



With 28 years of membership, Sharlyn French is currently reprising her role as Secretary for the Association Board of Directors, as well as continuing as the Association Historian. She was President in 1991 and 1992. During her tenure, the Association won its fourth Founders Trophy for “Bearly Balanced”. She has also been Deco Chair and Treasurer. She has participated in many Association activities spanning FJA preparation to Post Parade. She performs the thankless task of getting out the Workers’ Compensation reports. Along with Bob Neilson, she is responsible for the annual Community Mailer.

She is an active participant in Float Construction as one of our master screeners and painters. She is always available to help “Under the Bridge”, as well as to help with color and floral advice. She feels that one of her most important jobs is making sure that the Construction site has enough clean coffee cups. You will find Sharlyn at most Dining Out and Happy Hour activities.

She recalls that she joined the Association because “her son came home and said more adult decorators were needed. So I volunteered. Then I made the mistake of going to the float site and asking questions. The rest, as they say, is history.”

“Shear Harmony” was her first float as Deco chair because a very memorable tiger “barfed” hydraulic fluid about ten minutes before judging. She has fond memories of both “Bearly Balanced” and “Sherlock Hounds”, floats during her presidential years. She remembers “Backyard Heroes” for “too many reasons to count”.

On “3 – 2 – 1 DIG!” she loves the color and is glad that she does not have to figure out how to animate the thing.

She is a member of the Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force and a couple more volunteer organizations. She travels when and where she can, as well as “driving her children nuts”.