

Northside Fourth of July Parade Creative Parade Entries Contest Fact Sheet

About the Creative Parade Entries Contest

- All parade entries are automatically registered for the contest. Don't forget to submit your parade registration form by the deadline.
- Past winners are eligible to win in subsequent years.
- There are no categories for the awards. Just be creative and have fun!
- To assist the judges in identifying your entry, please make sure the name of your group, business, entry, etc. is clearly displayed during the parade.
- The official judges' viewing station is located at the intersection of Hamilton and Pullan Avenues. Judges may also view entries at the Bethlehem Temple parade staging grounds prior to the start of the parade. The esteemed contest judges will appear in appropriate creative attire near the front of the parade with their official vehicle on the portion of the parade route that runs from Bethlehem Temple to Pullan Avenue. At Pullan Avenue, the judges will take their places at the viewing station while their official vehicle continues in the parade without them.
- Entries that have performance elements are encouraged to show off in front of the judges while at the same time taking care not to hold up the parade. If a space of two car lengths opens up between your entry and the one ahead of yours, it's time to move on before the judges' bailiff gives you the nod.
- The top five (5) creative parade entries will be awarded coveted and fabulous recycled art trophies designed especially for the parade.
- Trophies will be awarded to contest winners at the Fourth of July Festival at Hoffner Park immediately following the parade.
- Names of contest winners will be announced in the *Northsider* and permanently recorded on the contest plaque.
- The trophies and the plaque bearing the names of prior contest winners are displayed in the window of Schaeper's Pharmacy (Hamilton and Chase Avenues) for several weeks prior to the parade to inspire even greater creativity among entries.

Creativity Resources

- **Fremont Arts Council:** Solstice Parade [[link to http://fremontartscouncil.org/](http://fremontartscouncil.org/)]
- **2007 Northside Fourth of July Parade photos** [[link to http://www.flickr.com/search/?q=Northside+4th+of+July+Parade+2007](http://www.flickr.com/search/?q=Northside+4th+of+July+Parade+2007)]
- **Making Large Puppets:** The Puppeteers' Cooperative [[link to http://www.gis.net/~puppetco/](http://www.gis.net/~puppetco/)] ; Sagecraft Productions [[link to http://www.sagecraft.com/puppetry/building/index.html#patterns](http://www.sagecraft.com/puppetry/building/index.html#patterns)]; Bread & Puppet Theater [[link to http://www.breadandpuppet.org/pageantphotos.html](http://www.breadandpuppet.org/pageantphotos.html)]
- **Making Floats:** Golf Cart Floats [[link to www.golfcartparade.com/pdfs/how_to_build_floats.pdf](http://www.golfcartparade.com/pdfs/how_to_build_floats.pdf)] and North Carolina Pride Parade [[link to www.ncpride.org/pride/library/articles/floatbuilding.pdf](http://www.ncpride.org/pride/library/articles/floatbuilding.pdf)]