our Design contest rules will remain basically the same and guidelines and design forms will be available in December. Please contact Don Mills if you would like more information or have any questions.

Barn Construction Hours:

Starting in November the Barn will open 7 days per week. All Days: 10am till whenever.

Construction Committee:

Howdy,

We're going full bore now, working toward our T1 date of November 7th. We're scheduled for 7:00 am, and will be setting back to work again soon as we're done.

Our T2 is still set for December 12, also at 7:00 am.

So without further ado

Chassis-

Done for this year and already buried under the California Girls' superstructure.

Superstructure-

The deck and all the floral "porches" are complete.

The boat's cabin is nearly sheathed now, and the hull is being screened.

The mast is done, both sails are in progress and the tiller/rudder is ready.

The "beach" at the back is nearly decked and the "bluff" is shaped in, ready for pencil steel.

All the hydraulics are in and working as designed, it's quite a sight to see.

Our upgraded sound system is in and fully tested.

The two sail boards are started and mounted, their masts may be done by the end of the week.

The first dolphin is in progress as well, and looking great.

All in all, we're still a bit behind schedule, but we **are** catching up.

The Barn-

All this year's planned upgrades have been done and our full attention is on the float.

Work schedule-

We're now open 7 days a week from 10:00 am 'til whenever, until the parade.

We still have construction of all sorts available for volunteers. And yes, it all qualifies for community service time.

Have fun, we are.

Dick

Hours- See above.

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Design & Decoration Committee:

Flowers, seeds, grains - All coming together. We are busy getting all the dry materials sorted out and beginning to prep items for deco.

FLOAT RIDERS/SKATERS:

We will soon know the 4 California Girls who will represent our association as its princesses and that will ride in the boat on January 1st. We are looking forward to meeting them.

We will have a total of 10 skaters from the Derby Dolls skating alongside the float and I am not sure who is more excited, them or us. I attended one of their matches and WOW those girls can skate. Those of you old enough, like me, to remember the old roller derby really need to see how they have put the sport back into roller derby. Nothing "fake" about this reincarnation.

We will be putting together costumes for the riders/skaters this coming week. If this is within your interest range come on by the barn this Sunday, November 8th and give us your input.

DICKENS VILLAGE:

Dickens Village will be held Saturday November 28th from 3pm to 8pm. I am looking for volunteers to help me man the information/sales booth. If you can spare a couple of hours please call Kay @626-378-0272.

Kay

Director of Decoration

Volunteer Coordination:

At the moment, the major volunteer project is collecting and processing magnolia leaves which will cover the boat. Contact Bonnie or Kay for specifics. We also need some help at the barn sorting and cleaning. Come on by and see what's going on, and what you can do to help.

Bonnie Colcher
Volunteer Coordinator

Fundraising/Informational Activities:

Legendary Bingo Recap

Despite the change in location and competing with St. Ritas school fundraiser, Legendary Bingo was a complete success, equaling the funds raised at last year's October Bingo. And, it was a great facility.

For future planning, the April, 2010 Bingo scheduled for the Recreation Center may need to be held at another location. Though the Rec. Center remodel date has not been formalized, the City is looking at starting in January. More details to follow.

2009-2010 Appeal Letter:

The Appeal Letter has now been mailed and donations are being received. The responses have been encouraging despite the recession.

Entertainment Books:

Similar to years past, we will have the new 2010 Entertainment Book available for order/sale now. The price per book varies depending on the geographical area. Please see Don Mills and/or Ann Dugerman to order your book(s).

2010 California Girls T-Shirts:

Adult T-Shirts in various sizes are available at the Barn, Savor the Flavor and the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce. Price: \$15.00 each.

2010 California Girls Postcards:

Float postcards featuring the California Girls rendering have been produced and are available at the Barn, Savor the Flavor, Iris Intrigue, Arnold's Hardware and Mary's Market. Price: \$1.00 each.

2010 California Girls Parade Pins:

Parade Pins have arrived and are available for sale at the Barn.. Price: \$5.00 each.

Pop-Tops:

To support Ronald McDonald House, Please help us by saving and bring your pop-tops to the Barn in the next few weeks. We will be presenting the pop-tops to the Women's Club when the Princesses present in November.

Sierra Madre Rose Float Association Website:

Our website has become a major source for information about the Association, the float(s) and securing volunteers. www.sierramadrosefloat.com

No General Meeting in December

Due to Float Construction and Decoration Needs