



The Battle of Flowers® Parade

April 26, 2019

THEME SHEET

Texans have love of their country, their neighbors, wide-open spaces, time-honored traditions and of course their state. The 2019 Battle of Flowers Parade will travel through Texas to discover what lies at the core of the State boasting the biggest heart with the theme, *For the love of Texas!*

The Battle of Flowers® Parade is a theme-based parade with the overall theme determined by the Battle of Flowers® Association. Participants choose a theme for their entry which must fit into the composite design of the Parade. Costumes, props and decorations must also follow the parade theme.

All entry themes must be approved by the Battle of Flowers® Parade Board and are on a first come, first served basis. Please choose your theme and confirm with your Section Chair as early as possible to insure your successful participation. Themes may be reserved prior to the submission of an entry form.

The following are some of the themes we love. Choose one from this list or create your own but whatever you do, share your love of Texas!

FOR THE LOVE OF THE LAND **Been There, Done That**

Hiking Big Bend

Horsing around the Lost Pines

Searching for the Marfa Lights

Going native at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Big bass fishing at the Lake of the Pines

Cruising the Texas Coast

Camping at Goose Island State Park

Cattle breeding at the King Ranch

Navigating Natural Bridge Caverns

Tubing down the Guadalupe

Skiing Lake McQueeney

FOR THE LOVE OF FANTASTIC FANDANGOS **The State that Plays Together Stays Together!**

Charro Days - Honoring Mexican cowboys, the heroes of the borderland

Día de los Muertos - Remembering loved ones who have passed away

Greek Funstival - Jubilating juicy gyros and all things Greek

Holi: The Indian Festival of Colors - Celebrating the triumph of good over evil

Juneteenth Celebration - From Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, observing June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day

Lunar Festival - Chinese Cheers to a New Year

Renaissance Festival - A dragon slaying good time and a feast fit for a king

Rattlesnake Roundup - Shake your tail at the parade and carnival, where snake charmers bewitch bystanders

Texas Folklike Festival - Texas' unique heritage comes to life during this annual party

Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games - Bagpipes turn the Hill Country into the Highlands

Texas Motor Speedway - Fast moving events

Wurstfest - The Wurst time of the year...Brats and brews meet lederhosen and tubas

FOR THE LOVE OF TEXAS SMARTS Smart Women and Tough Texans

Mary Kay Ash - Founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics

Sandra Cisneros - Novelist, poet, short story writer

Lila Cockrell - First female mayor of San Antonio

Bessie Coleman - American civil aviator and first woman of African American and Native American descent to hold pilot license

Adina De Zavala - Angel of the Alamo

Clara Driscoll- Historic preservationist who helped preserve the Alamo Mission

Angelina Eberly - Cannoneer and "Savior of Austin"

Ma Ferguson - First woman governor of Texas

Betty Graham - Created Liquid Paper

Becky Hammon - Assistant Spurs coach, soon to be first female head coach of the NBA!

Barbara Jordan - Public defender, first African American female elected to Texas State Senate

Naomi Shihab Nye - San Antonio's famed poet

Tammie Jo Shults - Navy pilot, safely landed Southwest Flight after engine explosion

Emma Tenayuca - Mexican-American labor leader and educator

Babe Didrikson Zaharias - Pick a sport, any sport; excelled in golf, basketball, baseball, track and field

FOR THE LOVE OF TOE TAPPING TUNES Talented Texans That Could Carry a Tune

Willie Nelson

Sunny and the Sunliners

Janis Joplin

Christopher Cross

Buddy Holly

Freddy Fender

George Strait

Selena

Van Cliburn

Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown

Waylon Jennings

Mac Davis

Young Masters

ZZ Top

Vicki Carr

Charley Pride

Flaco & Santiago Jimenez

Jerry Jeff Walker

Rosita Fernandez

Beyonce

FOR THE LOVE OF TEXAS ON THE SILVER SCREEN GREAT SCENES Pass the Popcorn and the Picante!

Apollo

The Alamo

Slacker

The Last Picture Show

Days of Heaven

Giant

Urban Cowboy

Bonnie and Clyde

Hud

Lone Star

Red River

Places in the Heart

Tender Mercies

Friday Night Lights

FOR THE LOVE OF TEXAS CRITTERS Where the Wild Things Are

Armadillo

Mexican free-tailed bat

Longhorn

White tail deer

Guadalupe bass

Mockingbird

Dove and quail

Horned lizard

Monarch butterfly

Ocelot

Roadrunner

Bobcat

FOR THE LOVE OF GROWING NATIVE Texas Grown

Bluebonnet

Native milkweed

Bigtooth maple

Mesquite

Cat Claw Acacia

Chile petin

Cotton

Crape myrtle

Prickly pear

Ruby Red grapefruit

Pecan trees

Pecos cantaloupes

Sweet onion

FOR THE LOVE OF LEGENDS AND LORE Telling Tall Texas Tales

Legend of the Chupacabra - A monstrous creature that attacks animals and consumes their blood

Mysterious Marfa Lights - They appear in the West Texas desert and cannot be explained

On the Trail of East Texas Bigfoot - Known as Sasquatch, Forest Giant or the Wild Man of the Woods

Pecos Bill and Slue-Foot Sue - Cowboy hero and his true love; calf roping, cattle branding and a six-shooter

La Llorona - Legend of a weeping woman who keeps children up at night

The Legend of the Bluebonnet - Long ago in the land we now call Texas, there was a drought. The ground was so dry and parched that nothing grew and the animals and the Comanches were dying of hunger...

Dancing with the Devil - Seventy years ago in Kingsville, Texas a woman went to a dance with a very handsome man. When she looked down at his feet, they were chicken claws and the man disappeared in a cloud of sulphur smoke.

Ghost Tracks - On the south side of San Antonio, spirits of children push cars off the railroad tracks

Judge Roy Bean - Self-proclaimed "law west of the Pecos." During the late 19th century he built an opera house for Lily Langtree and kept a black bear as a pet.

FOR THE LOVE OF DYNAMIC DISCOVERIES Discoveries, Innovations and Explorations *Reserved for the Public School Floats*

Shooting for the Stars - NASA, Texas astronauts, UT and A&M researchers, SpaceX opening the final frontier

Pursuing the Prehistoric - Government Canyon, West Texas and now the Witte lived large in the Lone Star State

Texas Tasty Treats - A foodie paradise with the Texas State Fair the perfect place to explore

Reading, Writing and Telling Tales - Exploring literature, tall tales and creative communication

Beauty Below - Exploring Gulf Coast critters

Power Moves - Wind, sun, oil - all keep our state, the nation and the world moving

Wild for Wildlife - Discovering furry, scaly, feathery friends

Bold Bops - Finding that perfect beat