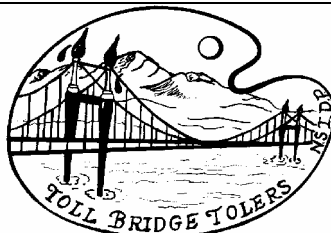


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jann Otvos



This has been a personally eventful year for many of our members. As one might expect in a group our size, we have experienced virtually everything life could throw at us – from a marriage to serious health episodes. Through it all there has been one constant – the genuine shared joy, concern, relief and support we have all felt for each other. The degree of warmth in our TBT family is overwhelming.

Don't forget to mark our July 18th picnic on your calendar. This is our opportunity for some R&R as we enjoy the hospitality of Loretta and her husband. As in previous years, the club will provide the meat with members bringing side dishes, desserts and drinks. We should plan on arriving around 11:30. There is no race planned for that weekend, so we should not have any traffic problems going home. Please reach out to other members in your area in order to arrange car pools. If you need any help in this area, give me a call and I will try to help match riders and drivers.

Our bunko fundraiser is coming up fast. The committee is hard at work making arrangements for food, prizes and surprises! This is such a fun event, it's easy to convince family and friends to buy a ticket and join us. Be sure to talk to Rosemarie to sign up for luncheon items and Liz to make raffle donation arrangements.

Have a safe and sane 4th of July. Hope to see you all at the picnic.



Jann

PROGRAMS

Connie Oakley
1st Vice President

A big thank you to Jo for the great lesson of painting a sunflower and strawberries on a canvas cone. This was a really fun project. Thank you Jo for all the prep you did for us so we could go home with a wonderful cone.

Mark your July calendar for Saturday, July 18th for our fun BBQ at Loretta Mateik's home. Plan to arrive between 11:00 and Noon for our fun festivities. Please bring a dish to share. I hope you all can make the BBQ, it is so much fun and again thank you Loretta and Robert for allowing TBT to hold it at your beautiful home!

Just a little reminder that we do not have a meeting in August, see you in September. Hope you all have a safe and fun summer.

MEMBERSHIP

Jeanie Gollow
2nd Vice President



We are holding at 67 members and we were graced with yet another guest at our June meeting. Laurie of Concord met Eileen Galea at the County Fair and came to check us out. You gals are doing a great job of inviting guests to our painting family; keep up the good work and we will try really hard to get these guests to come back and join our little family of friends.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanie Strech (Gollow)



SEMINARs-PAINT-INS

Roz Borgerson and Connie Oakley

REMINDER . . . It was discussed at our April meeting for members to try and complete their Rosemary West coffee pot (or item you painted the fruit pattern on) by our July BBQ. Please bring your coffee pot/item at whatever stage of completion you have it in. We would like to take a picture of our members' accomplishments to send in for the SDP Magazine.

Well we are on our way to planning the Ornament Frenzy. We picked out some very cute ornaments for this year's Frenzy. This year's Ornament Frenzy will be held on October 3rd at the Plumbers Hall.



This is the front and back of the ornament that will be taught by DJ West.



Taught by Jeanie Gollow



Taught by Merlene Ryan



Taught by Jo Iaconis



Taught by DJ West

BOO! EEK! SPOOKY!

We will have one more ornament taught by D'Ann Hayes that will be a Halloween design.

Important Dates to Remember:

February 20-21, 2010 – Arlene Linton Seminar

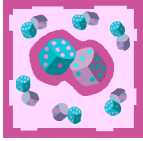


NCCC UPDATE

Jann Otvos, Karen Vecchi, Barbara Flavin

The NCCC June meeting was cancelled. NCCC still plans to hold a retreat in 2010 but do not have a date or location. They hope to finalize the location in August. After the dates and location are selected, NCCC will be asking for teachers to submit classes they would like to teach. Teachers will need to submit a picture of the project, general description and cost of the project. Forms will be on the website when available. NCCC will also be sponsoring a logo contest again. The theme is Footsteps in the Sand, Paint Brush in Hand. The winner will receive a prize. Last retreat, the prize was \$100 toward registration (which was \$135) or \$100 in the NCCC Chapter Sales Store. Start getting your logo designs ready, save your money, and plan on attending the 2010 NCCC Retreat.

