Continuing Rose Float’s 71-year legacy of creativity and innovation, Cal Poly Pomona is beginning construction of a new Rose Float lab. The Rose Float Lab and Design Complex will provide about 14,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor work space, including a fully enclosed float construction bay, design workspace, storage facilities and a courtyard to host large numbers of volunteers.


The 5,700-square-foot lab is named in honor of alumni Don Miller and Ron Simons from a $1 million gift by Butch and Vivien Lindley. Miller had the original idea to enter the 1949 Rose Parade. Simons is a retired CPP administrator and longtime champion for Rose Float.

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The 5,000 square feet of storage space

Large courtyard for volunteers to work and hold large meetings

Electronic shop

Hydraulic shop

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