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PARADING IN PLACE

Portland-area residents celebrate community spirit and resilience while social distancing

The Portland Rose Festival held its Porch Parade recently. Photographer Jonathan House found many metro-area residents celebrating "Parading in Place," as the ongoing COVID-19 crisis forced the cancellation of the festival and its popular parades.

For the Porch Parade, presented by Pacific Power, residents decorated their porches, windows and sidewalks. The event also featured rose gardens.

A VIP procession toured some of the homes May 23, and then another procession had to be canceled on May 30 for various reasons.

Porch Parade entries — designated with Porch Parade/Roses for Hope lawn signs — were required to remain on display through May 31.

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"We have had an incredibly positive response from the community," Bunnage said.

Examples of decorations/gardens can be found on the Rose Festival Instagram: @pdxrosefestival, #paradinginplace and #rtrporchparade.

"The purpose of decorating is to unleash creativity and bring a smile to your friends and neighbors," Bunnage said.

Another "parade" as part of the festival's "Parading in Place" program will be the Grand Petite Parade, for which fans of all ages create shoe box-size floats and submit images.

There'll be a livestream presentation of entries shown at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 6, on Facebook and Instagram pages. For more: ParadingInPlace.com.



Here are some scenes from the May 23 Porch Parade, conducted by the Rose Festival with a lot of help from the Royal Rosarians. A VIP procession toured a Portland neighborhood to view porch and sidewalk displays and rose gardens. Because of the Rose Festival's cancellation, the Starlight, Junior and Grand Floral parades also were nixed, so the Rose Festival went with "Parading in Place." Next up is the Grand Petite Parade, in which residents make shoe box-size floats and submit photos of them.

