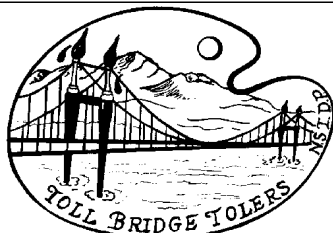


# The Painting



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Jann Otvos**

I must admit that as I sat down at the computer to begin this message, I broke out into a big smile. The reason is that Eileen's frog plant stake project from last meeting is right next to my computer monitor. As a black belt black thumb, I decided to "plant" my frog in my pencil cup where he greets me each time I sit down at my desk. I can't wait until I have Marianne's goodie bag "monsters" here as well!

Be sure to get your calendars out and mark down some fun TBT event dates. Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> will be our annual BBQ picnic at Loretta's. I checked the Infineon race schedule and as of now they have nothing planned for that weekend, so we should have no problems with traffic – fingers crossed. Tamara has volunteered to co-ordinate a tole train trip to the Knights Landing Gourd Festival on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please let Tamara know if you would like to go which her. Put a big circle around August 22<sup>nd</sup>. That is the date of our Bunko fundraiser – you don't want to miss that! It's time to get those raffle prizes together as well. Keep an eye on Connie's seminar and paint-in schedule. She has lots of great events planned already and is adding dates as well.

A big thank you to Shirley Irwin for volunteering to let TBT put a storage unit in her back yard. This will save the club about \$50.00 a month, and help us get our clutter organized. My husband was thrilled to hear that some of the boxes in our garage would be going elsewhere.

Please try to set some time aside to paint memory boxes. We are all busy with work, personal and family lives and I know it's hard to find the time to paint for ourselves, much less for others. As most of you know, we had a grandchild still born and I know what a devastating time that is for the entire family. Being presented with a hand painted box for the birth and death certificate and special memory items is

very touching. It is an outreach of love and support and as the years go by it is a symbol of how much someone else cared. ~ Jann

## PROGRAMS

**Connie Oakley**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Our Program for this month will be two cute little goodie bags for your haunting season. The Spider and the Dracula goodie bags are original designs by Marianne Simpson. Marianne will be teaching the projects. The cost of the program is \$4.50. Please bring your normal painting supplies.



## MEMBERSHIP

**Jeanie Gollow**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**



The Membership is officially up to 66 members, with the return of 2 previous members: Joanne Hughes and Sandra Wagner. We welcome these two ladies back into our

midst and hopefully they will be regulars at the meetings as well as all of our new and returning members. Please remember to e-mail me any changes as to name, address including zip code, home, alternate, cell phone numbers including prefix so that I may maintain up to date information to benefit all members.

For those new members please send in a copy of your (SDP) national number so I can put it in your file. This is an important piece of information that we need ASAP.

We have some really neat painting projects for the meeting nights so don't miss out. Come join in the fun of painting some really cute seasonal projects so we can be ready when that season arrives. See you at the next meeting on May 19th at 7:30. Ya'll come now ya here!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanie Gollow

## SEMINARs-PAINT-INS

Roz Borgerson and Connie Oakley



Our watercolor class with Claudette Garcia on April 25 was wonderful. She is an excellent teacher who takes the time to instruct each person individually and stayed until everyone had a finished water color picture to leave class with. For all of you who took the class and will be at our May meeting, please bring your picture to share with the members.

Calling all teachers to submit ornaments for our Ornament Frenzy. Do you have an ornament you are just itching to teach? Please submit it. Do you have a favorite ornament that you want a teacher to teach? Please ask them to teach it. Please see Roz or myself at our May meeting and let us know if you have an ornament to be submitted for our Ornament Frenzy. Thank you!

### Important Dates to Remember:

May 16, 2009 – Santa Fire Screen designed by Susan Jill Hall and will be taught by Merlene Ryan

February 20-21, 2010 – Arlene Linton Seminar

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIR Fair Dates May 28<sup>th</sup> thru May 31<sup>st</sup> “IT’S A BLAST”



Boy oh boy! Does time fly! The fair is fast approaching. So look around, see what you have painted this year and enter it! Or find something that just need to be finished!