Your committee (or is that committed) members, Karen, Barb and Jann



WAYS & MEANS

Liz Doran

Come have a fun day with us on Sat Aug 22nd at 11:30am. Lunch will be delicious. Bunko is easy to play and the raffle will be great. Our theme is, "Hawaiian Beach Party". You may dress for the theme if you please. The Plumbers Hall is a cool place on a hot summer day.

We need your help selling tickets: Karen Vecchi has the tickets, let her know if you need some. The tickets are \$25.00 each for charity.

Rose Marie Rosa needs salads and cookies; she will be calling you soon.

I will need your Raffle painted pieces or items by Aug 1st or you can call me to make arrangements. 925-634-5137

Hope to see you all on Aug 22, 2009.

Liz Doran

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Merlene Ryan

Thank you all for taking boxes to paint for the memory box program. Don't forget to paint them and turn them in. I saw quite a few being painted at the fair, and a number were turned in at the last meeting. Thank You. If you bring them to the meeting to turn in, we will all ooohhh and aaahhhh. You may give them to Merlene or Lucille. If we are not at an event, give us a call.

NEWSLETTER

Marianne Simpson



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If you have Internet access, you will be receiving an email to let you know that the current month's newsletter is available online at our website -

www.tollbridgetolers.org

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There are instructions on our website which will allow you to receive your FREE copy of Acrobat Reader

If you do not have Internet access, you have the option of receiving your newsletter via the mail or as an email attachment. You need to let me know if you choose either of these options.

“THE TRADING POST”

ART SALE (by Jeanie Strech): On August 1st and 2nd I am going to have a huge sale on all of the painting supplies from my shop.....Paints---Watercolor, Acrylics, and Oils, frames, miscellaneous painting supplies, wood and much more: huge savings on all items. My address is 7755 Hembree Lane, Windsor, CA 95492. Phone number is (707) 838-6489. Please tell all your friends, especially the ones who do not get the newsletter. Come by car, moving van, train or plane. The airport is minutes away.

If you have something you would like to sell, trade or give away; or if you have a recipe or idea you want to share, just send me an email with your tips, recipes, questions, comments or wish lists and I'll publish them in the newsletter. It's that easy but the only way this feature works is with *YOUR* input. So please, send your emails to maritoler@comcast.net.

Thanks,
Marianne Simpson

BOARD MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA

June 16, 2009



PRESENT: Darlene Smith, Lisa Schall, Jann Otvos, Liz Doran, Rose Marie Roza, Connie Oakley, Zoeann Barbier, Marianne Simpson, Roz Borgerson

President Jann Otvos called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The agenda for the general meeting to follow was reviewed and finalized.

Correspondence: A notice of an upcoming Carl Larson seminar was received and Jeanie Strech will have a sample of the project to display. Sandy Aubuchon will be doing seminars in 2010 and 2011 with several dates from which

to choose. The catalog for the Las Vegas convention is now available and can be checked out on the website. Mrs. Grossman's warehouse sale is upcoming and a tole train is being organized.

The normal committee reports will be presented and members will be reminded of the July 18th picnic in Petaluma.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Smith, Secretary



GENERAL MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
June 16, 2009

President Jann Otvos called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum present. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter (Jeanie Strech/D.J. West). The Treasurer's report was available for review.

Guest: Laurie of Concord, who met Eileen Galea at the County Fair, was welcomed.

Correspondence: Jeanie Strech displayed the painted box that Carl Larson will be teaching August 28-29, 2009 at Wine Country Chapter. The seminar fee is \$50 plus \$25 for the box. Sign-ups need to be made as soon as possible.

Connie Oakley has information on the Sandy Aubuchon 2010 and 2011 seminars, including photos of various projects. Sandy is charging \$300 per day for a minimum two-day seminar up to a maximum of 35 students. Bring your own surface. She prefers to stay with a local chapter member.

The catalog for the Las Vegas convention is available to order from the website.

Mrs. Grossman's warehouse sale is Friday, June 26, and members have indicated interest in a tole train.

