



55th Annual Northern Berkshire
FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL PARADE
 “Our Heroes”

Festival Parade Float Specifications

Float Width & Length	<i>12 feet maximum width – it is important to adhere to this measurement as a float wider than 12 feet may not fit on the parade route.</i> Length is not limited but must be able to maneuver corners properly. Any deviations from these measurements should be discussed with the Float committee.															
Float Height	15 feet (or more if mechanically adjustable)															
Float Ground Clearance	Recommended 10 inches. Loose fabric can touch the ground and tear															
Float Pulling Vehicle	The pulling vehicle should be covered or decorated in a manner acceptable to the committee. A covered decorated pulling vehicle will get preferential consideration by the judges when considering the 20 points awarded under “Overall Effect.”															
Float Signs	All floats will be allowed one sign on each side of the float for identification purposes: the committee urges that discretion be used with regard to size. The committee has authority to disallow any sign that is considered not in good taste or being used as commercial advertising. NO ADVERTISING ON THE FLOATS IS ALLOWED.															
Float Theme	All floats, to be judged, must be entered following the Parade Theme, “Our Heroes” . The parade committee will keep the creative concept of each entry confidential, and concepts will be accepted on a “first come, first served” basis. We hope to eliminate duplications through this procedure.															
Float Placement	Parade Director, with assistance from the Parade Committee, will place all floats in the parade line-up.															
Music or Sound	Any floats entered with live or recorded music or sound must be reported to the Parade Committee, through the Chamber office, prior to the week of the parade for consideration during the parade line-up. If music or sound is not reported ahead of time, the Parade Committee does reserve the right to ask that the music not be part of the float.															
Judging	All Floats will be Judged on the following point systems <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1. Beauty</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Maximum</td> <td style="width: 20%;">20 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Originality</td> <td>Maximum</td> <td>20 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Overall Effect</td> <td>Maximum</td> <td>20 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Workmanship</td> <td>Maximum</td> <td>20 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Parade theme</td> <td>Maximum</td> <td>20 points</td> </tr> </table> <i>Each entry will be judged in competition with others. Awards will be distributed at the end of the parade.</i>	1. Beauty	Maximum	20 points	2. Originality	Maximum	20 points	3. Overall Effect	Maximum	20 points	4. Workmanship	Maximum	20 points	5. Parade theme	Maximum	20 points
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Additional Instructions

1. The parade committee has the final decision on all float entries, regardless of whether the float is a competing or non-competing float. If any float is not tastefully presented, or would be too political or controversial in nature, the parade committee reserves the right to disallow that float from participating.
2. All floats should be at the staging area by 11:00 AM on parade day. Judging will begin promptly at 11:30 AM. If your float will have costumed personnel on it, they should be on it at this time. After judging is complete they can disembark until the float is called out.
3. The staging area for floats will be on Route 8 (look for designated sign). The float staging area is for floats, float personnel, judges and parade officials only.
4. **You must have a fire extinguisher on the float.**
5. **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING, including candy, buttons etc. is to be thrown from the float by anyone participating in the parade. Items may be handed out by individuals marching alongside the float.** This is a police directive and a condition of every float that participates.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Hoyt at the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce, 75 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201, (413) 499-4000 ext. 26, or e-mail choyt@berkshirechamber.com.