Entry forms are due no later than May 5, 2009  
The Fair Office is Open 8am – 12pm & 1pm - 5pm,  
Monday ~ Friday.

Special office hours on May 5, 8am to 8pm

### **Division 55**

Crafts & Hobbies

The fee to enter \$1.00

Limit of 8 per division, 2 per class. State Rules

### **Division 63**

Professional Crafts

The fee to enter \$2.00

Limit of 8 per division, 2 per class. State Rules

You can enter on line at [www.ccfair.org](http://www.ccfair.org)

Fair Dates May 28<sup>th</sup> thru May 31<sup>st</sup>

We are planning to be at the fair.

### **Thursday 11:00**

Special Project TBT class 1:00

Bring what ever you would like to paint!

### **Friday 11:00**

Special Project TBT class 1:00

Memory boxes

### **Saturday 11:00 start**

Adult free class project 30-45 min.

Detailed painting class, to be announced

### **Sunday 11:00 start**

Kids free project 1:00-3:30

Chip clip & magnet

Please let Becky, Beth or me know what day you would like to come so we can acquire the pass that you will need to enter. I will have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting or call me at:

676-8288 Wk

679-0676 Hm

367-5925 Cell

Thanks, DJ & Becky

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Merlene Ryan

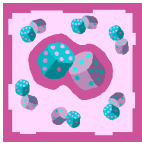
Thank you to Jann Otvos and Shirley Irwin for the painted memory boxes. I've handed out boxes to paint and will continue to bring some to the meetings. I'd be happy to help you with a paint party if you want to schedule one. Another opportunity to paint would be on Thurs or Fri at the FAIR. Let me know if you need boxes or ideas.

The Contra Costa Food Bank has asked us to paint some items for their June fundraiser. The e-mail was forwarded to you. Let me know if you can help. I don't know yet what the items are or how much help we will need. They will also accept donations for the raffle, which has a garden theme. Let me know if you can help with either of these.

## NCCC UPDATE

Jann Otvos, Karen Vecchi, Barbara Flavin

Barbara Flavin reported NCCC is looking for a new location for the September, 2010 retreat and one possibility is the Concord Holiday Inn.



## WAYS & MEANS

Liz Doran

Our Bunko fundraiser for charity will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 AM at the Plumbers Hall. We will have more details at the next meeting.

I want to thank the members who have brought items for the raffle, we are off to a good start. Remember we like to have painted pieces.

Liz Doran

## NEWSLETTER

Marianne Simpson



**Note: The following is our policy regarding the method by which you will receive your newsletter:**

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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”

For Sale: D'Ann Hayes has a China Cabinet for sale for \$50.00. If you're interested, please give her a call.



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](mailto:maritoler@comcast.net).

Thanks,  
Marianne Simpson

## BOARD MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
April 21, 2009



PRESENT: Jann Otvos, Darlene Smith, Connie Oakley, Marianne Simpson, Shirley Irwin, Liz Doran, Lisa Schall, Roz Borgerson, Jeanie Gollow.

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. The new 2009 TBT handbooks will be distributed tonight. Jann suggests we hold our July BBQ in Petaluma at Loretta Mateik's home on either Saturday, July 18, or Sunday, July 19, as there are no races that weekend at the Infineon Raceway. Loretta will be queried about her availability on either of those dates.

Storage Units: Jann checked on storage units in her area and reviewed the pricing. Shirley Irwin advised she has room in her backyard if we wished to purchase a unit and store it there. Jann will check on pricing and bring the results to the next meeting.

The Treasurer's report will be available for viewing at the general meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darlene Smith, Secretary

## GENERAL MEETING

First Lutheran Church, Concord, CA  
April 21, 2009

President Jann Otvos called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with a quorum present. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter (Liz Little/Shirley Irwin). The Treasurer's report is available for review.