Bunko: Liz Doran referred to the information printed in the June newsletter. She has tickets for sale at this meeting and indicated she still needs raffle prizes.

Alameda County Fair: Liz and Jo Iaconis have judged entries at this fair for several years and commented on the number of entries this year. It runs July 1 to 19 and she encouraged club members to submit entries next year. She noted \$25 is awarded in both the amateur and professional categories for best beginner, intermediate and advanced entries.

Contra Costa County Fair/California State Fair: D.J. West reported Rose Marie Roza won Best of Show and Best of Division in the amateur division and D.J. won Best of Show and Best of Division in the professional category at the County Fair. Jann Otvos and Roz Borgerson are willing to deliver State Fair entries July 10-11. The State fair runs from August 21st through September 7th.

Memory Boxes, Election Workers, and Food Bank: Merlene Ryan reported several memory boxes were received this evening. She asked that memory boxes be signed, dated and identified as Toll Bridge Toler. Members working the May 19 special election earned \$440 for the chapter and we received a certificate of appreciation from the County Election Department.

Community Project: Merlene advised the Diamond Ridge Convalescent Hospital in Pittsburg would like our chapter to do a class for their patients. The members were interested in doing this and Merlene has the information. She suggested doing a cloth bag painting project.

NCCC: Jeanie Strech advised three representatives from TBT and Wine County met regarding decorations for the NCCC retreat. She noted 150 paper bags are to be painted as well as centerpieces for the tables and lots of help is needed. This will be done the end of this year or beginning of next and she will be contacting members to assist. Painting parties will be held at her home and locally. The next NCCC meeting is August 29 to select the retreat location.

Ornament Frenzy: Connie displayed the ornaments to be taught. D.J. submitted two and it was decided to paint both bringing the total ornaments to six. The teachers will be Jo Iaconis, Merlene Ryan, Jeanie Strech, D.J. West and D'Ann Hayes. The frenzy is free to members this year with one surface of each ornament per person. Additional surfaces may be purchased. The date is October 3 at the Plumber's Hall in Martinez.

Awards and Recognition: Shirley Irwin presented numerous "old" and current awards to members for working the County Fair, special election, etc.

Thank You: Marianne Simpson read a letter of thanks from her husband, Rob, for all of the good wishes from TBT

members. He injured his hand on a table saw but is healing.

July 18 Picnic: Jann reminded everyone of the picnic at Loretta Mateik's home in Petaluma. Members are asked to bring a side dish, dessert, etc. to share.

Art Sale: Jeanie advised she will be holding a sale at her home of paints (acrylic, oil, watercolor), frames, wood, etc. It will be August 1-2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Special Drawing: The prize of a bunko ticket was won by Cathy McCaughey.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to a flower cone project (Rosemary West design) taught by Jo Iaconis.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Smith, Secretary



SUNSHINE
Jann Otvos

July

- 7/1 Liz Little
- 7/4 Cathy McCaughey
- 7/22 Eleanor Metzgar
- 7/27 Pat Barcelona
- 7/29 Carrie Garrett

August

- 8/6 Jeanie Strech
- 8/10 Marilyn Grover
- 8/13 Kelly Oliver
- 8/20 Felicitas Hewitt



As always, if you know of someone in need of a little "Sunshine", please contact Jann Otvos.



HOSPITALITY
Barbara Bouchet

It's time again for our annual barbecue at Loretta Mateik's house in Petaluma on Saturday, July 18th. The club provides the meat, so please bring a dish to share. Since this event takes the place of our regular July meeting, there is no hospitality report.

Additionally, there is no August meeting so again there is no hospitality report. However, don't forget to contact Rose Marie Roza and sign up for a salad or dessert for our 3rd annual Bunko Fundraiser on August 22nd.

National & Chapter Purpose

The purpose of the society is a central dissemination point for information about activities related to decorating painting; raise and maintain a high standard for the art of decorative painting; and stimulate interest in and appreciation for the art form.

Notice: First Lutheran church is collecting foodstuffs year round for Project Share. Any donations would be welcome. Contact Darlene Smith for details.

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