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    Selena    Vicki Carr
Sunny and the Sunliners    Van Cliburn    Charley Pride
Janis Joplin    Clarence “Gatemouth” Brown    Flaco & Santiago Jimenez
Christopher Cross    Waylon Jennings    Jerry Jeff Walker
Buddy Holly    Mac Davis    Rosita Fernandez
Freddy Fender    Young Masters    Beyonce
George Strait    ZZ Top

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

Apollo    Giant    Red River
The Alamo    Urban Cowboy    Places in the Heart
Slacker    Bonnie and Clyde    Tender Mercies
The Last Picture Show    Hud    Friday Night Lights
Days of Heaven    Lone Star

FOR THE LOVE OF TEXAS CRITTERS
Where the Wild Things Are

Armadillo    White tail deer    Dove and quail
Mexican free-tailed bat    Guadalupe bass    Horned lizard
Longhorn    Mockingbird    Monarch butterfly
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