

Cherry Valley Festival Parade - June 4th

On June 4th, SCAMPP participated in The Cherry Valley Festival Parade. The theme was "A Slice of Cherry Heaven in 2011." The theme of our float was "The Three Little Pigs" including the Big Bad Wolf who was chasing a pig around the outside of the float trying to get a Cherry Pie away from the pig. We had the stick house, the straw house and the brick house (custom handmade). We also incorporated Cherry Trees on the float.

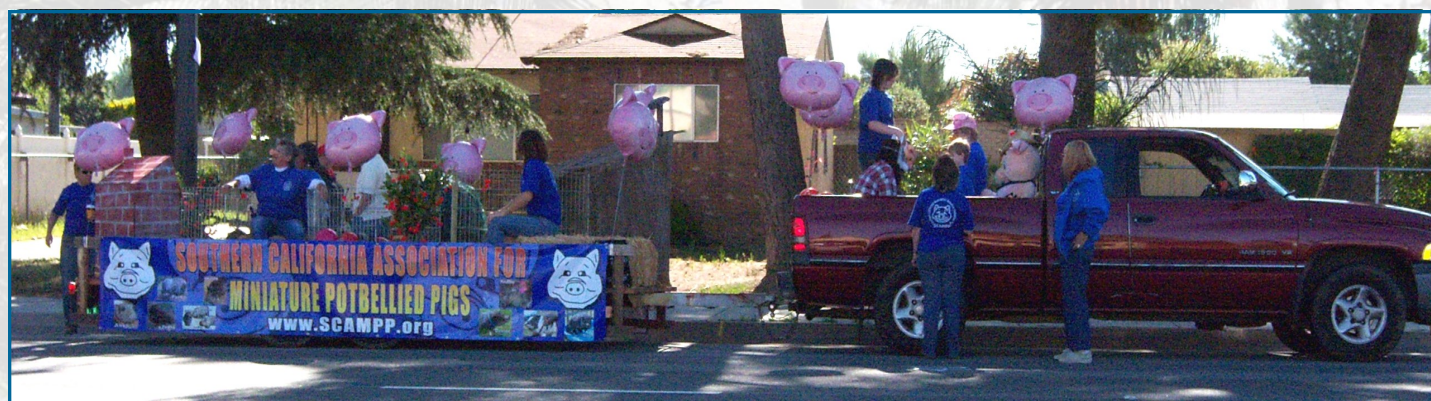
Twelve SCAMPP'ers and three pigs made for a fun and easy job of decorating the float. Preparing for, and spending many hours a few days before and on the day of the parade was a lot of hard work, but we had fun and, to us, it was a success! The sad part is that we did not win any trophies, even though we thought our float was more and better decorated than most of the ones that did win. We do not know "who and what" were involved in the judging process, and we learned a few things that we can incorporate if we decide to enter this or another parade in the future. The exposure of our pigs and SCAMPP was more important than winning anyway!!

There was a string of about 6-7 fire trucks behind our float that honked their loud horns and blared their sirens all during the parade route. The noise drove "me" crazy, but it didn't seem to bother the pigs at all. If we do this again, I'll check on the possibility of no loud vehicles or loud marching bands near our float, mainly because nobody could hear the announcers when they described our organization and our float as we passed by three different announcer stands, due to the loud sirens and horns blaring constantly!

We really didn't know what we were getting into, since none of us had done this before. I was part of SCAMPP when SCAMPP entered this parade last time (in 2002), but I was not involved in the planning or building of that float at all; I only saw that float from the sidelines and was excited that SCAMPP won two trophies that time, so I was hopeful that we could duplicate that.

All in all, it was good exposure for SCAMPP and the pigs. I walked the streets and handed out lots of SCAMPP flyers. We also had a lot of people come by our float while we were waiting in line for the parade to start who asked many questions about potbellied pigs. And when we were at the Civic Center after the parade for the Awards Ceremony, Karrie brought Scarlett out to enjoy the shade and grass - and many people enjoyed seeing Scarlett and asked us many questions again, so I handed out even more SCAMPP flyers. Therefore the experience was not a total waste, even though we spent a lot of money on decorations and the beautiful new banners; we can always use those again for other events. And despite the hard work, we are proud of and appreciate the amount of members and volunteers SCAMPP has!

Thanks to all who donated their time, labor, materials (including food and snacks) and took pictures for us. I ended up with almost 300 photos and a video. If anyone wants to see them, please contact me ~ by Peggy Wimberly



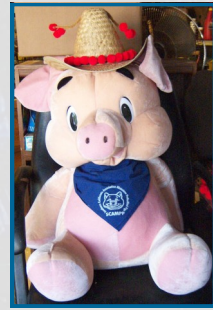
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