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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jann Otvos

This month's message actually comes from Barb Flavin.

While thinking of ways to encourage member participation, Barb was reminded of how hesitant she was to volunteer for committee work which involved painting when she first joined Toll Bridge Toler. Her fear was that she was "not good enough". When the call came out requesting Christmas ornament painters for a wreath fund raiser, she worked up her courage and agreed to paint, thinking that if her project did not measure up it could be put to the back where it would not be seen. I am sure we can all relate to the flavor of this story, if not the details.

Participation in group activities delivers double rewards. First there is the feeling of satisfaction at accomplishing some group project or goal. Second, and perhaps most important, is the warmth of group fellowship. As we work on a project with others who share our interests, our lives are enriched by conversation, insight, and encouragement. Organization members who are actively involved help in the building of a strong viable network that is able to serve participants and the community at large. Active members also find themselves wrapped in the cloak of friendship and "family".

Barb and I encourage each and every member to volunteer for committee work and club projects. We also encourage committee chairpersons to seek help from members who may not have helped in the past. Often we want to help, but are hesitant to speak-up, fearing that we will be rebuffed. When asked, we know that our help is wanted. The newsletter is a great place to post committee needs since often a member will not be at the meeting when projects are discussed.

As Toll Bridge Toler members, we all share a common interest – the love of painting. Enjoy the benefits active participation will bring.

Jann

PROGRAMS

Connie Oakley
1st Vice President

Thank you Marianne for teaching the two adorable goodie bags. I was not in attendance, but understand from those who were that they were quite fun to paint.

Our project for June will be taught by Jo Iaconis and will be the Sunflower cone on canvas paper designed by Rosemary West. Please bring a piece of card board to paint your canvas cone on (like the size of a paper tablet), small dry brush, and your regular painting supplies. If you have a small paint cubby, please bring it. You may need to take home some of the background color for touch ups. The cost of the project will be \$2.50.



MEMBERSHIP

Jeanie Gollow
2nd Vice President



Since the church was being used as a polling place for the special election, the May 19th meeting was held in the Annex across the court yard from the church.

Jacki D'Annuzio, a friend of Cathy McCaughey's was our only guest in attendance at our May meeting. We were happy to meet Jacki and hope she will be a regular in the near future.

We also welcomed our newest member, Zoeann Barbier, into our family of painters and of course, friends.

Please make note of Bev Canty's correct email address: autole@Q.com.

We now have 67 members on the roster. Hurray for all the hard work at getting new painters to join our little covey of friends. I certainly hope this trend continues and that we have more people come to enjoy the fun and easy projects that are being taught at the monthly get togethers. See you soon.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanie Strech (Gollow)

SEMINARs-PAINT-INS

Roz Borgerson and Connie Oakley

Merlene taught a wonderful class on the Kringle Parade. Everyone attending had a great time painting and the piece is a wonderful addition to our Christmas decorations. Thank you Merlene for a very fun class!

I need teachers for the Ornament Frenzy. If you are planning on submitting an ornament for the Ornament Frenzy, please bring it to our June meeting. Thank you



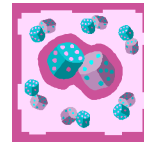
Important Dates to Remember:

February 20-21, 2010 – Arlene Linton Seminar

NCCC UPDATE

Jann Otvos, Karen Vecchi, Barbara Flavin

Nothing new to report for this month. NCCC is continuing to look for a new location for the September 2010 retreat.



WAYS & MEANS

Liz Doran

Our Charity Bunko is coming soon!

Theme: Hawaiian Beach Party

Date: Aug 22, 2009--11:30 AM, Plumbers Hall in Martinez

Tickets: \$25.00 non refundable. Deadline for ticket sales is Aug 15—Karen Vecchi will have tickets at the June meeting; she can also send them to you.

Luncheon: Salad-dessert cookies- no hot dishes- drinks, rolls and butter will be furnished. Rose Marie will be calling you.

Prizes: For the dice game and maybe a new prize for most Bunko's.

Raffle prizes: Are needed, no raw wood. Suggestions were in the April news letter. Deadline is Aug 8 - Arrangements can be made.

Any questions, give me a call

NEWSLETTER

Marianne Simpson



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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”

GIVE AWAYS: Darlene Smith has hundreds (maybe thousands) of Silhouette and Harlequin romance paperbacks she is willing to give to any member looking for some good reading material. If anyone is interested please email Darlene.