Correspondence: Newsletters were received from the Monument Crisis Center and Canine Companions. An e-mail was received from SDP regarding recruiting new members and making a donation to the Society. Jann

advised Jeanie Gollow to contact SDP and obtain the names of SDP members in our area. She has sent out eleven letters regarding membership in Toll Bridge Tolars. Two responses have been received to date. A notice was received for the Bass Lake Painters Retreat, June 5-7, 2009, with no pricing information.

Old Business: Jann checked pricing for storage units in her area. Shirley Irwin has offered to store a unit in her backyard and Jann will check into the cost of purchasing a unit and report back at the next meeting.

Tole Trains: Tamara will host a tole train to the Knights Landing Gourd Festival on Sunday, May 17. The festival is also on May 16 for those who want to go on their own. Flyers are available. Jann went to the iris garden in Brentwood noting they are 99% in bloom if anyone would like to see it.

TBT Handbook: Karen Vecchi updated the member handbook and Liz Little distributed them this evening.

July BBQ: Jann suggested Saturday, July 18, or Sunday, July 19, for this year's BBQ at Loretta's home in Petaluma. Either date was fine with Loretta and it was decided to hold it on Saturday, July 18.

Bunko: Liz Doran noted some raffle items were brought this evening. Tickets should be available by the May meeting. The Bunko party is Saturday, August 22 at the Plumbers' Hall in Martinez. The committee is working on the theme.

Seminars: Connie Oakley and Roz Borgerson reported on the Claudette Garcia watercolor seminar this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Live Oak Club House in Concord. The only supplies needed are two water buckets and lots of paper towels. Claudette will provide everything else.

Merlene Ryan will be teaching a Santa fireplace screen at the Plumbers' Hall in Martinez on Saturday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 and includes the surface.

Jann advised a letter of thanks was received from Rosemary West following her seminar. Jann suggested everyone bring their teapot to the Bunko party for a group photo that can be sent to Rosemary and also to SDP.

The May 19 meeting project will be Marianne Simpson's goodie bags.

County and State Fairs: D.J West advised the deadline for registering to submit items to the County Fair is May 5. We will have a display case available for our use. She

asked for volunteers to help out and paint at the fair and sent around a sign up sheet. She had fair booklets and entry forms available and described her plans for the four days of the fair. She also encouraged entries for the State Fair, August 21 to September 7, and advised online entry is available at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org).

Hospitality: Barbara Bouchet circulated the hospitality book.

Membership List: Jeanie has updated the membership list.

Awards and Recognition: Shirley Irwin distributed awards to several members who worked at the last County Fair.

Guest: Lisa Schall introduced guest Zoeann Barbier who paints with Vivian Roubal.

Liz Little displayed several beautiful oil paintings she did at the February convention in Las Vegas.

Memory Boxes: Merlene Ryan has more unpainted memory boxes. Several finished boxes were brought to the meeting tonight.

NCCC: Barbara Flavin reported NCCC is looking for a new location for the September, 2010 retreat and one possibility is the Concord Holiday Inn.

Miscellaneous: Liz Doran advised a woman who lives in Danville is asking for assistance in painting a propane tank with ivy and tendrils in Bethel Island on July 23 at her birthday party. Merlene Ryan will talk to her further.

Special Drawing: The basket contained a plant and a ceramic frog and was won by Marianne Simpson.

Jeanie Gollow displayed a plaque painted for her by Jo Iaconis featuring her wedding announcement.

Barbara Flavin described methods for preparing metal cups for painting via vinegar or acid.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. to a program by Eileen Galea painting frog plant sticks.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darlene Smith, Secretary



## SUNSHINE

Jann Otvos

### May

5/13 Robin Achterberg  
5/14 Patricia Brookshire  
5/24 Connie Oakley

### 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



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

## HOSPITALITY

Barbara Bouchet

Snacks: Carrie Garrett, Barb Flavin and Liz Doran

Beverages: Liz Little, Karen Vecchi and Lisa Schall

Ice: Barbara Bouchet

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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