GOT A STINKY SITUATION???

Barb Flavin submitted the following recipe (originally from Gary Bogue, Naturalist and Columnist) for getting rid of Skunk Odor Fast.

Mix the following three ingredients:

1 quart of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide (from a pharmacy)
¼ cup baking soda
1 teaspoon liquid soap (author uses Dawn)

Mix it all together and wash the sprayed animal, keeping the mixture out of its eyes, nose and mouth.

Rinse the animal thoroughly with tap water.

It is NOT a good idea to mix this stuff ahead or to bottle a fresh batch or any leftovers. The mix causes a mild chemical reaction and expanding gases could “explode” into a BIG goey mess if confined in a bottle.

Based on feedback from users, this recipe, as listed, is a suitable quantity for a small dog. You need to double it for medium-size dogs and triple it for large dogs.

It also works on clothing—slosh the stuff on the clothing and then immediately hose it off with water.

It’s amazingly effective.

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. Then look in the following month’s newsletter for responses from other members. 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
May 19, 2009



No Board meeting was held.

GENERAL MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA
May 19, 2009

President Jann Otvos called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. with a quorum present. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter (Tamara Mannon/Carrie Garrett). A copy of the Treasurer’s report was available for viewing.

Guest Jacki D’Annuzio, a friend of Cathy McCaughey, was welcomed. Zoeann Barbier was welcomed as a new member.

Correspondence: A thank you note was received from the Decorative Arts Collection for our annual \$350 donation. A card was received from CCI Prison Puppy Raisers in Oregon. A thank you note was received from Jeanie (Gollow) Strech for her wedding gift and she shared photos from her honeymoon at Timber Cove.

Tole Train: Tamara hosted a tole train to the Knight’s Landing Gourd Festival on May 17 with about 10 people participating.

Bunko: Liz Doran continues to need raffle prizes and would like them donated by August 1. The Bunko party is August 22 at the Plumbers’ Hall in Martinez, starting at

11:30 a.m. Her committee met and agreed on a Hawaiian beach party theme and attendees may dress accordingly. Non-refundable tickets will be available from Karen Vecchi via e-mail or at the June meeting for \$25 per person. The deadline for purchasing tickets is August 15. Lunch will consist of salads and cookies and Rose Marie Roza will coordinate the food. Liz requested that all members who attend help with the cleanup. It was noted that Vickie Gardiner's tole group in Idaho held a successful Bunko party.

County Fair: D. J. West distributed entry passes and parking tickets to members working at the fair. She noted none are needed for Thursday. The State Fair link is on the TBT website and members were encouraged to enter.

Memory Boxes: Merlene Ryan thanked those members who worked today's special election and donated their fees to TBT. She noted Connie Oakley was asked to work the entire day and would not be attending tonight's meeting. Several painted memory boxes were brought tonight and Merlene distributed additional unpainted boxes. She noted a painting project would be done for the Food Bank in June.

Hospitality: Barbara Bouchet noted members have signed up through September for snacks, ice and beverages and expressed her appreciation.

Ornament Frenzy: Jann advised Connie Oakley is requesting teachers for this year's ornament frenzy which will be held the first Saturday in October and five members volunteered.

July BBQ: Jann reminded members of the BBQ at Loretta Mateik's home in Petaluma on Saturday, July 18, beginning around 11:00 a.m.

Carl Larsen Seminar: Jeanie Strech advised Wine County would be hosting Carl Larsen on August 28-29. He will be teaching a small Austrian box.

Special Drawing: This evening's Halloween themed gift basket was donated by Jann Otvos and won by Lisa Schall. Lisa suggested we consider a Halloween ornament exchange at our October meeting. This will be discussed further at the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to Marianne Simpson's Halloween goodie bags.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Smith, Secretary



SUNSHINE

Jann Otvos

June

6/7	Merlene Ryan
6/12	Vicki Gardiner
6/14	Debbie Ahrendt
6/14	Bev Canty
6/15	Barb Flavin
6/19	Virginia Davidson
6/20	Cookie Tillman
6/25	Darlene Smith
6/26	Agnes Ketterman-Dobert
6/26	Linda Sharp
6/28	Sally Rinker

July

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



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

HOSPITALITY

Barbara Bouchet

Snacks: Carrie Garrett, Connie Oakley and Tamara Mannon

Beverages: Liz Little and Darlene Smith

Ice: Cathy McCaughey

Thanks, Barbara Bouchet, Hospitality

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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